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Letter from the Association Michael Siciliano, Class of 2001



When you think about being part of an Alumni Association, you probably think about reconnecting with the people of your past. What I've learned over the past 18 months is that the SFC Alumni Association is about a lot more than that. For me, it's also been an opportunity to forge new relationships with some outstanding people. I expected to see some friends of old, but it's been just as fun making the new ones.

Becoming involved with the SFCAA reminded me that the school did not start or end with my "era" there. In fact the school has been graduating some pretty incredible alumni for over 30 years now, and getting to know just a few of them has been a wonderful experience. Through SFCAA events and serving on the leadership committee, I've had more fun than I imagined while connecting with graduates from three decades.

I share all of this to encourage you to get involved with the SFC Alumni Association. First, I hope to see you at our Homecoming Dinner on Friday night, October 16. Last year's event included about 100 alumni and was a blast. This year's event should be even bigger and is a great chance to connect with fellow alumni. Second, we would love to add to our leadership committee. If you're interested in getting involved in some capacity, please let us know. I know you will find the same enjoyment that I have found.

With your help, the SFC Alumni Association can continue to become a center for fostering relationships - both old and new - that benefit the alumni community. I look forward to seeing you become a part of it!

All the best,

Michael Siciliano, Class of 2001
SFC Alumni Association

Alumni Spotlight

Dan Caster, Class of 2001

Each newsletter, the SFCAA will spotlight an SFC alumnus. If you know an alumnus who should be spotlighted, let us know!

SFCAA: Give us an update on where you are and what you've been doing in life?

Dan: After graduating from Seattle Pacific University in '05, I packed my bags and moved to NYC. Since then I have been working at MTV in the Series Development department making TV. It's a fun gig and I love it.

SFCAA: What is it like being a Christian and working for MTV?

Dan: I constantly have to remind myself what I believe but at the same time never want to come across as being judgmental. Just part of being an adult--everyday I am challenged and I wouldn't have it any other way. It definitely has opened my eyes to respect other people's worldviews and how important it is to love one another.

SFCAA: What is your favorite SFC memory?

Dan: From attending SFC for 14 years (2 years of Kindergarten) it's a toss up. Although I loved being the giant eagle mascot, senior trip white water rafting takes the cake.



SFCAA: Who was your favorite teacher at SFC?

Dan: Do I really have to name just one? I mean... Mrs. Kimm (High School)...Mrs. Beach (Middle School)... Miss Harsh (Elementary). They each deserve a trophy for being patient with me all those years.

SFCAA: If we were hosting an SFC Alumni dinner in New York, what restaurant would you recommend?

Dan: Can I switch it up? What about Brunch? Freeman's in the Lower Eastside of Manhattan, and I suggest poached eggs, roasted tomato, and cheddar cheese grits with buttered sourdough toast.

SFCAA: If MTV did a show on SFC, what would the name of the show be?

Dan: Going with the high school reality show motif, I want to first say 'Solana Beach' but I like the sound of 'Academy Drive' better--hopefully there wouldn't be as much drama.

Dan at work at MTV Studios in the TRL Photo Booth

SFC Alumni Association News

- Mike Siciliano, Class of 2001, was recently hired as the Deputy Director of Development for Santa Fe Christian Schools. Mike, along with Vic Ippolito, will be responsible for the strategic planning and execution of the School's development goals. Mike has also served on the Alumni Association for the last year-and-a-half as the Alumni Coordinator.

- Amy Kennard (Ensz), Class of 1992, has been serving SFC for many years and has just taken on



Class of 1999 Alums at their 10-year reunion.

an expanded role as the Director of ASB. Amy served on ASB as a Santa Fe student and will no doubt help bring amazing spirit to the school as well as help cultivate Christian leaders. Amy has served on the Alumni Association for over 10-years, most recently as the Association Secretary and Reunion Coordinator.

- Congratulations to the Class of 1999 who just celebrated their 10-year reunion!

Fall Eagle Sports: A Season Update

Football

The Eagle Football team has started the season on the right foot with a 2-0 record, including a 53-6 win over Mater Dei and a 50-22 win over Palo Verde. Players to watch include Senior Running Back and Defensive Back Sam Hoekstra, who had 6 touchdowns against Palo Verde.



SFC Football in action against Mater Dei.

Water Polo

With a 3-2 record, the water polo team boasts a winning record that includes a 14-3 win against Point Loma, a 9-7 win against Rancho Bernardo, a 10-6 win against Scripps Ranch, and losses to Huntington Beach (8-10) and Granite Hills (6-7).

Women's Volleyball

Women's volleyball started the season with two tough losses to strong teams Cathedral Catholic and La Costa Canyon, but is looking forward to another great year. Their talented team includes Junior standout libero Mackenzie Gilbert.



A loyal SFC student and fan... And don't we all love SFC?!

Women's Tennis

SFC women's tennis battled Francis Parker in their first match of the season, and though hard-fought, the Eagles fell to the Lancers 7-11 at the end. But with only one match under their belt so far, the season is just beginning for this Eagle team.

GET READY! For Homecoming 2009

Calling all SFC alumni, staff, faculty, and spouses: Homecoming 2009 is RIGHT around the corner! The Alumni Association has some fun events planned for the Homecoming weekend to give everyone a chance to meet, catch up, hang out, and enjoy each other's company... so mark our calendars to join us on **October 16th and 17th!**

You should have received a postcard that looks something like the one below - if you didn't, here's a quick breakdown of what's going on:

Save the Date
SFC Alumni Association
Homecoming 2009

October 16 • 6:30 pm
2nd Annual Alumni Homecoming Dinner

October 17 • 1:00 pm
Homecoming Football Game at SFC

Mark your calendars to join us!

October 16th at 6:30pm:
Second Annual Alumni Homecoming Dinner

Join your fellow SFC alumni and guests at the second annual Alumni Homecoming Dinner. Catch up at the home of Karen (Knutsen) Crommett ('83) with good food, drinks, and great company!

Cost is \$20 online until October 14, \$30 at the door.
For tickets, register at www.sfcs.net/alumni.aspx

October 17th at 10:00am and 1:00pm:
Homecoming Football Games at SFC

Join your fellow alum and families under the rockin' Alumni Tent with great views of the games from a private area! Food and drinks provided by the Alumni Association. Games and activities available for young children.

JV Game at 10:00am
Varsity Game at 1:00pm

Alumni t-shirts and keychains will be available for sale at both events.

Spotlight on Summer Mission Trips

SFC Students Travel Around the World to Serve

Santa Fe Christian sent two groups of students on mission trips this summer. Middle School Teacher Chris Whyte led both trips, taking 21 students to Uganda and 23 students to the Dominican Republic. Students were able to see the power of Christ at work.

Dominican Republic

SFC students ministered in a small village built on a garbage dump. The theme for the trip was Agua Viva, which means "living water." The team dug trenches and placed water lines for a well so the villagers could enjoy clean water.

SFC sophomore Taylor Gildea shared her thoughts about the trip: "When we first got there, we got out of the bus and were quickly met by smiling faces! The language barrier was there but they

would still speak freely to us in Spanish! I was able to use my Spanish that I learned in school frequently throughout the trip. I felt as if all of us were one. I realize now that our language, nationality, the country we live in, or even how we dress really doesn't make us very different from other people in different parts of the



SFC Student Taylor Gildea in Uganda.

world. We all have the same desire. We want to love or to be loved. We all want someone to care about us."

Uganda

Students and families participating in this summer's Uganda Trip were challenged to see both the practical and spiritual sides of Jesus' ministry. As part of a medical mission in partnership with Childrens' Heritage Foundation, the group helped to provide medical care in 4 villages surrounding Mukono, Uganda. Valerie Verdult, an SFC parent on the trip, provides some great insight to the trip: "This summer my daughter and I realized a life-long dream: to visit Africa. Along with an amazing group of high school students, doctors and chaperones, we embarked on a journey to Uganda on a medical mission. Not sure what God had in store for us – but certain of His presence every step of the way – we set out with open hearts. We traveled to remote villages and provided medical treatment to hundreds of people who had walked for hours in the blazing sun hoping to find a doctor for their child or



Natalie Sun in Uganda

themselves. We met elderly men and women who had never seen a doctor and who didn't even know their own age. One night we gathered with a group of Ugandans for a night of worship. For a moment, time stood still as their angelic voices worshipped with us not as Ugandan or Californian, but simply children of God. Our eyes were opened to a sense of purpose as we witnessed humanity at its purest level. What we received in return for giving our time those two weeks in July far outweighed what we gave. I am so grateful for the experience that the missions program at SFC has given us. Through their partnership and support we have made memories for a lifetime and learned life lessons for eternity."

We Want To Hear From YOU!

Please reach out to us! We want to know what you're up to and if you want to participate with the SFCAA!

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Lauren Bullock '97

Events Coordinator
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Tom Murphy '91

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Open Position

Communications Coordinator
Carrie Sinclair '01

Foundation Coordinator
Doug Yearick '92

SFCAA Needs...

Alumni Coordinator: This role involves overseeing a team of fellow alumni working to build our outreach to all SFCS alumni. We are developing our outreach programs through events, creating college and career networks, and through other social networking mediums. As a coordinator you will be in contact with the team leaders associated with each of the various projects as well as the Association leadership on a regular basis.

SFCS Coordinator: As the SFCS Coordinator you will be overseeing a team of fellow alumni focused on creating opportunities for SFCS Alumni to become engaged in mentoring and leading current SFCS students. These efforts include developing college networks to assist current students and families in their college search, creating mentor opportunities, and getting involved in volunteer/service projects. This position will help the Association grow and develop in it's effort to help get SFCS Alumni connected back to the school. As a coordinator you will be in contact with the team leaders associated with each of the various projects as well as the Association leadership on a regular basis.

If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact the SFCAA at alumni@sfcs.net.

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SFCAA Class Representatives

In order to bring our "Connect, Relate, and Give Back" vision to life, the SFC Alumni Association is developing a Class Representative organization. The Class Representatives will serve as the point of contact between their respective class and the association. The time commitment required is limited and main responsibilities include: collection of contact information for SFC classmates, periodically informing classmates of relevant events/activities, and staying connected with the association.

Below is a listing of the Class Representatives currently in place. If you have interest in the role, please contact Mike Siciliano (Alumni Coordinator) at mikesiciliano@gmail.com. Thank you for those that have signed-up and we look forward to adding alumni for the open years!

Current SFCAA Class Representatives:

2009	Ryan Huffman	ryanhuffman91@gmail.com
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Classes in need of an SFCAA Class Representative:

2005, 1998, 1996, 1987, 1986, 1984, 1983, 1982, 1979, 1978