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Where Land and Sea Unite to Inspire

FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT



In-Speyered by One

The MBA experience is made up of numerous moments, various events, and countless people who left lasting impressions on us that helped shape our character. From classes to activities on campus, from fun times (and hard times!) with friends, to special connections made with faculty, MBA offers a one-of-kind opportunity that we, as alumni, had the awesome privilege of being a part of. Whether we attended for one year, four years, or anything in between, MBA had an impact on our lives. I have many memories of the special moments and wonderful people I connected with while at MBA. But there is one person, in particular, who forever will be in my heart because of the influence he had on my life.

On my first day of junior Bible class the teacher announced, "We will be memorizing the whole book of Romans." I immediately thought this was a very ambitious assignment and figured it was an over-exaggeration or some sort of attention grabber. That was a wrong assumption! We did, in fact, memorize the book of Romans as the final test required identifying which chapter of the book a particular verse came from. The focus of the class, however, was much more than rote memorization. In Romans, the apostle Paul tells us we are saved by grace through faith in God. 'Speyer,' as we endearingly called him, wanted us to know that basic truth and to truly understand that the gift of grace is given to each of us freely and unconditionally. He wanted us to experience the unconditional love of God. Now, whenever I read the book of Romans, I think of Speyer.

Everyone knew that Pastor Jon Speyer believed wholeheartedly in God's grace. He shared personal stories of his journey in learning, understanding, and accepting this grace, often shedding tears of emotional awe at such a gift. Speyer wouldn't only talk about the gift of grace in the classroom, he made every effort to live it out in his interactions with his students. He had a passion for young people and the ability to make us feel cared for and loved unconditionally. Above all, he had a deep yearning for all of us to accept God's gift of grace.

Even though he is no longer with us, I am deeply thankful for Pastor Speyer's influence on my life. I think of him often and am reminded of how my life was changed when I learned of God's amazing grace. I'm sure each of you can think of someone who made a significant impact on your life while at MBA. Many of the relationships we formed here have lasted a lifetime. Even though time, distance, and even death separate us for a while, we have the wonderful gift of grace which promises eternal life with God and the people we love. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. ROMANS 8:38-39.

Until we meet again,

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Traci (Wareham) Follet '93, President MBA Alumni Association

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Alumni Calendar

APRIL 2019 25-28 | Alumni Weekend **69th ANNIVERSARY** Monterey Bay Academy, CA

JUNE 2019 May 31-02 | MBA Graduation Weekend

JULY 2019 11-21 | Free gift for all alumni Soquel Campmeeting at MBA Trailer

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. As an event gets closer, double-check the alumni website or call the Alumni Office for an update.

Additional events and event details: alumni.montereybayacademy.org

Who's Considered an Alum?

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE



The Power of One

uring some point in life, most of us will experience an "Aha!" moment, a moment of sudden realization, inspiration or insight. About six years ago, I experienced my "Aha!" moment as the result of a tragic circumstance. It was a moment of realization that life is very short and unpredictable, that I must make every moment count, and the most important thing in life has nothing to do with things, but rather with people-making a difference in the lives of those I come in contact with. However, I would not be completely honest if I didn't tell you that sometimes I have doubts and I find myself asking, "Can a partyof-one really make a difference in this world?"

A few weeks ago, I told a friend of mine about my "Aha!" moment and how it changed my life, my priorities, and my purpose. I also shared that I have struggled at times believing one person can truly make a difference in this world. My friend listened attentively as I opened up about my doubts and then kindly told me to go read The Starfish Story, a simple story, yet one with an inspiring and encouraging message.

Early one morning, an old man was walking on the beach before he began his work. For as far as the eye could see, the beach was littered with thousands of starfish that had been washed ashore by the high tide. As

he walked, he saw in the distance a young boy who was eagerly throwing the starfish back into the ocean, one by one.

As the old man came closer to the boy, he was puzzled by what the boy was doing and called out to him, "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?" Without looking up from his task, the boy simply replied, "Throwing starfish into the ocean. The tide has washed them up onto the beach and they can't return to the sea by themselves. When the sun gets high, they will die, unless I throw them back into the water."

The old man chuckled aloud, "Son, there are tens of thousands of starfish on this beach and only one of you. What difference can you make?"

The boy bent down, picked up yet another starfish and gently tossed it into the water. Turning to the man he said, "I made a difference to that one!"

> ADAPTED FROM THE STAR THROWER BY LOREN EISELEY (1907-1977)

We all want the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others, but if you're anything like me, you sometimes question just how much one person can really do. Thankfully, this is when God steps in and gently reminds us of the possibilities—just ask the little boy who willingly shared his lunch one afternoon and Jesus fed 5,000 people with it. The truth is, God can do a lot with very little. All He needs from us is a willing spirit. None of us may be able to change the entire world, but with God's help we can make a difference in our part of it, for someone. Thank you for the difference you make for our home on the shore through the gifts of your time, your talents, and your treasures.

Gladly serving our home on the shore!

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Kinzie (Yoder) Speyer '76 Editor, Sandscripts Director of Alumni and Development

69TH ANNIVERSARY **ALUMNI WEEKEND**



▲ GUEST SPEAKER SABBATH, APRIL 27 — 11:00 AM Richard Osborn '65 Vice President, WASC Senior College and University Commission

HALL OF FAITH INDUCTEES Butch and LeeAnn Burfeindt





ALUMNA OF THE YEAR Enga (Dirksen) Almeida '69

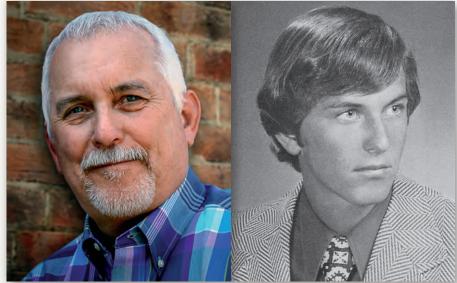
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SENIOR PHOTO 1969

SABBATH, APRIL 28 10:00 AM Please join us in rec-

HONOREES 2018

ognizing our Alumna, Alumnus, and Hall of Faith honorees at the MBA Church.





◀ GOURMET DESSERT SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION THURSDAY, APRIL 25 - 7:00 PM

For our student scholarship recipients and special guests. Last year MBA gave approximately \$96,000 to 56 students who received 60 scholarships.

MORE INFORMATION ON DONATING TO SCHOLARSHIP - PAGE 28

THE SCHOLARSHIP EVENT IS BY INVITATION ONLY



► 20TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC FRIDAY, APRIL 26 — 9:30 AM REGISTER, 1:00 PM START

Create a foursome team of your classmates, sponsor a team, meet other MBA alums! Great lunch, beautiful location at Seascape Golf Club, fabulous prizes, and lots of fun! Register at **golf**.montereybayacademy.org

MORE GOLF TOURNAMENT INFORMATION - PAGE 15

MBA V. ALUMNI BASKETBALL/VOLLEYBALL GAMES SATURDAY, APRIL 27 - 8:30 PM



CLASS PRESENTATIONS

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 and SABBATH, APRIL 27

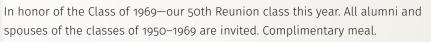
The 10-year **CLASS OF 2009** will present the Friday evening Vespers. FRIDAY, APRIL 27 — 8:00 PM, MBA CHURCH

The 30-year CLASS OF 1989 will assist in the Sabbath School service. SATURDAY, APRIL 28 — 9:45 AM, MBA CHURCH

The 20-year CLASS OF 1999 will participate in the Sabbath Worship service. SATURDAY, APRIL 28 — 11:00 AM, MBA CHURCH

> Additional details alumni.montereybayacademy.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - 9:00 AM



THE BRUNCH EVENT REQUIRES AN RSVP TO THE ALUMNI OFFICE





OCEANAIRES REUNION CONCERT

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 - 6:30 PM

ANNUAL 49ER BRUNCH

Join us for a fabulous Oceanaires Reunion Concert at the MBA Church.

Free Admission

MORE CONCERT AND PRACTICE INFORMATION - PAGE 08

IMPACTING LIVES, ONE BOOK AT A TIME

Joe Wheeler, '54 is considered one of America's leading story anthology creators. The Christmas in My Heart story compilation is his bestselling series and is the longest running Christmas story series in America. In October 2018, the release of volume 27 in the Christmas in My Heart series was a milestone for the beloved author. What follows is the article written by Dale Galusha, President of Pacific Press, in recognition of this accomplishment and has appeared in several Adventist publications. It is reprinted in Sandscripts with permission.

The recent release of *Christmas In My Heart*, Volume 27, is a milestone moment for beloved author, Joe Wheeler. This is his 100th book!

James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family, has dubbed Wheeler "America's Keeper of the Story." Dobson writes, "Congratulation, Joe, on your 100th book. Thank you dedicating your life to stories, and for enriching the lives of countless people during the Christmas season.

"My great friend, Joe Wheeler, has been blessing folks with his compilations of Christmas stories for over 25 years. In 1993 a colleague brought his first book to my attention and specifically the story, 'The Tiny Foot.' I remember reading that true story and being moved to tears." Dobson shares that he then called Wheeler and the two immediately struck up a friendship that has now spanned more than two decades. "In fact," writes Dobson, "Joe has permitted me to use several Christmas in My Heart stories over the years for my December newsletters—and they're always very well-received.

"I'm proud to be his friend!"

Wheeler, who has a Ph.D. in English from Vanderbilt University, is considered to be one of America's leading short story anthologists. His Christmas stories, with 27 volumes now in the Christmas in My Heart® series, are the ones readers have found most endearing throughout the years.

Christmas Beginning

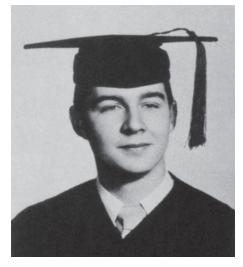
In 1991, Wheeler visited Penny Estes Wheeler, book acquisitions editor at the Review and Herald Publishing Association. She recalls that day nearly 30 years ago.

"Despite our sharing the same last name, we had never met," she says. "He wanted to talk to me about an idea for a new book, a collection of Christmas stories. I was usually super cautious when approached with a new idea for a book. But that day I did not hesitate. I told Joe that he had a great idea and I could hardly wait see the manuscript. But I added that it would be read by members of the book committee and others, and that, of course, I could not guarantee acceptance. The reason I was excited about Joe's proposal was that for decades our family had read aloud Christmas stories from several collections of books we'd bought over the years."

When that first manuscript of Christmas stories arrived on her desk, Penny noticed that the author hadn't given it a title. But it had to have a title when it was sent to readers for evaluation. How the name for the Christmas in My Heart series came to be is an interesting story in itself.

"A few years before," Penny says, "I had made a little booklet of my own Christmas memories and given it to my mother for Christmas. I had named my booklet 'Christmas in My Heart.' So I wrote 'Christmas in My Heart' across the first page of Joe's manuscript. As we all know, the title stuck!"

Penny continues, "Who would have guessed that Christmas in My Heart would still be going strong after 27 years! Not me. But Joe's thousands of readers thank him. He has put his heart and soul into these books and surely that is a prime reason for their success."



Wheeler (1954)

Twenty-seven volumes later, this insight has been proven again and again. Still, that first volume of Christmas in My Heart didn't carry a number. No one was clairvoyant enough to know that it would be the first of a very long series. In 2008, after 16 volumes had been published at Review and Herald, Pacific Press picked up the series with volume 17.

Adventist Heritage

Wheeler has a deep Adventist heritage. He is the great, great, great grandson of Frederick Wheeler, known to Adventist historians as the first Sabbath-keeping Adventist minister. Joe's mother, Barbara Leininger Wheeler, homeschooled her son for the first 16 years of his life. She was a stage-performing elocutionist in her own right and so she filled him with a love of stories and poetry that he later went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees in



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Author and editor Joe Wheeler visits with readers in the bookstore during one of his book signing events.

History from Pacific Union College, a master's degree in English from Sacramento State University, and the Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University.

Another mentor in his story telling was Walter Utt, legendary professor at Pacific Union College. Wheeler went on to teach for 34 years in junior high, high school, junior college, college, and university, including teaching at Oakwood College (now Oakwood University) and Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University)—all the while infecting his students with his own passion for story. He is the author and editor/compiler of 100 books.

Wheeler is professor emeritus of English at Washington Adventist University, general editor at Focus on the Family, and cofounder and executive director of the international Zane Grey's West Society. Besides the best-selling Christmas in My Heart® series (the longest running series of story collections in America), Wheeler has also edited the Great Stories Remembered, Heart to Heart, Forged in the Fire, and The Good Lord Made Them All[®] and the My Favorite... series. He resides in Conifer, Colorado, with his wife Connie.

According to Wheeler, in 1992 "God booted me out of the classroom into a full-time ministry of stories." Out of it have come 100 books. Sixteen publishing houses have made this possible.

As one publishing house representative reads from the jacket of one of the Christmas In My Heart books, "Not just any stories, but rather stories that move the reader so deeply that they



prove all but impossible to forget; and the stories incorporate values worth living by."

Treasured Work

Great Stories Remembered received "The Seal of Quality" (Family Television's highest honor), and Christmas in My Heart was chosen a finalist for the Christian Booksellers Association's Gold Medallion award. Wheeler doesn't take any credit for his books' \$1,500,000 sales, saying, "It's all a God thing—I'm just humbled that He stoops down to partner with the least of His children."

Mark Thomas, former president of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, who worked closely with Wheeler, says, "Joe Wheeler was a good friend of the Review and Herald. Our employees loved it when he would come for

Joe and Connie outside their home earlier this Winter. our special Christmas in My Heart chapel and read a chapter from his newest release. They would line up to have him sign stacks of his books to give as gifts. My wife and I have given his books as gifts for years, and they are treasured by all who receive them. Thank you, Joe, for putting Christmas in all of our hearts!" ss

VIEW MORE OF JOE'S BOOKS AT:

https://joewheelerbooks.com/

On May 12, 2018, Joe Wheeler took a terrible fall down the stairs of their home, resulting in a traumatic brain injury. Please join us and the Wheeler family in praying for Joe to make a full recovery so that he can continue his ministry of stories.

Dedication

FOR OUR ONE HUNDREDTH BOOK As I look back through the years, searching for the one As 1 look back through the years, searching for the one person who has done more than anyone else to make our books (more than 1,500,000 copies) possible, it turned out to

She has orchestrated 27 years worth of correspondence. She has orchestrated 27 years worth of correspondence. She has coordinated 27 years of book orders. By the end of this year, she will have typed and posted 481 weekly blogs and 2,650 daily quotation tweets. She has typed 98 of our one hundred books. Specifically (in published books), including be no contest.

Doubleday/Random House (1,343 pages) Mission Books (840 pages) Focus on the Family/Tyndale House (10,784 pages)

Guideposts (746 pages) Howard/Simon & Schuster (1,495 pages)

Thomas Nelson (1.210 pages) Pacific Press and Review and Herald (6,008 pages) WaterBrook/Random House (951 pages) Books in translation (Spanish, Indonesian, Polish, Nor-wegian; totaling 2,317 pages)

Altogether, an astounding 26,623 pages! In many cases, multiple times. For instance, she typed the 612-page Quo Valis five times. Besides all this, she has remained by my side, in sevel times and bad, for 58 years in the process raising rea-Vadis twe times. Desides all this, she has remained by my side, in good times and bad, for 58 years, in the process raising two in good times and pad, for 26 years, in the process raising two children we are so proud of. Because of all this—and ever so Heart 27 to my beloved bride, cherished friend, incurable fellow travelet, quilter-in-residence (70 and counting-all handquilted), and publishing partner:

CONNIE PALMER WHEELER

Joe's wife, Connie (Palmer) Wheeler is also an alum of MBA, Class of 1958. When considering who to dedicate the 100th book to, "... it turned out to be no contest," Joe said. "[Connie is] the one person who has done more than anyone else to make our books possible."

Included here are the cherished words Joe wrote to his wife on the dedication page of this book. What a great team they have made through the years!

CALLING ALL FORMER OCEANAIRES

In honor of MBA's 70 years of educating youth and the 50th anniversary of **Arladell Nelson-Speyer's** arrival at MBA. For 30 years, she provided MBA with exceptional choral instruction and made immeasurable contributions to the lives of hundreds of students. She holds the record of the longest-serving music instructor at MBA.

Open to alumni, current students, parents, and community-at-large.

CONCERT AND PRACTICE SCHEDULE

CONCERT Sabbath, April 27, 2019 — 6:30pm MBA CHURCH

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CONDUCTED BY Arladell Nelson-Speyer *PRACTICES (×2) Friday evening, April 26 BAKER CHAPEL Following the Vespers service

Sabbath, April 27 — 4:00pm MBA CHURCH

*PRACTICE MUSIC http://alumni.montereybayacademy.org/concert.html

CONCERT SONG REPERTOIRE

- Almighty God of Our Fathers, JAMES
- Go Not Far from Me, MORGAN
- Honor and Glory, BACH
- You'll Never Walk Alone, RINGWALD
- Wonderful Peace, CARMICHAEL
- Soon Ah Will Be Done, DOWSON
- Part the Waters
- Ride the Chariot, SMITH
- The Lord Bless You and Keep You, BOTH LUTKIN AND RUTTER ARRS.

OF DEVOTION TO THE MUSICAL EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE AT MONTEREY BAY ACADEMY

Celebrating

1950S

Larry Turpen '53 moved to a little beach house in Rockaway Beach, OR. Larry says things are going well. He has an Airbnb if anyone wants to come to the Oregon Coast.

Barbara (Suelzle) McLaughlin '57 writes from Bradenton, FL, "I enjoy retirement living, as well as being an active member of my church. I enjoy my cat, my house, and my yard that has an avocado, mango, and lemon trees. I also volunteer three hours every morning at Turning Points in Bradenton—a facility that provides multiple services for the homeless. I know God is watching over me and my family. May God continue to bless Monterey Bay Academy."

196**0**S

The Class of 1964 is celebrating their 55th class reunion and the Class of 1969 is celebrating their 50th class reunion during Alumni Weekend 2019. Plans are being made for a wonderful weekend! For more information: Class of 1964, Donna (Shuman) Larsen—call or text, (831) 713-6987; Class of 1969, Enga (Dirksen) Almeida email or call, ealmeida@swau.edu, (402) 617-4483.



Richard Winn '60 writes that he flunked retirement twice and became president of the agency that accredits the community colleges in California, Hawai'i, and the Western Pacific: Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). "My years at MBA were profoundly transformational," says Richard.

Ken '61 and Kathy (Thompson) Lockwood '61 write, "We are just one set of parents, among

the thousands, whose children lost everything in the Camp Fire that destroyed Paradise and surrounding communities. We are sure the hearts of the many extended families of victims have been warmed by the incredible generosity of strangers! We are thrilled by the love for humanity exhibited by these people, so full of mercy. Extended families grieve, too, as they watch their children struggle through endless hoops to re-establish themselves and their identity. To every donor: You have been an expanding source of hope and blessing. We thank you!"



Bob '63 and **Bev** (Clausen) Mendenhall '63 toured Australia and New Zealand in October and November. "In Australia, we visited Sydney where we began a cruise to Melbourne and Tasmania. Then we visited both the south and north islands of New Zealand, exploring a new city every day. Our photo with a koala was taken in Hobart, Tasmania."



MBA Alums in Europe

Janice (Prichard) Renck '66, Nadeen (Betts) Irvine '62, Don '57 and Louise (Howlett) Driver '58 were on a a recent trip through Great Britain together. For two weeks we traveled though ndon. We were able to

Scotland, Wales, and London. We were able to worship on Sabbath in Inverness with a small group of believers there. We were blessed and they seemed encouraged. Nadeen traveled in Ireland before joining us. Seems like there are always some MBA alumni we get to travel with. Good fun! God is good to bless us with good health so we can keep traveling!





Marjorie (Wheeler) Raymond '66 sends "a few notes on the happenings in my song of life! My oldest, brother, Joe Wheeler '54, is thankfully and prayerfully recovering from a bad fall and small mini strokes. His wife, Connie (Palmer) Wheeler '58 is an incredible care giver! My brother, Romayne Wheeler '60, is blessing the world through his concert piano performances, playing in over 50 countries. He is also an incredible writer and artist. He recently visited and played a mini concert in our home. You can find both brothers online for more information. I continue to 'paint my art out!' All four of us are MBA graduates. We continue to pray for all the fire victims this past summer and fall. Some are MBA alumni. Love you all!

1970S





Frederick

"It's been 47 years!" says Chuck Frederick '71. He submitted this photo of him and Randy Zeismer '71 together at SEMA Las Vegas Trade Show in November 2018. Chuck is a retired CHP Officer and says, "I'm very proud of my service."



Robinson

Donna (Myers) Robinson '74 writes, "This has been an eventful year for the Robinson family! Two new grandchildren have joined the family by way of the foster program in Tennessee; at least one of which is likely to be a permanent adoption! Babysitting three children under

five-years-old is our newest career change! In addition, we have a new daughter-in-law, and grateful to see both of our boys happily married. We have also continued to experience our passion for travel, visiting 10 new countries this year in Eastern Europe and the Caribbean. Retirement is proving to be an exciting time in our lives! It's impossible to believe that it has been 45 years since my MBA days!"

Frederick Cline '79 writes from Glendale, CA, "I have been working for the last five years at Wild Canary Animation in Toluca Lake, CA, on Disney Jr. television shows such as Puppy Dog Pals, Miles from Tomorrowland, and Sheriff Callie's Wild West. My wife, Patti, is doing fine and my children, Lauren and Preston, are working respectively on an M.F.T. at Pepperdine, and B.S. at La Sierra University. Lauren is also working part time on the pastoral staff at Vallejo Drive SDA Church in Glendale where Patti and I attend.

1980S







A Future and a Hope - Davis



Michele (Graham) Davis '83 writes, "My husband is serving with ADRA India as country director, and we now live in New Delhi, India. I have been asked to do some oil paintings for ADRA International over the next couple years. It is a huge change for us, but very rewarding. Our five children remain home in the northwest. My blog can be followed at this indialife. home.blog, and my artwork can be seen at micheledavisart.com.

1990S



James Shull '90 is retiring as a lieutenant commander from the U.S. Coast Guard in the summer of 2019. His 22-year career took him to over eight different duty stations as he specialized in the fields of both aviation and intelligence for the U.S. Army and Coast Guard. His wife, Lisa, is a radiologic technologist who is looking forward to less moving! Brendan, age 20, plans to attend nursing school at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA. Cameron, age 18, will be graduating high school in Half Moon Bay, CA. Their golden retriever, "Maverick," (named for the surf spot he takes walks near), is usually well-behaved and likes chicken.

2000S



Silvestri

Jessica (Kubrock) Silvestri '06 and her husband, Nathan, are excited to announce the birth of their baby, Taylor Silvestri, born December 2, 2018. The happy family resides in Fair Oaks, CA.



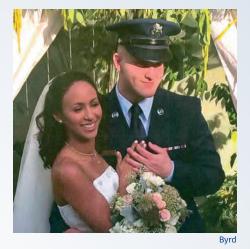
Ryan 'oo and **Kristy (Larson) Speyer 'oo** are living in Bend, OR. Ryan works for Seabrook Technology Group and was recently promoted to Director of Solutions. Kirsty is very busy keeping up with their four children, Aiden 13, Ashton 11, Autumn 9, and Audrey 5. She also finds time to work part-time for her mother's accounting business.

2010S -

Gianna Diaz '17 married Hayden Starr on January 1, 2019.

Stephen Byrd '16 married Cosette on December 26, 2018.

Kaitlyn Wolfe '12 is happy to announce her engagement to Ian Merkel. They have set their wedding date for July 6, 2019 and will be married in Anacortes, WA.

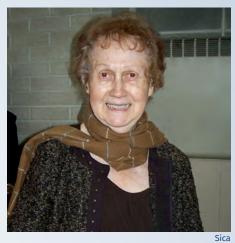






Rob '13 and Alexis (Bishop) Smith '12 are happy to announce the birth of their baby, Bradley Cole Smith, born October 30, 2018.

FORMER STAFF



Naomi (Jungling) Sica sent this note: "I taught at MBA from 1958 to 1968, and am looking forward to seeing the 'kids' from when I first began teaching. It'll be 60 years for the Class of 1959. Since March 6, 1994, I have been playing the organ and directing the little choir at a Lutheran church on Long Island, NY. To celebrate my 25 years there, they had a reception for me."



Shirley (Burgdorff) Withrow '50 September 25, 2018

> Raphael Taliaferro '56 December 1, 2018

Carleen (Blackmore) Averill '61 January 7, 2019

> Stuart Tyner '63 March 5, 2019

Andrew Reginato '78 December 17, 2018

Trevin Schmunk '00 January 31, 2019

Virginia Goodwin Former Faculty October 28, 2018

ADOPT-A-PROJECT

For several years, we have included this section in Sandscripts in order to keep MBA alumni and friends updated on the ongoing needs of the school. Keeping our home on the shore in good physical condition is a real challenge, but your prayers, your time, and your financial support had allowed us to make many physical improvements.

Thank you for your support in the past and for considering what you might be able to contribute to in the future.

Contact the Alumni and Development Office with any questions. alumni@montereybayacademy.org 831-728-1481 × 1222

MBA WORK BEE

JUNE 23-28, 2019 Registration is Sunday, June 16

To Sign Up for WORK

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To Make a **FINANCIAL DONATION**

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or an ONLINE DONATION www.paybill.com/mba

The 2019 Work Bee will focus on

- Technology Classroom renovation
- woodshop reconfiguration
- storm drain repair
- exterior paint for buildings

ADMIN. OFFICES CARPET

NEW New carpet is desperately needed throughout the administration offices. The last time this area received new carpeting was in 1989, and it is definitely showing wear after so many years. The good news: we already have the carpet in stock! We only need funding for professional installation.

Tag your donation as CARPET INSTALLATION

Professional carpet installation \$8,000



SKID-STEER LOADER

VEN With 360 acres of property, there is constantly a need to move or lift something, dig, scrape, or sweep an area (with sweeper attachment). This tractor has a wide variety of labor-saving tools or attachments. If we raise \$20,000, MBA has a donor willing to match the remaining \$20,000.

Tag your donation as SKID-STEER LOADER

Pre-owned Skid Steer Loader **\$40,000** (\$20k raised, \$20k matched)





Capital Needs

CAMPUS CORE

•	65 trees to	replace	storm	/disease	loss
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(Cypress/Monterey pines)	\$30,000
 Technology classroom remodel 	\$65,000
• Cafeteria braising pan (Vulcan VG30)	\$16,000
\cdot Cafeteria electrical power panel and transformer upgrade	\$47,000
• Boys' dormitory chapel carpet	\$16,000
Boys' dormitory front porch resurfaced	\$6,500
• Front entryway security doors, both dormitories	\$42,000
• Beach auditorium roof repair	\$30,000
• Gym skylight repair	\$6,000
• Gym rain gutter replacement	\$36,000
Road resurfacing	\$1,200,000
• Exterior stucco repair and paint:	
Boys' dormitory	\$56,280
• Girls' dormitory	\$52,440
• Gym	\$24,276
• Grunke Hall	\$48,940

TERMITE FUMIGATION

• Both dormitories, cafeteria, gym, Grunke Hall, science,	
technology, church, and bunkhouse buildings	\$145,000
Staff homes	\$129,500

POOL REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS

• Rebuild pool house, including roof and restrooms	\$250,000
• Replace filtration and circulation system	\$97,000
• Underwater lighting replacement	\$65,000

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

- Construction materials for technology classroom remodel, lumber hardware, drywall, insulation, electrical.
- Galvanized fence poles (200-count)
- 65-yards concrete for sidewalk and drainage repair (delivery, mix, and poured)

INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS

 Upgrades to attract STEM-related tenants 	\$260,000
• Roof replacement	\$130,000
• Exterior paint	\$37,000

CRITICAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS (PRE-OWNED IS FINE)

- Stationary 400 kW prime power generator (CAT or Cummins) to back up cafeteria, dorms, well #2
- Trailerable 100 kW prime power generator (CAT or Cummins) to power well #4
- Portable Honda 6 kW generator for remote work
- Utility pipe/cable locator, model #RD8100PDLG
- Skid-steer tractor and sweeper attachment
- Multiple well-maintained pickup trucks
- Field irrigation watering reel
- Hi-lift bucket truck for tree work (60-foot arm)
- Four-wheel drive vehicle for campus patrol
- Three (3) new Chevrolet Suburbans
- Three (3) Stihl string grass trimmers
- Pipe and sewer inspection camera
- Kayak trailer for Marine Biology class

▼ Cafeteria Electrical





2019 MBA Mission Trip group to the Philippines

PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP

There is nothing more rewarding then being able to affect another person's life in a positive way physically, mentally, and spiritually. That is exactly what mission trips do. They are a great personal journey as well as a very important necessity to the communities of the countries where people are in need. Mission trips force us to step out of our comfort zones and into another part of the world. The experience will stretch our faith and can be life changing.

Each year Monterey Bay Academy plans a student mission trip, alternating between a domestic location and an international location. This year an international mission trip was planned and on March 19, a group of 38 MBA students and eight adults boarded a flight for the Philippines, one of the world's largest archipelago nations. Located in Southeast Asia in the Western Pacific, the Philippines consists of 7,000 islands and has a total population of over 100 million. The mission group spent their time in Sorosoro which is situated in Cavite, Region IV-A, Philippines. This is a place close to the hearts of the Elder and Mrs. Abello, parents of current MBA senior, **Roldan Abello '19**.

"This mission trip was an answer to prayer," says Elder Abello. "My family moved to Binan Laguna when my brother and I were studying theology at Adventist University of the Philippines, in Cavite. While we were there, my parents started a church in their tiny garage. The membership grew and for 14 years we prayed for a church building. In 2015, God answered our prayer. The San Francisco Central SDA Church went to Sorosoro on a mission trip, bought a piece of land, and built a church. Since my children have been at MBA, I've been praying for MBA to do a mission trip in the Philippines and God answered my prayer again."

The goals of the mission trip included: evangelism for children and adults, health seminars, and building a multi-purpose space to be used for outreach, fellowship, seminars, sports, and much more.

The students had time for some recreation, as well. They were able to see some of the beautiful Philippine countryside. They went to Laiya Batangas to snorkel in Tayabas Bay, and later enjoyed the infamous beauty of Taal Lake.

A mission trip is a major undertaking that involves a lot of preparation. Many hours were spent planning transportation, meals, housing accommodations, and project details. The students who participated volunteered their Spring vacation to serve others, but every minute spent in planning and serving was worth it because it changed lives. It changed the lives of those our students came in contact with, and it changed the students' lives as well.



Elder and Mrs. Abello



STAN WHEELER '81, BOARD MEMBER FROM THE DESK OF MONTEREY BAY ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dear MBA Alumni and Friends,

Twenty years ago, something significant happened at our alma matter. It was the year 2000, and Alumni Weekend had been officially changed to the fourth weekend in April. This change provided the opportunity for an alumni golf tournament to take place with all proceeds going to student aid. Tim Kubrock, MBA's history teacher at that time and an an proceeds going to student and Thin Rublock, MDAS instory reacher at that time and an avid golfer, offered to organize the event. Somehow, Kubrock carved out enough time in his teaching schedule to put together the First Annual Alumni Golf Classic and for the

I was fortunate to be able to play in that first tournament and believe me when I say, I past 19 years that tradition has continued.

had a blast! I played with one of my old roommates and we had fun catching up after years of not keeping in touch. It was truly a grand time, and for a great cause. I've made it to almost half of the golf tournaments over the past 19 years and each time I've had a fantastic time. What's more? You don't have to play well to have fun. Setting up a golf tournament is no easy task! There are sponsors and donors to find, a

meal to plan, prizes to procure, and an awards ceremony to organize, plus a hundred other things folks like you and I never even notice. It takes many hours of planning to make it run smoothly. This is a labor of love and it is clear that MBA's past and present staff have a deep love and commitment to the students, alumni, and the continued success of MBA. I love what they do! I love the difference they make in the lives of students and for our home on the shore. Thanks, Mr. Kubrock, for starting this tradition. Thank you, Kinzie Speyer, for your continuous commitment to excellence, and thanks to

all the many other individuals who help with this labor of love! So, what about you? Why don't you make a couple phone calls right now? First, call work

and clear your schedule for the weekend of April 25–28. Then, call an old friend you haven't seen in a few years and make plans to meet on the golf course, renew your friendship, and play golf for a great cause! Remember, you don't have to play well to have By the way, you won't want to miss the rest of the weekend at MBA. I guarantee you'll a fun time.

students

enjoy seeing old friends and reminiscing about the past, worshipping together on Sabbath, and of course-the beach!

Hope to see you there!

Stan

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FROM THE **PRINCIPAL**

No Moment Passed By

y great-grandfather was a lighthouse keeper on Lake Michigan, and after my senior year of high school, the Deming family had a reunion to see where Grandma had grown up. One of my treasured experiences was touring this particular lighthouse with my grandma, and my love for lighthouses sprung to life. They are unique, beautiful, and symbolize a wonderful strength. With the light brightly shining, they are continually searching for and revealing a pathway to the ships that pass by or are in need.

A favorite story of mine takes place in the dark of night on a battleship where the captain is looking out across the waters and sees a light in the distance on the same course his ship is traveling. The captain quickly asks the radio operator to send word to the oncoming vessel it must alter its course 20-degrees North. A few moments later a cheery reply asks for the captain to, instead, alter his course 20-degrees South. The captain is quite startled that his request is denied! He, again, instructs the radio operator to firmly request the oncoming ship alter their course 20-degrees North, and demands to know to whom he is speaking. Once again, the reply comes back insisting the captain alter his course 20-degrees South. "By the way," the voice on the other end said, "I am Ensign Patrick Wallace, First Class. Who are you?"

The captain, now fuming that his orders have been ignored, shouts to the radio operator to send this final message, "This is Commander Anthony Walters. I demand you alter your course 20-degrees North! I am a battleship." A moment later the reply comes from the light in the distance, and Ensign Wallace replies in a firm and yet light tone in his voice, "You will need to alter your course 20-degrees South! I am a lighthouse."

This story reminds me of how the light of Jesus, like a lighthouse, continually shines into the darkness, searching for a moment to make a connection with us. The light of His presence provides a pathway of hope, and in a instant, His love changes the course of our lives forever. The Bible is full of stories where Jesus made life changing connections with individuals. One such story is found in Luke 19:1-10 NIV.

The story begins, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus. By this time in Jesus' ministry, crowds of people followed him wherever he went, and I can imagine on this particular day it was no different. The story continues with Zacchaeus wanting desperately to see Jesus, but not having the luxury of height, he searches for a place on higher ground. He finds a sycamore tree and since Jesus is coming that way, Zacchaeus climbs it.

The Bible says, *When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up*.... This is my favorite reaction of Jesus! But the story doesn't stop there. With His eyes fixed on Zacchaeus, Jesus did more than just acknowledge him, He made a connection with him. Calling him by name, Jesus said, *Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today*. That moment changed everything for Zacchaeus. Instantly, his course



in life was altered because he recognized the value Jesus placed on him.

Each of us, at times, wonder if we are significant enough to get a moment of Jesus' time. The answer is, "Yes, we are!" He calls us by name and, just like a lighthouse, His evershining light provides a direct pathway to the safety of His embrace, a connection that will cause us to alter our course and transform our lives forever.

Until another moment in time, remember to *Keep Looking uP*,

Jeff "Dy" Deming Principal principal@montereybayacademy.org

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SCHOLARSHIPS: THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

During the 2018–2019 school year, 56 students received more than \$96,000 from endowed and named scholarships. What began years ago just a few scholarships being awarded during the worship service annually at Alumni Weekend, has become an event of its own. The Scholarship Reception takes place on Thursday evening of Alumni Weekend—and last year we awarded nine endowed scholarships and 36 named scholarships.



Roldan Abello

Chelsee Scott

Chelsee is a senior from Sonora, CA, and is the recipient of the **Josué Andrés Rosado Memorial Scholarship**. This scholarship was established by Josué's sister, Andrea Rosado Vance, and her husband, Jonathan, following Josué's unexpected death in May 1992. The Rosado scholars are awarded the scholarship based on their own life demonstration of a balance of a strong spiritual commitment, high scholastic achievement, high level of personal integrity, respect for oth-



Hannah Follett

Donors and presenters can attest that the scholarship reception is more than an evening of shaking hands and eating gourmet desserts. It is an event that honors the honorable and preserves the history of MBA. Below is a sample of three of the scholarships awarded.

Each year, students and their parents are amazed at the stories of people, accomplishments, and events behind the scholarships that are presented. While it is easy to tabulate the

Roldan Abello

Roldan is a senior from San Francisco, CA, and is the recipient this year of the **Arladell Nelson Music Scholarship**. This scholarship is given in recognition of the 30 years Arladell devoted to the musical education of young people at MBA. Not only must the recipient have a strong vocal talent, they also must demonstrate a strong Christian influence in their lifestyle, maintain a high scholastic standard, and a citizenship grade of a B or higher. "I feel honored," says Roldan, "that my musical talent was recognized and I was dollar amounts and total the number of students awarded, the impact these scholarships have on the lives of the students who receive them is immeasurable.

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chosen to receive this scholarship. It was a big financial help to my family. Thank you so much!"

Roldan is described as a leader and someone who can be depended on. He is musically talented, spiritually committed, and is always helpful and respectful of others. In his free time, he enjoys working on music projects and talking with people individually and learning about their lives. He plans to attend Pacific Union College or Walla Walla University to study psychology or theology.

ers, and being a positive role model. When asked what this scholarship meant to her, Chelsee said, "Knowing there were 10 other nominees, I was very honored to be chosen to receive this scholarship. It was a huge financial help for my family."

Chelsee's is described as sweet, kind, respectful, and is always willing to help when asked. She's courageous and is a fighter. Chelsee plans to major in psychology next year at Walla Walla University.



Chelsee Scott

Hannah Follett

Hannah is a senior from Lindsay, CA, and is a **Jon Speyer Gift of Grace Scholarship** recipient. This scholarship was started by the Speyer family following the unexpected death of Pastor Speyer, a Bible teacher for 25 years at MBA. The topic he was most passionate about was God's gift of grace that is free to all who accept it. That is the foundation this scholarship is established upon—no criteria, just a gift. The Speyer family desires that the student receiving this gift will begin to understand the unconditional love of Jesus—the free gift of salvation for all of us. "To be given something of this value has been a huge blessing for me," says Hannah. "It is just a small example of God's grace."

Hannah is described as conscientious, caring, dependable, and hardworking. She lights up any room she walks into. In her free time, Hannah enjoys singing, playing the piano, and being with her friends. She plans to attend Walla Walla University in the fall as a biology/pre-veterinarian student.

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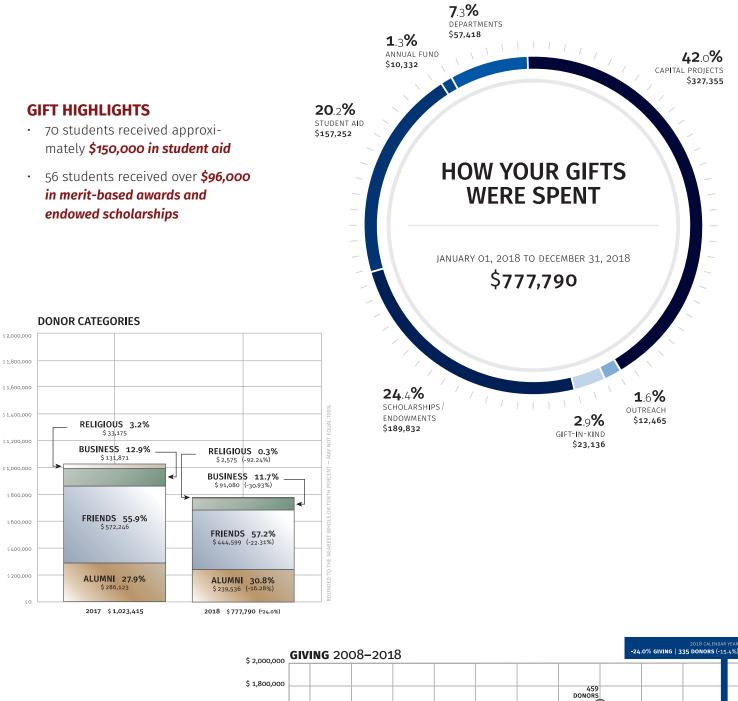
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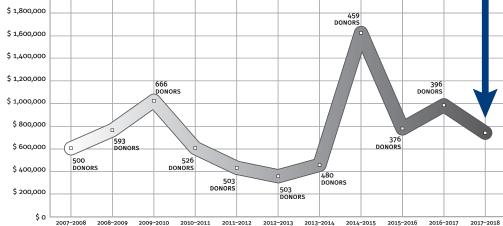
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