



# Panther POSTSCRIPTS



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**Co-Presidents**  
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## **CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

What are you doing on November 15? Many Burlingame residents, BHS alums, students, staff and their supporters will be back at school to attend the activities surrounding this year's Little-Big Game. The highlight of the day will be the return of BHS fans to see the newly refurbished stadium and grandstands. The entire project was made possible by the generous bequest of the Umland family, in honor of Peter Umland, Class of 1954 and Alumnus of the Year in 2001.

The Burlingame High School Alumni Association is proud of our alums and of the accomplishments of our organization in the last year.

- New members have joined our ranks.
- Two very deserving Burlingame High School seniors received Alumni scholarships.
- Experienced educators, Linda McLaughlin and Fred Wolfram were honored as Alumni of the Year for their commitment to the students at BHS.
- The organization bylaws were revised and updated.
- We launched our website, bringing us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century world of communications with you, our members.

That doesn't mean that there are not exciting things ahead. We will:

- Welcome 14 athletes into the BHS Athletic Hall of Fame on November 15th.
- Begin a series of fund raising efforts designed to honor graduates, support our

alumni and the students at Burlingame High School.

- Select the special graduating senior(s) who will receive scholarship(s).
- Select the special individual who will be chosen as 2015's Alumni of the Year.
- Continue to keep the alumni community informed about our activities and connect with the exciting events at our alma mater. Please connect and sign up via [www.burlingamealumni.org](http://www.burlingamealumni.org)

Make sure that you click the links to the official high school website, [www.bhs.schoolloop.com](http://www.bhs.schoolloop.com) and connect to the *Burlingame B*, where you'll be able to see the current accomplishments of the today's amazing generation of Burlingame High School students.

**Principal's Message**  
**By P. Di Yim**



Dear Panther Alumni,

We are well into another school year at our beloved Burlingame High, and we are incredibly lucky to offer a comprehensive and active learning environment to our students because of the parent and community support. Our school mission is to prepare our students to be academically and socially responsible. Over many years, our staff has been privileged to be a part of the endeavor to help our students be successful in the path of their choosing. Our academic and extracurricular programs are designed to prepare students for college and career, as well as to provide them opportunities to practice civic and socially responsible behavior. We want our

students to be self-directed and persistent learners so that they can face the challenges after high school with resilience and resolution. Even in my short time at Burlingame High, I have met a number of impressive BHS alumni who inspire our sense of Panther Pride. I trust that we will continue the path of excellence with our new generation of BHS students.

Our students must meet expectations at local, state, and national levels as they acquire skills that are now considered foundational for success. For example, the new Common Core State Standards are intended to ensure that students are ready for success after high school. These standards establish guidelines for what every student should know and be able to do in writing, reading, and math. The focus is on developing critical-thinking, problem-solving, and analytical skills needed in college and career. To this end, our teachers have been engaged in Common Core implementation and instructional practices. By collaborating in professional learning communities, teachers have been working on essential learning outcomes, formative assessments, and integration of technology to enhance learning.

As engrossing curriculum and instruction can be, we have also been working on expanding the resources and facilities for our students' use. A new multi-purpose building is being constructed where the oldest classroom building (F Building) used to be located. This new structure will house high-speed networked classrooms, technology lab, culinary facility, and collaborative spaces. The Alumni Association has been working with the architects of this project to establish a donor wall that will raise funds for students. The expected completion of this new academic building is summer 2015. Another exciting project is the refurbishment of the athletic stadium bleachers, and this project is only a few weeks away from the completion date. We will have our first home football game in late October, and BHS will be able to host the much-anticipated Little-Big Game on November 15 in our new bleachers.

Being principal of BHS is energizing in ways that are hard to describe, and the most fulfilling moments occur when I have an opportunity to connect with our students. One such experience happened several weeks ago at *Camp Everytown*, a

unique program that seeks to create a safe, inclusive community by igniting leadership in every participant who will actively share a message of respect, acceptance, and responsibility. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Burlingame, *Camp Everytown* gave its participants an opportunity to develop close bonds with each other during a 4-day, 3-night residential experience. I had the good fortune to be able to visit with them on their last night, and I was immediately struck by their exuberance and depth. They engaged in each activity with gravity and joy. Their insight was incredible. Their openness was humbling. The family atmosphere was palpable. I believe in the preciousness of every student we have at BHS, and what I saw at *Camp Everytown* confirmed it.

Go Panthers!

For those of you who don't know, Mike broke his neck in a diving accident in 1976, abruptly ending his collegiate football career. The accident left Mike permanently paralyzed as a quadriplegic. After years of rehabilitation, Mike joined the work force. He worked with computers, helping other handicapped people, and led by example. He counseled others who were facing challenges in their own lives while offering them encouragement.

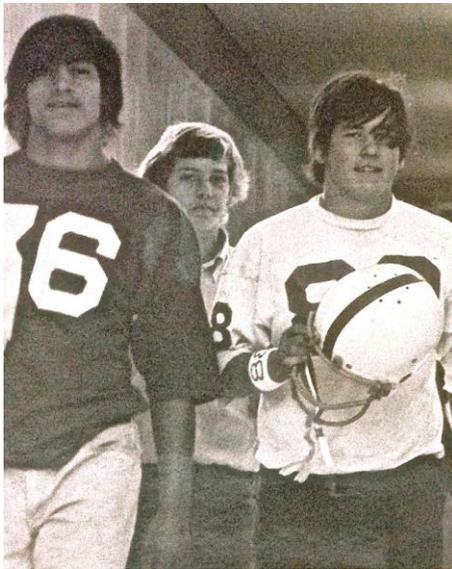
Mike is an inspiration to all those he touches. He shows everyone how to deal with setbacks, disappointments and failing health. #76 was not only a great BHS football player; he set the standard that all of us strive for when it comes to living life to its fullest, without excuses. With the lessons he learned from his family and the coaches and faculty of BHS, #76, stands alone as an example to us all.

591-3194 or you may purchase your ticket online or at the event.

### FOOTBALL ALUMNI BANQUET

BHS will host its first Football Alumni Banquet at the Burlingame Masonic Hall, 145 Park Rd in Burlingame. The event will be held on Friday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The price is \$50pp and includes a wonderful dinner the night before the annual Little-Big Game. Please come join the current Varsity Football team and Coach John Philipopolous for this event. To RSVP, please contact Rusty Knudsen at [BHSAlumni74@gmail.com](mailto:BHSAlumni74@gmail.com) or at (408) 666-3599. We hope you join this first Alumni event. Next year's plans include flag football tournament followed by a banquet.

### Burlingame High School Honors Michael Joseph Giron Class of 1974



Michael Joseph Giron (Class of 1974), will be honored at the Little-Big game this year on Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>, when BHS and his fellow teammates ceremoniously retire his #76 football jersey during halftime. Mike joins two other BHS legends, Drew Shiller class of 2005 and Tim Knudsen class of 1981 as the only other BHS players to be so honored.

Mike not only was a dominating offensive and defensive lineman (all-league, all-county and all-Central Coast Section), he took the lessons learned on the fields and classrooms of BHS of grit, hard work, perseverance, determination and stick-to-itiveness of a never-give-up attitude he applied during the next 40 years of his life.



Burlingame High School is happy to honor, #76 Michael Joseph Giron class of 1974.

### 2014 Hall Of Fame Inductees

On Saturday, November 15th, 2014, the Burlingame High School Alumni Association will induct the following into the Athletic Hall of Fame: Coach Frank Firpo, Bill Beaman '49, Damon Lembi '90, Mariano Y. Arrua '03, Jacklyn O'Connor Friedland '89, Steve Merchant '73, Steve Olds '59, Erik Houts '67, Silvia Aquirre-Barr '84 and the 2004 Varsity Baseball CCS Champions.

A special presentation at half time will be held for the retirement of Mike Giron's class of 1974 jersey. Tim Knudsen, 1981 and Drew Shiller, 2005 have previously been honored.

Presentation and induction will be prior to the San Mateo-Burlingame Little-Big game. Registration is at 8:30am in the Burlingame High School Alumni Room (facing Washington Park). The cost is \$15.00, which includes a continental breakfast and a ticket to the football game. Send your remittance to the Burlingame High School Alumni Association, Attention: Athletic Hall of Fame, 1 Mangini Way, Burlingame, CA 94010 or call Michael McQueen at (650)

### 'Ye Olde Timers' – and Proud of It!

There is a group of delightful, lively guys and girls who get together once a year in various towns of California, Washington, and Nevada to celebrate their friendship, catch up, play golf, eat, drink, and have a great time. The latest gathering took place in September in Santa Rosa, at the home of Dave and Jean Spath.



Joining them were (top row) Rob Foote, Reed Baird, Gale Manwaring, Jim Viano, Suzy Viano, (middle row) Jean and Dave Spath, John and Bobbie Kraft, Sylvia Monahan '56, Carol Seawell, Earlene Carter '59, (front row) Kevin Monahan, Bill Seawell, Jim Manwaring, and Ted Carter. Frank and Vicki Goss will join them at the next event.

This bunch of active BHS graduates have been meeting every year for 20 years! They graduated from Burlingame in 1955, or thereabouts, and have remained close for over 60 years. As golfing great Rob Foote put it, this group represents the "camaraderie of special friends, a zest for life and the joy of enduring friendships". We wish the same for all of you.

**2013**  
**ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR**



**Linda Vickery McLaughlin, Class of 1967**

BHS Co-Alumni of the Year honors for 2014 go to Linda Vickery McLaughlin, recently retired advisor to the Burlingame "B" as well as language and composition teacher for Advanced English. Linda's roots at Burlingame High can be traced to 1929 when her grandfather, Sam Beeman, began his 30-year career teaching art to BHS students. Her grandmother, Alice Beeman, taught at BHS from the late 1940's to 1969, and served a number of years as Dean of Girls. Her mother and father also graduated from Burlingame. Her mother, Elsie Beeman Vickery '47, was named Alumna of the Year in 1979.

Linda graduated from BHS in 1967 and took a meandering route back to the school, including studies at the University of California, Berkeley, and the College of Notre Dame in Belmont. In 1979, she ran a clothing store in Burlingame called the *Black Sheep* and then worked at the writing center at the College of San Mateo before landing back at Burlingame High School teaching a course in journalism.

Linda has been a dedicated English teacher, and for 26 of her 27 years at BHS, she both taught journalism and was advisor to the staff of the high school newspaper, the *Burlingame B*. During her tenure the paper won many top awards and made the transition to daily digital circulation. She has enjoyed seeing the newspaper grow with the advances in technology. It was a proud moment when two of her students created a computer and mobile app for the *B*.

As the *B* advisor, journalism quickly won a place in her heart. From the course and from the students, she said, "you learn so much more about the high school and community."

For a time, there were two Ms. McLaughlins teaching at Burlingame when Linda's daughter, Tara, taught a math class at the school. Tara, along with her brother TJ and her sister Erin, graduated from BHS, continuing the family connection, an unbroken line of four generations of students and teachers at Burlingame High School.

A devoted teacher who never turned her back on a challenge and spent every working to enhance the lives of her students. Now, in retirement, she will spend time with her grandchildren and plans on traveling and doing extensive research on the history of BHS. She is also hoping that those grandchildren, the next generation, will have the opportunity to attend Burlingame High School.

In September 2014 Linda was elected to the position of Historian of the Burlingame High School Alumni Association.



**Fred Wolfgramm, Class of 1990**

BHS Co-Alumni of the Year honors for 2014 go to Fred Wolfgramm. He graduated from BHS in 1990. After working in several schools in the San Mateo Union High School District, Fred returned to Burlingame as Dean of Students. He loves working with the staff, teachers, students and the great Burlingame community that he has known since childhood.

One of Fred's responsibilities has been as the faculty advisor to the Service

Commission, a group of student leaders selected by their peers. When he started with the group, there were 14 members and now the leadership group numbers 40. His goal as the Dean of Students and advisor to the Service Commission has been to teach students, as he says, "to be proud of themselves at school and in the community...There is a bigger world out there, and every student brings his or her unique history and perspective to school to share with others."

Fred grew up in Burlingame, and attended McKinley Elementary School, Burlingame Intermediate and Burlingame High School. While at BHS, he was heavily involved in athletics, lettering in football, basketball and baseball. On the varsity football team, he was the Captain and quarterback. He was Captain and guard on the varsity basketball team. Other commitments included both music and student government.

Fred was heavily involved in student government, serving as Freshman Class President, ASB President and a member of the BHS Service Commission. Fred's love of music led him to participate in the marching, concert and jazz bands throughout his time at BHS. Fred graduated BHS in 1990 as Senior of the Year, Senior Boys Athlete of the Year and a National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete award winner.

Fred attended college at UC Santa Barbara where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Law and Society. After graduation he joined the law firm of Weil, Gotshal and Manges and worked for many years in their Intellectual Property Litigation department. In 2004, Fred went back to school to obtain his teaching credential and started working part-time at San Mateo County Juvenile Probation as a Group Youth Supervisor, leading eventually to his return to Burlingame.

Fred and his wife Michelle live in San Mateo with their 7-year-old son Robert. In his spare time Fred volunteers with his son's baseball team and serves as a Board Member of San Mateo Little League American.

**Do not miss next year's event!**



You may submit your stories to [connectingwithjo-ellen@burlingamealumni.org](mailto:connectingwithjo-ellen@burlingamealumni.org)

**Donations**

1945 – Ann Day Peter – In memory of Ken Bogel, husband of Betsy Bogel '45  
1951 – Naomi and Bob Cessna – In memory of Steven Chase '80 (son of Tom and Sharon Chase '57)  
1958 – Jo-Ellen Arnaudo Ellis - In memory of Steven Chase '80 (son of Tom and Sharon Chase '57)  
1953 – Michael and Sharon McQueen In memory of Steven Chase '80 (son of Tom and Sharon Chase '57)

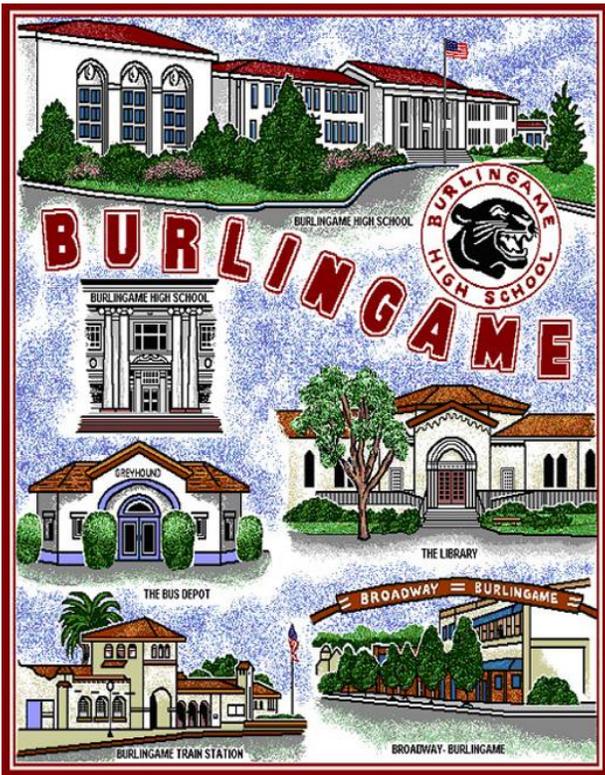
1958 – Larry Davis and 1960 Linda Davis Hinrichs – In memory of Chuck Mink and Deke Harger  
1962 – Kristi Johnson Crooks – In memory of her sister L. Carol Johnson '64  
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1955 – Peter Ueberroth  
1957 – Chester “Chet” Parks  
1957 – Richard McCormac  
1957 – Doreen Drew  
1963 – Lonnie Giacalone Hurst  
1966 – Patricia Friebeil Silva  
1968 – Patrica “Patty” Holbrook  
1974 – Fred Nelson  
1975 – Laura Hesselgren  
1984 – Nicole Tempest Keller  
2013 – William Ohlund

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**THE BURLINGAME BLANKET**--The BHS Blanket continues to sell out. Due to the ongoing demand our vendor has agreed not to increase the price to us; therefore, we are still offering the blanket to Life Members at \$40.00 and to all others at \$45.00. Please add \$6.00 for postage and handling for each blanket if you request shipment.

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You may order online at the Alumni Store.

For pick-up info, call Mike McQueen at 650-591-3194 or email BHSAlumAssoc@aol.com.