Baccalaureate Mass

Central Catholic High School celebrated our Baccalaureate Mass on Thursday, May 28th in the Our Lady of Light Chapel on the CCHS campus. Presiding over the Mass was the Bishop of the Diocese of Stockton, Myron Cotta. Also in attendance was Marian Graham, the Director of Catholic Schools for the diocese. Seniors Kyndal Bockhahn and Bailey Scheuber did the Liturgical readings. Gavin Ryan read the Prayers of the Faithful. The alumni pins were blessed by the Bishop and will be given to our graduates at the morning prayer service before the graduation ceremony. The Mass was live-streamed on Facebook and can still be viewed there.

The celebration included speeches by the ASB President, Nic Sani, and Senior Class President, Mario Jauregui, as well as a medal ceremony for our Valedictorians, Rebecca Flunker, Sarah Grimes, Momoka Leadon, Gavin Ryan, and Bailey Scheuber as well as our Salutatorian, Nic Sani. Music was provided by Mr. Casey and CC seniors, Johanna Early and Lena Magee.
Marylynne Castellani: Raiders of the Year Award

Every spring, students in the graduating class are asked this simple question: Who made your time at Central Catholic special? Students nominate one boy and one girl, and the top vote-getters receive the award. The Raider of the Year awards not only honor graduating seniors but also a much-loved teacher, Marylynne Castellani who taught English from 1986 to 1994.

Fifteen years ago, the English Department decided to honor Marylynne’s legacy. We named the award in honor of Marylynne, an outstanding teacher, advisor, and friend. The English Department is pleased to present this year's recipients. They will have their name etched on the permanent plaque in the library, will receive an individual one, and will also receive a modest monetary recognition.

Congratulations, Sarah Grimes and Gavin Ryan!

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2020-2021 ASB Executive Officers

Congratulations to our 2020/2021 ASB Executive Officers:

ASB President: Isabella Khacho
ASB Vice President: Vivian Herrera
ASB Secretary: Anne Dunn
ASB Treasurer: Colleen Ballatore
ASB Rep: Evan Corsiglia

Thank you to all those who participated in the election! WE are excited to see these students continue to grow in their leadership skills this year.
Global Seal of Biliteracy

These six graduating seniors have earned the Global Seal of Biliteracy!

This global seal allows recipients to:

1) Serve as a credential of their language skills to anyone, anywhere in the world.
2) Claim language proficiency in two languages at one of three different levels based on the U.S. recognized ACTFL Proficiency Scale.
3) Meet rigorous proficiency language requirements that pass a multi-step verification process.
4) Take advantage of the opportunity to receive college credit, advance placement, and language pay differentials.

Congratulations!

Cesar Antillon-Silva
David Gallegos
Samuel Khacho
Daniela Maldonado
Isabella Naraghi
Christopher Salgado

Graduation Ceremony Live Streamed

The graduation ceremony will be live streamed on the Central Catholic Facebook Page tomorrow morning at 10:00am.

Please visit our website (https://www.cchsca.org/academics/college-bound) to view the Graduation Program and to access the link to the live stream.
Alumni Heroes

Dr. Aileen Almuete Murphy, from the Class of 1997, went to University of California, Davis to major in Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior. She received her Masters in Medical Sciences at Boston University. She then went to Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed surgical residency at Kern Medical Center-UCLA in Bakersfield, California, a fellowship in MIS/Bariatric Surgery at the Legacy Health Diabetes and Weight Management Institute. She is currently the Chief Medical Information Officer at Epic Care and the Vice Chair of the Department of Surgery and Medical Director of Informatics at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, developing workflows for Telehealth. She operates at John Muir Concord, Walnut Creek, and San Ramon Regional Medical Center.

Since shelter in place, elective surgeries have been on hold to preserve Personal Protective Equipment, reduce unnecessary exposure for patients, and mitigate the burden of COVID on the hospital systems. Aileen has been doing Telehealth visits for most patients, but still needs to see some urgent patients in the office to determine if they need intervention. She also continues to take Emergency Room call frequently, but due to patients being afraid to enter the hospital unnecessarily, those same patients are waiting to present to the Emergency Room, ultimately showing up with severe complications of their diseases. Their cancer patients have been treated with upfront chemotherapy, even if surgery can be done initially, to reduce the number of in-patients in the hospitals.

"These are unfortunate times for patients that need medical care in a timely fashion and the medical community is doing their very best to keep patients safe and provide care. I participate in a COVID task force to keep our patients, physicians, and staff safe, as well as multiple physician forums to share the local knowledge on a national level. I am proud to be surrounded by a community that was eager to shelter in place appropriately and allocate Personal Protective Equipment to where it was needed most."

Nick Finn, Class of 2001, is the Catering, Convention and Special Events Manager at the Las Vegas Caesars Resort. Nick’s Las Vegas team assisted with donating approximately 116,000 pounds of perishable food items to Three Square Food Bank to help their communities during these challenging times. They also provided gloves, masks and sanitizer from inventory to the University Medical Center (UMC), Las Vegas.

Nick graduated from the The Culinary Institute of America at Greystone with an associates’ degree in culinary arts in 2007. He has been in his position as Catering, Convention and Special Events Manager for seven years. In his job he is responsible for handling the logistical planning of large events (such as the NFL Draft, which was recently canceled due to this crisis), building menus while collaborating with his chefs and clients, and acting as a liaison between his sales team and their customers. Prior to working in Las Vegas Nick held various positions with The Food Network in both New York City and Los Angeles and the Four Seasons in Costa Rica.

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