

THE DRAGON PRIDE

Welcome to the July 2007 edition of the Sac High Alumni Dragon Pride e-Newsletter. For previous editions of the Dragon Pride, please visit www.sachighalumni.org

This month you will find information about:

- Sac High New Student Orientation
- Summer Internships
- New Head Girls Basketball Coach
- Sac High Students Visit New York
- Sac High Player Named Athlete of the Year
- SCUSD Selects Marian Anderson School as Potential Consent Decree Site

Events

Sac High Orientation

With an anticipated increase in enrollment at Sac High this coming year, several orientations have been scheduled for new students to learn about the school culture and expectations. Two weeks ago, more than 300 families attended the first orientation, and several more families are expected to attend the final two sessions taking place later this month.

During the upcoming events, current students and faculty will meet and greet the new Dragons, give campus tours, and provide information about the many opportunities available for both students and parents. New students will also take assessment tests to determine their math and English placements.

Sacramento High School is still accepting applications for the 2007-2008 school year that begins on Wednesday, August 1. For more information, contact the Admissions Director, Diego Carrillo, at (916) 649-7910.

Remaining Orientation Dates:

Wednesday, July 11 from 6-8pm (Sac High)

Saturday, July 21 from 12-2pm (Sac High)

News

Summer Internships

This summer, more than 40 Sac High students have been hired as interns to work at various local businesses. While the majority of students have been hired to work at the St. HOPE main office, several other students have been working at Gunther's Ice Cream, Crepeville, 33rd Street Bistro and Capital Graphics Printing. Each of the jobs, coordinated through St. HOPE, provide students

with real-world experiences and ensure that they are productive throughout the summer. While Sac High instills a college-going, academic atmosphere for its students, Sac High believes it is also important for students to establish and improve upon their professional work ethic. These paid internships were offered to all students who expressed an interest and were willing to make a commitment that also includes community service hours, professional development seminars, and weekly physical training exercise.

New Head Coach for Sac High Lady Dragons Basketball

Olympic Gold medalist and former Sacramento Monarchs' star Pamela McGee was recently hired as Head Coach for the Sac High Women's Basketball team. With high school, collegiate, Olympic and professional championships under her belt, McGee is one of the most respected names in the women's game and the only female athlete in history to win on every level.



McGee and her twin sister Paula were part of two state high school championships at Flint Northern High School in Michigan with a still-standing record of 75-0. Winning two NCAA Championships with USC in 1983 & 1984, McGee played on what is considered to be the best women's team in history with such players as Cheryl Miller and 4-Time WNBA MVP Cynthia Cooper.

Following her basketball playing career, McGee served as an assistant WNBA coach for the Detroit Shock that won a 2003 World Championship, and served as an assistant high school boys basketball coach in Michigan. She has also served as a Head Coach for a girls AAU team that resulted in seven players receiving scholarships to Division I schools.

McGee replaces John Langston who led the Dragons for the previous 10 seasons. Langston has accepted an assistant coaching position with San Jose State University.

Sac High Students Visit New York City

In an ongoing effort to expose Sac High students to real world experiences that also make learning fun and meaningful, last month a dozen Sac High students ventured to the Big Apple in New York City.



Students also visited Fordham University, Columbia University & West Point where they toured the campuses and met with current college students. They also engaged in leadership training that included running at 5:45am, living together in a humble environment, speaking at an educational conference, reading and discussing other notable servant leaders in Harlem and learning how to be a team player. In addition to visiting colleges and leadership training, students were exposed to new cultural experiences that included touring the city, attending a Broadway musical, visiting the historic Apollo Theater and paying respect to those who lost their lives during September 11th at Ground Zero.



Sac High Basketball Player Named Sac Bee Athlete of the Year

As possibly the most decorated athlete in Sac High history, recent graduate Vicki Baugh was named the first ever *Sacramento Bee* Female Athlete of the Year. Baugh was also the *Bee's* Player of the Year her junior and senior seasons and she averaged a double double this season (17.6 points, 12.2 rebounds). Baugh will continue her basketball career at the next level where she'll play on scholarship at Tennessee.

"Vicki's size, skill and athleticism are very special," Pat Summit, the great Tennessee coach, told USA

Today. Baugh earned numerous postseason honors, including spots on the McDonald's and Parade All-America teams. More important, she led the Dragons to the Sac-Joaquin Section Division III girls championship and a berth in the Northern California title game, in which Sac High lost to eventual state champion Sacred Heart Cathedral of San Francisco.

Two Schools at Sac High?

As many alumni may recall, in 2003 opponents of St. HOPE filed a lawsuit against the Sac City Unified School District in an attempt to prevent St. HOPE from re-inventing Sac High. To settle the legal dispute and allow St. HOPE to begin operating Sac High, SCUSD agreed to open a new school within five years that would be located within the former Sac High attendance boundary. With an opening date scheduled for the 2008-2009 school year, the District has been trying to determine the best location for that new school, which is known as the "consent decree" school. One of the options has been to co-locate the new school on the Sac High campus. After much outcry from students, parents and faculty, who insisted that having two schools on the same site would disrupt the established culture and jeopardize student safety, SCUSD board members voted last week to have an environmental study conducted to determine the viability of locating the school at the Marian Anderson site near the UC Davis Medical Center Campus. The majority of board members who cast votes strongly suggested the consent decree school be located at the Marian Anderson site.

Year Books and Sac High Merchandise

Due to popular demand, selected Sac High yearbooks can now be purchased online by visiting the Sac High Team Store at <http://www.sachigh.org/store.htm>. New merchandise is also available, including Sac High stadium seat cushions. There's no better way to prove you're a Dragon than through Sac High memorabilia!

2007-2008 Enrollment

Enrollment has already begun for the 2007-2008 school year. With nearly 300 new students already enrolled, there could potentially be a waiting list for incoming freshman. As a charter school, Sac High has been divided into four small schools each with a different theme: School of the Arts; School of Business and Communications; School of Law and Public Service; and, School of Math, Engineering and Health Sciences. Upon entering Sac High, students have the opportunity to choose which school they would like to attend based upon their individual interests. The small school structure allows for students to build close relationships with their peers, teachers and faculty.

Sac High alumni with high school age students are strongly encouraged to tour the campus or schedule a student shadow visit. For more information, or to apply, contact (916) 649-7900 or email dcarrillo@sthopepublicschools.org.

Class Reunions

Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1957

Date: September 22, 2007
Time: 5:30pm
Location: Hilton Hotel, Sacramento
Contact: Betty Phillips – (916) 482-3514
Jim Rauzy – Krauzy3903@aol.com

Class of 1962

In beginning planning stages
Contact: Steve Kawai – hwskawai@yahoo.com

Class of 1967

Date: August 25, 2007
Contact: Kathy Walker Quinn – (916) 631-9220
Kathy Dunbar Lake – (916) 704-5849
Darlene Evans Lewis – darlenel@frontiernet.net

Class of 1972

Date: September 21-22, 2007
Location: Bonn Lair Pub (Mixer on Friday)
Sacramento Yacht Club (Dinner and Dancing on Saturday)
Contact: John Andrade - jandrade@calweb.com
Kay Lou Polkinhorn - kpolking@pacbell.net

Class of 1987

Date: In planning stages
Contact: Yun Embly yun.embly@hotmail.com to assist with coordination

Class of 1997

In beginning planning stages
Contact: [Class Encounters](#)

Reunion Recap

Class of 1981 – Written by Steven Taggart

Our class of 1981 reunion was held on Saturday, April 14th at the College Greens Cabana Club and the turnout was more than we ever hoped for with roughly 50-60 present. It was a casual affair with a hosted bar, dinner and dancing by a DJ from 7pm until midnight and went on way past that with everyone catching up on old friendships, making new friends, dancing and generally having a wonderful night. I know I did!

If anyone is interested in looking at pictures from this event, they may email Teresa Rincon at Tarincon@aol.com.

Sac High In the News

Recent Headlines

June 5, 2007

The Sacramento Bee

3 High School sites eyed by Sac City board

<http://www.sacbee.com/education/story/205828.html>

June 18, 2007

The Sacramento Bee

Letters to the Editor

<http://www.sacbee.com/326/story/227258.html>

June 26, 2007

The Sacramento Bee

The Bee's 2006-2007 HS Athletes of the Year: Bulldog tough and dominant as a Dragon

<http://www.sacbee.com/preps/story/241783.html>

June 27, 2007

The Sacramento Bee

Ex-Monarch McGee named Sac High girls coach

http://www.sacbee.com/preps/story/243940.html#comments_here

Recent Sac High Alumni in the News

June 22, 2007

The Sacramento Bee

In History's Spotlight: A look at those who made the headlines in the past 150 years-Kevin Johnson

<http://www.sacbee.com/history/story/236057.html>

Go Dragons!

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