



Alumnae . . .

Providence Graduation 2009

Providence has much to celebrate at each commencement ceremony. Senior students culminate their years at Providence by walking the stage and receiving their diploma. At this point, they become graduates, also known as Providence alumnae. We warmly welcome our newest alumnae and wish them well.



with the Providence seniors, board members, faculty and staff.

Another equally important moment on this day was the celebration of Providence's Golden Graduates. This group consists of the class celebrating 50 years as Providence alumnae. This year nearly 30 graduates of the 1959 class participated in a lunch filled with fun, nostalgia and new memories. Later in the evening, 16 women participated in commencement ceremonies by marching in along

P.E. uniform from the late 1950s



Class of 1954 Reunion - Alumnae from the class of 1954 met on Saturday April 18, 2009 at the Brighshawl for lunch to celebrate 55 years of friendships and memories. They then came to the Providence campus for a brief tour of the newly named house, the Najim Campus Center. Boarding a bus, they took a historical tour of San Antonio followed by a river cruise.

The **1989 Class Reunion** was held September 4 - 6, 2009. For information, please contact Analissa Medina at analissa_molina@yahoo.com. The following events took place:

Friday, September 4: *Girls Night Out* at The Stockyards, 10619 Westover Hills Blvd and Highway 151

Saturday, September 5: Dinner/Dance at Silo's - 1133 Austin Hwy

The **1959 Class Reunion** is scheduled for October 3 - 4, 2009. For details, please contact Stella Morales Perez at sm.perez@sbcglobal.net. The following events have been planned:

Saturday, October 3: 10:45 a.m. Mass and Lunch at Aldaco's at Sunset Station followed by an evening social at home of Erin Hermes

Sunday, October 4: 10:00 a.m.- Breakfast at the Hyatt Regency Hotel followed by a Providence campus tour

Spring 2009 Providence Magazine Error:

Sister Reparata Glenn taught at Providence in the subjects of Science and Math during the years of 1951-1954 as well as in the 60's, more specifically between 1963-1977. Thank you Gene Estefan Viola '52 for your keen eyes.

SAVE THE DATE ~ VOLUNTEER or PARTICIPATE

3rd Annual Car Drawing (distribution begins in mid September)

September 4 & 25 - Alumnae Nights: Provet Volleyball vs. Harlendale and IWHS (details will be posted on the Alumnae webpage, in upcoming e-mails and Facebook)

October 10, 2009 - 3rd Annual Providence 5K Run/Walk

October 30 - 31, 2009 - Homecoming and Reunion Weekend (Invitation and registration form enclosed)

November 6 - 8, 2009 - Fall Play - *Miracle Worker*

November 22, 2009 - Christmas Lighting (car drawing and other prize winners announced)

December 9 & 10, 2009 - Choir Concert and Dance/Band Recitals

February 26, 2010 - Career Day

April 10, 2010 - 6th Annual Reaching for the Stars Gala

For more information, please contact Anissa Lopez at 210.224.6651 ext. 277 or alopez@providencechs.net.

Softball Camp a Success!

A heartfelt THANKS to alumnae, pictured left to right, Denise Lira '99, Jenny Lares Arredondo '90, Jennifer Sanchez Montoya '96, Renee Lares Gonzalez '94, Denise Campos Rodriguez '93, Vanessa Campos Cortez '91 and Mr. Renee Lares, former Providence coach, whose support and enthusiasm helped our Athletic Director, Elise Denoux, make the first Provet Softball camp a success!



The camp was held July 6-8, 2009 at Brackenridge Park's Tony Martinez Field. 26 campers, spanning grades 4 - 11, registered for this intensive camp where they learned the fundamentals of hitting, defense and base running. They also heard stories from alumnae and learned what it means to be a Provet softball player. Coach Denoux says, "Thank you again Provet for your support and enthusiasm!"

Vanessa Campos-Cortez '91 volunteered the first two days of camp. Laura Zapata '91 made a donation in lieu of her time.



The Provet Varsity volleyball team took on a team of 10 alumnae on Saturday August 8 playing five exciting games. The alumnae team played well, forcing the varsity girls to step up their game. Although alumnae fought hard, varsity came out on top. Alumnae, parents and friends came out to cheer for all our players. Special thanks to all our parents who assisted Coach Denoux with the concessions and tailgate cookout and everyone who came out to support. It was a fun way to kick off the Provet volleyball season!

Carmen Hinojosa-Laborde, PhD '76 is featured in the July/August issue of NISDE magazine, a local publication. Carmen shares her story of how she says yes to opportunity. Pick up a copy or visit <http://www.nsidesa.com/>.

NSIDE's September/October issue will feature Alane Alvarez de Rivera, P.E., class of 1992.

In addition, **Providence** is advertising with NSIDE magazine.

Reader Reflections . . .

"I received my Providence Magazine today and what a wonderful surprise. Absolutely love the new look with the splashy cover in color, no less, and I couldn't wait to flip the pages and enjoy the new format with the stylish layout and clear photographs. The magazine is very appealing, eye catching and appropriate for today's reader. Great improvement! You're doing a wonderful job. Keep up the good work." ~ Mary Kay Coffey Wolff '57

"The new format and addition of color photography in the Spring 2009 publication was a delightful surprise. Providence alumnae should be impressed with the accomplishments of the current students and fellow graduates as showcased in the new issue. Nicely done!" ~ Elizabeth "Liz" Conrad Goedecke '69



Students decorated the Providence "bloom" with various Christian symbols in observance of Easter.

PROVIDENCE STUDENTS

Accomplishments and Activities



Laura, Rebecca and Julie, also known as **The Albers Trio**, visited Providence at the end of their visit to San Antonio. The San Antonio Chamber Music Society brought them to campus. Once here, the Trio explained and performed a variety of string pieces for the middle school division and then toured the Najim Campus Center. **Eileen Doyle Lundin '59**, Publicity Committee Chairman for the SA Music Chamber Society, was their hostess.

She enjoyed showing the trio her class picture while reminiscing about past Providence adventures.

They enjoyed their visit to Providence and posted their thoughts on their website blog. Check it out!
<http://alberstrio.com/blog/>



You're a Good Man Charlie Brown



Providence Off Broadway Troupe (in conjunction with Central Catholic) performed *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* May 1-3, 2009.

On May 1st they performed for visiting schools - St. Leo, St. Louis and Fernandez Elementary totaling 263 students. All the students enjoyed the show immensely. A cartoon contest was held in conjunction with the play. Prizes were given out to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cartoon contest winners.

An estimated 1000 people attended the weekend performances. The lobby was stocked with information on sports camps, summer camps, college acceptances and an informational display board featuring the highlights of a Providence education.

The performers did an excellent job. They were entertaining and inspiring in their dedication to professionalism and promoted Providence at its best.



Middle School Students Flex Their Academic Muscle

Duke Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) announced that 7th grader **Anastasia Christilles** qualified for Grand Recognition as well as State Recognition based on her scores on the ACT test she took in January 2009. 7th graders **Corinne Morkovsky** and **Graciela Nira** also qualified for Texas State Recognition based on their performance on the SAT tests they took in January. All three girls were honored at a ceremony held in Laurie Auditorium at Trinity University in June. Anastasia was invited to a special ceremony held at Duke University this summer honoring her status as a Grand Recognition student.

Anastasia also placed 2nd in the category of Botany for the Junior Division of the Alamo Regional Science Fair held at St. Mary's University earlier this spring. She was invited to the state competition, the ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair, held at the Henry B. Convention Center. At this fair, **Davion Turella**, 7th grade, won a Director's Award in Chemistry and **Kaitlyn Rowe**, 8th grade, received an Honorable Mention in the same category. Providence science teacher, **Ms. Kimberly Whitely**, encouraged and supported the girls' participation in the competition.

Jane Marie Agnew '09 was selected as one of *Next Step* magazine's 25 "Super Teens" because of her dedication to academics and extracurricular activities. Jane Marie has participated in summer programs at New York University and Southwestern University through the National Hispanic Institute (NHI). She was also the 2008 - 2009 student body president, a co-captain of the cheerleading squad, a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and a Eucharistic Minister. She feels the award honors Providence as well and says she is "proud to represent myself and Providence by receiving this award."

The **Providence/Central Catholic Button Band** performed at the May 30th opening of the new Downtown Riverwalk Extension.

Sara Huedepohl '09, **Megan Knight '10** and **Gabbie Sanchez '09** were three out of ten student's whose artwork was selected from the SHARE program for permanent display at the Bexar County Family Justice Center. A reception was held at the Bexar County Justice Center located in the University Health Center in late spring.

Sterling Crisp '11 and **Jenna Walsh '11** were two of over 190 sophomores from schools throughout Central and South Texas nominated by teachers and administrators to attend the 2009 GOLD (Giving Opportunities for Leadership Development) Youth Leadership Seminar held at St. Mary's Hall from June 4th-7th. The girls were chosen because of the leadership skills they have already demonstrated, and the seminar gave them a chance to learn more.

What Else?

Providence worked with KSAT 12 to produce a 15 second and a 7 second commercial to promote Providence. They began airing in May and will continue off and on until next May. Providence is on a television near you!

At Our Lady of the Lake University's Annual Faculty Appreciation Dinner, **Sister Margit Nagy**, CDP, PhD, professor of history, was awarded the Gloyna Award for Technological Innovation in Teaching and Learning. This appreciation dinner honors faculty members who excel in their fields and as teachers.

Sister Blandina Paul, CDP died in the early morning of July 9, 2009. In her 60 years of ministry, Sister Blandina held positions such as a high school teacher, counselor and principal. She also served on the Providence Board from 1993 - 1995. She just celebrated her 60th Jubilee on June 14, 2009. Please remember Sister Blandina and all her CDP sisters in your prayers.

Alumnae ... Stay Connected!

How to notify us of changes:

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- 2.) E-mail alopez@providencechs.net
- 3.) Write to the Providence Alumnae Office at:
1215 N. St Mary's Street
San Antonio, TX 78215-1737

Tish Hinojosa '74 released her newest CD, *Our Little Planet*. "Inspired by her rediscovered love for country music, the 12 self-penned songs on this collection feature a deeply Americana mix of traditional bluegrass and Tish's trademark sound of contemporary folk and tex-mex." CDs can be purchased at <http://www.mundotish.com/> or in stores or online with other vendors, such as Best Buy, iTunes and Amazon.

Cited from <http://www.mundotish.com/>

Foundations and Individuals Provide Tuition Assistance in Hard Economic Times

Providence was recently awarded the following gifts in support of the Providence Annual Fund to provide tuition assistance for deserving young women who meet our academic criteria, yet need financial assistance in order to obtain a Providence college preparatory education.

- \$63,304 - Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation
- \$20,000 - Scanlan Foundation
- \$10,000 - San Antonio Area Foundation, Dan and Gloria Oppenheimer Fund
- \$10,000 - John G. & Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation Inc.
- \$1,000 - San Antonio Archdiocese, Archbishop's Appeal and Grants
- \$78,412 - 15 individual donors who support our students with tuition funds



Sophomore Emily Sanchez, Freshman Maggie Ohlich, President Anne Bristol, Principal Sr. Antoinette Billeaud, and Bernice Uresti, SAAF Scholarship Program Officer

In addition, the school received \$14,585 from the George W. Brackenridge Foundation to support our summer S.O.A.R.S. (Students Organized and Ready to Succeed) program. This is a mentoring program designed to teach study and organizational skills to improve high school readiness for in-coming 9th graders.

We are thankful and blessed to receive these gifts. These foundations and individuals understand the importance of Providence's mission to educate and shape the young women of tomorrow.

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