

*Twenty Third Annual
Marin County High School
Outstanding Student Athlete
Awards Banquet*

*Embassy Suites Hotel, San Rafael
May 11, 2009*

Marin Athletic Foundation
Providing Financial Support
For Interscholastic and Intramural Sports

The purpose of the Marin Athletic Foundation is to save and maintain high school sports programs in Marin County through community fundraising.

The Board of Directors of the Marin Athletic Foundation believes that:

- High school sports are a vital part of the high school experience and provide important and positive educational and developmental outcomes for students.
- School districts need community support to keep athletic programs from being eliminated. Declining enrollment and state financial support often make it necessary for school boards to cut back in almost all school programs.
- To insure broad participation by all students both interscholastic and intramural programs should remain available.
- An aware community will make a commitment to provide the resources necessary to help the schools keep these programs in place.

Selection Criteria

The student athletes being honored were selected by their schools in accordance with the following criteria, developed with the involvement of school athletic directors and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Marin Athletic Foundation:

Athletic Involvement
Leadership
Scholarship
School-Community Involvement
Department

These elements embody values that the Marin Athletic Foundation believes are vital in a comprehensive education for all young citizens.

Program

6:00 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Welcome

Natu Tuatagaloa
President, Marin Athletic Foundation Board of Directors

Student Introductions

Mary Jane Burke
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Branson

Gabriel Avins

The Branson School

When The Branson School's Gabriel Avins packs his luggage for college this fall he's going to need an extra bag or two just for his trophy collection. Whether he finds his way to Penn or Yale or UCLA or Stanford, he's going to be taking a lot of hardware with him. While at Branson Gabriel was a part of three MCAL, two NCS, two NorCal and two State Championship basketball teams. He was also on one MCAL soccer championship team. That's a lot of championships in a short period of time! Gabriel also found time to accumulate a 4.0 GPA while lending his time on the Ross campus to being a Peer Educator helping teach a freshman health and wellness class. Gabriel's willingness to becoming involved in the community at-large, saw him volunteering at Glide Memorial Church and spending a week in Mobile, Alabama building houses with Habitat for Humanity. Gabriel's accomplishments as a scholar-athlete were not lost on his parents Miriam and Andy. "We have been very impressed with the way Gabe balances his scholastic endeavors with his athletic interests."



Amy Schlueter

The Branson School

The Branson School's loss will be Middlebury College's gain when Amy Schlueter arrives on the Vermont campus of the Panthers next fall. In Amy, Middlebury, one of the top four-year liberal arts colleges in the country, will be getting not only a tremendous soccer player but a terrific, well-rounded student as well. At Branson, Amy was vice president of the Interact Club, a community service club and was the senior editor of Forum, Branson's literary magazine. She was also a member of the school Honor Council. Amy will be joining a Panther soccer team that has made the post-season 13 of the last 15 years, capturing two league titles along the way. Amy will certainly help add to those accomplishments. Amy was a standout soccer performer for the Bulls earning offensive player of the year awards in 2006 and 2007 and being named defensive player of the year in 2008. She was selected to the All-MCAL team in 2007 and will likely receive the same recognition this season. Coach Tom Ryan says of Amy "she has been the heart and soul of the team the past two years and was the backbone of our defense this season."



Drake

Taylor Beggs

Drake High

Balancing academics and athletics in high school at any level is a tough job. But to do it at the highest level in both fields for four years is nearly impossible. Yet, in his time at Sir Francis Drake High School Taylor Beggs made it look easy. Closing out his career in just a few weeks Taylor will be hoping to add an MCAL baseball title to the list of his accomplishments. Among those accomplishments are seven varsity letters; two each in baseball and basketball and three in soccer. Taylor was an All-MCAL selection in baseball as a junior and will certainly be named to the elite team again this year as a senior. Academically, Taylor's recognition is equally impressive. He is a four-year California Scholarship Federation (CSF) member and a three-year (selections have not been named yet this year) North Coast Section Scholar Athlete Award winner. Taylor helps out at Drake as a four-year member of the Drake High Honor Crew and has been an instructor in the Pirate basketball camp. With Michigan State University as a possible college choice, Taylor hopes to be a walk-on for the Spartan baseball team.



Stephanie Ritter

Drake High

On any given day trying to run down Stephanie Ritter might be the toughest job in Marin County. This 3.4 GPA Drake student-athlete manages to split her time between athletics (volleyball and lacrosse), academics (NCS Distinguished Scholastic Team), school extracurricular activities (Ineract Club, SEA-DISC, Homecoming Court, Peer Tutor and Honor Crew) and community service (Creak Cleanup, Fairfax Volunteers, Volunteer at Spirit Rock and Volunteer at the YMCA). She could be anywhere from the gym to the football field to the library to St. Anthony's Dining Hall, to Spirit Rock or even to Spain where she participated in the ECI Summer Exchange Program. Stephanie is a four-year varsity volleyball player and a two-year varsity lacrosse member. But, her athletic interests don't stop there. Planning to attend the University of Redlands, Stephanie plans on playing ultimate frisbee, kick ball and beach volleyball in the intramural program. She also plans on joining the outdoor program, which includes rock climbing, swimming, hiking, sea kayaking and backpacking.

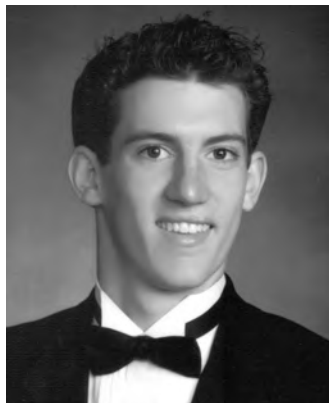


Marin Catholic

Austin Renk

Marin Catholic High

A two-sport All-MCAL team member, Marin Catholic's Austin Renk has narrowed his college choices to the University of Oregon, Cal Poly and UC Santa Cruz. Whichever school is lucky enough to land Austin will be getting, not just a dedicated athlete but a fine student and outstanding young man to boot. While at Marin Catholic Austin chose to give back to the basketball program that saw him named to the first team All-MCAL squad and named team MVP as a senior, by coaching at the MC basketball camp. He hopes to continue his basketball career in college at the intramural level. Austin also garnered all league recognition in soccer, being named honorable mention as a junior and first team All-MCAL as a senior. Away from sports, Austin is active in the community and at school participating in the Little Wishes and Adopt-A-Family programs, volunteering at the St. Vincent de Paul dining room and participating in the Kairos Retreat. His parents, Kathi and Gerard note that Austin is "an incredibly hard working student-athlete and is an inspiration to his brother and sister."



Kaleigh Ann Corbett Morgan

Marin Catholic High

Many of the student-athletes recognized by the Marin Athletic Foundation leave behind them a certain legacy. Be it a name on a banner or trophy for being selected Most Valuable or Most Inspirational or having their name emblazoned on a list of CSF lifetime members. Kaleigh Ann Corbett Morgan is certainly one of those students, but her legacy goes further. At Marin Catholic Kaleigh founded the Global Awareness Club promoting environmental preservation and knowledge. At a time when the environment needs all the help it can get, Kaleigh's dedication to the club will make it a success for years to come with all of us reaping the benefits. With the Global Awareness Club as a centerpiece Kaleigh also found time to excel at golf and soccer. She is a two-time All-MCAL first teamer in golf and won the MCAL tournament posting a record score of 72. Kaleigh is active in other school activities as the ASB secretary, member of Link Crew and Respect for Life and went to Guatemala as a member of the Habitat for Humanity. She is a member of the National Honor Society and CSF and boasts a 3.7 GPA. Kaleigh hopes to attend USC and pursue a career in Environmental Studies.



Novato

Jeffrey Stephens

Novato High

While at Novato High, Jeffrey Stephens got to do a couple things that not too many Marin student-athletes get a chance to do. An outstanding football and baseball player, Jeffrey played in the 2007 California State Football Championships and played in the Rawlings Bay Area Baseball World Series. His skill as a baseball infielder has earned him three varsity letters and has seen him named as a first team All-MCAL player as a junior. As a quarterback for the Hornets he was named first team All-MCAL for two years and was selected second team All-State by CalHi Sports. A 3.5 GPA student, Jeffrey was named as a CIF Scholar Athlete as a junior and a senior and received the CIF "Pursuing Victory With Honor Award" given "in recognition of exemplary sportsmanship/citizenship, outstanding commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity; serves as a positive role model." Jeffrey has been active in and around Novato volunteering at Lu Sutton Elementary School, the North Bay Children's Center and Whistle Stop Wheels.



Taylor Holtemann

Novato High

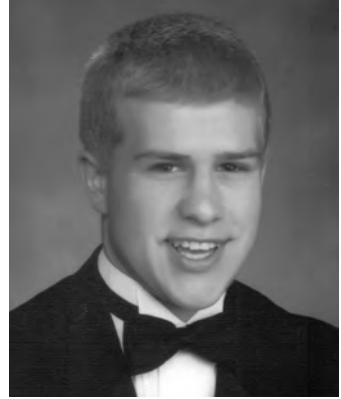
Leadership is a skill that can be learned but more often it is something that comes naturally. It is certainly a trait that has served Taylor Holtemann well in her time at Novato High. A basketball and soccer standout, Taylor was selected as the team captain in both sports. Taylor is also a leader in the classroom where she carries a 3.7 GPA. She is also a leader when it comes to volunteerism. Taylor coaches a first and second grade basketball team, serves lunch to the homeless on Sundays and travels to San Francisco every other two weeks to serve breakfast at Glide Memorial Church. Her mother Kelly can't say enough about the role sports have played in Taylor's life. "Sports have had a huge impact on Taylor's life," Kelly says. "Teaching her balance in competition, sportsmanship, fairness and how to handle ups and downs. They (sports) have been the cornerstone to keep her focused in school and life." Taylor hopes to pursue her education at either Cal Poly or Sonoma State and continue to play basketball be it at the intercollegiate level or through intramurals.



Redwood

Jimmy Davoren Redwood High

UCLA bound; this soon to be Bruin proved what a true team player is this year. After playing varsity football as a junior, Redwood's Jimmy Davoren was set for a big senior year but an injury cut his season short. A concussion meant he couldn't play. But it didn't mean he couldn't help his team in other ways. Jimmy was there rooting the team on and helping manage the equipment throughout the season. His mother Lisa was particularly proud of the way Jimmy handled his situation. "This year I have been so proud of the way he has overcome the challenge of his injury and managed to redefine his role in athletics," she said. It wasn't just football for Jimmy at Redwood. He was a four-year varsity wrestler winning the MCAL title at 135 pounds. He was twice named captain and most inspirational wrestler. He also participated in track and field and is a member of the Marin Highlanders rugby team. In the classroom Jimmy also excelled. He carries a 4.0 GPA and is a lifetime member of CSF and the Redwood Honor Society. He has been named as an NCS Scholar Athlete and a National Merit Finalist.



Emily Livingston Redwood High

In its 50 years Redwood High has produced some great female athletes. Emily Livingston can certainly add her name to the list of greats. Emily excelled in both basketball and track earning eight varsity letters – adding a ninth in her one year of cross-country. Her track career saw her earn league MVP honors in 2008 when she qualified for the California State Championship and earned the MCAL Triple Crown finishing first in the 400, 800 and 1600-meter races. She was also the 800 meter and 4x400 meter NCS champion. In basketball she was the MCAL scoring champion and team MVP this past season. In the classroom, Emily maintains a 4.2 GPA as she prepares herself to attend Princeton University to study pre-med. She is a four-year Redwood Honors Society member and is a member of CSF. Outside of school Emily has volunteered at Marin General Hospital, the First Presbyterian Church, Homeward Bound and St. Vincent's Shelter. Oh yes, not to be forgotten, Emily is a classically trained pianist who has performed at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

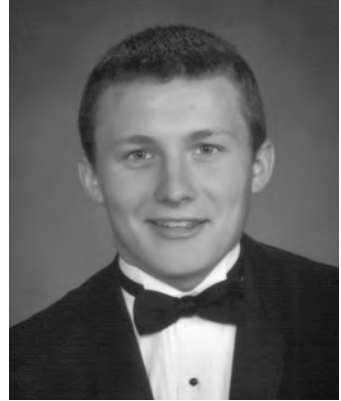


San Marin

Dylan James Keller

San Marin High

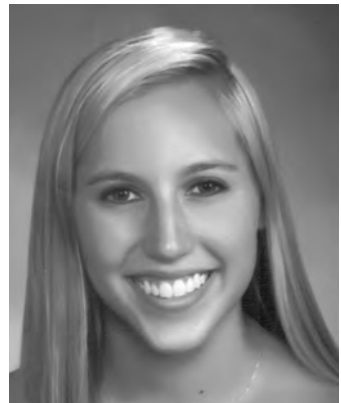
Dylan Keller got his athletic recognition at San Marin High the old fashioned way. Not only did he earn it, he earned it by playing the three old-school sports — football, basketball and baseball. Dylan didn't just play the three major sports he excelled at them. In his three varsity years on the gridiron he received All-MCAL honors and was named the Mustangs' defensive MVP in 2008. He also picked up All-MCAL honors in basketball where he was team captain. Playing two years of varsity baseball, he was an integral part of the 2008 NCS championship team. It wasn't all sports with Dylan. He managed to maintain a 3.21 GPA throughout his high school career and brought home Scholar Athlete awards in all three sports. Dylan was also active in the Novato community helping out in the Toys-for Tots program and working at holiday food banks. He also worked at the teen center and assisted with park and recreation day camps. Dylan plans to attend Chico State University where he will pursue a degree in education and play club sports.



Christina Schoepp

San Marin High

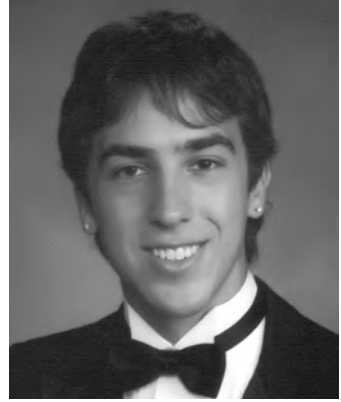
If any individual epitomized the true spirit of San Marin High it would have to be Christina Schoepp. Christina was on the cheerleading team all four years at San Marin in both fall and winter. This isn't your mother's cheerleading either. This sport is extremely time consuming including daily practices and attendance at most all athletic games. Also included are various competitions throughout the state. While a good portion of her time was spent cheering, Christina also found time to volunteer at San Marin's Green and Gold wrestling tournament, participate in the San Marin's leadership program and do volunteer work at Miss Sandies pre-school, helping with a variety of activities. Her time spent at Miss Sandies helped lead Christina to follow a career path toward a degree in child development while attending San Diego State University in the fall. Despite the time demands of year-round cheering Christina was able to acquire a 3.65 GPA. She received scholastic achievement awards during all four years of cheering. Although she says she won't be cheering when she goes to college, Christina plans to spend plenty of time in the recreation center.



San Rafael

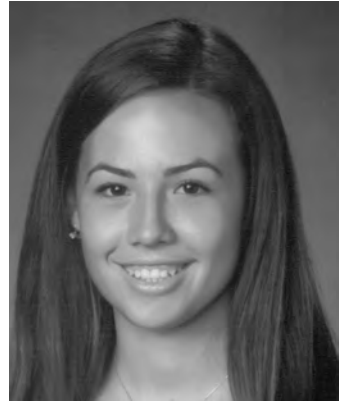
Matthew Leyva Wishnak San Rafael High

Perhaps the most well-rounded of this year's recipients, San Rafael's Matthew Wishnak plays four sports, is a member of the Government Club, Sierra Club and Math Club, volunteers in the Drawbridge program and with his 4.45 (weighted) GPA has one of the top five GPA's in the class of 2009. A pretty full and balanced life by any standards. Matthew has been volunteering in the Drawbridge program, which helps homeless children, since 2006. The program helps the children express themselves and relieve their pain and frustration through art, another of Matthew's passions. Of the four sports (wrestling, swimming, track and cross-country) Matthew participates in, wrestling was the priority. In 2007 he qualified for the NCS meet in his weight class marking a high point in his career. An injury in his junior year cut his wrestling career short. Undaunted Matthew started swimming and made the swim team in his senior year. Matthew plans to attend a four-year university majoring in art with a minor in English literature and hopes to continue on to do graduate work in art. He hopes to continue his sports career in college by swimming or joining a triathlon team.



Caitlin Hardy San Rafael High

The distinction of having the two most diametrically opposed footnotes on her resume certainly belongs to San Rafael's Caitlin Hardy. Caitlin, most appropriately, was named as a homecoming princess. Nothing strange there. But, she also played junior varsity football as a sophomore! Beyond that Caitlin made a name for herself at San Rafael as a four-year varsity basketball and soccer star. As a senior she was named as the basketball team's MVP and was captain of both the basketball and soccer teams. Off the playing fields, she is currently the senior class vice president and has been involved with the Associated Student Body all four years. Caitlin spends time in the community acting as a youth soccer referee and volunteers at a pre-school in San Anselmo. Caitlin's parents, Sarah and David, say that she is the "quintessential team player. Her greatest strength has always been her ability to lead by example. She has always been committed to the growth and success of the team." Caitlin plans to attend college next fall and is deciding between Sonoma State and Chico State.



Tamalpais

Colton Danz

Tamalpais High

Although most ducks fly south for the winter, this one is bucking the trend and going north. Tamalpais High's Colton Danz plans to attend the University of Oregon in the fall taking with him a 3.47 GPA and a box full of accolades from his years of playing football, baseball and lacrosse as a part of the Red-tailed Hawks teams. While at Tam Colton was a three-time football MVP and an All-MCAL baseball outfielder and baseball team MVP as well. At Oregon Colton plans on playing club lacrosse. He will be pursuing a degree in either kinesiology or exercise science in hopes of one day becoming an athletic trainer. Colton's parents, Ken and Ronnie, are rightfully proud of their son. "It confirms to us that the years of his consistent dedication to academics and athletics has not gone unnoticed." That dedication and drive to get the most out of his ability will certainly serve Colton well as he moves on in his academic career at the U of O. Don't be surprised if you are watching an Oregon game on television some day and you see Colton out their patching up one of the Ducks.



Cara Trombadore

Tamalpais High

With softball in her blood, Cara Trombadore will continue to play the game that served her so well in high school on into college either at the intercollegiate level or club level. Although she is undecided about what college she will attend, this Red-tailed Hawk will definitely continue to play ball all the while chasing her studies in biology. Although she excelled at softball, earning first team All-MCAL honors and being named team MVP and captain, Cara also played basketball at Tam. She was named captain of the basketball team and received the best defensive player award. At Tam Cara played a big part in the Link Crew. She is a Link Crew advisor, which means she spent extra time each week supporting and helping a class of freshman. Outside school Cara finds time to volunteer at youth softball and basketball clinics and lends her time to a local retirement center and a non-profit fundraiser called VisualAid. Apparently all those activities don't fill up Cara's plate so she has been playing tournament softball since sixth grade, traveling throughout California and other western states.

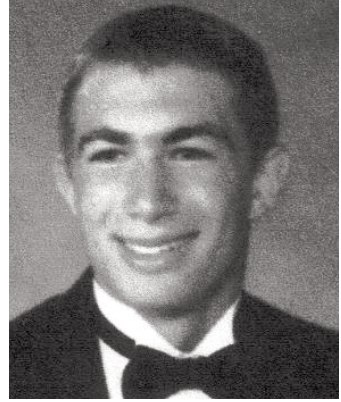


Terra Linda

Nadim Houssain

Terra Linda High

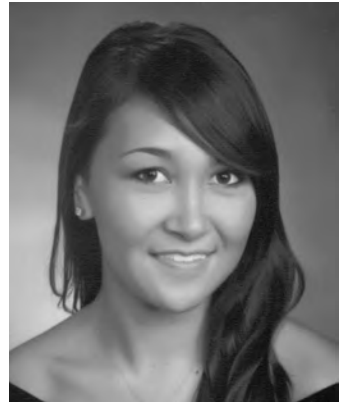
Terra Linda's Nadim Houssain is a man with a plan. That plan includes enrolling at UC Santa Barbara in the fall and pursuing his career in track and field as a soon to be Gaucho. As a Trojan, Nadim filled his calendar as a member of the Link Crew, Persian Club and Ski and Snowboard Club. He put in more than 90 hours of volunteer work at Walker Creek where he helped out with outdoor education and worked at the Marin YMCA. But it was on the playing fields where Nadim really made a name for himself. Nadim participated in three varsity sports – soccer, wrestling and track and field. In soccer he was a part of the 2008 MCAL regular season championship team and was voted as Most Inspirational in 2007. As a wrestler he was the MCAL champion in his weight class this season and finished eighth in the North Coast Section. On the track he was the team's MVP last season. Nadim also found time to swim competitively for the Terra Linda Orcas. Despite all his extracurricular activities, Nadim was able to maintain a 4.4 GPA. At Santa Barbara Nadim hopes to play other intramural sports along with his track and field pursuits.



Rachel Brown

Terra Linda High

With a 3.5 GPA and eight varsity letters in three different sports it's easy to see why Rachel Brown is Terra Linda's recipient of the Outstanding Student Award. Rachel didn't limit herself to just athletics at Terra Linda, she was also a leader on campus and in the community. She was part of the Leadership Program all four years and was the Trojan Scream Team president, leading those gold shirted fanatics at various sporting events. She was also a leader in the Parish Youth Council for two years. Playing varsity softball for four years gave her the knowledge and skills to allow her to coach and give softball lessons to the local girls' softball teams. Rachel played three years of varsity volleyball, four years of varsity softball and one year of varsity basketball while at Terra Linda, making her one of the most versatile athletes in the school, male or female. As a softball player Rachel earned many accolades including Rookie-of-the-Year as a freshman and All-MCAL recognition. Rachel plans on attending a community college for two years before transferring to a UC school.

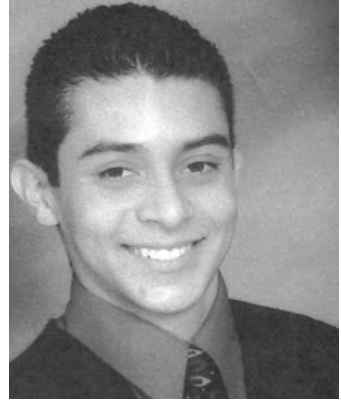


Tomales

Edgar Gutierrez

Tomales High

Equally adept at four different sports Edgar Gutierrez has chosen to concentrate on basketball as he enters Dominican University in San Rafael next year. Edgar was equally at home, while at Tomales High playing football, basketball, baseball and tennis. He received the Dave Castleberry Award for football while playing for the Braves' undefeated league championship team; was named team MVP and received all-conference recognition as a tennis player; and was named team captain and best defensive player on the basketball team. Despite the time constraints of playing four sports, Edgar was also busy with extracurricular activities both at school and in the community. He is currently the Executive Student Council vice president, is a member of the Link Crew and is active in the Ole Club. He worked as a teacher's assistant during summer school at Tomales Elementary School and served as a CYO basketball coach. Edgar hopes to team up with Dominican basketball coach and MAF Hall of Fame member Bret Tovani to bring a championship to Dominican next year.



Brittany Furlong

Tomales High

There must be two Brittany Furlongs at Tomales. That's the only way to explain her accomplishments in four short years as a Brave. Brittany, who plans to attend either Dominican University or Chapman University spent four years as class treasurer, was a member of FFA every year of high school, was on the dance committee and was senior class trip coordinator. She collected nine varsity letters, four for softball – where she earned first team All-League recognition for four years and All-Empire recognition as a junior, three in basketball (MVP as a sophomore, junior and senior) and two in volleyball (MVP sophomore and senior years). At college she hopes to continue her softball career while studying business with a minor in sports management. Brittany's 3.87 GPA earned her Scholar Athlete recognition every year and she was named as a National student-athlete as a sophomore. Brittany's off campus activities were equally numerous. She has acted as a CYO scorekeeper and assistant coach, helped to relocate Shoreline Acres Preschool, acted as petting zoo coordinator and helped in fundraising for the Dogs4Diabetics Organization. She has to have a twin!



The Local School Teams

School	Principal(s)	Athletic Director
Branson	Woody Price	Tom Ryan
Drake	Don Drake	Chad Stuart
Marin Catholic	Chris Valdez	Rick Winters
Novato	Rey Mayoral	Jessica Peisch
Redwood	Nancy Neu	Karen Barrett
San Marin	Robert Vieth	Keith Bergman
San Rafael	Judith Colton	Tony Bulter
Tamalpais	Tom Drescher	Christina Amoroso
Terra Linda	Lars Christensen	Steve Farbstein
Tomales	Dino Battaglini	Kindrah Kilgore
		Nick Royer

Mistress of Ceremonies

MARY JANE BURKE

Marin County Superintendent of Schools

Mary Jane Burke is a proud alumna of Dominican University where she received her B.A. in Education and M.A. in Special Education. She is currently President of the Dominican University Alumni Board and serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. Her career in education began as an Instructional Assistant and volunteer in Special Education classrooms. She has been a teacher of severely handicapped students, held various administrative positions and was elected Marin County Superintendent of Schools in 1994 and reelected in 1998 and 2002. Mary Jane is known as an enthusiastic champion for students in public and private education. She is the mother of two grown children and is currently involved in numerous local and statewide organizations and is the President-Elect of the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association. She has a monthly program on COMCAST Cable entitled Education Matters TV.

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