

Hello, Friends!

Welcome to the **Royal Courier**, the Monthly Newsletter for Alumni and Alumni Parents of Mission Prep, Mission Central Catholic and Mission High!

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Alumni Profile: Erica Vesnaver, class of '08

Erica currently lives in South Bend, Indiana. She is an Associate Director for Notre Dame's ACE Academies at The Alliance for Catholic Education. After MCP, Erica graduated from Notre Dame in 2012. Erica was a member of four CIF championship Girls Basketball teams, as well as the 2008 Regional Champion team.

What are some of your best memories from your time at MCP?

Most of my best memories MCP came from the relationships I was able to form with students, faculty and staff. I remember how hard work, creativity, and fun with the basketball team was accompanied by prayer and friendship. I learned about love from the team, Krossa, and Steph who saw me at my best and worst times. I remember learning about respect and being an adult from Mrs. Randall during chemistry, making sweatshirts and sweating



during oral quizzes in Mrs. Christensen's Spanish class, and discussing 1984 and Utopia with Mrs. Hamm. I think about the Class of 2008 every time I hear the song "Lean on Me" and remember learning the Soulja boy dance with my Kairos small group. Our theatre production of "The Women" senior year was so fun to be a part of and it seemed fitting to close my time at MCP saying several times during the show "l'amore, l'amore!"

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ALUMNI SKYBOX

 PARTY 
October 9th

6:30PM Free to all Alumni &
Alumni Parents

What have you been doing since graduating from MCP?

I attended Notre Dame and studied pre-professional science and Theology. I wanted to be a doctor during my freshman year but by the time Sophomore year began, I was in the office of the Alliance for Catholic Education asking what classes I needed to be a science or religion teacher with ACE. After graduation, I taught Middle School Science for two years in Richmond, VA with the ACE Teaching Fellows program while working on a Master's Degree in Education and living in community with other teachers. Now I am back working on Notre Dame's campus for a network of Catholic parish schools that ACE and Notre Dame partner with called the Notre Dame ACE Academies.

What are you doing professionally?

While I miss being a teacher, working with the Notre Dame ACE Academies aligns with my passion for providing an excellent education to as many kids as possible. I learn so much from the many experts I work with or get to talk with and from visiting high performing schools around the country.

What would you attribute from your time at MCP to your current situation?

MCP opened the doors to so many opportunities for me. Most of all, I was captivated by the importance of education during my time at MCP and my beliefs about education really began to take root there. I believe that every child deserves an excellent education and that education helps us become who we were created to be. I know that my MCP education did that for me! My time at MCP also taught me a lot about the value of community whether it was time with the basketball team, our Kairos crew, the class of 2008, or time being a witness to the great community the faculty formed. I know that all these people and experiences helped me be a better teacher and I think I bring that to my work now in our partnerships with the schools in our network.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

I would love to teach again! Perhaps in a couple of years I'll be a teacher and then potentially a school leader a bit further down the road. The west coast may be calling me back, but for the time being, I've settled into the Midwestern way of life and I love it.

Upcoming Events:

October 5th-9th: Homecoming Week

October 9th: Homecoming Alumni Skybox Reunion

November 6th-8th: MCP Drama Production #1, Week 1

November 13th-15th: MCP Drama Production #1, Week 2

November 27th: Alumni Basketball Game and BBQ

If you would like to hear more about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, or just simply want to know more about what is going on at MCP, feel free to contact Kyle Detz at kdetz@missionprep.org or (805) 543-2131 ext. 409. We look forward to meeting you!



MCP Updates:

Alumni Skybox Party

We wanted to remind ALL alumni and alumni parents that they are invited to the Homecoming Alumni Skybox Party on October 9th at 6:30PM. Food and adult beverages will be served (alumni 21+ only, sorry), so stop by MCP, come see old friends and family, and root for your Royals as they take on Templeton!

Reunions

Does your class have a significant reunion coming up? Check below to see which classes have reached out to MCP to coordinate their reunion. If you have any questions please contact Kyle Detz at kdetz@msisionprep.org

Class of 1960: 55 Year Reunion- Mission High's class of '60 is hosting a dinner on 10/16 at the Veteran's Hall in San Luis Obispo.

Class of 1995: 20 Year Reunion- MCP's class of '95 will be having their reunion during the Homecoming Alumni Skybox Party on 10/9.

MCP Remembers:

Barbara Casey

MCP also asks that you pray for the friends and families of MCP alumni parent Barbara Casey who passed on September 14, 2015, at home after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. She was 57 years old and was born in San Jose, California. Barbara was an amazing employee for PG&E and lived in San Luis Obispo for over thirty years. It was a wonderful place and community to make her home. She is survived by her three children: Jerry, Emily, and Cameron. Her fighting spirit will continue on through her children and her memories will live on through all her friends and family.

Irene Manderscheid

MCP asks that you pray for the friends and families of MCP alumni parent Irene Manderscheid, a lifelong San Luis Obispo County resident, who passed on September 3, 2015 a month shy of her 102 birthday. She was the mother of John Manderscheid, Class of 1961, Marcia Manderscheid, Class of 1963, Richard Manderscheid, Class of 1967, Loren Manderscheid, Class of 1969, and the Mother-in-law of Grace Tedone Manderscheid, Class of 1967.

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