

CAPUCHINO HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Capuchino High School Alumni Association

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the **Capuchino High School Alumni Association** is to connect the history and traditions of past generations of alumni with the accomplishments of future graduates towards maintaining a strong base of support for Capuchino's vision, goals, and stature in its community. In pursuit of its mission, the Association strives to provide a forum for interaction and sharing that fosters growth from our mutual experiences.

OUR HISTORY

The Alumni Association was formed in 2011 at the suggestion of the San Mateo Union High School District's Superintendent and former Capuchino Principal, Samuel Johnson, Jr. to support the school's fund-raising efforts. It took a while to organize and provide support for all aspects of the school. The current organizational model includes input from all of the booster organizations and the school's administration and staff. Everyone is welcome to join the Association. The Association's Board works closely with the District and School Board on prioritizing and funding needed projects.

The Association developed a unique structure that provides an opportunity for all of the booster organizations to come together. Each booster organization has a voting member on the Alumni Association Board. The board meets a minimum of three times a year. The Association is the non-profit umbrella for these organizations:

- CAPeople (Parent Teacher Organization)
- Drama Boosters
- Music Boosters
- Mentorship Program

As booster group leaders change, the Association provides an administrative foundation assuring that liability insurance and accurate tax reporting are provided under one common tax identification number. This year the International Baccalaureate Boosters became a committee within CAPeople, and the Capuchino Mentorship Program became a member organization.

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OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

- **President:** Michael Salazar
- **Vice President:** Judith Puccini
- **Secretary:** Vicki Olson
- **Treasurer:** Paul Linden
- Representatives from the member organizations.

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The Year in Review

In last year's annual report, we began by reporting the impacts of COVID-19 on the school community. A year later we continue to live in the shadow of this pandemic. Although we have experienced many losses, we have also demonstrated our resolve as a community. We adapted to the restrictions and moved forward using the resources available to us. While the Capuchino community may be just one of many exemplary communities across the globe, we are proud to be part of this very special family.

As we prepare this report, some in-person classes have started, sports are now permitted, and we are starting to see a path to normalcy. In our continued partnership with **the San Bruno Community Foundation**, we received a grant of \$24,000 to support a teacher training Equity Summit. This amount will be matched by the San Mateo Union High School District. It is hoped that the training can take place in the summer of 2022 when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Other successes for Capuchino High School this year include the renovation of the football field, which we featured on the cover of this report. We are also very glad to report that in-person graduations will return this year. Graduation will be by invitation only with families allowed to bring their own seating. The family groups will be spaced on the football field. Graduating seniors will be spaced in the stands and on the field.

Finally, we would like to thank all the volunteers and staff members that work with us year after year to make the Capuchino community the best it can be.

Thank you all for your support!

Michael Salazar

CHSAA President

Judith Puccini

CHSAA Vice-President

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ONGOING PROGRAMS

The Alumni Association supports a number of recurring programs including the following:

- Publishing Capuchino's events and accomplishments.
- Advertising and facilitating class reunions and campus tours.
- Maintaining the Association website.
- Funding scholarships for graduates.
- Fundraising and grant solicitation.

The Brick Tile Seating Wall

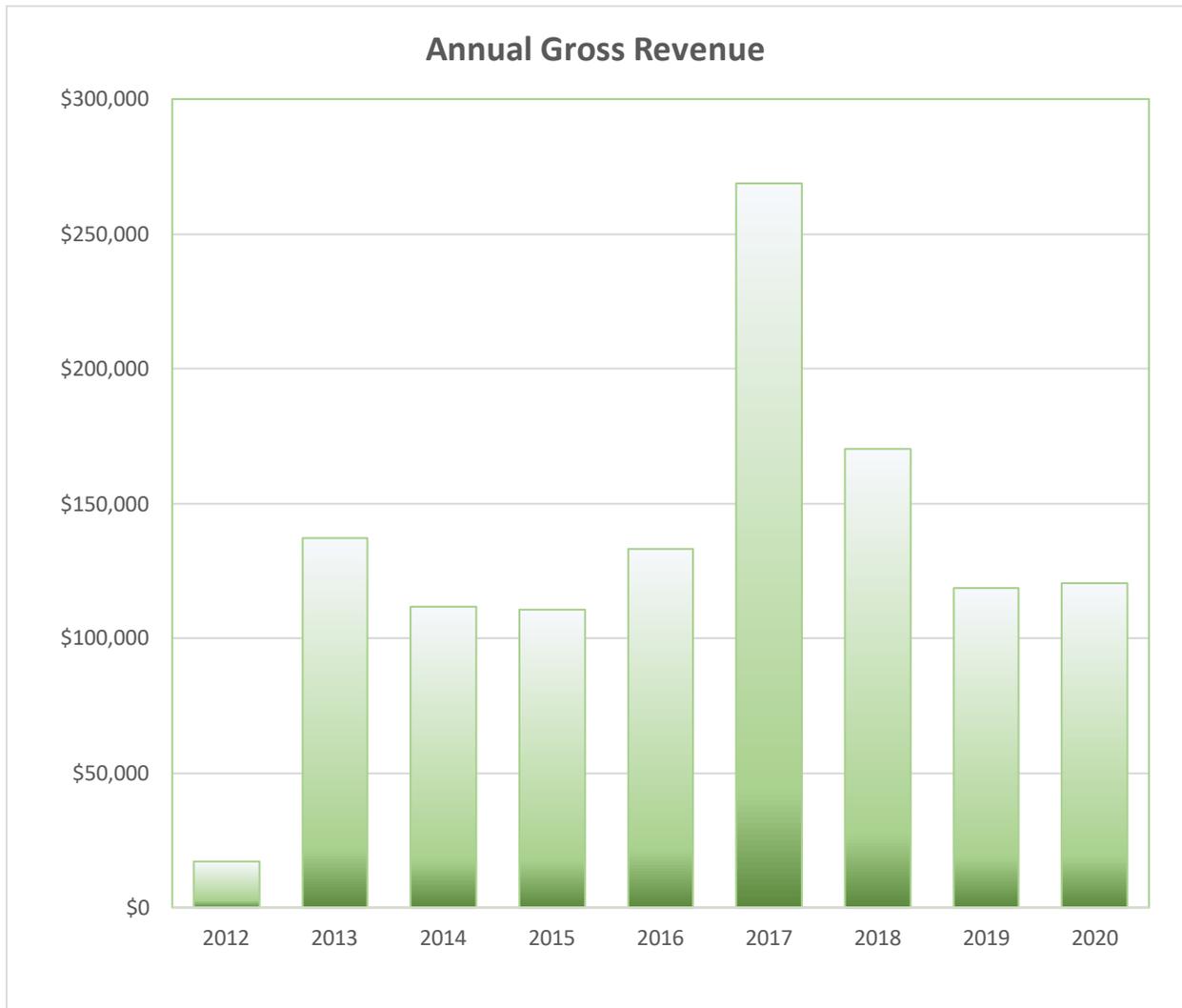
The operating expenses of the Alumni Association are funded through memberships and the purchase of brick tiles in the theater courtyard seating wall. The bricks have inscriptions from many former students, staff, and Capuchino High School's supporters.



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FINANCIAL POSITION

The Association's combined funds have remained steady over the past several years. We showed a spike in revenue during the 2017-2018 school year when the initial **San Bruno Community Foundation** grant for Music was received. Despite the impact COVID-19 had on our ability to fundraise, the organization's financial position remained strong. As the San Bruno community came together during these challenging times, the support for Capuchino remained strong.



CAPEOPLE PTO

Spring 2020

All in-person activity halted due to pandemic.

The PTO donated \$1,000 for Covid relief for families in need. We also collected \$3,100 from parents for the same purpose.

Each teacher was thanked with \$50 to put towards teaching materials.

The PTO provided a scholarship for a senior chosen by the faculty.

Fall 2020

PTO meetings held each month over Zoom.

SEPTEMBER - PTO Welcome Meeting

SEPTEMBER - PTO Meeting (topic: sexual assault)

OCTOBER – PTO Meeting (topic: Black Lives Matter Forum)

NOVEMBER – PTO Meeting (topic: digital wellness)

DECEMBER – Staff Appreciation Donation Drive. Teachers received gift bags with mask, hand sanitizer, gift card, and candy as a thank you for their work. Parents also made a thank you video featuring students.

Growth Fund donations totaled just under **\$10,000**. Money went to teacher grants for classroom materials and resources.

This past year the International Baccalaureate group became a committee of Capeople along with the group that plans the Grad Night celebration.

Officers:

- Co-Presidents: Alison Fox Mazzola and Martha Acacio
- Community Event Coordinator: Claire Gagas
- Treasurer: Regina Diaz
- Secretary: Kathleen Kane
- Hospitality: Kammy Kwong, Erika Guerra, Dana Facciano
- *IB Representative – Pamela Gamble*



DRAMA BOOSTERS

Just one week before show time, Capuchino's 2020 Spring Musical *"ONCE on THIS ISLAND"* had to get cancelled due to the global pandemic. Under these sad circumstances, something had to be done to bring a little cheer and positivism to the disappointed students, especially the ones who were graduating that year. The Drama Boosters made a funny "Covid-19 Edition" Playbill, ordered yard signs for every senior and surprised them with a caravan of decorated cars, home delivering the celebratory signs and personalized envelopes containing Thespian Society Awards, as well as scholarship checks for the students who applied for them. Days after, through a collaboration between the Drama Boosters, the Drama teacher, and students from the Drama Club, a beautiful and memorable **virtual** Thespian Awards Ceremony was held to welcome the new members of the Thespian Society, award students, and say goodbye to the Drama Seniors.

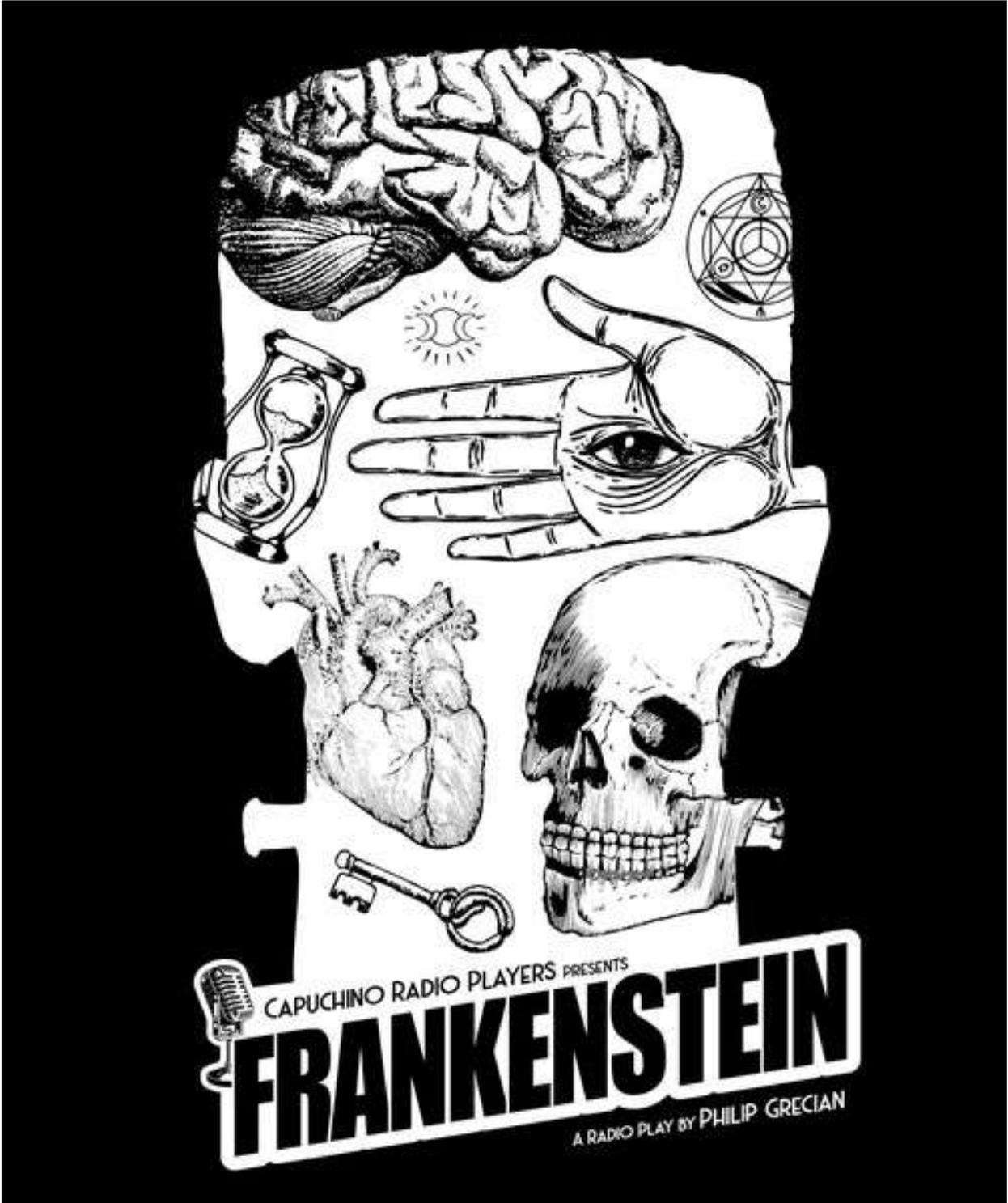
The 2020-2021 school year started with a wonderful new Drama teacher, who has managed to use her creativity to continue with the Drama Program performances, even in the middle of a pandemic. Capuchino's 2020 Fall Production was **Frankenstein**, a radio play performed by The Capuchino Radio Players, recorded from the comfort of their homes, and broadcasted through a private link on YouTube. This exclusive radio adaptation by Philip Grecian of Mary Shelley's quintessential work is the classic story of Frankenstein with a few dramatic twists, told through the art and voices of an all-student cast & crew. The production was a total success, with many people virtually attending. A Q&A session was held after the show, giving the audience the opportunity to ask questions directly to the students. Through an online platform, the Drama Boosters auctioned prizes and illustrations made by the students for this production and took care of mailing the art tiles and prizes to the bidders across the country. Another fundraiser was completed through Custom Ink, a company that prints and sells hoodies and t-shirts online.

Despite all the challenges during the current pandemic, the Drama Boosters continue the efforts to support Capuchino High School's Drama Department through online fundraising for Senior Scholarships and the Thespian Society. The Drama Boosters also help the Drama Department with production costs, doing publicity, and organizing parent participation when needed.

Officers:

- President: Ivon van Mechelen
- Treasurer: Cheryl Hong
- Bookkeeper: Kathy Obst
- Secretary: Tish Herron
and Co-Secretary - Brandy Vazquez





MUSIC BOOSTERS

COVID19 cannot keep the Music Department down! Despite being in the midst of the pandemic as we started our year, Johnathan Hsu and the Executive Music Board had plans for our kids this school year.

Johnathan jumped right in and we were still able to hold Band Camp before the school year started in August, via ZOOM of course, and we had a great turn-out for our first ever Virtual Band Camp! We have been able to keep up with all our monthly Booster Meetings and we have actually had a higher turn-out rate for parents joining via ZOOM than in-person – something to keep in mind going forward even when we can meet together again.

We had a fundraiser in November, courtesy of Nueve Mexican Bar & Grill which help both the Music Department & a local business during these tough times! We also joined forces the same month with a new company, Primetime, to create CAP Music Gear as another fundraiser. We have sweatshirts, t-shirts, beanies, masks, jackets and even a blanket! They will keep our “virtual store” open for the entire school year for us! We also made time over a weekend to pass out our Cap music t-shirts to our freshman performers and new students.

To end the first half of the school year, Johnathan made sure that a Winter Concert would still happen for our musicians and families! Our first Virtual Winter Concert was presented in December via ZOOM. We added yet another fundraiser, and probably our best pandemic fundraiser to date, which was a Virtual Concession Stand during the concert! Johnathan has been fantastic with posting and sharing on our Facebook page, what the music students have been doing & over the Christmas weekend we had some fun holiday music and videos! A virtual concert with Parkside is planned for spring.

We raised a lot of money this year through fundraisers, completing the sale of our trailer and a \$8,000 grant from the **San Bruno Community Foundation**, we should be sending next year’s Booster Board into the new school year ready for anything that comes their way! Hopefully, that includes competitions and performances!

Officers:

- President: Jennifer Gomez
- Vice President: Stacey Aviles
- Secretaries: Raizan Ho & Melody Bradley
- Treasurer: Paul Linden
- Music Director: Johnathan Hsu





MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Capuchino High School Mentorship Program is proud to be a new Booster Group, adopted in summer 2020. As both an alumni-run program and student-run club on-campus, we work together with the aim to aid CHS students in their transition to college by mobilizing our alumni network to help.

In May, we hosted our first **CHS Alumni panel** entirely through Instagram. Over 40 alumni from colleges across the country signed up to share their insight, experiences, and advice on a wide array of topics. Many upperclassmen reached out to express their appreciation for making college information easily accessible, since in-person events have been cancelled and — more importantly — free, as campus tours and information sessions can be costly.

Beginning in summer, 16 CHS staff signed up to be featured in our weekly **“Staff Spotlight”** posts on Instagram. Incoming students, and current, got the chance to familiarize themselves with CHS staff and teachers, including new hires. Additionally, our **“Quarantine Routine”** weekly segment showcased videos submitted from 7 alumni and 4 students, sharing any new activities and hobbies they had been working on since quarantine started. Throughout this time, we have had our **“Monthly Topics”** informational posts on our Instagram, covering various topics of concern related to college, IB courses, dorming, etc.

In the fall, we hosted a **“College Essay Review”** to provide an extra resource for students finalizing their college applications. We acknowledged that many students might not have peers or resources to utilize to review their essays, so our CHS alumni volunteered to act as that resource. 16 application essays were peer-reviewed, giving students that extra encouragement and confidence in their application.

As for our on-campus club, we are grateful to have our bi-weekly meetings attended by 25 members, presided by our 3 club officers — who each hold a position on CHSMP board. Together, they listen to student concerns, relay the information to our entire team, so we can plan events/resources accordingly (IG informational posts, College Essay Review, and Panel).

A main event that our on-campus club hosted was the **“UC/CSU Panel”** that consisted of 6 panelists of Cap alumni that are currently attending UCs or CSUs. The panel provided insight on the similarities and differences between the two university systems to aid Cap students’ college decisions, along with providing general advice to CHS students during a stressful time of their lives. As one panelist said, “We all have our own paths and they are all viable.”

2020 has been a year of growth for our program, despite the challenges. We plan to launch the official one-on-one mentorship portion of our program in 2021 with our cleared CHS alumni as mentors. We look forward to continuing to grow with all of you!



