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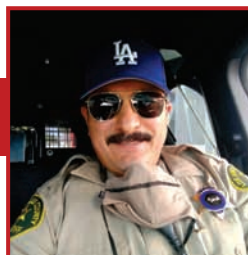
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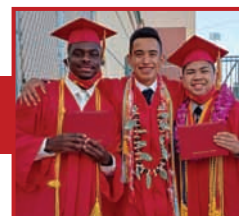
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# Meet the Class of 2021 – “The Greatest of All Time”

Vincent Landaverde's description of the Paraclete experience in five words.

## My most pleasant, memorable, or uplifting Paraclete experience(s):

**CJ Montes:** “Football games with the guys and rallies or times in the classrooms.”

**Cassandra Velazquez:** “The freshman BBQs. I loved playing games with the classes and getting competitive with each other. We would all stand on chairs and yell, scream, dance, and just have a really good time. Another memory would be the football games. The student section would be so hyped up and we would sing and dance and just be in the moment which was so much fun.”

**Malaika Bluford:** “Cheerleading was one of my most pleasant experiences at Paraclete due to the girls I cheered with; they're the most amazing set of girls to have a team with. Ms. Dominguez helped me through the years as someone I could look up to and ask any questions. Mrs. Bower and Ms. Novelli are the loveliest women to get to help out at any school event.”

**Nathan Corugedo:** “I would have to say the retreats, the rallies, and all of the events we would do with the whole school. Being able to make everyone in my classes laugh and have fun was and still is one of my favorites. I love being a class clown.”

**Vincent Landaverde:** “When the football team had to go to an away game, and we had to stay in a hotel – that was probably one of the most memorable experiences.”

**Madison Pulos:** “My most pleasant Paraclete experience is Dodgeball Day because of the fun, cheerful, and competitive atmosphere.”

**Ruthie Johns:** “Winning the Inspire Award at a Robotics competition and performing Into the Woods in the drama program.”

**Daniel Cervantes:** “Paraclete events, as they've been very entertaining and interesting.”

**Alexander Gutierrez:** “Watching the performances done for Christmas and Spirit Start-ups.”

**Emily DeRose:** “Going out of my comfort zone to audition for The Man of La Mancha my sophomore year. I was very nervous about auditioning but everyone was very supportive, and I ended up having a lot of fun.”

**Matthew Martel:** “Making new friends, playing and being Varsity Soccer Captain, dancing in rallies, being ASB Vice-President, Valedictorian, and winning Winter Ball King.”

**Joseph Chu:** “Becoming junior class president and talking in front of the class and getting good remarks from my classmates and my teacher. Meeting new faces is the best.”

**Leilani Frailich:** “Being able to meet life-long friends and going on the Campus Ministry Retreat in Panama (World Youth Day).”

**Isabella Palomino:** “Freshman – junior year – anything before Covid... dances, rallies, football games, etc. The food = ♥.”

**Candice Cortés:** “The cultural dances my sophomore year, and the dodgeball tournament my junior year are my best memories.”

**Destinee Mazariago:** “The journey itself, me learning more about who I am along with getting through challenges.”

**Jordan Johnson:** “Definitely helping out at the freshman barbecue and welcoming the new students onto the campus.”

**Bobbi Cole:** “The last day of school before quarantine.”

**Tristan Perez:** “Singing 'Happy Birthday' to Mario at every rally or Spirit Start-up.”

**Christian Paulson:** “My most memorable Paraclete experience was finding out what my dream/passion was.”

**Andrew Olmos:** “The all-around good energy with the Paraclete teachers, staff, and students. This school made me feel like I could be who I am without judgement.”

**Taylor Coleman:** “Paraclete is the 4th high school I attended and so when I switched to this school at the end of my junior year, I was nervous about fitting in and making friends. I can confidently say that Paraclete has the sweetest and most caring students. I immediately felt welcomed when I transferred here, and I've made amazing friends.”

**Achilles Marlborough:** “Meeting Trevor Ragazzo.”

**Paisley Todd:** “My best memory at Paraclete was my senior year soccer team. We went really far and making it to state was amazing.”

**Rubi Carpio:** “Senior Year Homecoming Court Week, Glow Rally, Girls' Retreat, Christ in Others Retreat (COR), dances, and preparing for Advent Celebrations.”

**Hailee Watts:** “The consistent parent involvement and the inclusiveness for different cultures.”

**Breena Hall:** “COR was one of the first non-class retreats I went on, so it was a completely new experience for me. I was slightly worried considering this; however, it was definitely one of my favorite experiences at Paraclete.”





## My plans next year are to. . .

**Alexander Gutierrez:** "Attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, major in Air Traffic Management to be an air traffic controller."

**Trevor Shepherd:** "Attending Harvey Mudd College to pursue a STEM major and play baseball."

**Myles Rowley:** "I will most likely attend University of Antelope Valley to play basketball; my major will most likely be Sports Medicine."

**Jonathan Justice:** "Cal Poly Pomona majoring in Mechanical Engineering."

**Emma Weatherwax:** "I'm going to Boise State. My major is health sciences and I'm leaning towards being an anesthesiologist or an RN."

**Jordan Johnson:** "I'm going to Arizona State University to major in food industry management, and I hope to own my own bakery."

**Benjamin Estaville:** "I'm going to pursue Bioengineering at Cal Poly SLO or Northeastern University."

**Hailee Watts:** "Play Division I volleyball at Columbia University in New York City while majoring in Film Studies."

**Ella Schoorl:** "Next year I will be attending Cerro Coso Community College to play soccer. I am majoring in kinesiology, and I plan to become a chiropractor."

**Kaui Carson:** "I will be attending the United States Air Force Academy and will major in Aerospace Engineering. I will also play baseball there on either the intercollegiate or club levels."

**Connor Parish:** "I will be attending Baylor University to study nursing."

**Angela Rodriguez:** "Attend John Muir College at UC San Diego; majoring in biochemistry on the premed track, hoping to work a career in artificial intelligence and work on futuristic technological advances."

**Catherine Singleton:** "I will be attending San Francisco State University and majoring in Nursing. I hope to become a travel nurse and eventually, a labor and delivery nurse."

**CJ Montes:** "Football at the University of New Mexico (Division I), major in business."

**Matthew Martel:** "My plan is to play Division I soccer at Loyola Marymount University and study Computer Science."

**Kenneth Gayol:** "Attend CSUN and major in Electrical Engineering and my career goal is to work for NASA."

**Bryan Peck:** "I will be playing baseball at Westmont next year."

**Ruthie Johns:** "Go to college for visual communications at Cal Poly Pomona."

**Elizabeth Engeda:** "I'm attending Academy of Art University in San Francisco, majoring in Visual Development. My end goal is to work for a big game company and possibly become an art director."

**Julia Pohl:** "I will be attending UC Davis next year, majoring in Biological Sciences. I plan to continue on to a master's program to become a certified physician assistant specializing in emergency care."

**Emily DeRose:** "I plan to attend either AVC or UNLV next year and get a BS degree in Entertainment Technology and Design with a minor in Theater Design. I would love to one day work backstage for a Broadway show, Disney Theatricals, Cirque du Soleil, or in another live entertainment career."

**Trevor Ragazzo:** "I'm going to NAU to double major in forestry and criminal justice. I will be a police officer or a game warden."

**Jacob Landa:** "Attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as a forest and fire sciences major."

**Joshua Jimenez:** "I plan to attend CSUN for my general ed classes then transfer to UCLA to become a neurosurgeon."

**Destiny Gonzalez:** "My plans for next year are to attend Mount Saint Mary's University as a first-year student to the BSN program. This will help me achieve my dream of becoming a nurse practitioner in the future."

**Joseph Chu:** "I am aiming towards being a psychologist to help and talk with people through their problems."

**Tristan Perez:** "I plan to attend college at the University of California, Davis as a chemistry major. I plan to go into the medical field."

**Jala Hawkins:** "Attend San Jose State in pre-nursing."

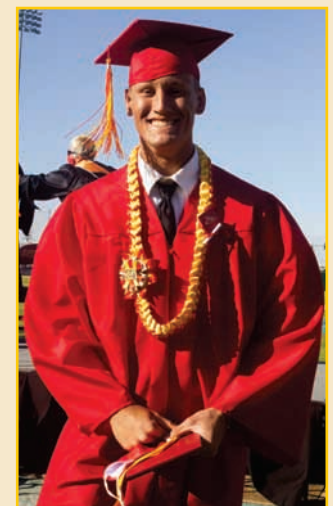
**Ivan Parra:** "My plan is to attend AVC and enroll in an engineering class offered by Long Beach State University. I also plan on playing soccer in college."

**Alexis Olvera:** "I plan on attending UC Irvine next year and majoring in business administration. My plans for the future are to take over my parents' companies."

**Mario Alsamaan:** "Pepperdine, become some kind of doctor."

**Emily Tejada:** "Attending San Diego State University to study Kinesiology Pre-Physical Therapy. Career goal is to graduate with a bachelors in kinesiology and apply to a Doctor of Physical Therapy program."

**Ethan Aoun:** "I am attending AVC and plan to learn as much as I can there about business, accounting, and agriculture."





**Alyssa Moreno:** "I plan to attend Cal State Long Beach and major in Communication. After I get my degree, I will get a job working in a studio or as a newscaster."

**Rubi Carpio:** "I will be majoring in cognitive science. I have yet to discover what my career goal may be, but hope it involves neurological studies and behavioral connections."

**Andrew Olmos:** "My plans are to go to College of the Canyons for a fire fighter degree. I hope to land a job as an EMT while attending school. I also hope to play baseball there."

### **If you could pick any teacher, staff member, or coach to have lunch with, who would it be and why?**

**Joseph Chu:** "Mr. McWilliams is very funny, and he reignited my appreciation for math, and he is an outstanding guy for helping me with math."

**Paisley Todd:** "Coach Andy (Helme) or Ms. Pierson – they helped me become who I am today."

**Trevor Shepherd:** "Deacon Greg – talk about sports and the military."

**Bryan Peck:** "Mr. Fulmer because he is very talkative and interesting."

**Angela Rodriguez:** "Mr. Matalon is a very interesting and kindhearted person; I enjoy his stories."

**Alexander Gutierrez:** "Mr. Ladensack and Deacon Greg to talk about history since we are all knowledgeable on the subject."

**Jordan Johnson:** "Dana Johnston – I had a wonderful time in her AP Language class, and I still love to chat with her whenever I see her so I would love to grab a latte with her from Starbucks."

**Ruthie Johns:** "Mr. Urmanski because he's one of my favorite teachers and always expresses interest in my school projects."

**Vanessa Valenzuela:** "Mr. Angelucci – I feel like we would have a good conversation about pop culture."

**Destinee Mazariego:** "Ms. King because I've known her since I was in kindergarten."

**Megan Dorghalli:** "Mr. Sadeghi because he is a loving, caring, and funny teacher, who will stop everything he's doing just to help or give advice whenever you need it, in addition to always leaving his door open for others (welcoming)."

**Jayloe Wilson:** "It would be Mrs. Bandziulis because she really gets me, and I can talk to her forever. She has a big heart and appreciates every single little thing, and she wants to know and understand how everything works just as I do."

**Rubi Carpio:** "Madame Mego has always been kind, hilarious, supportive, and overall, one of the best people to talk to for advice or casual conversation. I am grateful to have had her as my French teacher since freshman year."

**Alexis Olvera:** "Mrs. Keever is my favorite teacher at this school. She is so sweet and cares for each and every one of her students."

**Carolina Galvan:** "Mr. Keever – he seems fascinating to me."

**Makayla Brown:** "Ms. Dominguez – I've been extremely close to her since freshman year, she helped me with everything I was going through, and was extremely uplifting."

**Emily Cea:** "Mrs. Olague always has a story to tell and will always lend an ear to listen to anything going on."

**Keoni Kané:** "Mr. Landa... why not?"

**Santino Contreras:** "I would have lunch with Mr. Lopez. To me he is incredibly funny and easy to talk to/relate to."

**Candice Cortés:** "Mr. and Mrs. Keever are both amazing human beings and I would love to have lunch with them."

**Chaysen Hughes:** "I would pick Ms. Fowler because I have had her for three out of my four years at Paraclete, and she is an overall encouraging and nice person."

**Bobbi Cole:** "Mrs. Castellanos because she made feel welcomed. Her class was a safe space and she made learning Spanish fun."

**Adrian Bermudez:** "Mrs. Erickson as she was extremely helpful not only in the classroom, but also in competition with robotics. She has helped me enjoy math and renew my love for robots. I hope to carry on that love into college and become the best I can be."

**Andrew Briones:** "Ms. Huerta because she loves me."

**Drew Cochran:** "Mr. Miller because he taught me a lot of life lessons that I should know moving forward with my career."

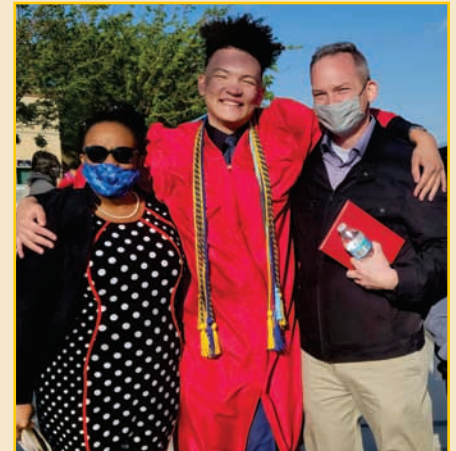
### **Describe your Paraclete High School experience in 5 words:**

**Jordan Johnson:** "Get involved to have fun."

**Madison Pulos:** "Fun, determined, successful, happy, focused."

**Mario Alsamaan:** "Easy, fun, awesome, enthusiastic, cheerful."

**Zac Brown:** "Fun, sad, interesting, spirit, loving."



**Bryan Peck:** "Very fun, welcoming, and upbeat."

**Cassandra Velazquez:** "Exciting, helpful, family, fun, unforgettable."

**Mathew Reese:** "An awesome high school experience."

**Osiris Lamon:** "It was a good time!"

**Marc Haddad:** "A chance to flourish friendships."

**Alexander Gutierrez:** "Rigorous, preparing, enjoyable, tough, educational."

**Paisley Todd:** "Exciting, hard, fun, almost perfect."

**Emily DeRose:** "Spirited, safe, inspirational, faith-filled, rigorous."

**Alexis Olvera:** *"Unique, memorable, challenging, enjoyable, rewarding."*

**Nathan Corugedo:** "Honestly, it was quite fun."

**Luke Linstrom:** "Something that I'll never forget."

**Isaiah Navarro:** "It was the best years."

**Chaysen Hughes:** "A short yet interesting journey."

**Myles Rowley:** "Responsible, educated, high-expectations, discipline, leadership."

**Leilani Frailich:** "Unique, caring, hospitable, quick, fun."

**Jalen Williams:** *"All love and great memories."*

**Joseph Chu:** "Absolutely mind blowing and amazing."

**Hunter Edwards:** "Fun, religious, calm, smart, entertaining."

**Breena Hall:** "Inviting, quick, enjoyable, personable, fun."

**Kaui Carson:** "Extremely fun yet interesting experience."

**Rubi Carpio:** "Lively, memorable, meaningful, surprising, influential."

**Andrew Olmos:** "Short, enjoyable, memories, friends, prayer."

**Santino Contreras:** "Fun, lively, interesting, comfortable, safe."

**Joshua Jimenez:** "It was a crazy adventure."

**Ariana Munoz:** "Time flew by really fast."

**Jonathan Maida:** "Amazing, fun, exciting, funny, maturing."

**Nikko Sarmiento:** "Fun, loving, caring, happy, home."

**Tytan Amyongka:** "Exciting, fun, unknown, warm, interesting."

**Malaika Bluford:** "Hard, challenging, fast, motivating, inspiring."

**Autumn Barajas:** "Nice, different, growing, interesting, fast."

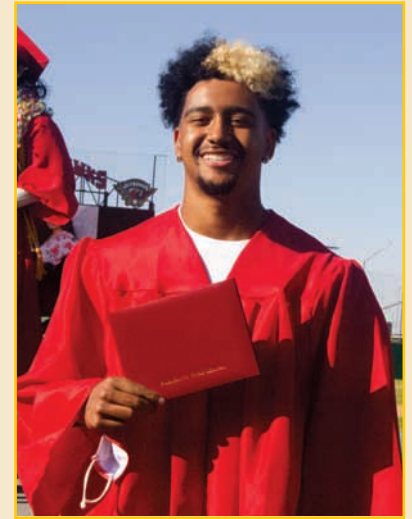
**Emily Cea:** "Exciting, tiring, enjoyable, memorable, community."

**Nadalee Vasquez:** "Educational, exciting, special, safe, motivating."

**Adrian Bermudez:** "Fast, fun, virtual, unpredictable, wild."

**Ruthie Johns:** "Busy, spirited, exciting, academically challenging."

**Drew Cochran:** "Lifetime memories and hard work."



### **Finish this sentence: Strong is. . .**

**Megan Dorghalli:** "A characteristic that is seen when you have a relationship with God."

**Luke Linstrom:** "Something you become after a tragedy has occurred."

**Emily DeRose:** "Standing up for what I know is right."

**Angela Rodriguez:** "Intelligent and assertive."

**Jonathan Maida:** "To be able to handle anything that is thrown at you and push through it like nothing happened."

**Sirius Hu:** "Learning to be independent."

**Curt Orellana:** *"The Spirit of Paraclete."*

**Kaitlyn Cox:** "Knowing when you need help and asking for it."

**Jonathan Justice:** "Being able to accept mistakes in order to learn."

**Nikko Sarmiento:** *"The Class of 2021."*

**Ian Long:** "Getting through a tough time."

**Rita Shahbazyan:** "Having self-respect and being able to walk away when needed."

**Marc Haddad:** "Having the will to keep moving forward whether you're in your happiest or darkest times. The hardest choices require the strongest will."

**Hunter Edwards:** "Paraclete."





**James Kennard:** "Being yourself."

**Adrian Bermudez:** "Perseverance through any challenge."

**Nathan Corugedo:** "Being confident in yourself and not caring what others think about you."

**Bryan Peck:** "Good willpower."

**Anthony Simmons:** "Knowing when you're wrong and admitting to it."

**Zac Brown:** "Me."

### **What is something about yourself you could totally brag about, but usually don't?**

**Drew Cochran:** "How I drive a race car fast and being a race car instructor."

**Joahan Elizondo:** "I have my pilot's license."

**Paisley Todd:** "I got 12 varsity letters."

**Jalen Williams:** "I was recruited by a lot of Division I schools."

**Cassandra Velazquez:** "I guess how much of a giver I am. I always go above and beyond for everyone. I love making them things and getting them gifts."

**Keoni Kané:** "I bought my first car myself."

**Nadalee Vasquez:** "I got a scholarship to ride horses at a DI team in college (Baylor University)."

**Tristan Perez:** "My intelligence."

**Jaz Torres:** "I could brag about how I have the best luck out of everyone I have ever known."

**Faith Rose:** "I like to think of myself as a pretty good chef."

**Angela Rodriguez:** "I got into a globally ranked university and I'm very musically talented."

**Malaika Bluford:** "I took care of my family all through high school while trying to get through school, and I made it even if it wasn't the best."

**Ariana Munoz:** "I have good grades in high school while also doing college classes at the same time."

**Alyssa Moreno:** "I feel so accomplished. I have done so much in high school, and I feel like a winner."

**Alexis Olvera:** "That I own an online clothing store."

**Catherine Singleton:** "My 5 on the AP Lang exam."

**Vanessa Valenzuela:** "I can sing, play piano, and draw pretty well."

**Osiris Lamon:** "I ran a business full time, worked a government job all while maintaining over a 4.0 GPA."

**Alexandra Marie London:** "I have 6,000 reads on a literary work I posted online."

**Alexander Gutierrez:** "Hobby/talent/passion of writing Wikipedia pages."

**Leilani Frailich:** "I sing! And I scored the highest in the city for Mock Trial last competition : )."

**Tytan Amyongka:** "I'm both handed."

**Myles Rowley:** "That nobody at Paraclete could guard me in basketball."

**Taylore Coleman:** "I am weirdly good at doing other people's hair and make-up."

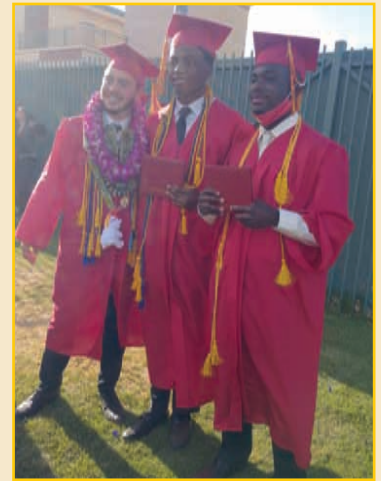
**Makayla Brown:** "The fact that I successfully run two businesses (lash extensions and acrylic nails)."

**Adrian Bermudez:** "I'm probably the best drummer on campus, but I know that there are others around me who are still learning."

**Camya Booker-Gibson:** "I work on cars."

**James Kennard:** "I feel like I have a unique perspective on life."

**Nathan Corugedo:** "How funny I am and actually I'm a pretty good singer I'd say. I also can hit a baseball quite hard and far."



### **If a crystal ball could tell you the truth about anything, what would you want to know and why?**

**Mario Alsamaan:** "If Mr. Ladensack's stories are true, because he tells millions of stories."

**Anthony Guerrero:** "Is there anything in the Earth's core? There's too much landmass for it to just be solid under the Earth."

**Angela Rodriguez:** "I would want to know how I've impacted the world. I would like to see what I've done so far, and what more I could do for the world."

**Tristan Perez:** "Why everyone is so nice to me."

**Joshua Sims:** "Will I ever be in a flying car? I'm infatuated with flying cars."

**Julia Pohl:** "I would like to know if animals can talk and they're just hiding it from us because I want to talk to my dog."

**Alexis Olvera:** "I would want to know why bad things happen to good people."

**Lynna Sumner:** "Who will be my first love if I have one lol. Why? Because I'm nosey."



**Kaui Carson:** "What my future will look like because I want to know that this hard work pays off."

**Nikko Sarmiento:** "Will I ever write nicely because my handwriting is not that good."

**Drew Cochran:** "Winning lotto numbers... so I won't be in student debt."

**Achilles Marlborough:** "Life – it's a strange concept."

**Catherine Singleton:** "What are the next winning lottery numbers? Money makes the world go round."

**Alexandra Marie London:** "What other aliens look like. Society likely has misinterpreted their appearance for years."

**Belen Trejo:** "A short glimpse of my future – so I can see if I am on the right path."

**Kaitlyn Cox:** "Is the multiverse theory true? I'm just curious."

### You have experienced junior and senior years like no other class in Paraclete history with the pandemic. What is the best take-away from this experience?

**Adrian Bermudez:** "Enjoy all four years because once one year is taken away, you will take all four years for granted."

**Megan Dorghalli:** "To thrive and push forward even when it seems impossible because at the end, you'll figure out that it was possible and that you just needed to start and continue with faith."

**Jacob Landa:** "Viruses aren't very fun."

**Mathew Reese:** "Adapt and overcome."

**Jayloe Wilson:** "The best take-away was that I opened up time for me to learn about things I always questioned like theoretical physics and cosmology."

**Curt Orellana:** "People have different perspectives."

**Emily Cea:** "Understanding how to work technology better for presentations and classes."

**Nathan Corugedo:** "The best takeaway is to make the best out of what you're given and still find ways to have fun given any circumstances."

**Angela Rodriguez:** "Learn to be mentally strong. Push your immediate struggles aside and aim for the light at the end of the tunnel."

**Vincent Landaverde:** "Definitely don't waste your high school time because you never know when something like a pandemic will take that time away."

**Santino Contreras:** "What you do in the dark always comes to light eventually! Keep grinding!"

**Rowen Garcia:** "Some of the harshest challenges could be a blessing in disguise."

**Emily DeRose:** "We are all very adaptable."

**Joshua Sims:** "Human interaction is essential to the high school experience."

**Carolina Galvan:** "I got to work on myself and made new friends."

**Taylore Coleman:** "I learned to cherish the moments I have with other people."

**Joseph Chu:** "I feel like a stronger person in my faith."

**Jordan Johnson:** "It proves just how amazing our teachers and staff are."

**Rubi Carpio:** "I have learned to enjoy what I can, when I can, and to make the best out of any situation because one never knows when the world can change overnight."

**Christian Paulson:** "Humans depend on peer interaction for a lot of things."



### Give a prediction for 10 or 20 years in the future about a classmate...

**Tristan Perez:** "Kaui Carson will have around 25 children and they will call me 'Unc.'"

**Mario Alsamaan:** "Matthew Martel – a great soccer player somewhere."

**Trevor Shepherd:** "Hunter Edwards plays pro basketball overseas."

**Anthony Simmons:** "Curt Orellana will be successful."

**Catherine Singleton:** "Jordan Johnson – creating some form of chain business and being a multi-millionaire."

**Myles Rowley:** "Amir Bankhead – I could see him in the NFL without a doubt – nobody has the work ethic that he has."

**Madison Pulos:** "Kaitlyn Cox – I predict that she will be a forensic scientist in a police department."

**Drew Cochran:** "Andrew Olmos – we'll still be friends, hanging out, go camping, just living life."

**Breena Hall:** "Julia Pohl - in 20 years Julia will be a PA near some farm town in an outdoorsy region where she will be happily married - possibly with a couple of children."

**Luke Linstrom:** "Ben Estaville – attended Ivy League school and started a successful company."





**Bryan Peck:** "Hunter Edwards – politician."

**Isabella Palomino:** "Alyssa Moreno – being extremely successful in her career and also having a music career on the side."

**Jacob Landa:** "Nathaniel Goalder will become the pope."

**Hailee Watts:** "Samantha Stuart – a big city reporter with a nice apartment and an elderly basset hound named Judy."

**Destiny Gonzalez:** "Cassandra Velazquez – in 10 years, Cassie will be a successful physician assistant and have a family of her own in a decent sized house."

**Elizabeth Engeda:** "Isabella Palomino – might be an imagineer for Disneyland."

**Joahan Elizondo:** "Paulo Freyre – richest man in the world."

**Leilani Frailich:** "Lori Hernandez – famous actress."

**Alexis Olvera:** "Emma Weatherwax is going to be married, have 4 kids, and be a physician assistant."

**Paisley Todd:** "Nadalee Vasquez – a successful nurse who is married."

**Osiris Lamon:** "Joshua Sims – a future track star and video game developer."

**Keoni Kané:** "Keoni Kané – rich."

**Anthony Guerrero:** "Rubi Carpio: "She will definitely be someone who stands up for those with no voice, and maybe be president."

**Rita Shahbazyan:** "Sam Soto – I imagine Sam being a well-known artist getting constant commissions."

**Alexander Gutierrez:** "Angie Tzul – a successful engineer who has visited several European countries."

**Nadalee Vasquez:** "Paisley Todd – I predict that Paisley will be out of school and in her career of choice and be married."

**Ruthie Johns:** "Kobe Mansubi – famous musician."

**Candice Cortés:** "Rowen Garcia is successful and living his best life."

**James Kennard:** "Marc Haddad - aerospace engineer."

**Jalen Williams:** "Makayla Brown – I'll be married to her."

**Makayla Brown:** "Jalen Williams – we will be married."

**Julia Pohl:** "Breena Hall – I think in about 10 or 20 years Breena will have a loving family with 2 dogs (specifically Golden Doodles), she will have become a successful dentist, and she will be living somewhere in LA with all the rich people."

**Benjamin Estaville:** "Joahan Elizondo – he'll probably be an airline pilot."

**Connor Parish:** "Nate Corugedo – very successful chiropractor and still best friends with Connor Parish."

**Vincent Landaverde:** "Jalen Williams – going to be in the NFL."

**Mathew Reese:** "Bryan Peck – baseball player."

**Trevor Ragazzo:** "Kauai Carson and Tristan Perez – hopefully we still homies in 20 years – you guys made senior year better."

**Sirius Hu:** "Vincent Zhao – having his own career and being successful."

**Gabby Linstrom:** "Jayloe Wilson will be a millionaire."

**Cassandra Velazquez:** "Destiny Gonzalez is definitely going to have her whole life together. She will become a nurse practitioner, get married and have kids in Texas."

**Jane Sanchez:** "Mekhi Kizzie and Sam Soto – we're still friends and roommates."

**Jayloe Wilson:** "Taj Brown will go to a DI college to play football and will enter the NFL draft to play wide receiver for the Miami Dolphins."

**Megan Dorghalli:** "Autumn Barajas – having a company or bakery of her own."

**Andrew Olmos:** "Nathan Corugedo – he will be a top sports medicine guy for an MLB team."

**Daniel Cervantes:** "Achilles Marlborough will be doing some cool stuff with drawing maybe."

**Alexandra Marie London:** "Jane Sanchez – successful digital artist in the animation industry, producing inclusive and diverse content."

**Chaysen Hughes:** "Osiris Lamon – I would predict that he will be a world renowned successful businessman."

**Kaitlyn Cox:** "Samantha Caldera – great nurse."

**Ariana Munoz:** "Camya Booker-Gibson will be the nurse that's she's going to school for."

**Jonathan Justice:** "Rowan Jared Garcia will be successful in his major. He will also take me to Disneyland."

**Nikko Sarmiento:** "Adrian Bermudez – working for Disney."

**Autumn Barajas:** "John Hierro – that he'll own his own business or do something business like."

**Matthew Martel:** "Alexis Olvera will be rich and then will come work for me."

**Joseph Chu:** "Trevor Ragazzo – world greatest comedian and baseball player."



**Sam Soto:** "Leilani Frailich – she'll be a successful lawyer and be rich."

**Christian Paulson:** "Joshua Jimenez becomes a neurosurgeon."

**Jala Hawkins:** "Kayla Washington – she'll be #rich."

**Emily Cea:** "Belen Trejo will be a registered nurse or paramedic, but something in the medical field."

**Adrian Bermudez:** "Jonathan Justice – Mechanical Engineer, father, and possibly an awesome co-worker."

**Faith Rose:** "Isaiah Navarro will be in pro-football."

**Rubi Carpio:** "Anthony Guerrero will be a renowned architect designer creating new awestruck structures and functions and reach never before seen heights."

**Angela Rodriguez:** "Angie Tzul will have a successful career as an engineer, travel the world, and makes lots of money."



### **Advice to your future self...**

**Madison Pulos:** *"Time is your precious resource. Spend it well."*

**Mario Alsamaan:** "Don't let money drive you."

**Megan Dorghalli:** "Stay on the narrow path and ALWAYS TRUST GOD."

**Marc Haddad:** "Be yourself. Let your fervent motive to succeed tread your path. You're a maverick. Keep moving forward."

**Kaitlyn Cox:** "Dude, you really need to get out of your own head, take a deep breath and get it done. You got this, relax. One step at a time. You're good!"

**Gabby Linstrom:** "Get another dog."

**Joahan Elizondo:** "Don't procrastinate you idiot."

**Malaika Bluford:** "I want to be the happiest person that I can be and to not let people bring you down about where you're going. Stay true to yourself and don't let people step over you."

**Jayloe Wilson:** "Keep on developing the mind and keep being the odd ball you are. And remember... you're a square! We're not meant to fit into circles."

**Ivan Parra:** "Always look on the bright side."

**Anthony Simmons:** "Take criticism well and ask questions."

**Nathan Corugedo:** "No matter what, keep praying to God and believing in what you pray for. Everything in your lifetime happens for a reason, good or bad. Make the best out of every situation and let God control the rest. Have confidence and always chase after your dreams and never ever give up. Love the 18-year-old Nate <3. And also, if you truly like someone or want something, chase after them."

**Alexis Olvera:** "Don't dwell on the past, enjoy the present. Strive to be the best, never give up."

**Jonathan Justice:** "You're cool. Be cool. You're better. Hotel? Trivago."

**Rubi Carpio:** "Enjoy every moment WHILE you are living it; live in the present, you will never be able to get it back."

**Drew Cochran:** "You did it, now keep on going and don't forget the hard work you put in. Remember that race car you built? Go build another one."

**Luke Linstrom:** "Remember to keep in touch with friends; you'll never know if you need or they need help."

**Mathew Reese:** "Finish school."

**Breena Hall:** "Don't overthink things – not everything needs to be perfect."

**Adrian Bermudez:** "Relax, panic's not going to help anything."

**Camya Booker-Gibson:** "Life is full of lessons and blessings. Don't stress about the little things everything comes with time."

**Andrew Briones:** "Be legendary."

**Lynna Sumner:** "Don't do drugs."

**Jaz Torres:** "Do things that make you happy."

**Faith Rose:** "Don't spend money on things you don't need."

**Anthony Guerrero:** "When pumping gas, remember to turn off the car before."

**Jacob Landa:** "Don't listen to me."

**Joshua Sims:** "Challenges only make you stronger."

**Jalen Williams:** "Continue to work harder than everyone else and no matter the situation let God take care of it."

**Vanessa Valenzuela:** "Make sure you take advantage of all the opportunities you're given and do whatever makes you happy."

**Hailee Watts:** *"Live a life that you love living."*



*We love sharing some of the responses to our Senior Survey. Please note that not all seniors submitted their surveys.*



# Alumni Profile ~ Mike Ruiz, Class of 1992

## *A Life Dedicated to God, Family, and Country.*

Mike Ruiz is a man with a warm smile and a giving spirit. We asked Mike to share his story hoping to inspire others.

"I was born in the San Fernando Valley to immigrant parents from Mexico and raised in a devout Catholic family household. I had two younger sisters who later also became Paraclete students. I was part of a very large extended family with eleven aunts and uncles on my mother's side and ten aunts and uncles from my father's side, which grew with the addition of their children. I was immediately exposed to what I call 'A Community Life.' It was loud, active, but very loving. Family gatherings were large for holidays, anniversaries, birthdays, etc.

"My parents were hard working and helped me develop a strong work ethic with a huge emphasis on being family centric. My father was an auto worker for General Motors and my mother was a teacher's aide for ESL (English Second Language) programs in the Lancaster School District and a part time beautician. I attended St. Didacus Elementary School in Sylmar then my family moved to the Antelope Valley in 1985 during the housing boom. I attended El Dorado Elementary, then Piute Middle School. I was enrolled in Paraclete in 1988 and graduated with the Class of 1992. I was an average student and probably could have applied myself more to my studies. I was more focused on the friendships I made and the sports activities which were a beneficial distraction. I still have communication with a dedicated group of friends. Chase Coleman was the Best Man in my wedding, and I was his. I am the Godfather to Frank Stanley's son. I often see Robert Aceves and our parents maintain friendships. I also developed friendships with many of my friends' parents.

"After I graduated, I immediately left for Marine Corps Boot Camp the following Monday while my fellow graduates enjoyed their senior summer. I often say jokingly. I graduated nearly top in my class from San Diego Marine Corps Recruit Depot in September and continued training at Camp Pendleton San Diego then Camp Lejeune North Carolina. I returned home December of 1992 and transferred to the Marine Corps Reserves and joined an Artillery Unit in Los Angeles (Oscar Battery 5th Battalion, 14th Marines). I enrolled in AV College January of 1993. I rekindled a relationship with my soon-to-be wife at AV College who was a 1991 Quartz Hill High School graduate and a co-worker at In-N-Out Burger. We married on July 4, 1995, and I have been the Luckiest Man Alive since. We have three awesome children: Gabrielle Ruiz, Miranda Ruiz, and Michael Ruiz Jr., all Paraclete grads.

"I transferred military units immediately following September 11, 2001. I was with a helicopter squadron HMH-764, Marine Air Group 46, Detachment Bravo and placed on active-duty January 2002, 2004, and 2005. I was deployed to Iraq in February 2005 for 10 months. I continued to promote in rank with the helicopter squadron then transferred as a First Sergeant to Port Hueneme, CA (Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marines) in April of 2012. I then transferred to Headquarters Company 2/23 in May 2015. I again activated October 2015 and deployed

to Central America for Military Training of Partner Nations to counter narcotics traffickers. I retired from the Marine Corps Reserves July 1st of 2017. I had a simultaneous career with the LA County Sheriff's Department, joining in March 1997. I worked patrol at Lancaster Station for 17 years with various additional assignments including school resources deputy, community relations, public information officer, and special patrol detail. I then promoted to a Detective and transferred to Palmdale Station August of 2019. I find my careers both rewarding, challenging, and fulfilling.



"I am inspired by helping people during their most difficult times in life, especially during these hard times in our country. I inspire changes to the media's narrative and provide truth to people. Most recently, I helped a stranded family who was visiting from Mexico while I was on routine patrol. They had a simple flat tire in an isolated part of Pearblossom Highway during an extremely hot summer day. They were surprised I spoke Spanish, provided them water and an air-conditioned car, and assisted them with their tire repairs. The father told me his wife was scared of American police because of what she had seen on television. They were extremely grateful.

"I strive to just share kindness and the truth of God's love through my daily actions within my family and community. Too much bitter shouting is going on in the world today and the absence of love, respect, and compromise is far too apparent.

"Raising my children and being married to Heaven Ruiz is my greatest joy.

"Paraclete Football toughened me up for Marine Corps Boot Camp, but Paraclete Baseball is my true sport I enjoyed the most.

"I have many fond memories of Paraclete which include sports, games, dances, COR retreat (Christ in Others Retreat), and many more activities. I still remember to this day Mr. Fulmer's demonstrations and instruction of Middle Ages Trials by Ordeal and Mr. Riegert's detailed insight of World War I and II. I'll always appreciate Mr. Gavel's positive outlook and inspiring words especially these: 'It's a beautiful day for Paraclete Baseball!'"

The Paraclete Family thanks Mike for his spirited dedication to a life of service for others!

*Editor's note: See related Ruiz Family news in the Staying Connected section of this newsletter.*

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## *Spirited Dedications*

This fall we will host two dedication events: one honoring the memory of Coach Ray DeShane and the other honoring John and Haydee Nottoli.

If you are interested in joining us for one or both events, please reach out to Janet Bower. We welcome contributions to the Coach Ray DeShane Memorial Fund or the John and Haydee Nottoli Endowment Fund to acknowledge the love and time they shared for Paraclete High School. Mark your gift as restricted to the fund of your choice.

The Coach Ray DeShane Weight Room Dedication and the John and Haydee Nottoli Hall and Haydee's Place Dedications will take place in this fall. Questions? Contact Janet Bower at [JBower@ParacleteHS.org](mailto:JBower@ParacleteHS.org) or (661) 943-3255 ext. 111.

## History Channel Your Inner Spirit

**Katie (Didier) Marriott** from the Class of 1967 shared an early memory of Paraclete High School's first year at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds. "Most of us walked to school every day and home from school. Being on the westside, I waited for my friend to meet at my house, and then we began our trek - picking up more of our classmates as we went along the neighborhoods to Avenue I and east to the fairgrounds at Division. It was a fun time to be with our classmates even if the road was not so fun, and by the time we reached the fairgrounds, we were quite a group each going through the metal turnstile as we approached the Industrial Building where we had one fourth of it sectioned off into 4 different rooms - three classrooms and an office for the three nuns who taught us that year. We did the same thing on the way home, but of course some went different routes from Avenue I just to get a different perspective. But we avoided going down Division as it was the street that A. V. High School was on." *Editor's note: Sounds like the physical education class was before and after school!*



*Katie Marriott with former campus priest Fr. Joe Scalco on his recent visit.*

## *In Memorium*

**Mike Ramirez from the Class of 1975** passed away earlier this year.

**Andrew Voge from the Class of 1980** passed away on August 27, 1998, PHS recently informed.

**Chris Dluzak from the Class of 1968** passed away on March 23, 2021.

**John Graydon from the Class of 1971** passed away, reported by classmate, date unknown.

**Marsha Carroll Lawler from the Class of 1971** passed away on December 2, 2019.

**Steve Frazier from the Class of 1971** passed away, reported by classmate, date unknown.

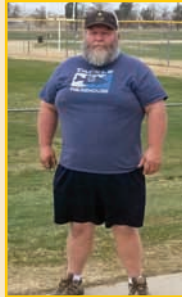
**Michael Calande from the Class of 1971** passed away, reported by classmate, date unknown.



# Staying Connected

**1974 Steve Kingston** sent in his greetings: “Hope all is well in the good old Mojave Desert. JoAnn (my great wife!) and I just got back from Napili Bay, Maui. We go for two weeks every February. I'm still working hard at our busy clinic. We see infants and children as well as adults, and do quite a bit of nutrition, too. Looking forward to spending some time in the Metolius River this summer at an old cabin we got a few years back. I actually have some great memories of 'Paraclete, our Paraclete, guardian of the desert's door.” Steve sends his best! *Editor's note: Steve is a Doctor of Chiropractic.*

**1975 Richard Hicks** stopped by to visit Paraclete recently. He still enjoys his great memories of his days on campus with his friends especially on the football field.



**1982 Jerry Wible** and his lovely wife Dawn toured the Paraclete campus on a summer trip to California. We hope to hear more from Jerry and the good things he and Dawn do for their community.



**1978 Suzanne Orr McGuire** retired June 30 from UCLA as a Registered Nurse in a specialty role as a Living Donor Kidney Transplant Coordinator, a career she found to be both challenging and highly rewarding. Suzanne shares: “Of all the nursing career paths I could have taken, I am so grateful to have worked in transplant, and at such a high caliber institution as UCLA. To have been part of the incredible journey for both donors and recipients has allowed me to witness the very best of what it means to be human – to overcome one's own worries and fears to selflessly provide the opportunity for renewed or improved health for a loved one, or even for an unknown recipient the anonymous donor might never meet, as well as the lives of the recipients' families. It has been a daily reminder of how all of us have the potential to be true heroes when we put the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves before our own needs or wants. To have worked with international leaders in the field of transplantation has been a joy and source of great pride, and a constant opportunity to learn and stretch my own capacity to develop opportunities for our program and our patients.

Paraclete has been an Orr and now McGuire family tradition for 3 generations – my aunts Kathleen and Karen Orr were Paraclete graduates; my uncle Pat Orr was a Paraclete teacher and football coach. My siblings also graduated from Paraclete – **Maria ('76)** is a marriage and family therapist, **Tony ('90)** is an electrical contractor, **Bethe ('82)** is a multi-media artist and instructor, and **Erin ('85)** is a senior manager of news and administration for a large media organization. I met my husband, Richard McGuire, during spring of my senior year when he was coaching track with his brother, Michael McGuire, who taught, coached, and served as an administrator at Paraclete over a combined 13-year period, and for whom a scholarship is named. Rick and I married in 1980, and our three children are also Paraclete graduates – **Morgan ('00)** is a high school teacher and football coach in Las Vegas, **Amanda ('01)** is a program and housing specialist for the inland regional center in San Bernardino and Riverside and a current grad student, and **Peter ('05)** is lead chef for General Atomics at the El Mirage facility and a musician/songwriter. Rick and I are so proud of our children for their work ethic, sense of volunteerism, and especially their commitment to family. We are really looking forward to our grandson Jude McGuire (Peter's son) entering Paraclete as a freshman in 2026, as part of the graduating class of 2030! Rick is in his 18th year teaching social studies to Paraclete juniors and seniors, served as head track coach for 15 years, Mock Trial moderator, and coached football on both JV and Varsity levels for many years. He is now part of the Athletic Director staff for boys' sports, working with long-time AD Margaret Neill and Amy Pierson.

“The Orr-McGuire family credits Paraclete High School for the overall encouragement of life lessons learned at home and emphasized as part of our combined Paraclete educations – the value of hard work, appreciation for good books and fine art, pride in a job well done, moral obligation to care for others in need, and the importance of developing one's own creativity in words written, spoken, or sung.

“Thank you, Paraclete!”



*The McGuires: L/R: Amanda ('01), Peter ('05), Suzanne ('78), Rick, Morgan ('00)*

**1988 David Nottoli** shares his news: “2020 was a challenging year with a world pandemic, school closings, economic impacts and the loss of my dear mother. The shutdown of schools, cancelation of the spring sports season in all levels and the granting of an extra year of eligibility by colleges for spring athletes severely impacted the recruiting of high school student-athletes graduating in the class of 2021. Our son Dominic was in this group of athletes caught between no junior year high school season, limited money for the 2021 recruits and limited roster spots with returning college athletes.



“Dominic is a FOGO (Face Off & Get Off) for his high school and club lacrosse teams. Despite the hurdles, restrictions and limitations created by Covid-19, Dominic had an amazing summer season. Receiving multiple college opportunities and taking several visits, he verbally committed and accepted a scholarship to play college lacrosse for Ursinus College (Ur-Sign-U's). He recently signed his National Letter of Intent and will play lacrosse in the 2022 season for the Ursinus Bears. We are blessed and humbled by the opportunity to watch our second child play a sport in college and honor our Lord with his talents.”

## **1990 Don Justice and 1992 Mary Rose (Manalang)**

**Justice** submitted her family Paraclete news: “Alec graduated Paraclete in 2019, Jonathan graduated this year, and Alyssa is currently a junior there and will be graduating in 2023. We have been part of the Paraclete family and have always believed in the values that Paraclete taught and wanted the same for our children. Alec and Jonathan both loved their years at Paraclete and Alyssa is excited for her Junior and Senior years. We know that their experiences at Paraclete will only encourage them to want to reach for more.”



*Don and Mary Rose with their Spirit kids: Alec, Alyssa, and Jonathan, and Mary Rose's mother Villie Manalang*



**1988 Jennifer-Slater Sanchez** was recognized by the Association of California School Administrators as Middle School Principal of the Year! An award well-deserved Jennifer!



**1989 Brighton Bacchus** With the pride of a hard-working Spirit, Brighton shares, his recent good news: “I am humbled, appreciative, and grateful for the FedEx Cross Border Rock Star Award, that I was presented with from the Executive Leadership Team. The award was recognition for being the Top Sales Professional in the Nation. For me, I attribute my personal and professional success to what I call the 3A's - Activity, Attitude, and Accountability . . . your Activity needs to be persistent, consistent, and passionate, when contacting internal and external customers. . . your Attitude has to be positive, engaged, focused, and empathetic, when contacting internal and external customers, and lastly, you are Accountable to yourself, your customers, your sales team, your division, and your organization.

“Most importantly, there are three people that I do the things that I can do every day - as a provider and protector - to the three most important people in my life - my beautiful, patient, and wondrous wife Aimee Laquidara Bacchus, and my intelligent, creative, and supportive daughters, Lauren and Amanda Bacchus.”



**1995 Lance Lanfear** was married in December and is looking forward to adding a third baby boy to the family this year. He adds that he is “currently coaching on multiple youth baseball teams and clinics and is working with actor/producer America Ferrera on producing Gentefied Season 2 on Netflix!”



**1996 John Dagata** is coaching Olympic athletes! After reaching out to him, he shared, “For me Athletics and the Olympics started at an early age, and after 39 years in the sport I've finally made it. There's nothing better than representing your country at the Olympic Games; I know this after working for Great Britain in 2012 and now for the United States in Tokyo 2020... it's everything.”



**1992 Mike Ruiz** and Heaven celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary on July 4th! Mike retired from the USMC after 25 years of service and has furthered his career with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. He has been a detective for two years now and is looking towards retirement. They are so proud of their three children: Gabrielle '14, Miranda '17, & Michael '20. Here is what their kids are doing:

**Gabby Ruiz '14** graduated with her Master's in Special Education in May 2020, but with the pandemic, she was unable to walk in a ceremony. She is teaching as an Education Specialist at the Rios Computer Science Magnet School, teaching K-5. Gabby and her husband, DC3 Coley Ruiz, USN, moved to Bremerton, Washington at the end of June where they will work and live for the next 3 years. Gabby will be teaching at a new charter school there, but this time with K-2 and her husband will be working on the USS Theodore Roosevelt.

**Miranda Ruiz '17** graduated with her Bachelors of Psychology degree in December 2020 from Ottawa University, AZ, but again with the pandemic was unable to walk this past May. She has started her master's program in Professional Counseling also at OUAZ, Phoenix campus. She has played soccer all four years, but with Covid, has one more year of eligibility, so she will be playing her "senior" year this fall.

**Michael '20** completed his first year of college at CSUN and is all ready to move on campus this fall for the first time, since the pandemic, and get the "real" college life started.

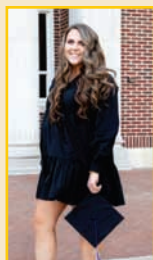
*Editor's note: See the Alumni Profile for Mike Ruiz in this newsletter!*



**2015 Jennie-Marie Britton** shared her news in April: "Next Monday I will start my new job with the California Horse Racing Board. As someone who grew up riding horse, loving all animals, this job is a true dream. I am beyond excited for everything this job has to offer!"

"Since graduating Sacramento State in May of 2019 I have continued to work at the Sacramento State Aquatic Center. I had a few interviews (via zoom) during the pandemic, but with the uncertainty of the world, a lot was placed on hold. Last month, I got a call from the California Horse Racing Board, and they let me know I GOT THE JOB! I am working in the Administration Unit for the Department. I am so excited to get to work for the state, in a department that I am very passionate about. I mean who isn't passionate about horses?!"

Also in the past year, my parents moved from Acton and are now residing in Copperopolis, or fairy tale land as I like to call it. The whole family now lives in Northern California, but I still have plans to return to my true home of Southern California one day! I mean, how else is a Dodger fan supposed to support her team?!" Jennie-Marie gives her love to the faculty and staff!

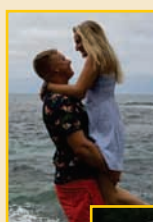


**2016 Kailla Searcy RN, BSN** is her full name now! After seeing Kailla's great news of becoming a registered nurse on Facebook, a message to Kailla was well received! "I am so happy to hear from you! Thank you so much for reaching out! I love my Paraclete Family! I have already started working in Little Rock, Arkansas at the Veterans Hospital. I am working in the Medical Intensive Care Unit. I have worked at the Veterans Administration for two years now. First year as a nurse technician and second year I was selected for an internship. Now I am starting as a Registered Nurse. I have grown a strong passion for taking care of our Veterans! Nursing in general is something that I love very much." Thank you Kailla for your service!



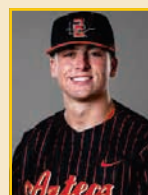
**2016 Kailey Chan** graduated from University of California Irvine Class of 2020 earning her Bachelor of Science with a major in Pharmaceutical Sciences. Kailey will begin a new chapter in her life attending University of

California San Francisco Pharmacy School this July.



**2017 Makayla Maish** graduated from Cal State Channel Island with a degree in psychology. She also shares that she is engaged to her sweetheart Kanion, and they plan on getting married in 2022. Makayla is pursuing her Master of Education in School Counseling at Grand Canyon University.

**2017 Wyatt Hendrie** was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in July. Contacting Wyatt shortly after the draft he shared, "My plans are to fly out to Florida here in a few days and sign my contract to become a professional!" The Pirates have minor leagues teams in Florida where Wyatt will certainly impress the coaches and management!





**2017 Michael (Mikee) Loria** stars in the short film “Nanay’s Lullaby” available for viewing on YouTube.



**2018 and 2019 Ryan and Dominic Ragazzo** stopped by for a visit!



**2018 Daniel Campbell's** proud mother and Paraclete teacher Mrs. Olague shared that Daniel recently graduated Summa Cum Laude from California Lutheran University with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and a minor in math in three years. Daniel will be working for the U.S.

Government in the Department of Defense and plans to further his education in the same field.

**2019 Josh Hearing** would like to announce that he has been accepted into the 2021 Joint Institute for Regional Earth System Science & Engineering (JIFRESSE) Summer Internship program!



“I will be analyzing data sets of terrestrial interference (jamming and spoofing) of Global Navigation Satellite Systems. This is in collaboration with people from NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) and UCLA. I am excited to have Dr. Max Roberts (from JPL) and Prof. Jacob Bortnik as mentors. At the end of the internship, I will do a final presentation and report of my work,” Josh shared.

“I would like to thank my UCLA mentor Dominique Stumbaugh for recommending this internship to me and helping me in other professional work. I would also like to thank those who wrote my letters of recommendation. Thank you to all who are a part of the JIFRESSE program for giving me this opportunity! Thank you, God!

**2019 Olivia Maish** - From Olivia's dad in April: “Check out Olivia playing collegiate softball! She's a star outfielder, can slap the ball left-handed or power from the right. Top that off with her killer speed and no wonder she was 2020 Rookie of the Year for Wells College and was named to the North Eastern Athletic Conference Softball's All Conference Team in 2021. Now she has literally been called to the mound by her team and in just a matter of a few short weeks, she is pitching to collegiate athletes and keeping her team in the game! Oh... did I say collegiate? Yes, her grades



*Olivia and Chewie*

are her top priority. Little time to sleep but this kid is doing it all; she even works late nights as the school's favorite coffee barista just to earn a few bucks to pay the interest on her school loan and feed her dog Chewie! So proud of Olivia! Keep up the great work; there is light at the end of the tunnel!”

**2021 Lori Mae Hernandez** sent in her news: “I know I've only been gone a few weeks, but I wanted to update you on what I have been working on. As soon as graduation was over, I started writing and producing a short film. I am going to submit it to festivals and use it for my portfolio for film school. The film has some alumni in it that you may recognize: Scott Duncan '12, Alex Williams '01, Kobe Mansubi '21, Geo Gahret '21 and myself. I also was able to use a lot of kids that are still Paraclete students as extras. My cinematographer is Bret Watkins from the class of 2002.” Best wishes for success Lori!



## Reunions

**Class of 1970** – contact Mary Kay (Orlando) Stuckey at [MKStuckey@CaliforniaWestCommunities.com](mailto:MKStuckey@CaliforniaWestCommunities.com)

**Class of 1991** – contact Derek McMurtry at [DerekMcMurtry@gmail.com](mailto:DerekMcMurtry@gmail.com) for more information.

**Class of 2001** – contact Erin (Brady) Beadle at [ErinLBeadle@gmail.com](mailto:ErinLBeadle@gmail.com) for details

**Class of 2011** – contact Camille Loria at [Camille.Loria@ucsf.edu](mailto:Camille.Loria@ucsf.edu)







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## Upcoming Events:

### *Homecoming – Friday, September 24, 2021*

**Football Game** versus Castaic at A.V. College Friday, September 24  
Alumni get in for free - look for the gate/table with the Alumni sign.  
Get your *SPIRIT* on and yell, “GO BIG RED!”

### *Las Vegas Night*

In the Godde Gym in the spring, details TBD  
*Brought to you by the Paraclete Parents Organization.*  
*For more information contact Ren Landicho at*  
[PPO@ParacleteHS.org](mailto:PPO@ParacleteHS.org).

### *Alumni Baseball Game – in December– details TBD*

### *Open House*

Saturday, January 8, 2022, time TBD  
Do you know a young person who is looking for a great high school experience? Tell them about Paraclete!

### *Entrance Exam*

**Workshop** – Saturday, January 15, 2022  
**Exam** – Saturday, January 22, 2022  
**Call** (661) 943-3255 for more information.