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Volunteers needed. Email alumni@sandiaprep.org.



brick by brick

Leave your mark on campus...etched in stone!



Justine Sanchez '07

Don't miss your chance to participate in the next installment of the alumni brick entrance. Nearly 200 alumni bricks were revealed at the Field House Dedication in mid-August, but we've saved space for those of you who haven't yet reserved your brick.

**Final brick installment deadline:
Friday, October 31, 2008**

The limited edition pavers are tax-deductible, if you itemize, and are just:

- \$10 a month (\$120 total) for 2008-1998 graduates
- \$12.50 a month (\$150 total) for 1997-1969 graduates

Reserve your brick now!

field house dedication & alumni brick unveiling

In August, SPS celebrated the opening of the new Field House with a ribbon-cutting and alumni brick unveiling.

The \$5.1 million, 23,000+ square foot Field House is an incredible addition to campus and further emphasizes Sandia Prep's strong athletic program.



Alumni Association President, Ken Tekin Jr. '97, his wife Anne and son Rylan

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class reunion updates

Class of 1999

Planning is underway for the Class of 1999's ten-year reunion. Heather Marot (Barr) '99 is looking for classmates who would like to help plan a reunion. If you're interested in helping or just want to send Heather your contact information for future updates, please email Heathaba@gmail.com or your SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Class of 1998

When: SPS Homecoming Weekend – September 19 & 20, 2008

Plan now to join your former classmates for your ten-year reunion!

Happy Hour – Friday, September 19th – El Piñito Restaurant

Stop by for drinks and appetizers with your former classmates, teachers and coaches.

Campus Tour with Ron Briley – Saturday, September 20th, 10am – Meet in the Quad

SPS has changed a lot since you graduated and if you haven't stopped by campus lately, you'll be amazed at the new buildings and campus layout.

Family Picnic – Saturday, September 20th, 10am to 2pm – SPS campus and fields

Bring your family and/or friends for a trip down memory lane! The soccer, volleyball and tennis teams will play in some heated tournaments + the SPS Alumni Association will host a complimentary picnic and a variety of family-friendly activities for the kiddos.

Reunion Party – Saturday, September 20th, 2pm to 5pm

– Quarters Restaurant on Wyoming

The party will be catered and will include a cash bar. Dress will be casual and spouses and significant others are welcome and encouraged to attend. Entrance to the party will be \$20 a person.

Help is still needed to pull off this weekend of fun. If you're interested in volunteering in any capacity, please email Drea at akendall@unm.edu, John Fernandez at John.Fernandez@HILL.af.mil, Lisa Duncan at mydaisymountain@yahoo.com, MJ (Besante) Sams at mjbesante05@comcast.net or your SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Class of 1994

It's time to celebrate your fifteen-year reunion! Sally (Heath) Kilbride '94 and Joanna Clarke '94 have started to plan for this anniversary event. If you're interested in helping or just want to send Sally and Joanna your contact information for future updates, please email Sally at sallykilbride@yahoo.com, Joanna at joannaclarke07@gmail.com or your SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Class of 1978

When: Columbus Day Weekend – October 11 & 12, 2008

Plan now to celebrate your 30th reunion during the second week of October! Tina Sparks Duncan '78 is putting together the event specifics for your anniversary celebration now, and members of '77 and '79 are invited to join in on the fun!

■ **Campus Tour with Pete MacFarlane** – Saturday, October 11th – Meet in the Quad

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■ **Reunion Party** – Saturday, October 11th – Location TBD

To learn more, please email Tina at cduncan4@optonline.net or contact the SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org or call 505.338.3021.

reunion recaps

Over the summer, the classes of '88 and '93 celebrated their class reunions. Each had an incredible time and said that they enjoyed reminiscing with their former classmates and teachers.

[Click here](#) for complete recaps from these anniversary celebrations.



Class of 1988 Reunion



Class of 1993 Reunion

WANTED: class of '89 & '79 reunion reps

We're looking for volunteers to help plan upcoming class reunions. Your SPS Alumni Affairs Office is committed to making this process as simple as possible and is available to help in a variety of ways. If you'd like to learn more, email alumni@sandiaprep.org.



alumni notes

Please note, this is just a sampling of submitted alumni notes. In the September 2008 edition of PrepPost (slated to hit your mailboxes in just a few weeks!) 50+ alums are included.

Carla Weiner '86 and her twin brother, **Andy '86** (pictured together, right) celebrated their 40th birthday in May. During the milestone anniversary, the twins reminisced about their 18th birthday party, celebrated memorably with friends from Prep.



Magnolia Rae, the daughter of John and Colleen Eger Rauscher '95

Colleen (Eager) Rauscher '95 reports that she and John are having a wonderful time with their daughter Magnolia Rae, "She's the funniest little lady we've ever met!" Colleen continues to work for Whole Foods Market on their Regional Marketing team and said her post merger business often brings her back to NM. The '95 grad said that John owns a contracting company and is working on two very large projects in Denver. He was recently featured on the DIY Network remodeling show, Sweat Equity for their finished basement. Colleen also reports that she is regularly able to catch up with her former '95 classmates Raul Torrez, Faizel Kassam, Steve Smith, Bree Lovelady, VA Hayman and Rebecca Debenport.

Adam Shadoff '97 is working as a Sports Anchor & Reporter for KRQE Channel 13 in Albuquerque.

In early August, **Alex Kwak '01** moved to Chicago to work for the Office of Philanthropic Affiliation at the University of Chicago. Alex makes the move after working at Vanderbilt University for the past three years. The '01 grad reports that he was a groomsman at the wedding of Tyler Anthony '01 and Aimee Moreau on August 9, 2008. The couple were married in New Orleans and are now in their final year of physical therapy school at Duke University. Alex said that the wedding was well attended by several SPS alums, including Chad Kennedy '01, Andy Sharp '01 and Ben Anthony '01 who were also groomsmen.



Several members of the class of '01 gathered at the wedding of Tyler Anthony '01 and Aimee Moreau on August 9, 2008. Pictured from left: Alex Kwak, Tyler Anthony, Chip Conlee, Chad Kennedy and Anson Chen

Rena Gardenswartz '00 is working at Johnson & Wales University as a Student Leadership Development Programs Manager in their Community Leadership Institute. Her position oversees all student leadership development efforts, including its two-year flagship program known as the Leadership Academy. This fall, Rena will graduate with her M.A. in Conflict Resolution from the University of Denver. Her graduate thesis is titled "Assessing the Relative Merits of Curriculum-Based Bullying Prevention Programs." Rena also recently submitted and presented a paper that was published in the Proceedings of the International Education for Peace Conference in Vancouver, Canada entitled "The Intersection of Bullying and Restorative Justice in Creating More Peaceful Schools."

Zac Westbrook '01 is the Deputy Director of Legislative and Political Affairs for the New Mexico Governor's office.

If you'd like to submit your news for future issues of PrepPost or the alumni insider, please email alumni@sandiaprep.org.

New!

online apparel store

Visit Sandia Prep's new online apparel store to pick up your favorite SPS gear, including: short and long sleeve tees, hoodies, jerseys, sweatshirts, tanks, bags and towels. Many styles are available in adult, youth and toddler sizes. [Click here](#) to place an order.



volunteer opportunity

Your SPS Alumni Affairs office is looking for volunteers to help plan our alumni cooking class. If you'd like to help out with this first-time event, please email alumni@sandiaprep.org.

[Click here](#) for additional volunteer opportunities.



Pack the 'Post' - Send us your news!

We're gathering updates for the December issue of *PrepPost*. Being that this is typically everyone's favorite section, we're working hard to include as many alumni notes as possible. If you've started a new hobby or job, got married, have a new addition to the family or just have something fun you want to share, send your news and photos to alumni@sandiaprep.org. Help us 'Pack the Post!'

wanted: current contact information

The SPS Alumni Affairs Office has a decent database of contact information, but there are many alums who are still saved in the system under their parent's address. To ensure that you receive details about all the exciting events we have planned for the upcoming year, as well as future issues of *PrepPost*, please send your current mailing and email address to the SPS alumni office at alumni@sandiaprep.org or call 505.338.3021.

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The Field House not only increases the number of seats available, but houses a state-of-the-art fitness center, a 850-seat gymnasium, a deluxe training suite, a multipurpose classroom, additional locker rooms and athletic department offices, as well as additional storage space.

The Field House replaces the original gym of Sandia Prep built in the 1950s.

Click here to see internal photos of the new Field House.



Leigh Ryan '71 with nephew Ryan Hunter '15

calendar markings

Your alma mater has several fun events planned for the near future. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend one or all of our advertised events. Full details will be available closer to the scheduled activities — visit <http://alumni.sandiaprep.org> for the most up-to-date details.



Homecoming

Saturday, September 20, 2008 · East Quadrangle



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Class of 1998 Reunion

September 19-20, 2008 · Details listed above in ***Class Reunion Updates***.

Class of 1978 Reunion

October 11-12, 2008 · Details listed above in ***Class Reunion Updates***.

Recent Grad Lunch

January 2009 · SPS Commons

Invitations will be sent in late December. For more information email alumni@sandiaprep.org or call 505.338.3021.

Alumni Induction Breakfast

Friday, May 22, 2009 · Russell Student Center Mezzanine

Sandia Prep's Class of 2009 will be officially welcomed into the SPS Alumni Association!

2009 SPS Commencement

Saturday, May 30, 2009 · East Quadrangle

Help congratulate Sandia Prep's Class of 2009! Attending alumni will receive recognition and a keepsake.