

# THE ALEMANYAN

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**Bishop  
Alemany  
High School**

## Jon Mesa Earns Football Scholarship



Alemany Football player **Jon Mesa** has accepted a scholarship to play Wide Receiver/ Running Back for NCAA Division II – Humboldt State University in Arcata, CA.

## Congratulations For Boys State

These students will represent Alemany at the prestigious Boys State leadership program to be held in June in Sacramento:

**Ian Abot**                      **Kyle Kilroy**                      **David Mungcal**  
**Todd Kilroy**                      **Sergio Lopez**

## Alemany Welcomes Pope Benedict To USA

*Catholic Youth Pledge More Than 1 Million Community Service Hours to Honor Pope Benedict XVI on His 81st Birthday...*

Alemany students joined an NCEA sponsored project to honor Pope Benedict with service hours. The service hours were completed between February 25 and May 31, 2008 and they dedicated to the Pope.

We had over 1/3 of the Alemany student body participating with over 600 people dedicating over 2088 hours. (An average of 4 hours per person.)

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### Special points of interest:

- Senior Class Information
- Post Prom Information

## Hey Seniors...Where Are You Going Next Year??

In order to honor the graduating seniors and their families, we are listing college acceptances. Material that is not submitted cannot be recognized at the time of the graduation exercises. Please make sure that *Mrs. Garcia Word*, in the counseling office, gets a copy of each letter. This will ensure that the information on college acceptances appears correctly in the graduation booklet.



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## Concert Band Earns Honors



Congratulations to Alemany's Concert Band. They won a silver medal and took second place this weekend at the Heritage Festival in San Francisco. This competition is open to groups from all across the country. The band had a fun and exciting weekend. So if you see any band members today, give them a hug and congratulate them on a job well done.

## Dance Team Wins AGAIN!!

The Alemany Warrior Dance Team attended a *Spirit International* dance competition that was held at Magic Mountain - They received *1st place in Character, Lyrical & Dance*. They also received *2nd place in Hip Hop* and were honored with the *Judges Award* which is an award given to one team out of the whole competition who impressed the Judges the most.

*We are very proud of their continued success!!!*

## Kristal Brown (12) Earns "Gold Award"

Kristal is a Senior Girl Scout in troop 1688 M.S.S. Blue Madonna. She is currently working on her Gold Award which is the Highest Ranking in Girl Scouts. Her project is called "O2 For Life", which she is raising money and raising awareness for pet carbon dioxide poisoning...She purchased oxygen masks made specifically for animals, and with these masks the pets get 60% more oxygen than they would from a normal human masks, which she will be donating to the 114 LA City Fire Stations. *Watch Kristal's presentation of these masks on KCAL9 at Arleta Fire Station at [www.alemany.org](http://www.alemany.org)*



## Alemany Alumni Honored - Matthew Siordia '05

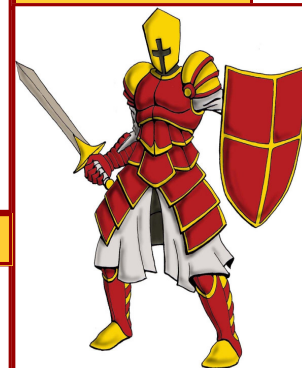


Matthew received an award for meritorious service April 10, 2008 at the annual California Colleges and Universities Police Chief's Association Award dinner in South Lake Tahoe. He earned this award for his service to the University of Merced's Campus Security Officer Program, where he is Supervisor, and for helping to implement the UC Merced's Junior Bobcat Mentoring Program for at-risk middle school students in the city of Merced. Of the approximately 20 recipients of Awards of Distinction and Awards of Merit statewide, Matthew was the only student so recognized. The balance of awardees were sworn officers and detectives throughout the state.

## Citrus Sunday Gets Help From Alemany Students



On the April 6, Citrus Sunday (sponsored by LA Councilperson Greg Smith) was joined by Alemany Students: *Chris Eldabh, Kashane Sakhakorn, and Jeremy Reyes*. Citrus Sunday is a fresh fruit drive to help more than 130,000 San Fernando Valley residents living without adequate, nutritious food.



## Christian Service Updates...

**Lenten Drives:** A big thank you to families, students, faculty and staff for your participation in our Lenten Rice Bowls and food drives. We collected \$6, 127 to help provide food for malnourished children through Catholic Relief Services. The food drive totaled 1, 543 pounds of food that was delivered to local food banks for families in need.

**Alemany Amigos:** 131 participated in the April 12, 2008 Alemany Amigos mentoring program. We were joined by a group of Creighton University alums headed by Marie and Rick Kratochvil. All of the Alemany students continue to be role models for our 7 to 12 year old guests who come from disadvantaged backgrounds. The following students greatly exceeded our expectations; *Samantha Martinez, Vanessa Ferral, Michael Ferral, Joanna Orozco, Erica Brough, Lindsay Hurt, Abi Lopez-Dee, Kristin Taylor, Jordan Long and Karl Rojo.* Special thanks to *Mary Wilson and Sr. Sara* for their leadership in making Amigos a special day. The educational activity for the May 10, 2008 Alemany Amigos will be helping children make colorful tissue paper bouquets and writing special cards for their mothers and grandmothers. Mother's Day is May 11. Please join in the fun.

**Big Sunday:** Bishop Alemany students will again be actively involved in the "Big Sunday" city wide weekend of service May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, a wide variety of community service activities are available to help make a difference in our community. Please visit their website [www.bigsunday.org](http://www.bigsunday.org) or contact Bob Warren at (818) 837-5273 if you are interested in participating.

## Congratulations to Mr. Warren!!

On April 12, 2008, Bob Warren, Director of Community Service, received the *Certificate of Appreciation* from the *City of Los Angeles* for his guidance of Alemany's continued service to the residents of the Blythe Street Community. The award was presented by Councilmember Tony Cardenas. Over the past three and a half years Bob, leading Alemany's community service program, has initiated mentoring, food assistance and tutoring programs for the families of the Blythe Street Community of Van Nuys. While donations of food (Thanksgiving and Lenten Food Drives) have been appreciated, the work of Alemany students and Mr. Warren with the Alemany Amigos has been a unique and special focus.

## A Great Big Thank You to all those who donated to 2008 Casino Night!

Adriana Freedman, Alemany Bookstore, American Eagle Outfitters, Andrea Provenzale, Anheuser Busch, AV Party Rentals, Bath & Body, Bear Pit Barbecue, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Bistro Provence, Christie Kovacic, Lia Sophia, Colleen Taylor, Cupid's Hot Dogs, Debbie DiCorrado, Disneyland, Donna Richardson, Father Norm, Gail Glasser, Hornblower Cruises, House of Brew, Howard Halen, In-And-Out, Ines Reyes-Arbonne, Jane Austin Lot - AHS Football, Jesus & Danielle Duenas, Josten's, Keith Murphy, L.A. Dodgers, L.A. Zoo, Lazer Medic Corp-Steve Ferguson, Legoland, Leslie Barlow, Linen's & Things, Magic Mountain, Mann Theaters, McClaves Jewelers, Medina Family, Melanie Dayao, Michele & Chris Boardman, Michele Smart, Millie's Restaurant, Mimi's Café, Modelo Furniture- Maurice Kleiman, NOARUS Auto Group, Norma Velazquez-Cano, Pacific Theaters, Paintball USA, Pat Cruz, Powerhouse Gym, Professional Fitness Training, Raquel Campo, Robin Taricani, Rose, Sal & Esteban Moreno, Mark Taricani, Ronald Reagan Library, San Fernando Florist, Sea World, See's Candy, Shadyacres Productions, Sherman Oaks Castle Park, Sister Sara, Sports Chalet, Staples Center, Subway-Chas & Raj Basra, The Castagnola Family, The Clippers, The Dodgers, The Hicks Family, The Kogak Family, The Perry Family, Tina Zacharczuk, Universal Studios, Valerie Cook, Valley Crest Tree Company, Westcoast Cuts & Color.

## A Word From The Parent Association

The final votes are in...Here is your new Parent Board for the 2008-2009 school year:

**President: Mike Cox**      **Vice President: Kathy Fritz**  
**Secretary: Kathy Smith**      **Treasurer: Marie Kratochvil**

On May 7th at 7:00 pm in the Dinning Hall we will say good bye to this year's board and hello to the new Board. You can also check out other ways you can involved. See you there!

## 2008 Graduation Leis

**Pre-Orders:**      **Single-Layered Leis: \$ 15.00** – Double-Layered Leis: \$ 25.00  
*Single Red Rose and Baby's Breath wrapped \$ 8.00*

**After May 16th:**      **Single-Layered Leis: \$ 20.00** – Double-Layered Leis: \$ 30.00  
*Single Red Rose & Baby's Breath wrapped: \$ 10.00*

**\*\*Balloons will also be sold at Graduation for your convenience.**

All profits will go the Parent Association for future events for students and Parent Association. Make checks payable to Alemany High School, Cash is also acceptable.  
 See Alemany website for order form or pick one up in the Main Office...

## Assign your Grocery Cards to Alemany

The Parent Association would like to thank all the families who have already signed up for the ESCRIP program. This is where you assign your Ralphs or Vons Club Cards to Alemany so that a percentage of your normal sales get donated to Alemany. We received our first 2 month report from Ralphs and we received over \$220! We certainly appreciate all of you who have already assigned your numbers and encourage everyone else who has a Ralphs or Vons Grocery Club Cards to also connect their number with Alemany. For Ralphs you can go to [www.Ralphs.com](http://www.Ralphs.com), or if you don't know your Ralphs number call 800-837-2537 to get it. For Vons you can go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com), or if you don't have your number you can call 818-877-SAFEWAY to get it.

If you have any problems or questions you can contact Lori Brown at [lbrown@alemany.org](mailto:lbrown@alemany.org) or 818-837-5237.

## POST PROM INFO!



**Post Prom Party** – Will take place on Thursday, May 22, 2008 from 11pm until 5am Friday. Yes, this is an all night party sponsored by your Parent Association, to keep our Juniors and Seniors in a safe, alcohol and drug free party, to celebrate their successes with friends after Prom.

We need all parents of Freshman, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors to help keep the 12 year tradition going for when your student becomes a Junior and Senior, if they aren't one already. We need help decorating prior to Post Prom, the day of and during the evening. Parent Service hours can be earned by helping. We need donations of prizes, food certificates, movie tickets, amusement parks, sport events, sporting goods, gift certificates, gas cards any items that teenagers would like to win. We also need monetary donations for prizes during the evening. Check out the Alemany website under Parent Association, Post Prom for details and times or contact Lori Brown at [lbrown@alemany.org](mailto:lbrown@alemany.org) or call 818-837-5237 to make a great evening happen for our students. Items can be dropped off in the Administration/Main Office marked Post Prom.

## Attention: Juniors



Come have your morning coffee with us! Parents of juniors are invited to a college coffee hour. Meet with counselors over coffee and bagels to ask questions and learn a little more about the college search and application process.

The coffee hour begins at 7:30 a.m. Please make sure to RSVP to reserve a space for Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**To reserve your space, please contact** - Ms. Garcia Word @ (818) 365-3925 ext. 5285 or [pgarcia@alemany.org](mailto:pgarcia@alemany.org)

## Fr. Norm's Nook



How did this year go for you? Was it a fast year in which you wonder where the time went or a slow one that you are glad that it is coming to an end? The most important question for each of us is not how fast the year went, but how well did we spend our time. Time is such a gift and each one of us only has a certain amount that is allotted to us. The most important uses of our time are the hours that we give back to our Creator, the hours we spend helping others, and the hours we spend on personal growth. Of course in this month of May we also remember our mothers and grandmothers who have given us many hours of their life to take care of us.

Fr. Norman Supancheck, Chaplain

### RoboWarriors Finish 2nd In FIRST Competition

The FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) was a three day competition from March 20-22 held at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. Fifty-two teams were in attendance to play the 2008 game *Overdrive*. Local teams included Granada Hills, Louisville, and ourselves among others. Teams also came from as far as Arizona and northern California to compete in this amazing event. With our sleek and simple design we had no problem passing inspection and had our robot, *Des-tiny*, up and running with plenty of time to spare. We even got to compete in a couple of practice matches that actually had us worried heading into Friday's competition. By estimation, 3000-4000, watched and cheered loudly from the stands. The three days created an experience that many young people will never forget. Hopefully this was the beginning of a successful program at Bishop Alemany High School.

*Great Job Mr. O'Shea and Crew!!*

### Alemany Students Honored For Christian Service



On April 18, 2008 Alexandra Martinez (12) and Kristal Brown (12), with received the Archdiocesan Christian Service Award at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels honoring their four years of Christian service. *Congratulations Warriors!*

### Alemany Students Win In Water Polo

On Saturday and Sunday 4/5 and 4/6, four Alemany Water Polo players played in the Mikassa Cup 2008 for their club team:

*Olivia Donnelly*, Soph, 1st place 16 and Under  
*Ratika Ria*, Soph, 1st place 16 and Under  
*Whitney Ukanis, Jr.*, 3rd place 18 and Under  
*Erin Manke, Jr.*, 5th place 18 and Under



## Recycling Old Technology



For Earth Day our Technology Department with the help of Luis Sotelo and his crew was given the opportunity to recycle old computer parts. A truck supplied by *Off Lease Clearing House* an approved E-Waste collector arrived at Alemany and collected such items as old computers, CRT monitors, televisions, telephones, copiers, scanners, printers and florescent tubes. This recycling project was done at no cost to Alemany and we would like to thank everyone who contributed to the earth-improving efforts.

## Attention Seniors: End Of The Year Information!!!

**PROM** Thursday, May 22nd, Wallis Annenburg Building at the California Science Center, 700 State Dr., Los Angeles from 7:00 p. m. until midnight. Transportation will be by LUXURY BUS ONLY. Students must arrive at Alemany no later than 4:30 p.m. for boarding the busses. Parents are invited for picture taking opportunities. Payment for Prom by CASH OR MONEY ORDER ONLY. Prom Bids will be on sale from May 12th until May 16th outside of the Tuition Office. Bids will be sold during Nutrition, Lunch and after-school only. *The \$105 tickets will be sold in room M1, May 12-16 only.*

**POST PROM** The Post Prom party is MANDATORY for all prom attendees. The cost of Post Prom is included in the prom bid. Those seniors and juniors who do not attend prom may attend the post prom party. All outstanding tuition and fees must be paid in order to purchase a Prom bid, receive a cap and gown, participate in Graduation and receive a diploma. Also miscellaneous fees i.e.: Athletic Dept., Bookstore, Kairos, Parent Service Program deposit, Library and library books must be paid.

**PRACTICE FOR BACCALAUREATE MASS AND GRADUATION** is on Tuesday, June 3rd, 11:30 a.m. in the gym. All graduating seniors must attend.

**SENIOR LUNCHEON** will be held Wednesday, June 4th in the dining hall immediately after their final. Caps and gowns will be distributed during the luncheon.

**SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT** will be in the Bishop Alemany High Gym at Wednesday, May 28th at 7 p.m.

**GRAD NIGHT-DISNEYLAND** is on Thursday, June 5th. The cost per student is \$90. Payment for Grad Night is by CASH or MONEY ORDER ONLY. Tickets will go on sale outside of the Tuition Office beginning May 27th, during nutrition, lunch and after-school. Busses will leave Bishop Alemany High School for Grad Night at approximately 9:30 p.m. and return to Bishop Alemany High School at approximately 7 a.m. on Friday morning, June 6th. Permission forms are required.

**BACCALAUREATE MASS** is on Friday, June 6th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Bishop Alemany High School Gym. Due to limited seating attendance at Mass will be by TICKET ONLY. GRADUATES ARE TO REPORT TO THE GYM NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M.

**GRADUATION CEREMONY** will be conducted at Bishop Alemany High School, Fr. Milbauer Stadium at Rinaldi & Alemany Dr., Mission Hills on SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. GRADUATES ARE TO BE AT FR. MILBAUER STADIUM NO LATER THAN 8:00 A.M. Cap & Gown are required dress. OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR ALL GRADUATES AND FAMILIES, WE WILL NOT PERMIT HORNS, BEACH BALLS, OR ANY POTENTIALLY DISTRACTING ITEMS OF ANY KIND. All students participating in the Graduation Ceremony receive a Diploma Cover. Actual diplomas will be distributed after the ceremony.

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***Mark Your Calendars With These Important Dates***

**May**

1st-4th— Spring Musical/Art Show  
Class Officers Speeches/Elections  
3rd— SAT Exam  
5th-15th— Advanced Placement Exams (M-F only)  
6th— June SAT Registration Deadline  
7th— Parent Association Meeting  
9th— June ACT Registration Deadline  
Spring Concert  
10th— Alemany Amigos  
14th-16th— Valyermo Retreat (Juniors)  
16th— Exceptional Prom  
Advanced Art Showcase (until May 17th)  
19th— Sober Graduation Assembly  
20th— ASB Awards Dinner  
21st— Spring Dance Recital  
22nd— Prom (Post Prom until 5am)  
23rd-26th— NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day Weekend)

**June**

3rd— Special Final Exam Schedule (per 1 & 2)  
Graduation Practice  
4th— Special Final Exam Schedule (per 3 & 4)  
Senior Tribute  
5th— ***Last Day Of School***  
Special Final Exam Schedule (per 5 & 6)  
Grad Night @ Disneyland  
6th— Baccalaureate Mass  
7th— Graduation (9am)  
SAT Exam  
12th— Summer School Registration (9am—noon)  
13th— Summer School Registration (9am—noon)  
14th— ACT Exam  
16th— Summer School Begins  
20th— NO SUMMER SCHOOL  
21st— Texas Hold'em Tournament  
27th— NO SUMMER SCHOOL