



# The HeartBeat

A Newsletter for Alumni & Friends of St. John Eudes School

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## Congratulations to the Class of 2014 Building the Future on Truth and Understanding



Fr. Gérard, Mrs. Danowitz, and Ms. Stula pose with the SJE 2014 Graduating Class as they get ready to venture on beyond the boundaries of our school campus. Many high schools actively seek SJE students for admission and recognize them with honors and scholarships upon admittance.

With this year's school theme of "Jesus is the truth and our understanding teacher" as their focus, the SJE Class of 2014 graduated to the best wishes of their parents and families, along with those from their teachers, school administrators, and admirers. It was a very proud moment for them, fulfilling years of hard work coupled with the guidance and support of those who love them. But the hard work is really only beginning for them as they look toward high school and beyond, and the richness of opportunities that lay before them.

Our graduating students truly deserve their success. On their graduation day they undoubtedly felt alot smarter and realized, at least just a little, their current location on the path of life (something they might not have thought much about earlier while playing kickball on the playground). But now they are planning high goals and hopefully won't stop till they get there! Of course, they will make mistakes and stumble at times in

life. But if they remember this year's school theme they will always find the truth and understanding they need to continue towards their goals through the spirituality they have developed and learn from their experiences.

***Congratulations Eagles of 2014 – it's time to spread your wings and soar! You've been given the gift and foundation of a Catholic education. Use it to build a bright future for yourself and the world. We're proud of you!***

Members of the Class of 2014 are Lillian Annan, Jasmine Avalos, Ian Barbosa, Sabrina Cervantes, Sebastian Cervantes, Youjin Chung, Nicholas Crespo, Jemar Kenneth Fabricante, Raymond Levesque, Tanner McColley, Justin Mills\*, Alex Milone, Jazmin Motola, Cecil Ossa\*, Adriana Perez, Daniel Setiabudi\*, Daniel Singontiko\*, Spencer Smith, Jeremy Valtairo\*, Destiny Yson, Matthew Yuhico\*

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- ***Eagles of 2014 Ready to Soar; Will Build Future on Strong Education***
- ***Donors Help Maintain Programs; Recognized for Vital Support***
- ***School Wins Tablets in Athletics Drawing; Will Promote Technological Health***
- ***Student Athletes Excel in Sports Competitions***
- ***Best Wishes Fr. Bill on Your Retirement!***
- ***SJE Students Gallop Away with Top Honors in "Day of the Horse" Contest***
- ***Alumna to Study Gray Matter; Alumnus Graduates in the Blue***
- ***Louisville High School Graduates Record Flock of Alumna Eagles***
- ***3rd Graders Sweep Poster Contest; Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Captured by Artists***
- ***School Families Help Make Summer Carnival a Success***

## Quick Beats . . .

The annual **Chatsworth Day of the Horse** celebrates the equestrian heritage of our town and includes an art contest, which this year was themed "Famous Horses". Many of our students entered the contest and did very well. Overall winner of the contest was our own **Carlos**



Many alumni will certainly remember the traditional May Crowning in recognition of Mary as queen of heaven and earth. This tradition continued this year and is for many students their favorite Marian devotion, as they lay flowers at the foot of Mary's statue in recognition of her special status in our faith.

**Del Castillo (Gr. 7).** Our students also received 1st Place in the Kindergarten and Middle School Divisions, as well as numerous other prizes and awards.

**Tristan Strom (Gr. 6) qualified for the Women's XCEL Gymnastics Region 1 Championships** and placed 5th on the Balance Beam and 7th on the Uneven Bars.

She placed 16th All-Around out of hundreds of athletes from California, Nevada, Arizona and Utah. What an accomplishment!

**The yearly Valley Catholic Sports League Track and Field Championship Meet** was recently hosted at Chaminade Middle School and included a number of local Catholic schools in the competition. Our student athletes did exceptionally well, taking 1st Place in the 4x100 Meter Relay, as well as placing in a number of other events.

**Mathletics is an international program that aims to improve student math skills.** SJE School has been participating in the program for a number of years and this year won 10 tablets in the program's national drawing.

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### A Special "Thank You" to Our Special Supporters & Donors

With the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year, we would like to take a moment and reflect on all that we are blessed with through our extended school family. We find many of those blessings in our friends and donors who provide vital support for our school programs. Without such support, we could not provide the quality of education for our students for which we so diligently strive.

We are very appreciative of all those who have donated to our school during the year to help us achieve these goals. Through their support nearly \$47,000 was raised to help us continue our Christ centered mission.

In recognition of the vital support we have received, we would like to acknowledge those donors who have contributed to the SJE School Annual Fund Campaign and the Adopt-A-Student Program.

#### 2013-2014 Adopt-A-Student Program

##### Adoptive Donors - \$500 and More

John B. Campbell  
in Memory of Eugenia Campbell

Dennis Uniforms

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#### 2013-14 Annual Fund Campaign

##### PlatinumHeart Circle - \$5,000 and More

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## The Pulse: News About SJE Alumni & Friends

**Jill Gaines '10** graduated from Louisville High School in 2014. At LHS she was a four year member of the swim team and was a CIF Southern Section Swimming Finalist in 2013 and 2014. She was also on the varsity water polo team and was named Varsity Water Polo Offensive MVP in 2014, with her team taking 2nd Place in the Mission League. In addition to her sports activities, she was also active in student government for all of her four years at LHS, being elected as ASB President in her senior year. In addition to being on the Principal's Honor Roll for all of her 8 semesters, Jill was a Campus Ministry leadership team member in her junior and senior years, including being a retreat leader and Kairos rector. Upon graduation

from LHS she was accepted at the University of California, Los Angeles, where she is now majoring in Biopsychology (which is the study of how the brain and neurotransmitters influence our behaviors, thoughts and feelings). She is planning to graduate from UCLA in 2018 and pursue a career in pediatric physical therapy.

The spirit of SJE academic excellence continues to live through the accomplishments of our alumni as they progress through high school and we congratulate **Matthew Allegretti '10, Nasim Herrington '10, Gisella Patino '11, Sarah Wetzell '11, and John Francis '13** for their special academic achievements recently recognized at a ceremony at Notre Dame High School.

Congratulations also to **John Francis '13** on receiving the *Pope Pious XII Religious Emblem* from the Catholic Committee on Scouting, in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America. The program deals with different life choices (single, married, religious, ordained), occupations and ministries in the church as calls from God, and includes youth led discussions on current issues facing the church and society, which are normally included as part of a Pius XII retreat or day of recollection. John has been an active member of the scouting program and has received a number of other important awards and achievements.

**Ian Barbosa '14**, one of our newest alumni, recently graduated from the Los Angeles Police Cadet Program. The program is designed to offer youth an op-



Mrs. Danowitz, Principal, (left) and Mrs. Gunter, Vice Principal, (right) pose proudly with Ian Barbosa '14 at his graduation from the Police Cadet Program held at USC.

portunity to develop skills that will help them throughout their lives, while working with one of the finest law enforcement agencies in the country. The program is offered at each of the 21 community police stations across the city. The graduation ceremony took place at USC. Ian received the *Recognition of Community Achievement Award* when he graduated from SJE School in June.

Our best wishes to **Fr. William McLean** on his recent retirement. He served as associate and as pastor in many parishes in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, including several parishes with Spanish-speaking ministry. He served as pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (Rosehill) and St. Athanasius in Long

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### In a Lighter Vein . . .

Two elderly nuns were on a summer vacation road trip when a police officer pulled them over.

*Officer:* "Sister, this is a 65 mph highway. Why are you going so slow?"

*Sister Mary:* "Sir, I saw a lot of signs that said 22, not 65."

*Officer:* "Oh Sister, that's not the speed limit, that's the name of the highway you're on!"

*Sister Mary:* "Oh! Silly me! Thanks for letting me know. I'll be more careful."

At this point the officer notices the passenger is shaking and trembling.

*Officer:* "Excuse me, Sister, is there something wrong? I noticed that you're shaking something terrible."

*Sister Agnes:* "Oh, it's because we just got off of highway 119!"

*Before you take your summer road trip make sure to make your donation to St. John Eudes School! Donations are tax deductible and help the worthy cause of providing a quality Catholic education to deserving children. Your donation to the Annual Fund, Adopt-A-Student Program, Endowment, or other general or specific gifts is greatly appreciated. To donate please contact the School Office (818) 341-1451 or visit our website at www.sjeschool.net. Thank you!*



Eleven alumni from the SJE School class of 2010 graduated from Louisville High School last May 24. This is the largest number of our alumni to graduate from LHS from a single SJE class. Pictured (left to right) are Amanda Zazueta, Kailyn Molle, Katelyn del Valle, Ariana Rivera, Jill Gaines, Kayla Tucker, Brittney Martinez, Angela Gianni, Hope Holtum, Dominique Lien (not pictured is Aidan Sullivan). Congratulations to all our Class of 2010 as they graduate from high school this year!

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### Stand Up for Religious Freedom

The recent Supreme Court ruling in the *Hobby Lobby* case is a major step in protecting our religious freedom from the Affordable Healthcare Act's requirement that employers, including Catholic entities, provide abortifacient drugs to employees. Bills have been introduced in Congress to negate the effect of the ruling. Contact your Congressional representatives today to protect our rights and act to uphold the ruling!

### Quick Beats . . .

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**The West Valley Garden Club recently held its annual *Smokey the Bear and Woodsy the Owl Poster Contest*.** There

were 209 entries from 5 different schools. Our 3rd Graders entered the contest and won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place (among many other awards). Great going 3rd Grade!

*Everyone had fun at this year's Summer Carnival!*

*It was great to see the wonderful spirit in our parish and everyone so enthusiastically celebrating the coming summer season.*

**Top left:** Giving out the game prizes is an important job at the carnival. School parents manned the booths (along with a number of students) and helped make the event a success. They also made new friends and had fun too!

**Top right:** The Multi-Cultural Mass & Festival highlighted the wonderful ethnic diversity and richness of our parish. Many school families took part in the event either at the Mass or as entertainers or spectators during the Festival.

**Bottom right:** One of the highlights of the carnival is always the "SJE Idol Contest" where students can showcase their talents and win prizes. And what great talents they have!



### The Pulse

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Beach before coming to St. John Eudes in July, 2007. Fr. Bill was extensively



involved with the parish's Outreach Ministry and a great supporter of our students and school families. He is now looking forward to taking it a little easier now and enjoying his retirement years. But while we will certainly miss his daily presence, he will still

continue to visit our parish and celebrate Masses on weekends. A special retirement party was held for Fr. Bill in the plaza which was filled to capacity with friends, family, parishioners and well wishers.

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It'll be held on Saturday, Sept. 27, in Grill Hall. All our alumni and friends are invited to enjoy authentic Oktoberfest foods, beverages, fun & dancing to a real 20 piece Oktoberfest ompah band! So brush up on your Chicken Dance now! For more information visit [www.sjeparish.net](http://www.sjeparish.net).



Sr. Rosemary Bochniarz (back row, third from right), former SJE School Principal, has been teaching English and other subjects at the convent of the Sisters of the Pious Schools in Kerala, India. A true teacher at heart, Sr. Rosemary has great pride in her "little ones" as she prepares them to continue on their faith journey. Kerala is the most Catholic of states in India, and parts of India trace their Catholic tradition directly back to St. Thomas the Apostle. India has however seen an increase of religious intolerance and violence, particularly against Christians. We pray that God continues to bless Sr. Rosemary's ministry and keep her safe, along with all the other Pious Sisters.