

# STERNE ALUMNI BULLETIN

Summer 2015

## 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.

Visit the Sterne website at [sterneschool.org](http://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 just 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](mailto:aberka@sterneschool.org)



Larry Milburn (Faculty since 1976) and  
Laura Vatinel '14 at the Sterne 2015 Graduation

## Faculty News

**Meagan Nguyen**, Middle School teacher: has left Sterne to spend time with her baby (due in September).

**Alison Solis**, Middle School teacher: plans to travel for a year then settle in North Carolina.

**Jen Schoolfield**, High School Dean of Student Life: is now the Associate Head of School at Compass High School in San Mateo.

**Trevor Smyth**, Middle School TA: will be a counselor at Marin Catholic High School.

## We Are Growing

We just can't fit them all in! Our enrollment at the middle school has grown so large that we will be opening a middle school arm at the Valencia Street campus this fall. This is an exciting step as we grow. According to Head of School, Ed McManis, "It's a great transition into our high school program for these middle school kids."



## Graduation

### Congratulations Class of 2015

This June the gym at our High School campus on Valencia Street was filled with a standing room only crowd as our community celebrated the graduation of Sterne's middle school and high school students.

Twenty eighth-graders graduated with thirteen of those matriculating to the Sterne High School for Fall 2015.

We also honored the High School graduates of the Sterne class of 2015. Each graduate gave a moving and inspirational speech highlighting their experience at Sterne. Alison August summed it up well with her closing remark, "Stay in school!"

Students in both Middle School and High School received awards and accolades for their achievements over the past school year.

It was a wonderful opportunity for Sterne to honor and thank key members of our community, the Parent Association, faculty, staff and all the supportive families who have contributed in so many ways during the past year.

Congratulations to our 2015 High School graduates and best wishes with your future pursuits:

**Alison August:** Southern Oregon University

**Jacob Weir:** Skyline College

**Brandon Woo:** City College of San Francisco

**Michael Yip:** California State University, East Bay



2015 Graduates: Alison August, Jacob Weir,  
Brandon Woo and Michael Yip



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## *Save the Date*

**Homecoming 2015**  
**Saturday, September 26, 2015**  
**11:00am – 2:00pm**  
**Sterne Jackson Street Campus**  
**2690 Jackson St., SF**  
***A Community Connected***  
Taco Truck - Fun Activities - Music

Come join us in celebrating Sterne! Our first Homecoming for Sterne in the fall of 2014 was such a success that we're doing it again – this will now be an annual event for the Sterne community.

Homecoming is a time to reconnect with old friends, visit faculty, and see our renovated Jackson Street campus. We encourage alumni to join us for this festive afternoon – enjoy our favorite taco truck, music, and activities in addition to seeing how we've grown.

Everyone is welcome – Students, Families, Alumni, Friends, Faculty & Staff. No RSVP necessary. If you have questions please contact Alie Berka: [aberka@sterneschool.org](mailto:aberka@sterneschool.org).



*Sterne Homecoming 2014*

## **LD Speaker Series**

*“College For LD Students: Getting In & Staying In”*

October 8, 2015 6:00pm – 8:00pm  
Sterne High School, 245 Valencia Street, SF

*This workshop outlines the college admission and application process for students who learn differently. Participants will gain valuable tips and learn about available resources. The workshop is designed to help students not only get into college, but also to stay there successfully.*

## **Sterne Pride: Alumni to Watch** *Paul Austin*



Paul Austin (*Sterne '88 – '91*) spent 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades at Sterne. Before he came to Sterne, Paul, a native of Marin, attended the Sausalito public elementary schools. But he wasn't getting what he needed to be successful in school. Fortunately, that all changed once he started at Sterne. Paul credits much of his success to his teacher, Mynai Butler, “She was a wonderful caring teacher who helped me learn how to write and understand my learning differences.”

After leaving Sterne, Paul attended high school in Marin graduating from Tamalpais High School in 1994. He then went on to earn two undergraduate degrees, studying Early Childhood Education at Texas Southern University in Houston, followed by Psychology at Dominican University in San Rafael.

Now, back on his home turf, Paul works as Recreation Center Director for the Marin City Community Services District. Paul spent many summers working with youth as a Recreation Summer Counselor. Currently he manages most aspects of youth programming for the District. One of his career highlights includes co-organizing a very successful shoe drive for Haitian Earthquake victims. Paul was instrumental in mobilizing and motivating youth and community members to collect more than 1,600 pairs of shoes.

We love to hear that our alumni are working at meaningful jobs helping kids and serving as positive role models.

