

STERNE ALUMNI BULLETIN

Fall 2014

Sterne Alumni Association

The Sterne Alumni Association is here to bring together our diverse and exceptional group of Sterne Alumni for events, to share news, and to be a part of the next chapter of Sterne's history. Our goal is to keep you updated about what's going on at Sterne.

We are now on the web! Visit the Sterne website at sterneschool.org and view the Alumni page, devoted to alumni in an effort to keep you *connected*. Join us on Facebook and to receive our eNewsletter send us your current email address.

We love to hear about what you're doing and we want to stay in touch! For all alumni communications please contact Alie Berka at aberka@sterneschool.org

Save the Date

Faculty/Staff vs. Student/Alumni Basketball Game

January 10, 2015 11:00am-1:00pm
Sterne High Campus, 245 Valencia St., SF

Sterne Spring Fling

Celebrating our Students in the Arts
March 21, 2015
Sterne High Campus, 245 Valencia St., SF



Senior Jacob Weir & Jaden Victoria '14

Visit Us

We love to see our alumni visiting our two school sites. Please drop by to say hello if you are in the area. This fall we were visited by:

Jaden Victoria '14 –Attending Skyline College
Justin Ho '14 –Attending City College of San Francisco
Jimmy Yamaguchi '14 –Writes to us that he has been out in the woods working on trails and bridges for Northwest Youth Corps.



Board Member Greg Hylton & William Hylton MS '14

Sterne Homecoming 2014

A Community Connected

At Sterne we are fortunate to have a strong connected community. Our first homecoming on September 13th provided everybody with the opportunity to come together and celebrate the school - past, present, and future. Current families, alumni, former parents, and friends toured the completed remodel of the middle school campus on Jackson Street. Alumni who attended Sterne from the '80s though 2014 came to reconnect with old friends and faculty.

Caitlin Brown'09 served as Alumni Ambassador, manning the "Alumni Corner" where we had photos and yearbooks highlighting Sterne's history. Nick Doxey'86, who is employed at Sterne, and Lawrence Ellison'88 represented our '80's decade. While Danny Rosenwald'96 and Nick Roby'98 represented the 90's. Recent graduates included Steven Cancelmo'07, Masha Chyette'10, James Dunlap'12, Andrew Hurwitz'12 and this year's graduates, Genna Hahn'14 and William Hylton (Middle School '14).

Our favorite Taco Truck, El Tonayense, provided a delicious array of south of the border food, and the cupcakes decorated with blue dolphins were so popular that we ran out (we've made a note to order more for next year!). An enjoyable time was had by all at what will now be an annual event at Sterne School.

What Dolphins are doing...

- Field trips: Yosemite, Hardly Strictly Concert
- Community Service at the SF Food Bank
- Martial Arts, Tennis & Volleyball



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Sterne Pride: Alumni to Watch *Lawrence Ellison*

Lawrence (Larry) Ellison (*Sterne* '85-'88) has been giving back ever since he left *Sterne* twenty-six years ago. Larry has made a successful career in education and is currently a third grade teacher at St. Gabriel School in San Francisco. But it was a long and varied road that finally led Larry to his present position. Along the way he was always involved with helping and caring for people.

After *Sterne*, Larry briefly attended Major League Baseball Umpiring School. This was followed by a stint at Seminary School where he studied to be a priest. It was at the Seminary that Larry began working with gang members and the homeless. For three years he counseled, mediated, and advocated for families. From this he realized that he loved working with kids.

In pursuit of further education, Larry went to San Francisco State earning a Bachelors degree in Liberal Studies with a minor in American Sign Language. With the goal of becoming a teacher, Larry stayed at SF State and earned a teaching credential with a minor in Special Education. First teaching in East Palo Alto, then at Our Lady of Visitation (his alma mater before *Sterne*), Larry eventually taught in almost every grade. Armed with this broad experience he decided to become a principal.

To prepare for a career in administration he attended Arizona State and graduated top of the class with a 4.2 GPA and a Masters Degree in Education

Administration. Larry is back teaching and would like to pursue work as an administrator. But for now, he says he's just not ready to leave the classroom.

Some of Larry's students have Learning Differences and working with them has become not only a professional specialty but also a passion. "It has always been the closest thing to my heart," he says. "It is because of *Sterne* School that I am where I am. I tell this to parents who don't want their kids to go to a *special school*. But I'm not embarrassed. I'm very open and it gets the parents to open up. I have nothing but thanks for *Sterne* School."

Inside LD: Paths Forward *Preparing our Students for the Future*

On October 8th, the Inside LD community gathered at *Sterne* High School for an evening exploring academic options for students AFTER high school graduation. Jani Ross, a partner in the education consulting firm McClure, Mallory, Baron & Ross, provided detailed information about the college application process. Jani shared specific strategies for parents and students who are targeting schools that serve students with learning differences.

Former *Sterne* parent, Sue Brown, and her daughter, Caitlin'09, discussed the college search process from the parent/student perspective. The evening concluded with attendees visiting with representatives from various colleges, test prep services, and post-secondary support programs.

Development News: **Annual Fund**

This year, we are again running our "100% in 100 days" campaign for our 2014-2015 Annual Fund. Like all independent schools, *Sterne* relies on the generosity of the entire school community to fulfill its mission each year.

The Annual Fund supports *Sterne*'s crucial operating expenses including our faculty salaries, field trips, extra-curricular programs, school supplies, textbooks, computers, and financial aid.

We hope to achieve 100% support from our community. As we kick off the Annual Fund campaign we ask... **Are You In?** To learn more contact Alie Berka at aberka@sterneschool.org.

