

STERNE ALUMNI BULLETIN

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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 just send us your current email address.

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Jake Weir '15 and Sophomore Christian Bergstrom at the 2016 Sterne Homecoming

Visit Us

We are always happy to see alumni visit our two campuses. Please drop by to say hello if you are in the area. During the past year, Jake Weir '15 visited us a few times, most recently a couple of weeks ago. We are always glad to reconnect with Jake.

Jake has taken a break from his classes and has been working full time at "The Wag", an innovative dog walking firm that is like Uber for dog walking. He loves it, largely because it keeps him active and outdoors. Jake estimates that he walks an average of ten miles a day. In addition, he's practicing his hobby, photography.

Sterne Gala: *Fly me to the Moon*

Bimbo's Nightclub, San Francisco

February 10th 6:30 – 10:00pm

Alumni welcome!

Purchase tickets at sterneschool.org



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STERNE
SCHOOL
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**Sterne School
40th
Anniversary
Then & Now**

When Val Anthony noticed that a rising number of children with average or above average intelligence were not finding success in regular classrooms, she developed a curriculum of individualized remediation. In the fall of 1976, Val opened a school over a storefront in San Francisco's Sunset District. At first there were ten students aged seven to thirteen. She named the school Sterne. And now, forty years later, Sterne has grown to over 150 students in grades 5-12 across two campuses. This year we celebrate Sterne's growth as we look forward to the future and continue to prepare students for the challenges of life.

In 1976 Gerald Ford was president, gas was 60 cents a gallon, a loaf of bread was 35 cents, and "Rocky" won the Academy Award for best movie.



Sterne Students in the 70s

Sterne Trivia Contest

*Do you know who Sterne is named for?
Do you know why the mascot is a dolphin?*

If you know the correct answer to either question send it to aberka@sterneschool.org. The first winning answer received for each question will win a Sterne T-shirt.

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Sterne Pride: Alumni to Watch *Preston Curley '06*



Preston Curley '06

We welcome Preston Curley '06 back to Sterne. Preston first came to Sterne as a 7th grader in 2004. And in December he returned as a Teaching Assistant at our Valencia campus.

Growing up in Marin, Preston says that he was bullied and suffered from social anxiety. He attended public schools and a small independent school before he discovered Sterne. It wasn't until Preston enrolled at Sterne that things turned around. He was given more opportunities and learned that there were no limits. "I pushed myself and saw that the belief that you are limited just isn't true. You need to touch into your potential." Since leaving Sterne, Preston has done just that.

After 8th grade Preston was ready to go to Redwood High School in Larkspur. He excelled at sports, participating in football and rugby. After high school Preston went to Siena, Italy and lived with an Italian family, studied Italian language, history, and cooking. "It was a great experience and really different living in a Medieval town. Being in that city was like being in history." His favorite thing to cook? Handmade pasta. "Because it's so much fun!"

Preston decided that he wanted to be at a school that reminded him of Italy, so he chose the University of San Francisco. At USF he studied Media Studies with a minor in Film. He also continued playing rugby and was president of the rugby team.

Preston has successfully directed and produced several small films. "The Clouds View" which he co-wrote, directed, and edited, showed at the 14th Oakland International Film Festival. It's currently being circulated at other film festivals. Preston continues to work in film production. His last project was "Myth busters: The Search" on the Science Channel.

Preston is happy to be back at Sterne. "At Sterne I had the extra space to learn and grow. I want to use what I've learned through my experiences to guide students." He sees growth and opportunity as two key components for students. "At Sterne I felt more open to opportunities. That is unique to Sterne."

Photos From the Past



1985



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