

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



To our wonderful community of Olympic Club Foundation supporters,

It's hard to believe that it's been more than a year since the global pandemic started. Like everyone, I miss our pre-pandemic days. That said, I have found silver linings and forms of comfort in our new reality. I have enjoyed spending more time with

my family, but not a day goes by where I don't long for things to return back to "normal." Along the way, we have established new routines. We have rediscovered our beautiful parks, we have struggled through a few jigsaw puzzles, we have enjoyed countless movie nights, we have participated in a few drive-by birthday celebrations, and we have attended a couple Zoom cocktail parties (okay, maybe more than a couple!).

When I think about what was "normal," I often come back to the same memory — standing on the sidelines with friends watching my kids play sports. I miss catching up with the other parents. I miss seeing the kids celebrate a good play. I miss watching the kids fall down and get right back up to try again. I miss watching the coaches reinforce good habits while encouraging the players to reach new heights. I miss these important opportunities our kids have to build character. I SIMPLY MISS YOUTH SPORTS!

I believe all of us will ultimately benefit from the lessons learned during these challenging past twelve months. We will have a newfound appreciation for the little things in life, many of the things we previously took for granted. Handshakes, hugs, traveling,

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America SCORES

has launched an

ambitious new

restaurants, and talking without a face mask, just to name a few. While I will enjoy bringing back many of these rituals, the opportunity to again appreciate youth athletics is up there on my list.

As a supporter and follower of The Olympic Club Foundation, much of what I have stated likely resonates with you. In addition to our shared desire to get kids back out there playing sports, we recognize the important role the OCF plays by engaging and supporting our future leaders. This was evidenced by the overwhelming support our OCF community provided stepping up to help us make up for the lost event revenue last year, allowing us to provide almost \$500,000 to 70 youth sports programs, benefitting more than 15,000 kids in the Bay Area's nine counties. This year — more than ever — the young athletes of our community will need our continued support. With your generous support we have helped future leaders like Natasha from Girls on the Run, Tony from Oakland Lacrosse, and Daniela from America Scores set great examples by returning to serve at the sports programs of their youth (see accompanying articles). These stories of giving back to the next generation should make us proud to be associated with The Olympic Club Foundation.

I am excited about working with all of you this coming year and am proud to be part of this amazing organization.

For the kids,

Stephen Wynne

President, The Olympic Club Foundation

GRANTEE STORY: AMERICA SCORES



program to train students between the ages of 14 and 24 to serve as assistant and co-coaches for their programs.

Daniela Hernandez

"We created the

Youth Coaching Academy to build a pool of people who can run successful, meaningful SCORES soccer practices and enrichment activities," says Colin Schmidt, SCORES Executive Director. "The more caring, competent coaches we have, the more children we'll be able to serve in the seasons ahead. At the same time, we want to help older students — especially alumni of the SCORES program — learn new skills to help them succeed in their paths forward."

One such SCORES alumna who now serves as the lead youth trainer is Daniela Hernandez. Daniela first joined SCORES in elementary school while at E.R. Taylor, and has since helped coach teams there and at Moscone Elementary. She's discovered that the skills she's learning through the Coaching Academy are transferable to her studies in the Teacher Academy at Lincoln High School. "I've learned a lot about time management and I've become much more comfortable

working with younger children," Daniela says. "Being comfortable and confident in yourself is one of the most important things to have as a coach, especially when working with students. I want to show them it's OK to make mistakes — I still make them too — and you can still be learning and growing."



Youth Coach Academy Leaders Elodie Griffin-Schmidt, VV Volpi, and Daniela Hernandez, joined by SCORES Program Director Roberto Gil.



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BRANDI CHASTAIN AND ALY WAGNER HELP THE OCF RAISE FUNDS

Soccer greats Brandi Chastain and Aly Wagner will participate in a virtual tasting with The OCF and Jackson Family Wines on May 20 titled "Women, Wine, Sports & Success." The event will raise critical funds for girls' youth sports programs in the Bay Area. Amy G will moderate a discussion with the female winemakers of Cambria, Freemark Abbey, and Arrowood Estates, followed by a Q&A with Chastain and Wagner.

If you are interested in sponsoring this event, please contact John Ring at jring@ocfkids.org. All sponsors will be recognized in materials leading up to the event, during the event, on our website, and in a future edition of Olympian magazine.







THE FOUNDATION GAINS EIGHT NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Olympic Club Foundation is thrilled to announce that we have strengthened our Board by adding eight new members in 2021: **Jeff Columbini** (retired SFFD Command Staff), **Annie Crangle** (co-founder and partner of Friday, a strategy and design firm), **Mark Farrell** (Thayer Ventures, former Mayor), **Matt Niehaus** (CEO at Instore), **Carolyn Pomeranz** (Founder

and CEO, CarolynSaidIDrew.com), **Tony Rivera** (retired SFFD Command Staff), **Sheri Sam** (Managing Director of the Northern California PGA Foundation, retired professional basketball player), and **Greg Suhr** (Boston Properties, retired SFPD chief).







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GRANTEE STORY: OAKLAND LACROSSE

Henry is an Oakland Lacrosse alumnus, a marketing major at UC San Diego, and a first-generation college student. He joined Oakland Lacrosse's first team in the spring of 2013 as a 7th grader and has been connected with the program ever since. In high school, Henry played for the Oakland Lacrosse varsity club team at Oakland Tech (graduated in 2018), and was admired for his hard work and dedication. This year, Henry has shifted from being a participant with Oakland Lacrosse to joining the staff as a marketing intern. Over the past four months, he has been working with Oakland Lacrosse to build out their marketing and communications strategy. His most recent work was producing their Player of the Month videos. Henry is proud to continue his involvement with the sports program of his youth. "For me, being able to return to the OLC and give back to the organization that has given me so many opportunities to step out of my comfort zone is surreal," says Henry. "I look back at when I started with OLC in middle school, realizing now that I have been in touch with the program for about ten years. It has been a key part of my growth."



Henry has returned to Oakland Lacrosse as a marketing intern.



Henry and his parents at Senior Day in 2018.



"IN THE RED ZONE" WITH JOE MONTANA A SUCCESS!

Joe Montana, Joe Fonzi, and AXR Napa Valley winemaker Jean Hoefliger were joined by a number of special guests for a virtual wine tasting in January that benefitted The Olympic Club Foundation and Craw4Kids. More than 400 people attended this one-of-a-kind virtual event, and viewers were treated to a candid discussion with Joe Montana about his career with the 49ers, his commitment to youth sports, and his appreciation for fine wine.

If you missed this event, you will have a chance to join us at another virtual tasting in the spring.

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Joe Montana with 49er teammate Bill Ring and his wife, Connie.

GRANTEE STORY: GIRLS ON THE RUN OF THE BAY AREA



Natasha was inspired to run for Student Council.

Natasha's first experience with Girls on the Run of the Bay Area was in fifth grade. She felt nervous yet excited, since she had never done much running prior to that. After the first practice, she felt ready for more, and was empowered by all the amazing girls on the team. Fast-forward to the day of her first 5k; all of her training had led up to this one morning. She was running with her team — that she now called close friends — with her family on the sidelines supporting them. As Natasha said, "We completed the race together and happily felt the well-known 'runner's high."

When Natasha heard there was an opportunity for an alumni program, she jumped at the chance. "The skills that I learned from that two-month Girls on the Run experience in fifth grade stayed with me. I applied. Excitedly, I met amazing professional women with knowledge that I was eager to digest. This program on Fridays was better than any football game or sports meet. We developed leadership skills by analytic problem solving and looking at how

to tackle the biggest challenges we face as women. It even inspired me to run for office, and I am now on the Student Council for next year. When presenting the work we created, I felt more than ready to take the next step into the professional world.

Natasha then chose to help out Girls on the Run in the Summer of 2020 by becoming an intern. She wrote blog posts, input critical data into Salesforce and conducted a survey, analyzing the results and developing a recommendation for the Leadership Alumni Program for future candidates.

Natasha is considering becoming a journalist as a career choice. We wish her every success and hope to see her coaching a team at Girls on the Run next season!



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