

STERNE ALUMNI BULLETIN

Winter 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 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

Sterne Spring Fling

Celebrating our Students in the Arts

March 21, 2015

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Sterne High School, 245 Valencia St., SF

Join us as we celebrate our students with fun fare, student performances, student artwork, games, and a silent auction to benefit the arts programs at Sterne. It's a great opportunity for our students to shine, our parents to brag, and our alumni and friends to see what we are all about.

Faculty/Staff vs. Student/Alumni Basketball Game

March 28, 2015 11:00am - 1:00pm

Sterne High School, 245 Valencia St., SF

In what has become an annual tradition, the Sterne faculty will face off against our current and former students. This is always an entertaining and exciting event. Come cheer on your favorite team, teacher or student.

EdRev

April 25, 2015 9:00am – 3:00pm

At&T Park, SF

Sponsored by PEN (Parent's Education Network). Parents, students, and educators gather annually to enhance their knowledge and skills, to connect with their community, and to learn about current research, resources, learning strategies, and technology innovations.

Sterne Graduation

June 12, 2015

Sterne High School, 245 Valencia St., SF

Come cheer on our graduating Seniors.



Development News: Expansion Campaign

The Sterne School Expansion Campaign surpassed its working goal of \$2,000,000 at the end of 2014. Gifts continue to come in from our generous community of donors.

The happy results of the Campaign are evident to all who visit Sterne, from our new and refurbished campus spaces to our robust and lively student population, to the wealth of curricular and co-curricular opportunities. We will plan a community-wide celebration of the Campaign's success toward the end of the school year, with details to be announced in the spring. Many thanks to all of our donors and supporters.

Update on Higher Education in CA: Boon for Community Colleges

In January education officials chose fifteen community colleges, including two in the Bay Area, to be California's first to offer four-year bachelor's degrees in high-need fields. They will be part of a seven-year pilot program intended to boost the economy and help students avoid costly for-profit programs.

Emergency services, dental hygiene, automotive technology, respiratory care, and mortuary science are some of the degrees the participating community colleges plan to offer. Many of our alumni have attended Skyline College in San Bruno, which will offer a program in respiratory care.

Until now, the state's 112 community colleges have offered only two-year degrees. This is a major step in improving California's higher education system and making it accessible to more students.



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Jacob Weir '15 & Head of School Ed McManis

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 winter we were visited by **Jacob Weir**. Jake graduated Sterne after the fall semester. He's currently attending Skyline College, but he'll be back in June to participate in the Sterne Graduation Ceremony.

Sterne Pride: Alumni to Watch

Preston Makana Curley Sterne MS '06: Preston is studying Media Studies at USF and is president of the rugby team. After graduating from Redwood High School in Larkspur, Preston spent eight months in Siena, Italy working in a soup kitchen and teaching English. Preston has directed and produced several small films and plans to work in the film industry upon graduation.

Chris Kelly, Sterne '14: Chris is in his first year at College of San Mateo and is on the track team competing in the 440m dash and javelin.

Inside LD: Self Regulation Behavioral & Medical Interventions

Our second Inside LD presentation on February 10th was a well-attended success. The talk centered around many of the questions parents and professionals have asked for years about children and adolescents with ADHD and Executive Function issues.

Guest Speaker, Meryl Lipton, M.D., Ph.D., a behavioral pediatric neurologist, specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of children with social, academic, and behavioral brain based issues, is the Medical Director of the Rush Neurobehavioral Center, which she helped found in 1997.



Two major findings that Dr. Lipton stressed are:
1) Self-esteem affects decisions that youth make.
2) Self-regulation skills predict effective development across all areas.

The best interventions that she recommends are to allow time for strengths and passions, and to make sure a child maintains good sleep, diet, and exercise.

First Inaugural Academy Awards Night

Lights! Camera! Action! The first ever, Sterne School Tony and Academy Awards was a smashing success. The pre-show red carpet event featured scrumptious hors d'oeuvres, gossip and chatter. The attire was stunning, ranging from elegant evening gowns to SF casual chic.

But the evening wasn't about the red carpet, it was about the performances. Middle School students opened the evening with a brilliant rendition of Sondheim's more obscure piece, *Invocation and Instructions to the Audience* - funny, engaging, spot-on drama, humor, and song.

The High School performed *The Actor's Nightmare* while the film classes presented three films including the cult favorite, *Stranger Danger! Aliens, UFOs & Dinosaurs*. Students demonstrated the power of the iPad, group cooperation, and artistic creativity.

Smadar Hanson, actress, director, producer, and Sterne parent, presented each drama and film student with an award for their exceptional performances. In a rousing conclusion, she congratulated everyone on a wonderful evening and a promising future.



*Middle School Students perform at
Academy Awards Night*

