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Dear Alumni,

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of St. Brendan High School. It was in the fall of 1975 that Fr. Thomas Dennehy opened the doors to what would become such a major Catholic high school in the thriving metropolis to south Miami-Dade county. Of course, it took a tremendous amount of work from many hands to turn the seminary into a successful high school. But the work was done and the results are with us. And we are proud of our school and the wonderful students who have passed through its buildings.

You know what your years at St. Brendan High School have meant to you, not only the academic work, but even more important, the life preparation. The teachers, friends, and associates that you met at St. Brendan have become, in many cases, lifelong friends. Values learned during your high school years have stayed with you and made a difference in your life. The Fr. Thomas Dennehy Memorial Fund has as its goal to provide the opportunity for other deserving, but poor, children to attend St. Brendan and enjoy all the advantages that you have experienced during your high school years.

On behalf of the needy, I congratulate you and challenge you to provide to others what you have received. Your support for all the plans and projects of the Fund is dearly needed and appreciated. Please come to visit your Alma Mater. You are always in our family.

Sincerely,

Brother Felix Elardo
Principal

To all St. Brendan Students, Faculty, Alumni, & Friends:

I hope this message finds everyone well and off to a great 2006!

In January 2005, after a year of serving on the Board of the Father Dennehy Memorial Fund, I was elected to serve as President of the Fund. I am honored to serve in this capacity for an Institution that afforded me so many special experiences. The Father Dennehy Memorial Fund (FDMF), named after St. Brendan's founding Principal Father Thomas Dennehy, is operated by an independent Board of Directors comprised of Alumni from each decade of the school's existence as well as some dedicated Faculty members currently teaching at St. Brendan. Our sole purpose is to raise funds from Sabre Alumni and Friends to help support any current St. Brendan student in urgent need. When a student and their family are met with the prospect of having to leave the school because of a family situation that affects their financial ability to afford tuition, we step in on an anonymous basis to subsidize the student's level of need.

Since 1998, the fund has raised over \$20,000 and sponsored 10 students who have all gone on to graduate. We are currently supporting three students attending St. Brendan. In order to meet this commitment and continue to raise the funds needed to support the FDMF, we realized that St. Brendan needed an Alumni Association. The FDMF Board decided to take action and with the support of the administration, we formed the first official St. Brendan High Alumni Association (SBHAA). The FDMF will now be a subset of the SBHAA. St. Brendan boasts one of the highest Alumni Faculty ratios in all of Dade County. About 1/3 of our teachers are Alumni, it is truly a beautiful legacy of SBHS and we intend to carry the alumni tradition forward. In this newsletter you will find information on how to contribute to the fund, join the Alumni Association, and get more involved with St. Brendan.

The launch of the Association could not have better timing as 2005-06 marks the 30th Anniversary of our alma mater. Several events have commemorated both milestones. In April 2005, we held the successful kickoff cocktail on campus; the 30th Anniversary Gala at the JW Marriott was held in November where we honored Bert & Esther Jordan with our Distinguished Alumni Award; and a new tradition was born when alumni were invited back to campus for the first ever Homecoming Alumni Tailgate, held before the Friday night Girls & Boys Homecoming Basketball games in January. Upcoming events include Sabre Success Career Days and the presentation of the Alumni Founders plaque that will commemorate those who joined as founding members in this first year of the Alumni Association. The plaque will hang at the entrance of the school.

As you can see, these are exciting times at St. Brendan, but we need your help. I want to extend to all of you an invitation to get involved with the Alumni Association and in the 30th Anniversary Celebration. For more information please go to our website at www.stbrendanalumni.org.

Go Sabres,

Javi Borges
President & Chair
St. Brendan Alumni Association
Father Dennehy Memorial Fund
Class of '93

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Contact the Development Office:

305-223-5181 ext.561

St. Brendan High School Alumni Website:

www.stbrendanalumni.org

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www.stbhs.org

Calendar of Events

Sabre Success: Networking Cocktail
Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Sabre Success: Career Days
Thursday and Friday, April 6-7, 2006

**30th Anniversary Alumni Association Founding/
Lifetime Members Commemoration Celebration**
May 2006

Sabre Success: Career Days 2006

Our Sabre Success Career Days Event this year will be held from April 5-7, 2006. All participants will be invited to a kickoff cocktail the evening of Wednesday, April 5, and speakers will visit classes on Thursday, April 6 and Friday, April 7. As always, current college and graduate students, and beginning and experienced professionals from different fields are invited to participate. Whether one is an alumnus, family member of alumni, and/or parent of current students, all members of the St. Brendan High School family are welcome. Speakers will receive a list of questions that may help them organize a presentation. They may use this list as much or as little as they would like. Guests are encouraged to share any and all advice, and personal stories they believe will be useful for our students, we are very flexible. Historically, speakers have graciously provided our students with very valuable information about academic and professional preparation in a very informal environment.

Anyone who is interested in participating in any way can contact me at 305-223-5181, extension 261 or via email at sprieto@stbhs.org.

Sarah Prieto
Class of '83

From the Director

Greetings Alumni,

I am pleased to inform you that things at St. Brendan are working well. We just celebrated our 30th Anniversary with a Gala at the JW Marriott, it was fantastic! Thank you to all those who attended, and contributed to the Registry.

The installation of the Smart Boards will begin in the summer (hopefully). Congratulations to Esther Jordan '83, the recipient of the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award.

As you know we have a newly established Alumni Association, headed by Javier Borges '93. We have had a very good response, many of you are opting for the lifetime membership. The Dennehy Fund is doing its best to help needy St. Brendan students continue their education. The Fund will be mailing out their yearly fundraising letter soon, and I hope many of you choose to help someone receive the same education you have received.

The school's website is undergoing reconstruction. Please visit the website to check the progress and find out what's going on at your alma mater.

I hope the new year will bring many blessings to you and your loved ones. Please come and visit your school, you know you are always welcome.

Regards and God Bless to all,

Bertha Alvarez
Director

30th Anniversary Gala & Fr. Thomas A. Dennehy Distinguished Alumnus Award

On November 19th, 2005, St. Brendan hosted the 30th Anniversary Gala. It was a formal affair held at the J.W. Marriott on Brickell Avenue. There was a silent auction cocktail reception, dinner, dancing, and presentation of awards to round off the evening. It was a fantastic event and all proceeds went to the St. Brendan High Development Fund. An overwhelming amount of alumni, faculty, past faculty, family and friends of St. Brendan were in attendance.

During the evening, Brother Felix (Principle), Father Heria (Supervising Principle), Bertha Alvarez (Director of Development), & Javi Borges (President of Alumni Association) presented the Father Dennehy Distinguished Alumni Award to two very special alumni. The honorees are selected not only for their professional achievements but also for demonstrating Christian principles in their everyday lives and for service to their community and their alma mater.

This year the honorees were Bert & Esther Jordan. Honorable Judge Adalberto Jordan, Class of 1980 was the 2003 honoree but due to extenuating circumstances, was never formally presented the award. Judge Jordan is a Federal court judge currently appointed to the US District Court here in Miami. He is also a volunteer assistant coach for the Sabre Girls Soccer team. The 2005 honoree was Bert's wife Esther Jordan, Class of 1980. Esther has taught numerous subjects at St. Brendan High for over 20 years. She is also the moderator of the Future Educators of America Club where she mentors students to provide after school tutoring for underprivileged children in the community.

Bert & Esther have continued the Sabre legacy thru their daughter Diana who is a Sophomore at St. Brendan High. The Alumni Association congratulates Bert & Esther on their distinction and thanks them for their continued dedication to the Sabre tradition.



Tradition is born: Homecoming Alumni Tailgate

The third week in January traditionally marks Sabre Homecoming, a time filled with classic memories for all Sabres. Whether it's the Homecoming Dance, theme days, pep rallies, basketball games, or the annual senior-junior rivalry that is Powder Puff; Homecoming is full of traditions that make St. Brendan a unique experience. This year, a new tradition was born thanks to the efforts of the Alumni Association, SBHS Administration, Athletic Department, and Student Council. On Friday January 20th, 2006 Alumni were welcomed back to campus for the first Homecoming Alumni Tailgate. The tailgate took place prior to the Girls & Boys Homecoming Basketball game. The Girls & JV Boys teams provided a dominating performance, and the Boys Varsity team provided a tremendous double overtime effort that, despite the loss, truly held up the definition of Sabre pride. The Alumni Association would like to congratulate the Girls & Boys Basketball teams for a great evening of Sabre sports.



Sabre Alumni is One in a Million

Over one million people applied for only 18 contestant slots on the fifth installment of the NBC TV show, The Apprentice. One of the 18 selected (after, among other tests, an interview with Donald Trump) was our own Jose ("Pepi") Diaz. Pepi is a Class of 1998 graduate of St. Brendan High and currently serves as Secretary of the St. Brendan High Alumni Association.

The Apprentice premiered Monday, Feb. 27th @ 9pm. following NBC's Deal or No Deal, and this will now be the show's new permanent time slot. You can find more information on Pepi at the Apprentice website http://www.nbc.com/The_Apprentice_5

Pepi is a former Florida College Student of the Year, the first Hispanic to receive that distinction. Pepi was president of both St. Brendan High School student body and the University of Miami's student government. He graduated in 2005 from Columbia Law School where he received several honors including the American Bar Association's Law Student Division Silver Key in recognition of his successful lobbying effort to get a student representative on the ABA Board of Governors. Pepi has been honored by both Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami for his national and local involvements. In his spare time, he donates his efforts to the Young Professionals of the American Red Cross. He is beginning his legal career at the Miami law firm of Akerman Senterfit.

"Pepi embodies what the Sabre tradition is all about. He carries St. Brendan with him wherever he goes, is dedicated to the values that he learned here, and is an all around great person. He and his family have a special dedication to St. Brendan. Both his sisters also served as President of the student body (Angie in 1998 and Karina in 2005) and their parents have donated significant time to the school. We are very proud of Pepi and will root him on every Monday night!" said Javi Borges, President of the St. Brendan High Alumni Association.

Pepi told Sabre Tales: "I proudly volunteer my time to our alumni association because St. Brendan High School has given me so much. I entered St. B as a shy, quiet kid, and I ended up leaving with a degree of self-confidence that I could not have developed at any other school. The teachers that I encountered during my high school years were instrumental in my growth as a young, aspiring student leader, and without them I would never have had the confidence to always reach for the top."



Have You Been to Your Alumni Website?

Interested in keeping up to date with Sabre alumni events, sharing old memories, or reconnecting with old friends? Visit the Sabre Alumni website at www.stbrendanalumni.org There you will find listings of your former classmates, information on reunions, and places where you can share your reflections on the Sabre experience. The content depends on you, our alumni. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Board Welcomes New Members

The Board of Directors of the St. Brendan High Alumni Association is comprised of Sabre Alumni, Faculty, and Parents. It is an independent Board that also governs the administration of the Father Dennehy Memorial Fund. The Fund's purpose is to ensure that any current St. Brendan student, whose family is in urgent need, has the opportunity to graduate. The Board is proud to announce its newest Directors:

- Martha Adams, Faculty
- Lily Cuadra, Class of '98
- Angie Diaz, Class of '00
- Natalie Lizaso, St. Brendan Student Body President
- Kassandra Padron, St. Brendan Student Body Vice President

Thanks to all current Directors for their continued dedication to St. Brendan High School.

Class Reunions!

This year, the Alumni Association would like to work closer together with any upcoming class reunions. Plans include to leverage all of the reunions to manage cost and logistics, while ensuring a connection back to campus, faculty, and students. If you are interested in organizing your classes 5, 10, 20, or 30 year reunion, please contact us at sabrenews@stbrendanalumni.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

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The new Saint Brendan High Alumni Association (SBHAA) is all about reconnecting you to Saint Brendan High while benefiting future generations of Sabres to come. There are a few special legacies that stand out at St. B. First, the school boasts about a 1/3 ratio of alumni faculty. Second, we are beginning to see the sons and daughters of alumni come to school at our Alma Mater. With this in mind, a group of alumni, teachers, faculty and staff joined forces and founded the St. Brendan High Alumni Association to ensure that the legacy is carried on.

The Alumni Association is still in its beginning stages. We need your support and involvement to truly make this a valuable organization for St. Brendan, its alumni, students, and faculty. For alumni who have graduated within the last five years from St. Brendan High, Alumni Association membership will be free of charge. We ask only that you fill out the form below and keep your information updated. We encourage all other alumni to become annual members. The annual dues are \$25 a year, or you can become lifetime members for a one-time contribution of \$500. However, to commemorate the Alumni Association's launch and the 30th Anniversary of St. Brendan (2005-2006), we are offering a one-time opportunity for you to become a lifetime member for \$250. Furthermore, if you submit your lifetime dues by April 7th, 2006, you will be recognized as a "Founding Member" of the SBHAA. This will be a permanent honor and your name and class year will be listed on our website as well as on a plaque that will always hang in the school's entrance. We ask for your support to ensure the legacy of the green and white.



Let us know what's happening - We want to hear all about you!

New Address? Yes No

Full Name (current) _____ Maiden Name _____ Year of Graduation _____

Street Address _____ Apt# _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Title/Profession/Occupation _____ Company/Employer Name _____

E-mail Address _____ Home Number _____ Business Number _____ Alternate Number (cell or other) _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____ University Attended _____

News about you: career, professional or academic activities/honors; civic achievements _____

Personal news about you: births, engagements, marriages, spouse's or children's name _____

I do not want news items to be published

Please share with us your interests:

Speaking at future Career Days Interested Not Interested

Mentoring or being Mentored Interested Not Interested

Participating in Networking Activities Interested Not Interested

Helping with future Class Reunions Interested Not Interested

Attending Alumni Events (for adults) Interested Not Interested

Attending Alumni Events (for families) Interested Not Interested

How to join the Saint Brendan High Alumni Association (Optional)

Type of Membership (check one)

Recent Graduate (5 years or less) **Complimentary**

Annual (single) **\$25** Founding Member* **\$250**

Annual (family) **\$40** Lifetime **\$500**

* Limited time only. Prior to April 7th, 2006, alumni may join as Founding Members for the reduced amount of \$250.

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Academic & Professional Achievements (continued on the next page...)

- '80 **Maria Elizabeth Babun-Matos**, Appointed to the position of Special Assistant to the Chief of Police. Joined the City of Miami in 1986. MPD's Employee of the Year in 1996. Liz is the only female civilian staff member.
- '80 **Ibis Pittaluga**, UofM Business School Class of '84, Retired from corporate world in '86 to raise 2 girls, now 15 & 14, attending Carrollton School, active volunteer in girls' school.
- '80 **Melissa Southard**, Currently in Social Work Bachelor Program at FSU, will be pursuing a Master in Aging Studies.
- '80 **Ofelia (Kiki) de Jesus Becerra Bacaro**, Started MDCC in '92, graduated '94. Started at the Miami Institute of Psychology in '94, graduated BS, Summa cum laude in '96, MS in '98. Started home-schooling my 6th, 7th and 10th graders in '98 and just graduated my youngest child last month.
- '83 **Nazy Maria Ramallo-Sierra**, Taught Spanish/ESE for 15 years. Should complete on Doctorate by May 2008.
- '84 **Brenda Maria Murphy-Love**, Graduated FIU – Nursing.
- '86 **Anita Maria Gardner Acebo**, Graduated from Nova Southeastern University with a Master in Mental Health Counseling. I decided to stay in the legal field and work part-time since I had my second daughter.
- '86 **Arturo Gomez**, BA in leadership. City of Miami Firefighter for 13 years, Lieutenant for 3 years. Member of FEMA's Urban Search and Rescue team. Part time Instructor at Miami-Dade College Medical and North campus (Fire Academy).
- '86 **Christina Guixens-Maury**, Worked with Merrill Lynch International for 13 years then decided to stay at home and raise my children.
- '86 **Elena Naranjo**, BA '92 and MS Ed in Counselor Education '04 from Florida International University.
- '86 **Mariana Defrancisco Laney**, Graduated: Specialist Degree in reading University of Miami. I've been teaching since '89.
- '86 **Michelle Anseuw-Bao**, Valorem group is the leading provider of sales & marketing services to over 180 hotels and resorts throughout the world. Graduated FIU School of Hospitality Management In '90, obtained MS in International Business from University of Miami.
- '87 **Lynette Galiano Herrera**, Bachelor in Criminal Justice and a Masters in Public Administration. I am a member of Phi Sigma Sigma Fraternity and was the advisor for four years. I have been a Probation Officer for 11 years (9 years for the State and 2 years for the Federal Government).
- '88 **Ana Margarita Garcia Chapman**, I am teaching middle school choir in a suburban Cleveland School District.
- '88 **Brenda Suarez**, Completed 6 Triathalons this past summer and "Escape to Miami" (1.5K swim, 40K bike, 10K run) – placing 3rd in category.
- '88 **Darcy Lynne Difede Velazquez**, Currently responsible for the Clinical Trials Division at the Center for Medical Genetics at the University of Miami.
- '88 **Maria Arias-Morgado**, Recently appointed Career Law Clerk to Hon. William C. Turnoff.
- '90 **Julie McDonough Lanza**, MS Nursing, Villanova University, May 2005; Clinical Nurse Specialist.
- '91 **Bernie Navarro**, Former President of HomeMortgage Co., company was acquired by Countrywide Home Loans – America's #1 home loan lender - in an effort to expand into the local market; now Branch Manager for Countrywide.
- '91 **Michelle Mondragon Touriz**, Graduated FIU, Psychology, 1995 and Health Info Mgmt, 1998.
- '93 **Javi Borges**, BS in International Affairs & Business from the Florida State University (1997). Ernst & Young LLP since 1999, currently serving as President & Chair of FSU Seminole Club of Greater Miami, Inc.; and President of Saint Brendan High Alumni Association & Father Dennehy Memorial Fund.
- '93 **Alfredo Orlando Riverol**, BS in Communications, MS of Public Administration, Masters of Accounting, Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Assistant City Manager for North Miami Beach, Past President Kiwanis of North Miami Beach.
- '94 **Jennifer Bayona**, Presently Assistant Director – Post-Newsweek – WPLG – Local 10 TV.
- '95 **Cristina Maria Suero**, Attending Barry University, Bachelor in Accounting.
- '95 **Jessica Becerra**, Currently working for Y-100.7 FM as a Solutions Manager. Any advertising needs I will be more than happy to cut great deals for good old St. B! Happily divorced :-)
- '95 **Mariella Garcia Salazar**, Bachelor in Psychology, FIU; currently in Human Resources at UofM.
- '95 **Michelle Coman**, Graduate Univ. of VA, 2003, Master in Communication Disorders. Currently at Miami Children's Hospital as Speech Language Pathologist.
- '95 **Patsy Dieguez-Lopez**, Achieved National Board Certification in Mathematics Teaching.
- '95 **Viviana Patricia Amaro-Goss**, I am a military wife living in beautiful hawaii. I am working in the Mortgage business and happy to be successful while seeing the world.
- '95 **Jeanette V. Gonzalez**, Teaching at St. Brendan HS for 7 years. Masters in Reading Education.
- '96 **Charlie Duranona**, Currently enlisted in the US Navy, working in the emergency room as a paramedic in one of the Navy's hospitals in Italy. It's been a crazy ride after I graduated and before I joined the military 4 years ago.
- '96 **Cristina Elisa Sachs Rangel**, Graduated 1998, Associate of Arts Degree, Graphic Designer, Miami International University of Art & Design. Graduated 2006, Florida National College for certification as a Medical Assistant.
- '96 **Francesca Frida Brito Zollo**, Finishing Master Counselor Education, Mental Health Counseling Track.
- '96 **Ileana Espinosa**, President Boston College Law School '03. President University of Miami '00. Corporate Litigation at Katz Barron Squitero Faust.
- '96 **Lene Marie Sam-Helago**, Graduated FIU, magna cum laude with a Bachelor in Early Childhood Education.
- '96 **Sofia Inguanzo Perez**, MS Curriculum & Instruction, FIU; Teacher of the Year 2004 – Pinecrest Prep.
- '96 **Allison Hidalgo-Gonzalez**, Graduated University of Miami - Dentist.
- '97 **Jessica M. Lugo**, Graduated NSU with Honors '05, Masters Business Administration.
- '97 **Ariel Bellumio**, After 5 years in the advertising industry working as Executive Producer for Planning Group International, I joined my brother in starting Hoodiny Entertainment Group as Vice President of Online Entertainment. We'll be launching www.elhood.com in March of 2006, the next big thing in social networking, online music and picture sharing.
- '97 **Alexandra Borges Mastro**, Pharmaceutical Representative for Forest Pharmaceuticals.
- '97 **Christine Marie Cruz Oliver**, Currently RN at Miami Children's Hospital.
- '97 **Lourdes Selma**, Graduated Barry: 2002-Honors BS in Elementary Ed, 2003-Master in Reading; Teaching 2nd grade at Oliver Hoover Elementary and ESOL Adults at Southwest High.
- '98 **Alexandra Gil**, Graduated May 2005, FIU, Master International Business.
- '98 **Sara Rivero**, Graduated with a Masters in Psychology in 2004. Currently pursuing doctorate in Child Clinical Psychology.
- '98 **Ana-Christina Gonzalez**, MA International Service, American University, 2004.
- '98 **Jennifer C. Espino**, Graduated FIU, Dec 2004, BS in Psychology with minor in Women Studies; will be attending graduate school at St Thomas University, Fall 2006 for Masters in Psychology.
- '98 **Jessica del Sol**, BA Business Administration, FIU; Certification in Middle School Mathematics.
- '98 **Jose "Pepi" Diaz**, Accepted position as attorney at Akerman Senterfitt.
- '98 **Lisette Carolina Muir Gell**, Graduated University of Miami, MBA in Finance and Management, December 2003.
- '98 **Isabel Abreu**, Graduated Bachelor's of Interior Design '03.
- '99 **Lourdes Suarez Sanchez**, Completed Bachelor in Elementary Education from FIU.
- '99 **Maria Celia Abaunza Caballero**, Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting & Master Accounting.

Academic & Professional Achievements (...continued)

- '99 **Maria Tuya-Diaz**, Completed my degree in Secondary Social Studies Education in 2003; currently working as a 6th grade teacher at St.Thoams The Apostle Catholic school in South Miami.
- '99 **Nilda de la Mata Martinez**, PE teacher and head coach for the girl's soccer team at St. Brendan High School; Graduated FIU, August 2003, BA in Political Science.
- '99 **Nilia Madan Cartaya**, Accepted and enrolled at FIU Master in Environmental & Urban Systems.
- '99 **Melissa Bohl-Alonso**, University of Miami, elementary school teacher.
- '00 **Anabella Arana**, Working on Bachelor in Exceptional Student Ed; should start teaching by next year.
- '00 **Melissa Boraby**, Graduated Suma Cum Laude, Barry Univ, Dec 2004 in Elementary Ed; working on Master in Reading. Created 1st Silver Lakes Elementary Cheerleading Program and won championship.
- '00 **Tania Fernandez**, Graduating Barry Univ Nursing School, May 2006.
- '00 **Zaida Rosa Valverde**, Graduating Fall of 2006 from Florida International University.
- '01 **Astrid Marie Batista**, Graduated FIU, Dec 2004, BS in Accounting, minor in Economics.
- '01 **Kelly Kristine Diaz Roberts**, Majoring in fine art photography.
- '02 **Nicole M. Borges**, Graduating from Florida State University (April 2006) with a BA in Theatre & Communications.
- '02 **Jacqueline Patricia Castellanos Pinto**, Graduated from FIU in Fall 2005 with a Bachelor in Pyschology.
- '02 **Jennifer Rodriguez**, Graduated Uoff 2005, Suma Cum Laude, Communication Sciences and Disorders. Will be attending Temple Univ. for PhD on full scholarship and fellowship.
- '02 **Nelly M. Cendan**, Attending Pharmacy School at Nova Southeastern University.
- '02 **Thais Asper**, Graduated, Phi Beta Kappa, and Cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Masters student at FSU in Applied American Politics and Policy.
- '04 **Eileen Musa**, Attending Miami-Dade College. Office Manager for Dr. Hector Wiltz Office.
- '05 **Vanessa Leal**, UofM Nursing Student, Class of '09.

Personal & Family Announcements (continued on the next page...)

- '78 **Alfonso Antonio Alejo**, Married to Patricia two sons Aymeric and Maximilien (twins) born Oct 1998.
- '78 **Vivian Ferro**, Divorced; mother of two boys Andrew and Carlos.
- '79 **Alfie Perez Dorrbecker**, Married to Monica Tarafa; two daughters: Andrea and Daniela.
- '79 **Carmen Pasos Tomasino**, Married to Roger Tomasino with two children: Nicolas and Francesca.
- '79 **Cristina Martinez Fonts Ramsay**, Married to Chris Ramsay; 3 daughters: Sophia, Tessa and Chloe.
- '79 **Doug Cooper**, Married to classmate - Ann Marie Gunderson; two children.
- '79 **Fernie Fernandez**, Married to Ana with two boys: Alexander and Matthew.
- '79 **Jackie Pagley Lezynski**, Married to Greg Lezynski.
- '79 **Maggie Carballo Weisson**, Married to Ruben Weisson with three children.
- '79 **Marguerite Frohnappel Greener**, Married to Keith Greener; two children: Sean and Courtney.
- '79 **Ralf Dominguez**, Married to Alicia with three boys: Alec, Nico and Enzo.
- '79 **Ricky Roviroso**, Married to Maria Teresa with two daughters: Alejandra and Adriana.
- '79 **Rosemarie Area Reyes**, Married to Joe Reyes with two children: Gabriella and Joseph.
- '80 **Jose Gonzalez**, Married w/two kids Eric & Matthew.
- '80 **Melissa Southard**, Have one son, 4, Callum Searce-Southard.
- '80 **Ofelia (Kiki) de Jesus Becerra Bacaro**, Married to Ramon Bacaro; children Jennifer 22, Michelle 19 and Michael 18.
- '80 **Ralph Iglesias**, Married to Ileana Falla; with three children: Rafa, Max and Veronica.
- '80 **Raquel Ortega Lockwood**, Daughter, Rylee Jaye, born in October 2004.
- '80 **Ray De Caradenas**, Married to Diana Coscolluela; three children.
- '80 **Ronald Joseph Dombek**, Married Crystal; one son, Christopher.
- '81 **Elizabeth Mary Merconchini Bengochea**, Married to Gus; children: Lauren 16 and Michael 12.
- '81 **Julieta Skokan**, Two children: Luke, born 1998 and Liam, born 2000.
- '81 **Vivienne Marie Labiste Roca**, Married Ed Roca, November '87, have two children Mike (2/91) and Gaby (3/97).
- '83 **Marietta Fuste-Fernandez**, Daughter Gabriela Fernandez born May 2005.
- '83 **Nazy Maria Ramallo-Sierra**, Married since Dec '89; two sons, Philip born 1993 and Michael born 1996.
- '83 **Ricky Valdes-Flores**, Daughter Stephanie, born July 2005.
- '83 **Sylvia Maria Nieto Vidal**, Married Manuel Vidal (Class of '82); have daughters Therese and Sofia.
- '86 **Anita Maria Gardner Acebo**, Married William Acebo; have two daughters, Natalie 14 and Sophia 6. Natalie is a freshman at Our Lady of Lourdes Academy and Sophia is in first grade at St. Timothy.
- '86 **Arturo Gomez**, Married to Tahimy Gomez; 1 daughter, two year old Giuliana Mia.
- '86 **Christina Guixens-Maury**, Married Rick Maury and have 2 children, isabella 5 and Phillip 3.
- '86 **Mariana Defrancisco Laney**, Married with 3 boys.
- '86 **Michelle Anseeuw-Bao**, Married to Victor Bao; have children Nckolas, 9 and Catherine Alexandra 19 months; expecting 3rd child, a boy, September 2005.
- '86 **Monica Maria Carbonell Avello**, have 2 girls, Krizia (13) and Alexa (9) – divorced.
- '86 **Sandra Sanchez Perez**, Married for 9 years to Jorge Perez; and have a 3 year old Boy, Jorge Perez, Jr.
- '87 **Adis Victoria Rodriguez Tomaselli**, Married To Xavier Tomaselli With 2 Kids, Lucas And Amanda.
- '87 **Angela Recio Sondon**, Children Julianna Ibis (11/2002) and John Richard (11/2004) Sondon.
- '87 **Diana Maria Dela Sala Lane**, Married, 1 daughter, Ava, 17 months old.
- '87 **Lynette Galiano Herrera**, Married to Jorge Herrera, police seargent with MDPD and have a daughter Karissa, 5.
- '87 **Maria Alzola de la Rosa**, Married to Ralph de la Rosa, beautiful daughters Karina 7, Teresa 5, Isabella 1.
- '88 **Ana Margarita Garcia Chapman**, Married to college sweetheart, John for 10 years. 3 wonderful children: Julia age 7, Jack age 4, Carter 6 months.
- '88 **Carmen Fumero Cardoso**, Married Armando Cardoso Sept. 2004; Arabella Carina born Sept 2005.

Personal & Family Announcements (...continued)

- '88 **Darcy Lynne Difede Velazquez**, Married to high school sweetheart Victor Velazquez, have three children Victor Jr 13, Darcy 11 and Devon 5.
- '88 **Rene Sanchez**, Married Lourdes Mestre (Class '89); two children Julianna 7 and Max 6.
- '88 **Tracy Gundersen Hesla**, Married Greg Hesla in 1992; have four children, Nikolas 12, Christian 9, Skylar 4 and Luke 3.
- '89 **Tammy Granados Acosta**, Married Frank A. Acosta ('88); daughters Tatiana (2/00) and Thais (9/02).
- '89 **Ricardo Valdes**, Married Susana Sanchez ('89).
- '90 **Julie McDonough Lanza**, Mom, dad Tom and brother Justin recently welcomed baby boy Dylan Michael.
- '90 **Lisa Calzadilla Smith**, Married Sergio Smith July 2002; first son Sebastian born April 2004.
- '90 **Sandra Rodriguez Hall**, Married Ed Hall in 1996; have children Amanda & Dylan.
- '90 **Shannon Auer Gottardi**, Son Austin born February 2005.
- '91 **Ana Luisa Cepeda**, Have a 2 year old named Amantina and expecting again middle of September.
- '91 **Bernie Navarro**, Married to Claudia; expecting baby girl in March 2006.
- '91 **Michelle Marquina Mesa**, Married Raul Mesa May 2001, daughter Sophia Marie born Dec 2003.
- '91 **Michelle Mondragon Touriz**, Married Albert W. Touriz May 1998, son Jonathan (1/02) and daughter Victoria (9/05).
- '91 **Natasha Regla Diaz Pages**, Married to Armando Pages; daughter Victoria Teresa born Dec 2003.
- '91 **Gabriel Anseeuw**, son Gabriel Andres .
- '92 **Odalys Flores**, Married with 2 children, Pedro 4, Valentina 5 months old.
- '93 **Alfredo Orlando Riverol**, Married to Michelle Giovanna Ortiz; son Daniel Alfredo born 02/2002.
- '93 **Maritza Rodriguez Correa**, New baby boy Aidan Jude (6/05) joined big brother Tristan (3/01).
- '93 **Joseph "Pep" Duran**, Married Adriana (2003), two sons Joseph Alexander (born 2004) and Johan Adrian (born 2005). Recently relocated to Holly Springs, Georgia..
- '94 **Carmen Luisa Juarrero Sanchez**, Daughter Stephanie born Feb 2004.
- '94 **Cristina M. Diaz Gonzalez-Abreu**, Third daughter, Gabriela Maria, born July 2005.
- '94 **Edith Mantecon Argote**, First son Edrien born September 2005.
- '94 **Jennifer Bayona**, Engaged to marry Mike Martinez in October 2006.
- '95 **Cristina Maria Suero**, Twin girls born 11/2004; Sabrina and Stephanie.
- '95 **Lili Pineiro Weglarz**, Married to George Weglarz; son Bryan Christopher born February 2005.
- '95 **Lourdes Leonor Elias Mattar**, Happily married with 5 beautiful boys.
- '95 **Lucy Sueiro**, Engaged to Alex Castro; have 2 girls: Ariana and Alexi.
- '95 **Marcella Garcia Salazar**, Married Conrad Salazar in Feb 2005.
- '95 **Marisela Calzada-Cruz**, Married Jesus Cruz, February 2005.
- '95 **Patsy Dieguez-Lopez**, Daughter Sofia Isabella born June 2005.
- '95 **Jeanette V. Gonzalez**, Married Gabriel Rojas ('95).
- '96 **Charlie Duranona**, Married fellow active duty Corpsman (Medic) named Joselynn. We met in our last command Parris Island Marine Corp Base.
- '96 **Cristina Elisa Sachs Rangel**, Married November 19, 2005.
- '96 **Deborah Hernandez**, Son Nicholas Alexander born October 2005.
- '96 **Elena Santayana Dalmastro**, Married Andres Dalmastro April 2004.
- '96 **Gustavo Armando Perez**, Married Jessyca Gonzalez June 2005.
- '96 **Ileana Espinosa**, Engaged to Erik J. Christianson, CPA.
- '96 **Lene' Marie Sam-Helago**, Married a wonderful Christian police officer, Gustavo Helago.
- '96 **Lisette Cortina Alonso**, Married November '99; with son Enrique Jr. 3.
- '96 **Marielvyn (Mari) Perez Garcia**, Son Joseph Jesus born July 2004.
- '96 **Sofia Inguanzo**, Married Jorge Perez in Feb 2006.
- '97 **Ariel Bellumio**, Engaged to Claudia Paola Frias.
- '97 **Christine Marie Cruz Oliver**, Married Hafid Oliver March 2005.
- '97 **Elia Fajardo Garrison**, Married Raymond Garrison, June 2003.
- '97 **Teresita Barcelo Perez**, Married Omar Perez November 2004.
- '98 **Ana-Christina Gonzalez**, Engaged to Lt. Peter Hernandez.
- '98 **Jackeline Marie Ferrer Vega**, Married Javier Vega ('96), June 2005, Church of the Little Flower.
- '98 **Jacqueline Licea Ferrer**, Married Enrique Ferrer, August 2003; had a baby boy November 2004.
- '98 **Jannell Leal Garcia**, Married Yohandi Garcia May 2005.
- '98 **Johnny Trabanco**, Engaged to Rita Torres.
- '98 **Lisette Carolina Muir Gell**, Married Daniel Gell, November 2004.
- '98 **Melinda Blanco Pena**, Married Mario Pena July 2005.
- '98 **Rosemarie Ruffin Sunderland**, Married Chad Sunderland; birth to a baby boy - Zachary Roberto.
- '98 **Sara Caridad Rivero**, Recently engaged to Ezequiel Conil.
- '98 **Talia Maria Asper Muñoz**, Married Alain Muñoz, July 2005.
- '99 **Jaclyn Ordiales**, Engaged Dec 2004 to Daniel Interian; Wedding March 2006.
- '99 **Juan Pablo Arrastia**, Married Evelyn Diaz (Class of '99) in 2001; first baby, Bryanna Elena, January 2006.
- '99 **Lourdes Suarez Sanchez**, Married Serafin Sanchez; baby girl Sera Alexis born 2005.
- '99 **Maria Celia Abaunza Caballero**, Married Gabriel Caballero July 12, 2003.
- '99 **Maria Tuya-Diaz**, Married high school sweetheart, Luis J. Diaz, June 2002. We are extremely happy!!! No children yet..
- '99 **Melissa Bohl Alonso**, Welcomed baby Lucas, September 2005 w/ husband Frankie Alonso.
- '99 **Nilda de la Mata Martinez**, Married Alcides J. Martinez, July 2004.
- '99 **Yvette Trigo Perez**, Married Alcyon E. Perez, July 2004.
- '99 **Aileen Rodriguez**, Engaged to Andres Valdes.
- '00 **Geyier Suarez Herrera**, Married Carlos Herrera III September 2005.
- '00 **Melissa Boraby**, Engaged to marry Ramon 'Tuto' Hernandez in Nov 2006.
- '00 **Tania Fernandez**, Engaged to Mario Diaz.
- '01 **Kelly Kristine Diaz Roberts**, Married Sgt. Derek K. Roberts, September 2005.
- '02 **Jacqueline Patricia Castellanos Pinto**, Married Jonathan M. Pinto on January 6, 2006 at St. Augustine Church in Coral Gables, Florida.



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