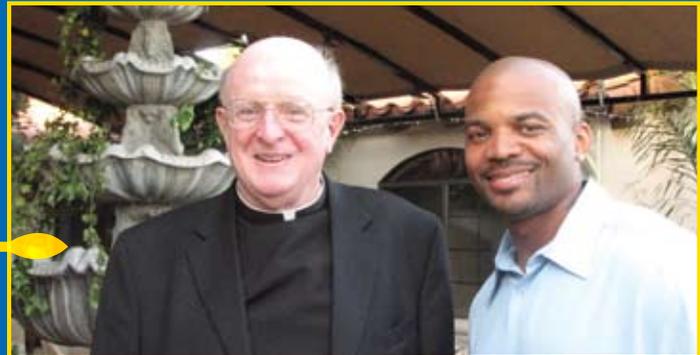
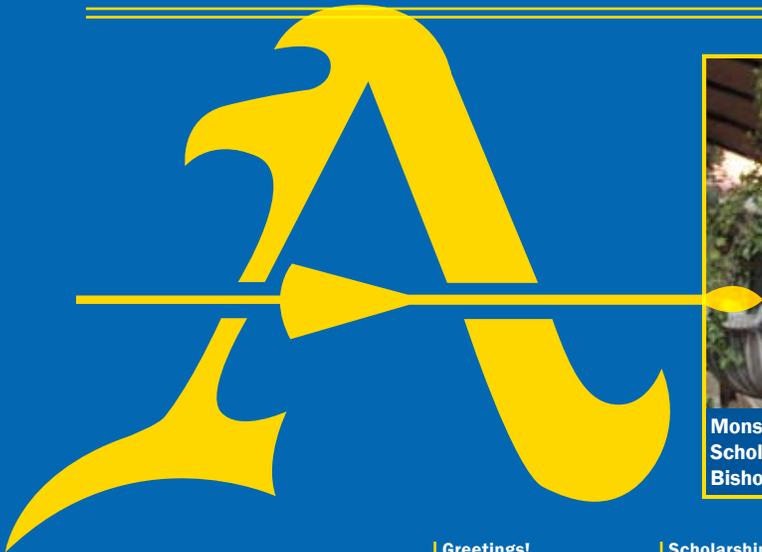


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The Amat Tradition

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Monsignor Carroll poses with Daylon McCutcheon ('95) at the Scholarship Benefit Dinner. Coach McCutcheon recently worked with Bishop Amat to establish the Daylon McCutcheon Scholarship Fund.

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Scholarships Bolster Student Enrollment

The 2009-2010 school year promises to be both fulfilling and challenging at Bishop Amat High School. We remain committed, as stated in the Mission Statement, toward preparing students to embrace the Gospel values, to respect themselves and others, to become life long learners, and to contribute positively to the community.

The recent financial difficulties suffered by so many families have made a real impact on students' ability to remain enrolled at Bishop Amat. It's always hard, as a teacher, to look at a newly empty desk. Too many students are forced to withdraw because of financial hardship within the family.

However, I am bolstered by Amat's recent efforts to enlist commitments from the community and our alumni toward scholarship awards. The recent Scholarship Benefit Dinner this Spring brought alumni and friends of the school together to achieve these goals. The growth of the endowment and the addition of several new named scholarships will help more students continue their studies at Bishop Amat.

Finally, we are excited about the upcoming reunions this Fall. All of the reunions this year will be held Homecoming weekend, October 23-25. All alumni are invited to join the annual BBQ before the football game on October 23rd. Please see the official Amat blog, amatnews.com, for additional information and updates. Faculty member Michael Del Muro ('96), in addition to working with the blog, will continue to provide sports updates via Twitter (www.twitter.com/amatsports).

We wish you a fun and fulfilling end to the summer season. We are excited to greet the incoming Class of 2013. Thank you for all of your thoughts and efforts to help Bishop Amat provide a high quality Catholic education to the San Gabriel Valley.

Editor



The Bishop Amat Cheer Squad (pictured) placed 5th place in Nationals. The Songleaders (not pictured) finished 1st. They are the highest placing teams in school history.

High Honors Awarded to Pep Squad and Dance Team

The Bishop Amat Pep Squad and Dance Team demonstrated excellence at the USA Nationals competition at the Anaheim Convention Center March 27-29. The teams, led by Pep Squad Advisor Anice Bradley ('97) and Dance Team Advisor Trudy Larson, brought home the highest honors in school history, including 1st Place in Song for the USA Nationals.

Ms. Bradley and Ms. Larson are assisted by several alumni, including Anita Rix ('00), Katie Marquez ('05), Alise Martinez ('05), Jolene Rojas ('06), and Keeahna Caceres ('07). Congratulations to the coaches and students.

The President

Dear Bishop Amat Alumni:

My very best wishes to all of you with this Summer 2009 edition of the Amat Tradition. Whether you are based here in Southern California or around the nation or around the world I hope that you are happy and well. Enjoy the vacation time that will be afforded to you. We all need to take a break from our year round work routines to spend quality time with our families and friends.

Despite having to contend with the adverse economic conditions affecting all of us we ended the fiscal year on June 30 in a very positive position. With all of our 2008-2009 financial obligations fully met and our \$1,000,000 invested emergency surplus fund intact we generated an operating surplus of some \$200,000. The members of the Consultative Council, chaired by John Sciarra, Class of 1972, having reviewed this outcome voted at their June 19 meeting to transfer \$125,000 of that amount to the Bishop Amat High School Endowment Fund, bringing the principal in the fund to \$725,000. As we have shared with you previously, the interest earned from this fund is used exclusively to provide financial aid to families struggling to meet their tuition costs.

During the past year we also experienced success in our program to establish named invested scholarship funds. Eight new scholarships were created during 2008-2009 bringing the current total to twenty. An additional \$270,000 in invested principal was added during the year bringing the total to \$1,100,000. I am extremely grateful to the generous alumni who have contributed to this very worthwhile endeavor. It is imperative that the program continue to grow so that we can meet the financial aid needs of our families.

With this edition of the Amat Tradition we bid farewell to our editor for the past two year, Gabriel Escovar, Class of '98. Thank you Gabe for all the good work you have done. Replacing him will be Michael Del Muro, Class of '96 already well known to many of you for his involvement in alumni communications. Mike will also be spearheading the production of the 2008-2009 Annual Report which will be mailed in October. Another new figure in the Development Office is Steve Hagerty, Class of '80 our dynamic Head Varsity Football Coach. We have appointed him to coordinate the Annual Appeal—the Spirit of Giving—which will be launched in October with the issuance of the above mentioned Report. He is currently assembling a steering committee of alumni broadly representative of all the Bishop Amat classes to work with him on this project.

Monsignor Aidan M. Carroll, President



The Principal

Dear Fellow Alumni:

Each of our first forty-nine graduation ceremonies has been held outdoors on the Bishop Amat campus. Commencement was in the Quad in the early years with extremely limited seating. Once the stadium was completed it was held on Sunday afternoons and later moved to Friday evenings. Rain was featured in the forecast every once in a while, but never has it been a significant concern.

This past graduation week the thunderstorms and lightening on Wednesday afternoon were predicted to continue through Friday evening's graduation. In such a storm it is unsafe to have 341 graduates, ninety faculty members and about eighty band and choir members sitting in chairs in the middle of a field surrounded by eight steel poles. Contingency plans were quickly developed to move the ceremonies into the Carroll Activity Center Pavilion. In the end, and thanks to the power of prayer, no thunder storm arrived and it turned out to be a crisp, but beautiful evening. We are grateful for the beauty of graduation in 2009 as we prepare for our fiftieth graduating class in the spring of 2010.

At a recent baseball game I was standing along the right field line observing a man next to me who was intent on teaching the game to his son. I struck up a conversation with him and he noted that his daughter had been accepted "with the honors scholarship" given to the top test takers. He sadly noted that she will not be able to attend this school because he could not afford the tuition. Four decades ago when I attended Amat I was able to walk to school since I lived one long block away. Our desire is to continue to enable our "neighbors" to attend Amat. However, with the rising costs of Catholic education, few of our "locals" can afford the tuition without financial assistance. I was reminded that the school's affordability is our new great challenge.

Thank you for considering Bishop Amat in your planned giving. Our scholarship endowments have grown in leaps and bounds under Monsignor Carroll's leadership, but no matter how fast we expand scholarships, the need has grown at a faster pace. We offer an excellent product in the Catholic education at Amat. May we always be able to serve those families who have children who deserve to be a Lancer.

God bless,

Merritt Hemenway, Ph.D. '64

Principal

Class of 1964



In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following Amat Family members:

Jim Wiard

Long time Bishop Amat booster, James Wiard, died Thursday, May 14th at his home in Arcadia. Jim is the loving husband of Mary Pat Wiard, long time Bishop Amat employee and Bookstore Manager. Jim was the Chair of the Bishop Amat Fiesta for many years and was an assistant to Bob Ebner for the Bishop Amat Relays for nearly twenty years. For an even longer time, continuing into recent years, Jim could be found selling admission in the ticket booth at home Lancer football games.

All four of Jim and Mary Pat's children are Amat graduates. Oldest son Richard is the head basketball coach for the Lady Lancers. At last count, eight of the Wiard grandchildren have attended Amat, including current junior David Berg and Scott Wiard ('09) who will attend Cal State Polytechnic University, Pomona in the Fall. Please keep Jim, Mary Pat, and the entire Wiard family in your prayers.

Mrs. Marie Wiederholt

Marie Wiederholt, mother of Joan (the Corn Lady) Wiederholt ('70), Karen Wiederholt ('75), Annette Wiederholt, and grandmother to Jesse Paz ('95), passed away on Saturday, June 27th after a long illness. Rosary and Mass were held on Monday, July 6th at Queen of the Heavens Cemetery Chapel in Rowland Heights. Please keep Marie and the Wiederholt family in your prayers.

Wanda Vrieling

Wana Vrieling, mother of Cheryl Vrieling, passed away into the waiting hands of our Lord on Tuesday, April 7th. She was blessed to die peacefully and was thankful for having lived a full and happy life. A memorial service was held on April 17th in Stockton, CA. She has been laid to rest at Fairhaven Memorial Park (Santa Ana) next to her children Cynthia and Jeffery. The family thanks everyone for their continued thoughts and prayers. Wiederholt family in your prayers.

Scholarship Benefit Dinner a Success

Bishop Amat raised approximately \$50,000 at its first Scholarship Benefit Dinner at the Hacienda La Joyita in West Covina in late March.

The dinner, which was attended by Amat alumni, parents, boosters and faculty members, featured performances by the



Merritt Hemenway ('64), Maryanne and Michael Cirrito ('81) enjoy Amat's first Scholarship Benefit Dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Cirrito's daughter Michelle ('10) participates in Amat's Dance program and is a Full Diploma Candidate in Amat's International Baccalaureate Programme.

Bishop Amat High School Jazz Band as well as the Bishop Amat Choir.

Monsignor Aidan Carroll said the event, which was held in lieu of The Lancer Classic this year, aimed to "alleviate some of the

more acute financial problems being encountered by our parents as they struggle to maintain the enrollment of their student(s) at the school."

Jesse Quintana, the event chairman, said the money raised at the dinner would help ease some of the effects caused by the current recession.

"The recent turn of events is our calling to pull together as a family and help those members in need through the difficult months if not years ahead of us," he said.

Among those in attendance were Ralph Brown ('96), fresh off of his Super Bowl appearance with the Arizona Cardinals, and Daylon McCutcheon ('95), who recently created a \$100,000 scholarship fund for the school.

A complete list of event donors will be available in the upcoming Annual Report, which will be released in September.

-article contributed by Michael Del Muro ('96)

Carlos Pascual ('76) Nominated as U.S. Ambassador to Mexico

President Obama has nominated Carlos Pascual ('76) as the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico. Pascual, a graduate of Stanford University and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, currently works at the Brookings Institution in Washington. His previous professional experience includes time at the State Department, the National Security Council, and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Also, Pascual served as the U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine from 2000-2003.

During his time at Amat, Pascual took honors courses and was involved in student council and served as a class officer. His mother Gladys taught Spanish in the Foreign Language department for many years.

Recent Collegiate Achievements

Bishop Amat wishes to extend congratulations to the following alumni for their recent accomplishments.

Rudy Rodriguez ('00) graduated from the UCSD School of Medicine and has been matched at the University of Arizona Psychiatry Residency Training Program.

Brandon Gaynor ('03) graduated from the University of Missouri, Kansas City School of Medicine summa cum laude and has been matched at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital Residency Training Program for Neurosurgery.

Monique Hoa ('03) graduated from Duquesne University on the Dean's List with a Bachelor of Arts double major in History and Art History.

Chasmine Jones ('04) graduated from the United States Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Sciences. She has been commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the USAF.

Katie Gomez ('05) graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Education. She will join Amat's faculty this Fall to teach in the Mathematics and Science Departments. In addition, Kristen Maisano ('04) and Matthew Nasont ('04) will be joining the faculty as members of the Mathematics and Science Departments respectively.

Andrea Ragsdale ('05) graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Science.

Anna Maria Huerta ('06) graduated from the University of Southern California with a Bachelor of Arts in Interactive Entertainment and a Fine Arts minor. Anna also recently completed a 7 day, 545 mile cycling tour as a member of the Aids/LifeCycle fundraising event. She raised over \$3,000 in her effort.

Bishop Amat Military Memorial and Scholarship

The Bishop Amat Military Memorial (BAMM) seeks alumni volunteers from each of Amat's 48 Classes (1961-2008) to assist with the effort to inform others about the Project.

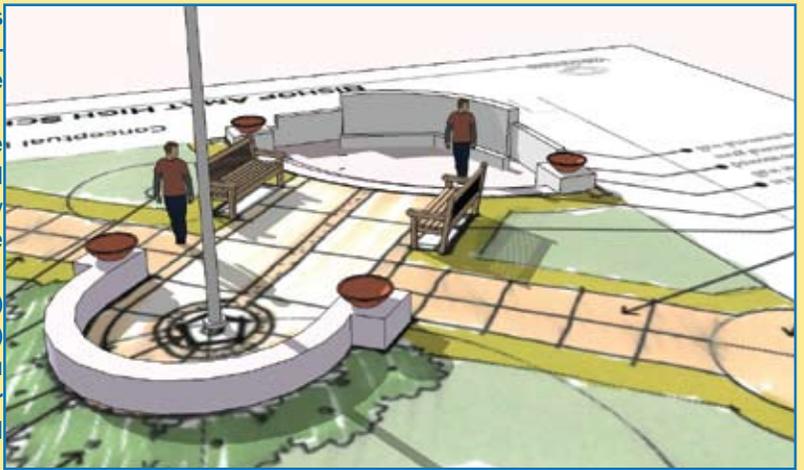
The BAMM is an alumni-conceived initiative to honor the military service of both Bishop Amat graduates and all those in the Amat Family. Msgr. Carroll and Dr. Hemenway approved the Project concept. The effort operates with the support and sanction of the Alumni Development Office.

The Memorial Concept includes 4 Elements: (1) Identification (of the Amat Family's military veterans); (2) Spiritual; (3) Scholarship; and (4) a Physical Memorial. You may find a more-detailed explanation of the BAMM's Four Elements in an article written by Dr. Hemenway and posted to the Amat Website:

<http://www.bishopamat.org/Articles.aspx?ArticleID=360>

The BAMM's Spiritual Element commenced on 11 September 2008 for the first of Amat's 7 Fallen Heroes and will continue through next Academic Year.

Msgr. Carroll allocated a foundational grant of \$25,000 to inaugurate the BAMM Scholarship Fund and has undertaken to match all subsequent donations until the fund reaches \$50,000. These funds will enable the BAMM Steering Committee (BSC) to select 1 deserving Amat student to receive the inaugural scholarship for the 2009-2010 Academic Year.



This picture is an artist's rendition that imagines what the future Bishop Amat Military Memorial could look like. The Memorial would be on the east end of the 200 Wing, where the current Vietnam Memorial exists.

For more information regarding the BAMM and to learn how you might assist with the effort, please visit the Amat homepage at the web link above, or contact the BAMM Steering Committee Chairman, Kevin Rue, '71, at kevin.b.rue@us.army.mil.

Class of 2013: "My parent is a Lancer!"

This year over 50 incoming freshman students have parents that are alumni of Bishop Amat High School. Amat is excited to introduce new members to the Family, but are also proud that so many alumni have chosen to send their children here.

Bishop Amat is often referred to as a Family, a group of people with common interests and goals. Many families new to the school are surprised at how many teachers are graduates, and how so many of those currently attending as students have multiple alumni family members.

Greg and Michelle (Martinez) Lopez ('89) are happy that their daughter Amanda is a member of the Class of 2013. They wanted their daughter to have the choice of where to go to high school. Michelle said, "Greg and I had a really good time at Amat. Amanda has grown up hearing her parents and our friends talk about our good times at Amat, and she wants to be a part of that tradition."

While at Amat in the eighties, Michelle participated in Soccer and Softball. "I had a great all-around experience at Amat. It was large for a private school, but it was small enough where the teachers made it feel like a family. I'm excited for what Amanda will learn and experience the new few years."

Nadia (Alcantar) Mora ('92) is also excited for her son's freshman year at Bishop Amat. She said, "I love how much parent involvement there is at Amat. We've already signed up for the Booster Club!"

Nadia also appreciates the connection that many of Amat's students have with God and the Catholic faith. In addition to Paul's mother Nadia, who works for Bassett Unified School district, his Aunt Annette ('98) and Uncle Hector ('94) are also alumni. Paul looks forward to playing Soccer in high school.

Some incoming students, like Alexander Hernandez, have both siblings and parents who are graduates of Amat. Gina Hernandez ('86) says her daughter, Stephanie ('09), loved Amat and she's excited for her son to start this Fall.

"I'm so proud of Stephanie. After four years at Amat, she makes her own decisions and proceeds thoughtfully in her life. I think Amat's emphasis on discipline and goodness was perfect for her."

Alexander attended summer school because he wanted to get a head start on his studies, and so he could meet friends and teachers. He also looks forward to running on the Cross Country team next year.

When alumni are able to send their children to their alma mater, it continues the culture of family and heritage that are so important to Amat as an institution of learning.

Laura Andrade ('91) is excited for her daughter Aryana for similar reasons. "I still feel like a member of the Amat Family. Even though we will be commuting over thirty miles, it's worth it. The school's sense of values reflects my family's beliefs."

Reunion Updates

Five classes will have reunions as part of the annual Homecoming celebration in late October of 2009. The Classes of '64, '69, '79, '89, and '99 will all be gathering for the festivities, starting Friday, October 23rd for the Homecoming game against Bishop Alemany.

Each individual class is making their own plans for the actual Saturday reunions (on the 24th of October). Finally, the Classes are invited to again visit Amat on Sunday, October 25th for a picnic in the Carroll Center sponsored by Msgr. Carroll and the Development/Alumni Office. Alumni will be encouraged to take a guided tour on Sunday to see the many changes that have taken place on the grounds since their time at Bishop Amat.

The Class of 1964 thanks the generosity of Patty (West) Olivierie for hosting a cocktail party and dinner at her home in Laguna Hills on Saturday, October 24th. Those who attended the 20 year reunion might recall the Hawaiian Party at her home and what a great time it was. Please contact Bob Estanislau at (949) 831-5008, or bobstanislau@yahoo.com with questions or to RSVP.

The Class of 1969 will be holding their reunion at the Hilton (Ontario Airport) on Saturday, October 24th. Please contact Great Reunions at (800) 655-7971 or Tom Savage at (909) 518-2526.

The Class of 1974 is planning a BBQ/Picnic on August 1st at Red Hills Park in Rancho Cucamonga. Please contact Colleen Schadt Moorhouse at cmmoorhouse@yahoo.com for more information.

The Class of 1979 will be holding their reunion at the Double Tree Hotel in Claremont on Saturday, October 24th. Please contact Great Reunions at (800) 655-7971 or Rosie Tantillo at racyrozee@yahoo.com.

The Class of 1989 will also be holding their reunion at the Double Tree Hotel in Claremont on Saturday, October 24th. Please contact Great Reunions at (800) 655-7971 or Michelle Rodriguez Bravo at bishopamatclassof1989@verizon.net.

The Class of 1999 will also be holding a 10 year reunion on October 24th, at a venue still to be determined. Please email amatclass.1999.reunion@gmail.com so that the reunion committee can mail you an invitation.

The success of all reunions depends on you! Please see amatnews.com

Bishop Amat Scholarship Opportunities

Several new scholarship opportunities exist at Bishop Amat High School. If you are interested in contributing to an established scholarship, or creating a new named scholarship in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate an alum or family member, please contact the Development Office. The following named scholarships established by alumni currently help students at Bishop Amat.

Alumni Scholarship Fund
Angelo J. Brutocao Scholarship Fund
Carmen & Lucy Cavezza Memorial Scholarship Fund
Armando Gallegos Memorial Scholarship Fund
Helen Haden Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jeffrey M. Lobosky Scholarship Fund
Daylon McCutcheon Scholarship Fund
William M. and Agnes McGee Scholarship Fund
Bishop Amat Military Memorial Scholarship Fund (BAMM)
Mike and Waunita Mulvehill/Ted Mulvehill ('68) Memorial Scholarship
Joseph "Sparky" O'Connor Scholarship Fund
John and Michelle Sciarra Scholarship Fund
Scott Sullivan Textbook Scholarship Fund
Christopher R. and Rosella Trujillo Scholarship Fund
James and Mary Pat Wiard Scholarship Fund
Wiederholt-Paz Scholarship Fund*

*in progress

Congratulations!

Aaron Zamora ('07) finished 32nd out of 167 debate teams at the US Universities Debating Championships. Aaron currently attends the University of La Verne.

Cheryl Chuateco Tran ('00) married Thuan Tran on January 3, 2009. Cheryl also completed her Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy from CSU, Dominguez Hills this spring.

Fatima Nicdao ('00) participated in the Jewish Federation's 2008 Holy Land Democracy Project. She also recently graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a Masters in Education.

Marcos Mendez ('98) and his wife Lia welcomed their first child, Marcos Joaquin Mendez IV, into the family on March 31, 2009.

Many Thanks...

Mrs. Cecilia Krause and Ms. Sandra Roberts retired this year after many faithful years of service to the Bishop Amat family. Mrs. Krause taught religion for thirty-one years and provided an excellent example of Christian living for young Lancers. Ms. Roberts, a Drama instructor for twenty-two years, inspired aspiring artists at Amat to be true to their craft. Amat will miss her dedication and sense of humor.

Other News...

Bishop Amat's Journalism program will now be producing The Lance online. The project, started at the end of 2008-2009 school year, promises to push Amat Journalism to a whole new level. Visit the site online at www.thelance.org



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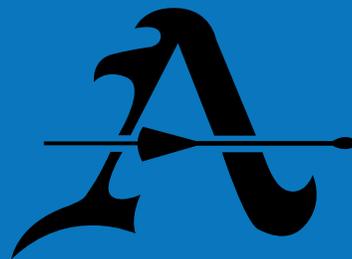
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Register today at alumni.bishopamat.org. It is our goal to use this website to keep in touch with our graduates. We will be posting alumni news, school event information, and sending out e-newsletters and e-announcements from this portal. Help us better serve the Amat Family by signing up today!



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- Keep in touch and see photos of classmates
- Official Alumni blog: amatnews.com
- Read about the latest alumni, school, and sports happenings
- Instant sports updates via Twitter - twitter.com/amatsports
- See live updates from selected sporting events

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