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win a \$50 VISA gift card

help us put together a facebook and myspace profile

As part of our continued efforts to interact and reach our alums, the SPS Alumni Association is joining the Facebook and MySpace revolution. In addition to our online alumni community site, <http://alumni.sandiaprep.org>, we're adding an SPS Alumni Association profile on both Facebook and MySpace.

To do this we're asking for your help. We need to put together an accurate, yet fun personal profile and are hosting a contest to see which alum can come up with the most creative submission. The winner will receive a \$50 VISA gift card and will be announced in the upcoming issue of the *alumni insider*.

Entering is easy and fun, simply [click here](#) and submit your answers by Friday, December 14, 2007.

Questions?

Contact your Alumni Affairs Office at alumni@sandiaprep.org or call 505.338.3021.

field house brick campaign

only 123 bricks remain, reserve yours now!

The SPS Alumni Association is selling bricks to help support Sandia Prep's new 23,000+ square foot Field House & Gymnasium. The plan is to decoratively brick a portion of the new Field House entrance with personalized and engraved bricks with the name and graduation year of participating alums.

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

- \$10 a month (\$120 total) for 2007-1997 graduates
- \$12.50 a month (\$150 total) for 1996-1969 graduates

Bricks can be purchased for a one-time fee or can be broken up into monthly payments.



Bricks remaining – Don't delay, act now!

As of this morning we have 123 reserved bricks left – have your name etched in history, [reserve your brick now!](#)



alumni notes

fall sports recap

The Sundevils had a great fall season:

- ☀ **Girls Soccer** won their ninth consecutive district championship with an 18-6 season finish.
- ☀ **Boys Soccer** finished strongly with a 16-4-2 record, winning their 12th consecutive district championship.
- ☀ **Volleyball** finished second in district with a season record of 13-6.
- ☀ **The Girls and Boys Cross Country** teams each finished fourth in the district.



Danielle Castioni '07, a freshman at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ, is working as a Staff Writer and is the lead graphics person at the weekly student newspaper, *The Stute*. The recent SPS grad reports that she is really enjoying her engineering classes and is amazed at how quickly she was “thrown into the real stuff.” Dani is serving as a Resident Hall Assistant at her dorm – where she has an incredible view of Manhattan – and spends weekends exploring the city with her roommate.



Dani Castioni '07 explores the Big Apple with several of her new friends from Stevens Institute of Technology.

Jillian Gonzales '91 and her husband Brian welcomed a second daughter Remedios Dorothea into their family on November 13, 2007 at 12:12am. Remedios Dorothea weighed in at 5 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19.5 inches. Jillian reported that big sister Anamaria is very excited about the new baby.



Sisters Anamaria and Remedios, daughters of Jillian '91 and Brian Gonzales.

Ana Romero Jurisson '03 graduated from Occidental College in May 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Diplomacy and World Affairs, Spanish Literary and Cultural Studies. The '03 grad graduated *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, and also received college honors in each of her majors. Ana was recently accepted to UNM's School of Law and is participating in their dual degree program to earn her law degree in conjunction with a master's degree in Latin American Studies. During her undergraduate years, Ana was a member of the Occidental Glee Club and traveled on singing tours to Romania, Czech Republic, Austria and Australia. During the fall semester of her junior year she participated in a rural community research project interviewing ex Sandinistas in the remote mountain villages of Nicaragua. Prior to her senior year at Occidental College, Ana worked in Senator Jeff Bingaman's office as an intern.

University of Denver student **Jessica Crotta '05** is majoring in International Studies with a double minor in Spanish and Chinese. The recent SPS grad is spending the year in Valparaiso, Chile where she plans to spend the next several months traveling throughout South America. Jessica will be exploring South America until early March 2008 and studying in Valparaiso until July 2008 — she is looking for suggestions as to where to visit and what not to miss. If you have a suggestion, email jcrotta@du.edu. On another note, Jessica said she unexpectedly met up with another SPS alum, **Selma Kettwich '05** at the Chilean Study Abroad Office. We literally “ran into each other” said Jessica. “Selma was here for a semester (July-December) and is now traveling around the south of Chile before she goes back to University of Puget Sound (UPS) to study Biology.” Selma, a member of the UPS Volleyball Team can be reached at skettwich@ups.edu.



'05 grads Jessica Crotta and Selma Kettwich met up unexpectedly in Valparaiso, Chile. In this photo the two are hiking Mt. Macoen in the Andes which looks out over Mt. Anconcagua, Argentina - the highest peak in all of Americas.



field house construction update

Construction for the new SPS Field House & Gymnasium is well underway. The project is expected to be completed in early April 2008 and will add an 850-seat gymnasium, 85 parking spaces, training room suite, weight and conditioning area, home and visiting team locker rooms, coaching staff offices, officials' office and a large, multipurpose classroom. The Field House will replace Prep's original (East) Gym, built in the 1950s. To check out construction progress or to take an interactive tour, [click here](#).



Sandia Prep's new Field House on Nov. 27, 2007

home for the holidays?

SPS alumni are invited to visit campus whenever they are in the area. During the holidays we receive an influx of visitors and are excited to catch up with our former students and friends.

If you're interested in stopping by to say hello, check out the new buildings or just want to take a walk down memory lane, please contact your Alumni Affairs Office at alumni@sandiaprep.org or call 505.338.3021.

If possible we can pull the schedules of your favorite teachers or organize a personalized tour. Hope to see you soon!

reunion updates & announcements

Class of 1998

It's time to celebrate your 10th anniversary – has it really been that long?! **Drea (Brue) Kendall '98** has offered to help her fellow classmates put together a ten-year class reunion and is looking for help to get a committee together. If you're interested in volunteering, please email Drea directly at akendall@unm.edu or your SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Class of 1993

Interested in getting together for a 15-year reunion? **Richie Ramos '93** is putting together a committee to help plan a reunion. If you want to learn more, please email Richie at ramosric@msu.edu or your SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Class of 1988

Planning for your twenty-year reunion is now in progress. Classmates **Chris White '88** and **Adena Brumer '88** have offered to help and are currently searching for updated contact information for members of this class. If you're interested in helping or want to learn more, please email Chris at chriswhite88@comcast.net, Adena at adenas@yahoo.com or our SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org.

Class of 1978

It's hard to believe that 30 years has passed so quickly! To help gather your former classmates together to celebrate, please contact the SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org or call 505.338.3021.

be on the lookout for your prep post delivery

The December issue of *Prep Post* should arrive in your mailbox within the next several days to the address we have on file. The upcoming issue features Sandia Prep's growing efforts to go "green" and includes mentions of more than 45+ alumni.

🌻 **45+ alums included in December PP issue!** 🌻

If you'd don't receive a copy, please contact the SPS Alumni Affairs office at alumni@sandiaprep.org or call 505.338.3021.



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 events — visit <http://alumni.sandiaprep.org> for the most up-to-date details.



pack the 'post' - Send us your news!

We're gathering updates for the May issue of *Prep Post*. 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!

have you moved?

Your Alumni Affairs office is constantly working to keep our database up-to-date, but we realize that our alumni move and don't always send us their new contact info. We have some exciting activities planned for this year (a cooking class, individual class reunions, out-of-state 'Meet & Greet' visits and more!) – so send us your contact information and we'll be sure to send you all the details.

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Recent Grad Lunch for Members of Class of 2007

Wednesday, January 9, 2008 • SPS Commons

'07 grads are invited to come back to SPS on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 for a lunch of green chile stew, tortillas and more local favorites. The recent grads will have the chance to mingle with former classmates and teachers, while giving current SPS Seniors insight into their first semester at college. Invitations will be sent later this month. For more information email alumni@sandiaprep.org or call 505.338.3021.

Alumni Cooking Class

February 2008 • Location TBD

Join your fellow SPS alumni for an evening of fun at Sandia Prep's first alumni cooking event. A guest chef will teach participants how to make a variety of starters, tapas and appetizers. To RSVP or to learn more, email alumni@sandiaprep.org or call 505.338.3021.

SPS Drama Department Presents "High School Musical"

February 28 - March 1, 2008 • 7pm • March 2, 2008 • 2pm • SPS Theater

The Sandia Prep Theater Department proudly presents the popular "High School Musical." Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$6 for students and \$6 for seniors (55+). Tickets are available by emailing tickets@sandiaprep.org or by calling the SPS Box Office at 338-3031. Come enjoy an evening of Sandia Prep theater!

Field House Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony & Alumni Brick Entrance Unveiling

April 2008 • SPS Field House

Join us as we reveal Sandia Prep's newest campus addition, the SPS Field House! During the campus-wide celebration we'll unveil the alumni brick entrance and campus tours will be available.

Noche de Arte

Friday, April 25, 2008 • Hyatt Regency Downtown

Don't miss our biennial auction gala on Friday, April 25, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown. The auction will include travel, home and lifestyle, and other "art of fine living" items. For sponsorship, auction item, ticket or volunteer information, please contact SPS Associate Director of Development Roxanna Caird at 505.338.3029 or email rcaird@sandiaprep.org.

Alumni Induction Breakfast

Friday, May 23, 2008 • Russell Student Center

Sandia Prep's Class of 2008 will be officially welcomed into the SPS Alumni Association!

2008 SPS Commencement

Saturday, May 31, 2008 • East Quadrangle

Help congratulate Sandia Prep's Class of 2008. Attending alumni will receive recognition and a keepsake.