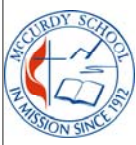


September 2009



ALUMNI ODYSSEY

McCurdy School is a project related to the General Board
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MCCURDY SCHOOL

Interim Superintendent

Deborah Bennett Anderson

Dear McCurdy Alumni,

Classes for the 2009-2010 school year started only three weeks ago, but already things are well underway! While the staff relished the “peace” of the summer, it was the students coming thru the doors that really made us smile and know why we do what we do! They are eager and attentive and ready to face the new school year!

The Class of 2010 is slightly smaller than the Class of 2009, but we expect comparable scholastic performance! In fact, it seems that the 2009 graduates walked away with more scholarships this year than both of the two local public high schools together...almost \$500,000! What a tribute to the aptitude of our students and the dedication of the McCurdy staff!

McCurdy stomped the competition at its first football game last weekend, and you will have the opportunity to watch these fine athletes at the Homecoming game scheduled for September 26 against Pojoaque! We will be honoring the Class of 1960, and with your fellowship and prayers, it should prove to be an exciting weekend. More information on Homecoming events is provided later in the newsletter.

Like any educational institution, McCurdy faces numerous opportunities and challenges: the internet provides an astounding platform for on-line learning, which increases the academic choices for our students; technology changes at a rate almost difficult to comprehend let alone keep up with; maintaining a safe learning environment prompts the addition of protective services and the use of identification badges; the upcoming accreditation process provides the opportunity to showcase our outstanding school and staff, yet the preparations are rigorous; last, but not least, we constantly push back on the pervasive drugs, alcohol and gang troubles that plague the people of Northern New Mexico.

But this is where McCurdy comes to play as “the Light in The Valley!” McCurdy is where students gain the knowledge and skills that are critical to facing the challenges of today and tomorrow. McCurdy gives students the chance to leap over the pitfalls that surround us. McCurdy provides the hands of hope and encouragement. You, as alumni, know and understand what McCurdy has done for you, and what it can do for others. We are in need of your time, your talents and your treasure.

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This year as we look more eagerly at our upcoming Centennial, let us work together to ensure the success and sustainability of McCurdy School! Thank you.

2009-10 ENROLLMENT

<i>Pre School</i>	20
<i>Kindergarten</i>	10
<i>First</i>	10
<i>Second</i>	15
<i>Third</i>	16
<i>Fourth</i>	11
<i>Fifth</i>	18
<i>Sixth</i>	13
<i>Seventh</i>	30
<i>Eighth</i>	40
<i>Ninth</i>	26
<i>Tenth</i>	28
<i>Eleventh</i>	30
<i>Twelfth</i>	30
TOTAL	297

MCCURDY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

NEWS ITEMS

HOMECOMING ISSUE

SEPTEMBER 25-27 2009 HOMECOMING

We're looking forward to seeing you at all the Homecoming events scheduled for the 25, 26 and 27 of September.

Friday, September 25

- 3:00 P.M. Registration at the Student Center
- 5:00 P.M. All Alumni Gathering: Hosted by Elias and Olivia Martinez at their home in Espanola, 310 Pacheco Lane. See registration form for directions
- 7:00 P.M. Pep Rally at the Memorial Sport Center, followed by a bonfire

Saturday, September 26

- 9:00 A.M. Registration table will open. Alumni Breakfast and Business Meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the School Cafeteria
- 1:00 P.M. Football Game - McCurdy vs Pojoaque at Martinez Field
- 6:00 P.M. Alumni Dinner at Anthony's at the Delta in Espanola

Sunday, September 27th

- 7:00 A.M.: Sunrise Worship Service and brunch at the Santa Cruz United Methodist Church
- 9:00 A.M. Annual McCurdy School Foundation Edward "Big Dawg" Quintana Memorial Golf Tournament at Black Mesa
- 12:00 noon: Luncheon at Black Mesa

Please return the enclosed registration form to Ruth Montoya or to McCurdy School by September 20th

LIFETIME SERVICE AWARDS

In 2008, David and Judy Duran began the tradition on behalf of the Alumni Association, of honoring Alumni or Staff who have given years of dedicated service to McCurdy School. First time honorees were Ruby Rodriguez, Marian Martinez, Cecil and Edith Brown. The 2009 Life Time Service honorees are Enoch and Eustie Rodriguez, Ruth Stambach and Joyce Rhode Sass-Davis. They will be recognized during the Alumni Dinner on Saturday evening.

CLASS OF 1959 REUNION

The Class of 1959 celebrated their 50th reunion during the May 23, 2009 graduation weekend. At their 45-year mark, the class resolved to reconvene for their 50th. A planning committee co-chaired by Ruby Brigham Anders and Milt Denny and the formation of a Class of '59 historical legacy committee were established. Beulah Sandoval, Renee Garcia, and Aaron Martinez followed-up with making contacts. Andrew Martinez volunteered to generate the "Class of '59 Memory Booklet" that includes a personal perspective of each classmate's McCurdy experience. The memorable stories recaptured in the booklet are about "the McCurdy that we never let go and the McCurdy that still resides in our hearts and minds."

The Class of '59 came together to honor the Class of 2009 and to wish them heartfelt congratulations and God's blessings as they embark on their respective life's journeys. Their charge to the graduating class was to immediately begin their own historical legacy by maintaining friendships, valuing camaraderie, networking faithfully, and ultimately, coming together for their own reunions.

McCURDY'S CENTENNIAL

In 2012, McCurdy will be celebrating 100 years of existence as a center of quality education, ministry, mission and outreach. As members of the Alumni Association, we are proud to have been a part of this legacy and want to assure that McCurdy continues to provide a quality education with a religious emphasis for another 100 years. The Alumni Council, in partnership with the School and Foundation Boards, are discussing the concept of launching a Fund Drive in conjunction with the Centennial. More regarding this initiative as our plans develop. In the meantime, we are grateful for your ongoing interest, commitment and support.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the 2009 Nominating Committee of the Alumni Association is Vicente De La Cruz. He and this committee will be seeking candidates to fill three vacancies (President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer) on the Alumni Council whose terms expire at the Annual Meeting on September 26th.

Bylaws, Section 3. Terms of Office: The President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer shall be limited to one 2-year term.

Vicente encourages your participation in this process by contacting him with names of potential candidates who are willing to volunteer for these offices.

Phone: 505) 266-3271 e-mail: jvdelacruz@comcast.net

ALUMNI LIAISON TO THE MCCURDY BOARD

Chris Martinez (Class of '84) was appointed liaison from the Alumni Council to the McCurdy Board of Directors effective last April. He replaced Ruth Montoya (Class of '55), who was elected to a 3-year term on the McCurdy School Board. Chris and his wife have two sons, ages 10 and 7 who attend McCurdy School.

Other Alumni who are currently, or have previously served on the McCurdy or Foundation Boards are: Marilyn Peabody, Kelly Armstrong, Ricardo Cordova, Anthony VanderVossen, David Duran, Rick Campbell, Doug Egli, and Annalisa Miranda.

ALUMNI MERCHANDISE

Alumni Decals: The Alumni logo designed by Coach Aaron Archuleta, introduced his winning design during last year's Homecoming. In his words, "the logo features our mascot, the Bobcat; the letter "M" that we proudly display on our athletic attire; red and blue school colors, and the United Methodist symbol of our faith and belief in our Lord Jesus Christ. The shield encompassing these symbols signifies the security and protection we received from the great McCurdy staff who were always there for us."

The decals are sent to everyone who pays their annual Alumni Dues of \$25, and are also available at the McCurdy campus store at a cost of @\$2.50.

Merchandise Featuring the Logo:

Golf shirts, denim shirts and baseball caps, all featuring the logo, will be available in the near future at the McCurdy store and at various events held at the school. Sales revenue after expenses will be applied to the Alumni Association fundraising effort.

ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSITION AT MCCURDY SCHOOL

This spring, the McCurdy School Board of Trustees arrived at a decision not to renew the employment contract with Superintendent, Rev. Daniel Garcia for the 2009-2010 school year. The Board appointed the current Chair of the Board, Deborah Bennett Anderson, to serve as Interim Superintendent during this time of transition. Deborah resides in La Puebla with her husband Roger. She graduated from the University of New Mexico in 1978 with a degree in engineering and worked at Los Alamos until her retirement 18 months ago. She has served on the McCurdy Board for three years and was elected Chair in February 2009. Ruth Montoya (Class of 1955) was appointed interim Chair.

There is no immediate plan to institute a search for a new superintendent. Instead, the Board is addressing issues of common concerns in collaboration with the staff and school family: leadership, communication, discipline, business management and fund development. All are in agreement that McCurdy School is a viable institution that deserves our commitment to its ongoing mission of providing high quality education in a Christian setting.

2009 McCurdy Homecoming Registration

Please Return by September 23 to:

Ruth Montoya, 6420 Prairie Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109 or McCurdy School, 261 McCurdy Rd. Espanola, NM 87532.

September 25 5:00 - 9 PM: Alumni and Guests Reception at the home of Elias and Olivia Martinez, 310 Pacheco Lane, Santa Cruz. Exactly 1/2 mile from stop light at State Roads 76 & 68 Junction. Turn north on Pacheco Lane. Second house on the left.

Price per person: \$15 Indicate number of guests _____ x \$15 _____

Refreshments will be served.

Sept. 26 9:30 -11:30 AM: Alumni Brunch and Business Meeting at the Student Center.

Price: \$12/person Indicate number of guests _____ x \$12 _____

Sept. 26 6-8:30 PM: Alumni Dinner at Anthony's at the Delta, 224 N. Paseo De Onate

Price: \$25/person. Indicate number of guests _____ x \$25 _____

Sept. 27 9:00 AM: Homecoming Golf Tournament at Black Mesa Golf Course. This is a fundraising event for McCurdy. Business and individual sign sponsorship rates are: \$100 & \$250. Please indicate level of sign sponsorship: \$100 _____; \$250 _____.

Noon lunch at Black Mesa Golf Course clubhouse is available for those not playing in the tournament. Price \$12.50/person. Indicate number of guests _____ x \$12.50 _____

Alumni Association Dues: \$25 Annually. Dues are applied towards the cost of printing and mailing notices, as well as the alumni gift to our graduating seniors. \$25 enclosed _____

Make your check payable to: McCurdy Alumni Association and return it with this form indicating the TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$_____.

LODGING suggestions: Rooms at Okhay Casino and Resort: \$75/night. Suites: \$100; McCurdy School Retreat Center : \$30; Inn at the Delta?

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MCCURDY SCHOOL!

Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Guest(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

SPOTLIGHT:

McCurdy Alumnus

McCurdy Alumnus Greg Villareal has been busy in many aspects since graduating in 2000. After finishing his successful days as a Bobcat in the classroom as the Class Valedictorian, and on the playing court/field as a 3-sport All-District selection and 1st Team All-State baseball player, he quickly adapted to life in Miami, FL where he attended Barry University.

While attending Barry University, Villareal enrolled in the school's athletic training/sports medicine B.S. program and graduated with Summa Cum Laude honors, the School of Human Performance and Leisure Sciences Dean's Award, and two national awards, the AAPHERD/NASPE Major of the Year Award and the NCAA Ethnic Minority Scholarship.

His athletic training degree has earned him prestigious experience on sports medicine teams and events, such as: NFL San Diego Chargers, ESPN Summer and Winter X Games, AVP Pro Volleyball Tour, Red Bull Divide and Conquer, semi-pro and international soccer events, NCAA Championships, Volvo World Yacht Race, NMAA State Championships, and with the University of New Mexico Lobos.

Villareal's experience at UNM wasn't only as an athletic trainer though, he was also the youngest core curriculum instructor in the Dept. of Physical Performance and Development, teaching courses in the athletic training/sports medicine program, while also earning his M.S. degree in Sports Administration. In his last semester at UNM, he also began his coaching career as an asst. coach at Capital High School in Santa Fe with the girl's basketball team, in which they had one of their most successful seasons; winning the regular season District Title and playing in the State Quarterfinals.

After graduating from UNM in 2006, he continued his teaching and athletic training endeavors while moving back to Miami, FL. He has been at Christopher Columbus High School, and all-boys private school, for three years now. He teaches classes in biology, health, athletic training, sports management, and astronomy (three of which he created new curriculum for). One of his sports management students recently won a national essay contest after writing a piece on sports and violence, and was featured in the USA Today.

Villareal is also part of the coaching staff with the school's boy's volleyball team. They are still in season now, with his JV team currently being undefeated at 13-0, with only the post-season tournament left. On the varsity side, as difficult as it is to advance to the State Tournament in Florida with 121 schools in their classification, they have been strong contenders. They are looking for their third District title, Regional title, and State Quarterfinal appearance in four years.

His volleyball coaching has extended beyond the walls of CCHS though. He was part of the coaching staff for the inaugural USA Volleyball Florida Region Boy's High Performance Team, and is currently starting his own boy's club team in Miami, in which they will compete in the upcoming AAU and USA Volleyball National Championships.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, GREG!

Would you like to be in the Spotlight? Send your information and photos to public@mccurdy.org



THANK YOU, ALUMNI



Thank you to all McCurdy Alumni who have supported and continue to support McCurdy School.

Need to find a way to support McCurdy that is not monthly? Have you heard about our **SIMM Program**? SIMM stands for *Share In McCurdy's Mission*. You pledge \$25 for each "share" you sign up for, to share costs with us on different projects throughout the campus.

You are called on, two times per year (Spring & Fall), to help with a need or project on campus. You can sign up for as many "shares" as you'd like (only \$25 each). Some have signed up for 2 pledges, others for as many as 10, according to their own ability to help.

Remember, if you sign up for SIMM, you are promising to send in the amount you pledge **two times per year**, as soon as you get your "SIMM Call" in the mail. **You are not buying stock in the school, you are investing in the well-being of our students.**

If you would like more information on this, or any other support program at McCurdy, please contact Assistant Director of Church Relations Vickie Luviano at: vickie@mccurdy.org or via telephone at 505-753-7221, ext. 268. Thanks to our current SIMM participants, we have been able to roof buildings, fund alarm systems, purchase maintenance equipment, and so much more! Please consider signing up for this program.

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