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Columns



ROOTED IN RELATIONSHIP

ROOTED IN RELATIONSHIP: A LEGACY OF CONNECTION AND SERVICE

Dear Alumnae and Friends,

At Holy Names Academy, we often speak about the strength of our community—how our connections to one another, to our mission, and to the larger world shape who we are. This year, as we embraced the theme *Rooted in Relationship*, we found meaningful ways to honor our SNJM heritage and deepen our commitment to service.

One of the most powerful examples of this was our *Freezin' for a Reason* fundraiser for St. Elizabeth Catholic School in Altadena, California—an SNJM-founded school that, while surviving the devastating Altadena fires, saw many of its students and families lose their homes. In the true spirit of solidarity, HNA faculty and staff took a frigid plunge into Lake Washington on February 13 to raise funds in support of the St. Elizabeth community. Thanks to the generosity of our students, families, and alumnae, we raised \$4,200 to assist their recovery efforts.

Our faculty and staff retreat in February also invited us to honor our roots, as we welcomed SNJM Sisters and Associates to share their stories of faith and dedication. Their reflections reminded us that the mission of the Sisters of the Holy Names is alive and well—not only in our classrooms but



in the ways we engage with the world.

Service remains a cornerstone of our identity, and our students continue to show their commitment to making a difference. Whether collecting socks for an Archdiocesan winter drive for those in need, assembling Christmas baskets for Mercy Housing families, or volunteering at schools, food banks and retirement communities during the senior service-learning course, the HNA community consistently lives out our values in action.

As alumnae and friends of HNA, you are an enduring part of this legacy. The relationships you built through your time at HNA—whether with classmates, parents, or the mission itself—are lifelong. We invite you to stay connected, share your stories, and continue to be a part of this incredible tradition of faith, service, and sisterhood.

In gratitude,

Kim Dawson
Head of School and Principal

On the cover : Isabel Souza '21, Kristelle Dona Lee '09, and Annette Lund '67 look through yearbooks and share memories, reflecting on the deep connections that span generations—a testament to how the HNA community is truly *Rooted in Relationship*.

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Above: Annie Wickwire Delucchi '82 (L) and Kelsey Heffernan '09, active alumnae who have given their time and talents to HNA over the years, enjoy showing each other their senior photo in the class composites hanging in HNA's second-floor hallway.

The start of each academic year at Holy Names Academy is marked by the return of refreshed faces, the wide-eyed wonder of new students, the joy of faculty and staff, and the squeak of shoes on the newly polished wood floors. The beginning of the year also brings the announcement of a new school-wide theme which inspires and guides HNA's community for the upcoming school year. For the 2024-2025 school year theme, the Campus Ministry and school leadership teams selected "Rooted in Relationship," inviting interpretation and exploration in myriad ways. For some,

this term represents their relationship with Jesus, rooted in their faith. For others, it may represent a deep sense of connectedness to their classmates and friends. Others may feel a true attachment to their experience at HNA, which carries them throughout their life.

Since 1880, HNA has welcomed new community members every fall. Each new student and family becomes part of the diverse network of people who have the shared experience of being a Holy Names Academy community member. Four HNA alumnae from different decades recently reflected on what "Rooted in Relationship" means

to them. Not surprisingly, each of the alumnae wrote about an organic feeling of connectedness to HNA, the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, their teachers, and the classmates who shared in their HNA experience. The deep roots laid by the Sisters have grown into the sturdy tree that is the Academy of today, while the branches hold the blossoms of the Academy for decades to come.

SUZY MARTINEAU BANCHERO '64

**HNA CLASS REPRESENTATIVE, CLASS
SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT CONTACT**

My mother and aunt were the first women in my family to attend Holy Names Academy in the Classes of '42 and '37 respectively. My sisters and I followed in the Classes of '64, '71, '73, and '75. Many of our cousins also followed suit. It was such a joy when my granddaughters decided to attend HNA as well. They graduated in 2020, 2022, and 2024. Holy Names Academy has been there for many women in my family throughout the decades. Over the years, I've enjoyed reunions, Alumnae Luncheons, and all the social events that keep us in touch with each other. During my 60th reunion, my classmates and I spent the day sharing stories, food, and fun! Over the years, we have become very close. Holy Names Academy has given us lifelong friendships and the ability to make a difference in this world. Therefore, our mission as a class is to introduce young women to the



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HNA sisterhood, to encourage a diverse student body, and to provide scholarships to help make HNA financially accessible for all. We do this with our class endowment, The Class of 1964 Scholarship Endowment.



ANNIE WICKWIRE DELUCCHI '82

**HNA CLASS REPRESENTATIVE, FORMER ALUMNAE
BOARD MEMBER, DOROTHY FOUTY '50
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT**

We are all experiencing our life journey, and although we may have been led to believe that the way to be successful is to be independent and do it all on one's own, the reality is that we are not able to accomplish much without another's help. We are all in relationships that help mold and shape us. Relationships with our parents, partners, children, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and yes, even our HNA "sisters." Whether we realize it or not, we do so much better in relationships, as they provide anchors for us in our daily lives and when we face challenges. Relationships also act as mirrors to see ourselves more clearly and provide comfort to us when we realize that someone has our back. Knowing others are looking out for my best interests makes all the difference.

I may not see my Awesome Crew of '82 Skippers very often, but the time between visits doesn't really matter; we are rooted in our relationship with each other and share a bond of attending HNA together. I feel this connectedness with my classmates and family. Both my sisters attended HNA (Cathy Wickwire '83 and Susan Wickwire '85), and my three daughters as well (Ana Delucchi '15, Emma Delucchi '15, and Adela Delucchi '22). We all feel very strongly connected to the school and lessons it taught us, namely being in service to others. Any time I meet a woman who also attended HNA, I instantly feel a kinship and change in our connection. The realization that we both have roots at HNA opens doors and lightens hearts—what a gift!

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KATHERINE SARLITTO '15

HNA VALEDICTORIAN, FORMER STUDENT
AMBASSADOR AT HNA

Over time, I've come to understand relationships as central to human experience. Life grants unique opportunities for relationships in all forms...with oneself, with people, with other creatures in the world, with the earth, and with a higher being.

My personal appreciation for and curiosity about this concept of interconnectedness was awakened during my time at HNA, and it has continued to bloom throughout my journey since. I was drawn to Campus Ministry and Community (CMC), Contemporary Problems classes, and Peace and Justice Days. I felt pulled by the ways HNA fostered service opportunities, encouraged connection with neighbors experiencing vulnerability, and facilitated reflection, engagement, and discussion about social and environmental issues that impact and intertwine individuals and communities worldwide.

It was at an HNA Peace and Justice Day that I first learned of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC). Eventually I became a Jesuit Volunteer (JV) myself, serving in an Indigenous school on the Colville Reservation in Washington. I hold immense gratitude for how the JVC values of community, simplicity, spirituality, and social and ecological justice challenged me to recenter

myself around deep engagement with the world.

My experiences at HNA, in JVC, and throughout my life have all carried me to where I am now, working as a community health registered nurse in Boston. My chosen career in health care is a manifestation of the active pursuit of relationship and connection that I want to embody in everything I do. Establishing rapport and trust with the individuals I work alongside is at the core of providing compassionate, holistic, and patient-centered care. At this time, I'm also in graduate school at Boston College with the goal of becoming a family nurse practitioner and partnering with communities experiencing vulnerability in health care shortage areas. I see the patient-provider relationship as a strong avenue to building bridges and addressing gaps in health equity.

I aspire to lean into the human experience, with all that it entails; to live intentionally, love unconditionally, walk gently, learn humbly, and give back gratefully; to strive so that all whom I encounter feel seen, heard, valued, and cared for. I think it is only through connection and relationship that we can seek meaning, grow, and become the best versions of ourselves.



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EMILY MCKENZIE '01

HNA SCHOOL COUNSELOR AND VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH

For most of my academic life, I was blessed with the opportunity of a Catholic education. As a shy and nervous student, my parents recognized that I needed the nurturing environment my local grade school, St. Edward School, could provide. The deeply rooted bonds I built there, which continue to this day, helped me grow into a confident and capable eighth grader, ready to take the next step at my dream school, Holy Names Academy.

My time as a student at HNA was transformative for many reasons and highlighted by the care and support of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM). Their dedication to education, social justice, and the empowerment of young women created a foundation for the rest of my life.

Among the many inspiring SNJM Sisters, Sister Rosemary, a fellow lover of sports, connected with me through our shared passion for basketball. Her enthusiasm and encouragement made me feel seen and valued—I knew I could try new things within the safety net of her support. Sister Mary Annette challenged me to think critically about “contemporary problems,” stretched my skills as a writer, and broadened my perspective on the world.

With roots firmly planted at HNA, and



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because of my student experience and strong connection to the school’s mission, I returned in 2015 to work as a school counselor and in 2016 became the head varsity basketball coach. My commitment deepened even further in the summer of 2018 when I accompanied five HNA students on

the Jonestown Shared Mission trip to Mississippi. This trip challenged me in many ways—including an immediate sense of homesickness, especially missing my three children in Seattle. However, one evening, I stayed up talking with our host, Sister Kay Burton, SNJM. She shared stories about her life, the ongoing work of the SNJM Sisters, and her dreams for the people of Jonestown. Her dedication to education and her profound understanding of the systemic inequities that hold children back from achieving greatness left a lasting impact on me. The following summer, I returned to Jonestown with my children so they could meet Sister Kay and understand the inspiration behind my renewed dedication to the SNJM mission.

Looking back, my Catholic education—guided by the care and mentorship of the SNJM Sisters—not only provided me with academic knowledge but also instilled in me a lifelong commitment to service, social justice, and learning. The lessons I learned through my relationship with Sister Rosemary, Sister Mary Annette, and Sister Kay continue to shape who I am today.

Each day, I strive to honor the legacy of the SNJM Sisters by providing heartfelt care to the next generation of HNA students.



Campus Ministry and Community (CMC) Officers (L-R:) Naima, Rebecca, and Ellie hold stickers emblazoned with a blossoming tree and deep roots. These stickers, designed by 9th-grader Sammy, were given to HNA’s students, faculty, and staff as a symbol of this year’s school theme, “Rooted in Relationship.”

CELEBRATING HNA LEGACIES FROM THE CLASS OF 2028

The Class of 2028 includes 37 legacy students—students who are relatives of current HNA students or HNA alumnae. This fall, HNA welcomed these legacy students and recognized them at the Legacy Dessert Reception held during lunch. Each student received a small gift and had time to connect with each other. Of the 37 students, seven are daughters, granddaughters, or great-granddaughters of HNA alumnae.

(L-R): **Carina** (mother: Krista Smith '01); **Frances** (stepmother: Rory Olinger '04); **Isabella** (grandmother: Patricia Cowan '65); **Quinn** (grandmother: Riley Martin '70); **Mariah** (mother: Erinn King '90); and **Ari** (grandmother: Felicia Cross '83). Not pictured: **Meghan** (great-grandmother: Margaret Cramer '35 (dec.)).



ADVANCEMENT OFFICE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Advancement Office boasts five alumnae out of its six members. This past year, HNA welcomed one alumna and one HNA community member to the team, Kristelle Dona Lee '09 and Tina Scott. Kristelle, who serves as the Advancement Auction Manager, brings her fresh perspective, as she and her colleagues plan and execute HNA's lively and successful school auctions. Kristelle says, "Returning to Holy Names Academy fills me with deep sentiment and gratitude. It is so fulfilling to now be behind the scenes of our community's unwavering support and give back to the school that shaped me. Transitioning from managing technology research in my previous job to building rewarding relationships in my new role has been incredibly transformative and cathartic—I am excited to create more memorable events with this amazing team!"

Tina, parent to a 10th-grader and incoming 9th-grader, brings with her a breadth of knowledge of the nonprofit fundraising space and joins HNA after



(L-R): Kristelle Dona Lee '09, Advancement Auction Manager; Clare Eagle Spano '06, Advancement Auction Associate; Michaela Bromfield '07, Director of Alumnae Relations; Ann Mest Milkowski '01, Advancement Associate; Tina Scott, Director of Advancement; Miquela Suazo '04, Advancement Manager.

working as an attorney for five years. Tina reflects, "Holy Names Academy is a unique and thriving community made up of students, parents, faculty, staff, alumnae, alumnae parents, board members, and friends. Tradition serves

as our foundation, while innovation shapes our future. Our advancement team takes great pride in nurturing the Academy's enduring culture of generosity, ensuring its unwavering commitment to inspiring young women."

WHAT'S GOING ON AT HNA?



1. Girls in STEM rock! HNA held a “Girls Explore STEM” event in November for girls in grades 4 through 8, who came to HNA for a day of fun and inspiration with HNA’s robotics team and science teachers.
2. The Big Sister/Little Sister program allows students to root themselves in relationship from the start of 9th grade, when they are matched with 11th-grade students, who provide a warm welcome to HNA. The “sisters” attended a retreat together, participated in a scavenger hunt, and talked about ways to start the year off strong.
3. Roll Cougs! During one of several College Signing Day events held in the school gym, HNA 12th-graders celebrated their commitment to continue their sport as student athletes at the collegiate level. Students pictured will row crew, play soccer, and play volleyball at their university!
4. Students gave it all in the fall play, *Girls in the Boat*, which was inspired by true stories of the U.S. Women’s Olympic rowing team.
5. HNA’s student clubs are as interesting and varied as its student body! Three student-leaders sat at the Pickleball Club table at the annual club fair. They held a two-day tournament, which was open to all.



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6. HNA was honored to welcome Christoph Guttentag, Dean of Undergraduate Admissions at Duke University, to its campus in January. From a candid conversation with students, to a round-table Q&A with teachers, and an engaging “Ask the Admissions Dean” session with HNA

families, the HNA community gained incredible insight because of his expertise.

7. HNA held a Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) Family Social in August to kick off the school year! Parents and students were invited to socialize, enjoy good food, listen to music, and

connect with each other.

8. HNA faculty and staff participated in an “underground spirit week” to add some fun into days leading up to final exams. The students were not privy to this, which kept them guessing all week long. One day, the theme was “denim on denim,” and the adults delivered!

A HEART FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

REMEMBERING
WILLIAM "BILL"
EISIMINGER'S
GENEROSITY
AND VISION

BY MIQUELA SUAZO '04



Bill at his home in Seattle.

Contributing to the growth and success of young people in Seattle-area Catholic schools was not only where William "Bill" Eisiminger began his career—it became his life's work and ultimately, his enduring legacy. When Bill passed away this past fall at the age of 81, the Catholic community mourned the loss of a cherished friend, an avid Seattle University sports fan, a sharp business leader, and a dedicated supporter of Catholic education.

Growing up in an apartment across the street from Seattle University—in the exact location of the area's well-known IHOP restaurant, as he was sure to tell you—Bill would one day see his name grace a building on the SU campus: The William F. Eisiminger Fitness Center. This was one of many ways his philanthropy would leave a lasting mark on Seattle's Catholic institutions.

After graduating from Seattle University, Bill worked as a physical education teacher in Catholic schools, eventually becoming Principal of Holy Family Parish School in Kirkland at the remarkable age of 30. Years later, as the president and owner of a successful real estate investment company, Bill found new ways to support Catholic education. He established scholarships at multiple schools and even funded a new football field at Kennedy Catholic High School.



Bill was a sponsor of HNA's CHEER Dinner and Auction for 10 consecutive years.



Bill often attended the Endowment Celebrations at HNA. Here he is pictured with Sr. Ilene Clark, SNJM '43 (dec.) (L) and a student at the 2018 Endowment Celebration.

Holy Names Academy was also deeply impacted by Bill's generosity. His sister, Marilyn Eisiminger '52, was a lifelong educator and Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary for more than 20 years. In 2003, Bill established the *Eisiminger Family Scholarship* to honor both his sister and their mother, a devoted career educator in the Catholic school system. Throughout the years, Bill regularly sponsored HNA's CHEER dinner and auction and faithfully attended the annual Endowment Reception, among other events.

Business-minded and strategic, Bill's keen financial estate planning has ensured that future generations of young people will benefit from a Holy Names Academy education for many years to come. Bill's mark on HNA is indelible, and his memory will live on in the successes of the lives affected by his steadfast generosity.

SHOWING OUR APPRECIATION

In September 2024, generous supporters of HNA gathered for a lovely evening of recognition and gratitude. The Appreciation Dinner, an annual fall event to thank the Academy's most generous donors from the previous year, is a way to both celebrate a successful school year and honor the community's ongoing generosity. Guests had the opportunity to mingle before sitting down to dinner and enjoying a short program with a keynote speech from

accomplished alumna Charlene McMahon Woodward '68. Charlene is a recent recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Washington State affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (or NAMI) for her contributions during more than 20 years as a local volunteer for the organization. Charlene spoke about how her HNA experiences nurtured her love of giving. Her lifelong devotion to volunteering was born when she, along

with her classmates, were reminded that they "didn't live just for [themselves], but also for others." In 2014, Charlene championed the establishment of her class's scholarship endowment, and she has remained a constant supporter of the Academy ever since. Charlene's heartfelt speech, along with the camaraderie and friendly atmosphere of the evening, were an inspiring way to kick off a new year of giving opportunities.



Keynote speaker Charlene McMahon Woodward '68 and her husband, Lawrence.



(L-R): Current parents of seniors, Jennifer Howe and Nick Kokkonis; and Jennifer Specht Brannfors and Erik Brannfors.



Sr. Rosemary Perisich, SNJM '56 (L), and Nancy Newman Kuester '81.

FALL PHONATHON:

COUGAR KUDOS!

A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to the HNA alumnae community for its generous support of HNA's fall phonathon and to the 15 Student Ambassadors who made the telephone calls to hundreds of alumnae: Annika '25, Christina '25, Constantina '25, Deeya '26, Elise '26, Giulia '26, Kate '25, María '26, Peyton '26, Rhea '26, Simone '25, Sofia '25, Sophia '25, Sophia '27, and Zoe '25.

Contributions from this fundraising effort go to the HNA Fund, providing all HNA students with access to the resources and opportunities that will help them thrive. Student efforts resulted in meaningful conversations, personalized voice messages, handwritten notes, and alumnae connections with today's HNA students.

Right: Student Ambassadors take a break from their phone calls.



DECK THE DOME 2024

THE MOST WONDERFUL NIGHT OF THE YEAR

On December 7, the HNA community gathered to celebrate Deck the Dome. From the poinsettias and garlands adorning the second floor, to the ambassadors donning Santa hats and the choir singing Christmas classics, the night was full of joyful camaraderie. Thank you to the volunteers, event guests, and donors who made this annual evening a night to remember and helped raise more than \$112,000 for the Holy Names Academy Student Life Department!



DECK THE DOME BY THE NUMBERS

More than **350** guests attended Deck the Dome and were ready to celebrate the season.

41 volunteers helped transform the second floor into a Christmas wonderland, worked the event to ensure it ran smoothly, and cleaned up the next day.

19 HNA dads and **90** HNA Choir and Orchestra members performed beautiful Christmas pieces.

339 raffle tickets were sold to guests trying their luck.

1. Titania Limanardja receives the Dorothy McBurney Fouty '50 Volunteer of the Year Award. (L-R): Head of School and Principal Kim Dawson, Titania Limanardja, and Director of Advancement Tina Scott.
2. Student Ambassador, Annika '25.
3. (L-R): Suzie Burke '61, Christine Solga, and Lisette Nenninger.
4. Tracy Guyette.
5. (L-R): Brian and Stacy Chung, Erik Olson, and Giulia Canali, all current parents, enjoying the event.
6. Guests Mark and Jaime Ledger with current parents Tanya Ranchigoda and Jason Biro-Suvanaphaphai.



FEBRUARY 12, 2025

ONE DAY FOR HNA

One Day for HNA was a celebration of love and joy! HNA is incredibly grateful to its community members who supported this annual day of giving. Many donors left inspiring and thoughtful comments on HNA's online donation platform.

More than \$75,000 was raised by 402 donors. During the school day, students were treated to cookies and invited to celebrate by taking pictures with their friends in a photo booth. One Day for HNA was a great reminder that that HNA is more vibrant than ever!



Saturday, April 5, 2025 | Holy Names Academy

Funds raised from CHEER will provide tuition financial assistance to qualified students whose families need support. They will also help sustain the current operating needs of the school to enhance excellent academic, arts, athletic, spiritual, and leadership programs.

To learn more or donate, scan the QR code or visit: <https://one.bidpal.net/cheer2025/welcome>



2024 ALUMNAE REUNION CELEBRATION

In September, the Alumnae Office was thrilled to welcome back alumnae from many decades to celebrate their class reunion. In recent times, the Alumnae Reunion Celebration has been held for classes celebrating a milestone reunion between five and 45 years. This year, the Classes of '79, '84, '89, '94, '99, '04, '09, '14, and '19 gathered for a brief program that included a stunning performance by HNA's Vocal Ensemble, building tours, refreshments, and social time. Thank you to all who came out to celebrate your class and your school!



Members of the Class of 1984



Members of the Class of 1999



Alumnae enjoy "roll call" during the program.



Members of the Class of 2019



Members of the Class of 2004



Members of the Class of 2014

YOUNG ALUMNAE HOLIDAY SOCIAL

The halls were decked and holiday cheer filled the air during the Young Alumnae Holiday Social this past December! Alumnae from the Classes of 2015 through 2024 attended this festive event, which included snacks, photos in the beautifully decorated parlors, and a community-centered activity. The Alumnae Board committee connected with the Recovery Café, which provides personal hygiene kits to people experiencing addiction, homelessness, and mental health challenges. Attendees were asked to write a brief note of encouragement to include in the hygiene kits.

The event included a program that celebrated the awardee of the 2024 Young Alumna Community Service



2024 Young Alumnae Community Service Award Recipient, Sophia Looney '16.

Award, Sophia Looney '16, for her volunteerism as a Team Lead and mentor for high schoolers in STEM through the ACE Program. She did this while working as a Structural Engineer at Thornton Tomasetti in Chicago. Sophia was elated to serve as a mentor because she was a mentee herself in the program during her time at HNA. She credits the ACE program with sparking her joy of teaching. Upon returning to Seattle to pursue a career in teaching, Sophia found herself back under the Dome again—this time, as a long-term substitute teacher and JVC Basketball coach. She is currently working towards her master's degree in teaching and plans to be a math teacher in the future. Congratulations to you, Sophia!



1. (L-R): Chiara Maggiore '16, Maude Lustig '16, Jessica Irvine '17, Sophia Looney '16, Kristen Andersen '17, Olivia Vasquez '16, and Ella Hileman-Kaplan '16.
2. Members of the newest alumnae class back under the Dome for their first HNA Holiday Social. (L-R): Gwen Sawicki '24, Fiona Mullen '24, and Zahra Wooden '24.
3. (L-R): Lucia Swaner '23, Lucie Gilda '23, and Olivia Howe '23.
4. Members of the Class of 2017.

BIPOC ALUMNAE SOCIAL

The HNA Alumnae Board is proud to have added a new committee to its roster. The Black Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Committee was started in 2023 out of a desire to uplift and include the voices of HNA's alumnae of color from all generations. The first event the committee hosted was a social gathering at an HNA Varsity Basketball game in January. Alumnae from almost every decade from the 60s to today came to cheer on the Cougars, enjoy the performance of the HNA Cheer Team, and then gather for a casual social afterwards. Many thanks to the women who attended and made it a fun event for all! Moving forward, the BIPOC Committee plans to host at least one event a year and partner with current students in meaningful ways.



Front row (L-R): Regina Bagasan Powell '85, Laura Snowden La Rosa '09, Dalwyn Dean '67, Felicia Cross '83, and Brenda Lindgren '97. Back row (L-R): Tyler Schermerhorn '09, Harnette Slade Jones '83, Kim Carhee '85, Rachel McMillan '09, Jennifer Williams '97, and Karen Snowden '13.



Front row (L-R): Sid Iese '24 and Indigo Mays '24. Second row (L-R): Jennifer Williams '97, Brenda Lindgren '97, and Dalwyn Dean '67. Third row (L-R): Felicia Cross '83, Julia Reed '05, Karen Snowden '13, and Tyler Schermerhorn '09. Fourth row (L-R): Harnette Slade Jones '83, Laura Snowden La Rosa '09, and Rachel McMillan '09.

SAVE THE DATES!

Be on the lookout for more information about the following alumnae events:



50TH-YEAR/50+ REUNION SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025, AT 10 A.M.

The 50th-Year/50+ Reunion will honor the Class of 1975 for 50 years since HNA graduation. HNA will also celebrate other milestone years—such as the Classes of 1970, 1965, and 1960—and as always, alumnae from all classes celebrating more than 50 years since graduation are welcome to attend!

HNA WINE TASTING FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025, AT 6 P.M.

The HNA Wine Tasting event, *Sip Sip Hooray*, held at HNA, showcases wonderful wineries that offer tastings of their favorite wines for guests to enjoy. This event is open to the HNA community including alumnae and their family and friends.



ALUMNAE UPDATES



Members of the Class of 1958 gathered for lunch and conversation in July 2024 at St. Mary on the Lake, the residence of Sr. Sheila Lemieux, CSJP '58. A brief service was held in the chapel, where they remembered and prayed for their deceased classmates. The Class of '58 has been meeting quarterly for many years at a local restaurant, with typical attendance anywhere from 10 to 14 members. They held their 65th reunion in 2023 at Pauline Suva Coveny's home, and a record 22 classmates attended.

Front row (L-R): Lynn Eisen Kessler, Janie Jogan, Agnes Forras McDonald. Middle row (L-R): Loni Holubik Haslam, Diane Mills Brindle, Cheryl Anderson Williamson, Joan Legaz Moeller, Juana Braganza Peck. Back row (L-R): Paulina Suva Coveny; Sue Egan Kimmel; Louisa Jones; Beth Sweet Luthy; Pat Porteus Slusser; Carol Patrucelli Marbett; Sr. Marilee, CSJP; Sr. Sheila Lemieux, CSJP.



Members of the Class of 1964 celebrated their 60th year reunion at Suzy Martineau Banchemo's home on September 7. They made Neapolitan pizza and had amazing side dishes. Suzy confirms, "A good time was had by all!"

Members of the Class of 1973 gathered for their annual Christmas luncheon in December 2023—their 50th reunion year—and again this past December. This festive tradition started when the classmates were 16-year-old HNA students!



Members of the Class of '73 in December 2023:

Front row: Kathy Hopper Peters (L) and Marilyn Green Conway. Row 2 (L-R): Jaine Fisher, Mickey McChesney Abrams, Kate Lovejoy Sanford, Melanie Van Gaver Young, Pam Schmidt Hurley. Row 3 (L-R): Mary Kay Rauen Koon, Patty Riley, Anne Robel Anderson, Po Clark Powell. Row 4: Tacy Trudeau Cawdrey (L) and Gayle Seely.



Members of the Class of '73 in December 2024:

Front row: Kathy Hopper Peters (L) and Pam Schmidt Hurley. Back row (L-R): Tacy Trudeau Cawdrey, Po Clark Powell, Gayle Seely, Mary Kay Rauen Koon, Patty Riley, Mickey McChesney Abrams, Jaine Fisher, and Anne Robel Anderson.

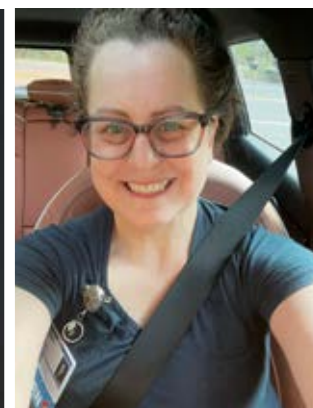
ALUMNAE UPDATES



Ann Perry Doll '88.



Yolanda Lewis-Ragland '88.



Alison Porter '92.

1980s

Swanee Bruner Rivers '82 and her husband, James, continue to enjoy life as empty nesters, including recent travel to Oregon, Alaska, Nevada, and California. Swanee notes that life offers much to see, and “we just want to see as much as we can.” A nationally-credentialed educator, Swanee has authored nine books and is proud to announce the release of her fourth children’s literary work, *Jake Robinson The Smallest Hero*. She sends a hearty hello to her former classmates and loves reading the latest updates in *Columns*.

Ann Perry Doll '88 is the Executive Director of the Resuscitation Academy Foundation and the Global Resuscitation Alliance. Recently, she attended a meeting at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, focusing on improving healthcare systems for time-critical emergencies in low and middle-income countries.

Yolanda Lewis-Ragland '88 was a recipient of the 2024 Biden-Harris President’s Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteer Service. Yolanda began her career in Public Health as a Peace Corps Volunteer serving as a Health Extensionist in Cape Verde, West Africa, before attending Howard University College of Medicine and training in Pediatrics at

Howard University Hospital. Today, Yolanda specializes in Pediatrics, with a special focus on Preventive Medicine and Obesity. She practices primarily in Washington D.C., where she was affiliated with Children’s National Hospital for nearly 20 years. She recently accepted a position as Associate Medical Director at Elevance Health. Her life’s work is dedicated to providing excellent healthcare services, closing the gap of healthcare disparities, and advocating for health equity in vulnerable populations and communities. She is also the Founder and President of Dr. Yolanda Cares Foundation, a non-profit organization that focuses on reducing health disparities in at-risk communities.

1990’s

Alison Porter '92 lives in Oregon and has been working at PeaceHealth since 2007. She is currently working in the Cardiology unit. She has two adult daughters. Her oldest daughter is married and has two sons, who Alison adores. Alison’s youngest daughter is following in her footsteps, embracing life while working in a hospital and furthering her education in healthcare.

2000s

Elizabeth Adamack '02 has been working in project management at Starbucks for more than three years and

recently had the opportunity to lead the holiday season social marketing campaign as a Campaign Manager for the 2024 holiday season. Elizabeth says, “It is so fun to bring the red cups to life for all our customers!”

Hanley Mead '05 recently opened a wine bar and bottle shop called Respite in Wallingford. Respite is a small, cozy space dedicated to sustainable food and wine. Hanley shares, “We believe we’re just borrowing this earth from the next generation, and we work with farmers, growers, distributors, and winemakers who believe the same.” Hanley curates a selection of wines from all over the world that taste amazing and reflect her values. Her co-owner, Madisyn, runs a small, but mighty, menu of seasonal, hyper-local food, including tinned fish from Taylor Shellfish and house-made pâtés.

Caitlyn Ramsey Moore '07 and her husband, Alex, live in West Seattle with their one-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Sloane. Sloane was baptized in June at Holy Rosary Church.

Sarah Gudaitis Olsen '07 and her husband, Peter, welcomed their third child, Ivy Elizabeth, on September 11. Ivy joins her three-year-old twin siblings, Anders and Emma.

SHARE YOUR NEWS

Did you graduate, move, study abroad, receive an award, get married, get a pet, change careers, have a baby, start a business, or get together with your HNA classmates? Submit your updates and pictures on our alumnae website: www.holynames-sea.org/alumnae/columns-magazine/ or email alumnae@holynames-sea.org.



Adriana Johnson Martin '09 recently celebrated the third anniversary of Adriana Martin Consulting. After nearly a decade of experience in fundraising and development, Adriana established her own consulting firm, specializing in supporting independent schools and nonprofit organizations in advancing their development efforts. Her work spans professional coaching, strategic planning, and leadership transition support, enabling her to collaborate with a diverse array of mission-driven organizations dedicated to serving the broader community. Reflecting on her journey, Adriana shared, "The Holy Names community played a pivotal role in giving me the confidence to take the leap and launch my own firm. The encouragement, guidance, and network of so many incredible women helped lay the foundation for AMC. I am deeply grateful for this community and the confidence it instilled in me to follow my passions."

Jessica Abutin Villanueva '09 and her husband, Patrick, celebrated the arrival

of their second baby, Cameron Brooks. Cameron joins his four-year-old big sister, Maddie James.

2010s

Emily Gudaitis von Massenhausen '10 and her husband, AJ, welcomed their first baby, Charles Arnold, on May 24. The happy family of three lives in Seattle.

Gabriela Villegas-Lohmeyer '11 and her husband, Giles, welcomed their fourth child, Gabriel Daniel, on December 16. They celebrated his baptism on December 29 in Tacoma.

Olivia Ochoa '12 became the head Children's Librarian at Dripping Springs Community Library in Dripping Springs, Texas, in December 2023 and has spent the last year leading story times, developing the children's collection, and participating in community outreach. She earned her Master of Science – Library and Information Science degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2021.

Jasmine McCleave Pressley '12 and her husband, Stefán, were married on September 2 in Destin, Florida. They currently live in Arizona, where Jasmine works teaching Sports Medicine in a high school.

Kylie Walsh Carpenter '13 and her husband, Scott, are living in the Seattle area with their one-and-a-half-year-old son, Liam James. Kylie currently works as an English teacher at HNA.

1. Hanley Mead '05 (L) and her business partner, Madysyn Scribner.
2. Sarah Gudaitis Olsen '07 with her husband, Peter, and their three children.
3. Caitlyn Ramsey Moore '07 with her husband, Alex, and daughter, Sloane.
4. Maddie James and Cameron Brooks Villanueva.
5. Gabriela Villegas-Lohmeyer '11 with her husband, Giles, and their children.
6. Jasmine McCleave Pressley '12 and her husband, Stefán.
7. Liam James Carpenter.

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Chloe Batara Valladares '14 and her husband, Elisha, welcomed their second child, Lucia Rose, on May 22, 2024.

Emily Almeda '15 married Zach Johnson on July 20, 2024, in the Holy Names Academy chapel. The couple included four HNA alumnae in their wedding party: Alison Almeda Notestine '13, Kayla Proffitt-James '15, Meaghan O'Connor-Lenth '15, and Riley Peterson '15.

Katherine Sarlitto '15 married Conrad Black on December 29, 2023, at Holy Family Parish in Kirkland. They met as undergraduate students at the University of Washington. Currently, they live in Boston, Massachusetts, where Katherine is working towards a Doctorate of Nursing Practice.

Sophia Looney '16 moved back to Seattle recently after living in Chicago and working as a Structural Engineer. She was a long-term substitute teacher at HNA during the 2024-2025 school year and served as the JVC Basketball coach. She is currently working towards her Masters in Teaching and hopes to teach high school STEM subjects in the future. Sophia was also the recipient of the Young Alumna Community Service Award in December 2024.

Racquel West '16 is currently a third year Ph.D. student at UC San Diego, where she studies how museums organize information as it pertains to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990. She hopes to begin her dissertation research in the fall.

Bridgette Hughes Winegand '16 graduated with her MBA with a specialization in healthcare systems



administration from Eastern Washington University.

2020s

Jackie Benson '20 graduated from Western Washington University with a degree in Communication Sciences & Disorders with a minor in Spanish and a minor in Linguistics. She was accepted to graduate school for audiology, where she will earn her clinical doctorate in 2028.

Christina Crow '21, a senior at MIT, earned an All-American title and helped her MIT Cross Country team earn its first NCAA Division III National Championship. Christina served as the team captain for two years, "a position that HNA Cross Country prepared me so well for," she said. Christina will graduate in the spring of 2025 with a degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Julia Hopper '21 graduated in December from Purdue University with a B.Sc. in

1. Emily Almeda '15 with her husband, Zach.
2. Jackie Benson '20.
3. Julia Hopper '21.
4. Katherine Sarlitto '15 with her husband, Conrad.
5. Christina Crow '21 (center) and the MIT Cross Country Team.
6. Lucia Rose Valladares.

Actuarial Science and Applied Statistics. She minored in Economics and Business Management and was a John Martins Honors College Medallion recipient. After an Economics and Culture study abroad program in Barcelona, Spain, Julia will move to Chicago this spring to start her new job as an Actuary Analyst at CVS/Aetna Health.

LAUREN TERRIEN '09

Lauren Terrien '09 is a global mega-events professional currently based in Miami, where she works as the Head of FIFA Fan Festivals for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. In this role, Lauren oversees the planning and operations of 11+ FIFA Fan Festivals across the United States, making soccer's biggest tournament a celebration that connects fans with the cultural richness of their host cities.

Lauren's career has taken her to seven countries over the past 12 years, including Russia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, the UAE, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and now the U.S. She has contributed to some of the world's largest events, such as the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics, Rio 2016 Summer Olympics, Expo 2020 Dubai, and the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. Her work earned her an Emmy for excellence in television production—recognition of her ability to deliver extraordinary experiences on a global scale.

Fluent in multiple languages and deeply passionate about cultural exchange, Lauren attributes much of her success to lessons she learned at HNA.

HOW DID HNA PREPARE YOU TO BE A LEADER? IS THERE A PARTICULAR PERSON IN YOUR LIFE WHO INSPIRED YOU?

HNA taught me the importance of having a voice and using it confidently. When I entered HNA, I was not a confident person: I put myself down frequently, constantly compared myself to the brilliance and intelligence of the girls around me and wondered if I had something unique to offer. Through my years at HNA, I learned how to harness my power as a young adult, that kindness significantly contributes to productive collaboration, that I have a unique voice and perspective, and that I shine when integrating myself in different projects. Learning at HNA gave me the tools to think strategically about what I wanted and how to achieve it, while also emphasizing the value of female relationships, both personally



and professionally. Some of my closest friends today are women I met at HNA, and I am eternally grateful for these friendships, which have provided guidance, deep connection, and fun.

My career has been shaped by incredible mentors, most notably Sarah McGibbon, my manager at Expo 2020 Dubai. Sarah taught me the importance of boundaries and humility and how to strategically position projects for success. Her guidance has made me a better leader and an advocate for mentoring others, especially women.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR UPCOMING LEADERS AND/OR CURRENT HNA STUDENTS?

Advocate for yourself and embrace risks. If it feels intimidating, that is often a sign you're on the brink of growth. Lean into the challenge because true progress and transformation happen outside your comfort zone. When I first started my career in the U.S., I realized that opportunities for women in leadership roles, especially in sports, were limited. So, I moved abroad,

where I found more room to grow and lead. Returning to the U.S. in 2024 after nearly 12 years away, I saw how significantly the landscape had changed for women in positions of leadership in sport but also recognize that there is more room for growth and more work to be done. So do not be afraid to step into roles and positions that scare you because that's how we get ahead.

Remember, you don't have to check every box to go after a big opportunity. There is an oft-quoted statistic that men tend to apply for roles when they meet 60% of the criteria, while women often feel the need to meet 100%. Push past that doubt and be your own cheerleader, take the leap and trust in your ability to learn and grow along the way.

WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF SERVING IN A LEADERSHIP ROLE?

Leadership, to me, is about empowering others. The most rewarding part of my work is mentoring younger colleagues and helping them find their voices. In Qatar, I led a multi-million-dollar broadcast project as one of the youngest people—and often the only woman—in the room. It was challenging, but I learned that when you take people on the journey, show them the steps, and give them the confidence to succeed, you can create incredible results together.

Leadership is about sharing your knowledge and creating space for others to flourish. It's a privilege to help someone realize their potential, and I'm honored to do that every day.



IN LOVING MEMORY

The Holy Names Academy community prayerfully remembers these alumnae and their families:

Joan Kerns Pain '43
Doris Grasser Duex '44
Rosemary O'Neill Jesmer '46
Esther Cearns Smith '47
Colleen Doherty '50
Eileen McGough Orse '50
Mary Elizabeth Cullinane Sloan '51
Constance Wink Swanson '51
Barbara "Mary" Reilly
McMonigle '52
Kathleen Naish Lamb '53
Nancy Pride Buck '54
Eleanore Ward '54
Sue Bradley Alfieri '56
Patricia Harney Curd '56
Collette Flink '56
Brennan "Nan" O'Connor '56
Marilyn Sylvester '56
Ann Moynihan Hegeberg '59
Marilyn Dalbec Gregg '60
Anne Gertrude Marti '60
Elaine Ethier '61
Mary Lou Taylor Pigg '61
Jean Carney '62
Kathleen Scordan Randall '63
Mary Kearny Cazzanigi Vance '63
Joann Faccone Paulson '64
Marilyn Theresa "Terry" Dearey
Sackett '64
Sandra Cloutier '65

Pam Prince Fiorini '66
Linda Jo Denmen O'Connell '66
Mary Alice "Maggi" Stanley
Whitaker '66
Kathleen Ann FitzGerald Gross '67
Patricia "Trish" Kahler Jason '68
Suzannah "Suzi" Rich Estrella '69
Maureen Gairns '69
Moira Prendergast '70
Sheila Ward '70
Patrice Anne Parr '73
Catherine "Cici" Conyne
Daviscourt '77
Catherine Gough Cesaro '80
Ronnie Francisco Abutin, father of Jessica Abutin '09 and Stephanie Abutin '13
George Mockly Anderson, father of Karen Anderson '72; grandfather of Jessica Peterson '16
Ippolito Angelotti, father of JoAnn Angelotti Froggét '77 and Angela Angelotti Guest '69 of Immaculate Conception High School; grandfather of Kristina Guest Hein '93 and Gabrielle Froggét '16
Nina Angelotti, mother of JoAnn Angelotti Froggét '77 and Angela Angelotti Guest '69 of Immaculate Conception High School; grandmother of Kristina Guest Hein '93 and Gabrielle Froggét '16
Matthew Belfie, brother of HNA faculty member, Anneliese Belfie
Lee Bolton, husband of Janie Steinberger Bolton '64; brother-in-law of Sr. Celine Steinberger, SNJM '60 (dec.)

Zackery Bouey, father of Swannee Rivers '82
David Crowell, father of HNA staff member, Dawn Crowell
Bill Eisiminger, friend and generous supporter of HNA
Frances Feng, former HNA faculty member
Carlos Ibarra, father of Cindy Ibarra '01
Patrick MacDonald, brother of Madeline McKenzie '72 and Monica Torrey '74 (dec.); uncle of Karin Edenholtm '86 and Emily McKenzie '01
Grace McLaughlin, mother of Kathy McLaughlin Jordan '70 and Mary Jo McLaughlin Waller '72
Elinor Moschetto, mother of Judy Moschetto '66, Marijean Moschetto '69, and Terri Moschetto '71
Rex Noffsinger, father of Angela Noffsinger '18
Linda Ortmeier, mother of Brandon Helgerson-Ortmeier '00
Eric Peterson, father of Rosie '25
John "Jack" Roark, husband of Maude Oeser Roark '49 (dec.); father of Molly Roark Johnson '80, Monica Roark Carlin '81, and Colleen Roark Nicklos '83; brother of Jeannette Roark Nelson '48 (dec.); HNA kindergarten student in the 1950s
Jason Souza, husband of Tori Kohl Souza '90; father of Isabel Souza '21
Joanne Huot Spiller, Holy Names Academy and Holy Names High School (Oakland, CA) '54; sister-in-law of Joan Spiller Saxton '61



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