

# Sandscripts

Monterey Bay Academy  
*Alumni Magazine*

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BLESSTINGS

Where Land and Sea  
Unite to Inspire



## FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT



### Count Your Blessings

**C**ount your blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessings see what God has done.

Do you remember that Sabbath School song about counting your blessings? As we get older, it seems much easier to count our hardships, doesn't it? With the pressures of life that surround us on a daily basis we can easily become consumed with worry, doubt, grief, frustration, and even anger. Sometimes it can be so overwhelming it becomes impossible for us to recognize the blessings we do receive, much less count them!

The Israelites, after being brought out of Egypt, witnessed countless blessings—the parting of a sea, the pillar of cloud to shade them from the hot sun during the day and a pillar of fire to provide warmth and light during the night, water from a rock, and manna from Heaven—to name a few. And yet, there were numerous occasions when they became so discouraged they actually lamented about being taken from the land of their bondage! They lost sight of the many blessings God had given them and because of this, they began to lose trust in God.

That is just what the devil would have us do—turn our attention away from our blessings and lose trust in our Creator and Savior.

When we take time to look for the blessings God gives us every day, our focus turns upward and we learn to trust in His goodness. In James 1:17 NKJV it says, *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights...*

As I count my many blessings, I think of Monterey Bay Academy. We are so blessed to have our *home on the shore!* What a breathtaking landscape surrounding the campus we have all had the privilege to live in for a time. The relationships we made, the growth we experienced, and the love we felt from faculty and staff are all priceless blessings.

MBA has such a rich history and continues its legacy for our children. This year, students were able to return fully to campus, of which I'm so thankful for as my son is a senior this year! There are campus activities for the students; music, sports, and worship groups are active. The campus is alive with that MBA spirit once again and continues to offer the wonderful blessings of learning and fellowship.

God blesses us every day in so many ways—through His creation, through people He sends our way to encourage us or make us laugh, through the pages of Scripture, and through prayer. He blesses us in our education journey and career paths. He blesses us with every heartbeat and every breath we take! He blesses us with unique talents and abilities. I challenge each of us to take time every day to count our blessings and remember God's goodness to us. As the song says, *...name them one by one...see what God has done!*

Until we meet again!

Traci (Wareham) Follett '93

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### GROWING IN FAITH

2021–2022 SCHOOL THEME

*Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.*

COLOSSIANS 2:7 (NLT)

## Alumni Calendar

### APRIL 2022

21–24 | *Alumni Weekend*

### 72nd ANNIVERSARY

Monterey Bay Academy, CA

### JUNE 2022

3–5 | *MBA Graduation Weekend*

### JULY 2022

14–23 | *Free gift for all alumni*

Soquel Campmeeting at MBA Trailer

**DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.** As an event gets closer, double-check the alumni website or call the Alumni Office for an update.

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If you've *attended, worked, or taught* at MBA, we consider you alumni.

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## EDITOR'S MESSAGE



### Blessings

The man whispered, *God, speak to me.*

And a meadowlark sang.  
 But the man did not hear.

So the man yelled, *God, speak to me!*  
 And the thunder rolled across the sky.  
 But the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said, *God, let me see you.*

And a star shone brightly.  
 But the man did not notice.

And the man shouted, *God, show me a miracle!*  
 And a life was born.  
 But the man did not know.

So, the man cried out in despair.  
*Touch me God, and let me know that you are here!*  
 Whereupon God reached down and touched the man.

But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

There are times throughout our life that we fail to see the blessings God bestows upon us because we are so focused on our trials, the dark valley we are in, or our circumstances. We miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way we expect it to be. While our trials are not

blessings in themselves, they are a channel for them. As singer-songwriter, Laura Story asks in her song "Blessings," *What if your blessings come through rain drops? What if trials of this life—the rain, the storms, the hardest nights—are your mercies in disguise?*

When I look back to the past at *our home on the shore*, I see a history that is rich in blessings from God. From the very beginning of MBA's existence the miracles that took place in acquiring this beautiful property were evidence of God's blessings, and they have been ever present down through the years. Yes, we have experienced trials and heartaches, "storms and hard nights," but through it all God has remained faithful even when things have not always turned out the way we expected them to.

As you read through this issue of *Sandscripts*, I hope you get a glimpse of the blessings MBA has experienced over the last few years. It has not been just a single gift, a single event, or a single person that has blessed MBA. You, our alumni and friends, have been essential to the many blessings over MBA's 70-plus year existence. You have provided support through your words of encouragement, the volunteering of your time, and through your monetary gifts—all of which we are so grateful for. As the historic hymn says, we can Praise *a single God*, from whom all blessing flow.

It is my prayer that as we look forward to the coming New Year that we not miss out on the blessings of God, even when they are packaged differently than we expect, that we will experience His richest blessings—a stronger faith, a deeper love, and a more intimate walk with Him. God's richest blessings rest always in Him, and when we have that, we are truly blessed.

Gladly serving our home on the shore!

**Kinzie (Yoder) Speyer '76**

Editor, *Sandscripts*

Director of Alumni and Development

## 2020 ALUMS OF THE YEAR

### Hubert Cisneros '70

#### Alumnus of the Year

**Hubert Cisneros** grew up in Boulder, CO, where he came from a large family with deep Seventh-day Adventist roots. He has a compelling testimony as a youth that brought him to Monterey Bay Academy where he graduated with the Class of 1970. Following his graduation, Hubert attended La Sierra University and Pacific Union College where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in theology. While still in college, he met and married, Lucy, the love of his life. His work in ministry also began while still in college, spending his summers serving as boy's director at Camp Wawona and Camp Yavapines.

Hubert has served the Adventist church in a variety of ways in multiple locations across the United States. He started his ministry in Arizona, where he served for seven years, pastoring several churches, including the local Adventist academy. In 1982, he moved to Oklahoma, where he pastored for six years, then returned to Arizona for an additional 11 years, serving in the Arizona Conference Office in a variety of positions, including ministerial director, youth director, and health and temperance director.

In 1999, Hubert and Lucy found themselves making a move to Ohio, where Hubert served in the Ohio Conference as the executive secretary and leader of church ministries, evangelism and Hispanic ministries. Eleven years later, in 2010,

one more move was made to Nebraska, where Hubert served as youth and church ministries director for the Mid-American Union Conference. While serving in this capacity, he guided ministries for children, family, and Native Americans, as well as coordinated activities for Pathfinders, senior youth, young adults, Hispanic ministries, and global evangelism.

In 2018, Hubert retired, but *retirement* is a relative term as Hubert continued to pastor a three-church district in southeastern Nebraska. Today, he is still serving his community fulltime, even in retirement, bringing his years of ministry service to 45 and counting.

Throughout his years of ministry service, Hubert has had a love for writing, having authored training manuals for small group evangelism, as well as co-authored a 5-volume set of books on how to do youth ministry on the local level. He also has a deep love for music, dedicating his musical talents to God early in his life. Hubert has also been a strong advocate for Hispanic, Native American, and immigrant youth. He is a champion for the underprivileged and has used every opportunity given to him to serve these important minority communities.

Hubert was recently presented a Lifetime Service Award on behalf of his ministry within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It was noted during



the presentation that through the efforts of his ministry, thousands of children, youth, and young adults have chosen Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Monterey Bay Academy Alumni Association is honored to recognize Hubert Cisneros for the ministry he has so freely given to the numerous churches, organizations, and conferences across the United States. During his 45 years of service to the Adventist church, Hubert has blessed many people as a pastor, evangelist, youth director, and administrator. Thank you, Hubert, for the countless lives you have influenced for Christ and for your devotion and dedication to selflessly serving others.

### Worship Service

MBA was delighted and blessed to have as our worship service speaker, Pastor **Iki Taimi '95**, who is the Southern California Conference Senior Youth and Young Adult Ministries Director. He was originally scheduled to be the speaker for the 2020 Alumni Weekend that was canceled due to COVID-19, and was excited to be rescheduled to speak for the Virtual 2021 Alumni Weekend. Iki's message was heartfelt and uplifting, reminding us of Paul's message in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV 2011): *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* You can find the full sermon at:

<https://youtu.be/1YGxc3w0Qd8?t=2319>



## Kent Hansen '71

### Alumnus of the Year

**Kent Hansen** came to Monterey Bay Academy in fall of 1969 from Sonora, CA. He spent two years at MBA, graduating with the Class of 1971. Following graduation, he continued his education at La Sierra College when the campus was part of Loma Linda University. He graduated in 1975 with a bachelor of arts degree in history and political science, followed by a juris doctorate degree from Willamette University in 1979.

Leadership and service to others are gifts that God has blessed Kent with. During his years at La Sierra, he was deeply involved in student government and also served as editor of the student newspaper. He continued to use these gifts, following his college graduation, serving as associate dean of students and general counsel for Loma Linda University (1979–1982). He then joined a law firm in Corona, CA, and in 1988, his leadership abilities were recognized and rewarded when he became a named partner of that firm: Clayson, Mann, Yeager & Hansen. Working as their managing attorney, Kent focused on educational law, healthcare law, nonprofit corporate law, and employment defense.

Along with his continued service to his law firm and his role as general counsel for Loma

Linda University, Kent has taught at both La Sierra University and Loma Linda University. He has also continued his love of service by staying actively involved in community service projects. In addition to his role as general counsel, Kent is an assistant professor at the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, teaching a course in dentistry and the law.

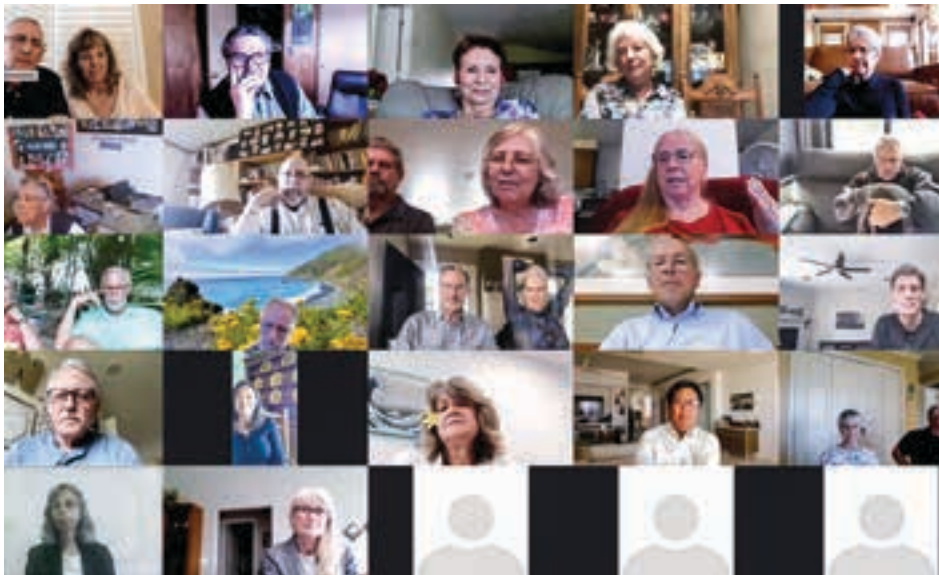
Not long ago, an article was written about Kent and published in the *La Sierra News*. It stated the following: "As general counsel for Loma Linda University Health, Kent Hansen oversees the 30 corporations that comprise LLUH which functions as one of only 125 academic health centers in the United States. Loma Linda University Health employs about 16,000 people and annually educates 4,500 students in the health sciences. Kent is the principal architect of the institution's system of governance and organization."

Kent has maintained his connection with La Sierra University over the year in various ways, including serving as university legal counsel through his law firm. He is quoted as saying, "The realities of racial and gender diversity learned on the La Sierra campus influenced my drafts of the first affirmative action plans for Loma Linda



University and Andrews University, and inspired my personal and professional commitments to fight racial and gender discrimination whenever I've encountered it."

In recognition of all Kent has contributed to Loma Linda and La Sierra University, Kent received an honorary doctor of law (LLD) from La Sierra on June 18, 2017. Such recognition is evidence of Kent's servant heart. Monterey Bay Academy is honored to recognize Kent Hansen for his commitment to excellence, his dedication to higher Adventist education, and his devotion to serving his community.



### Class of 1971 — 50th Year Honor Class

The Class of 1971 was the 50th honor year class for the 2021 Alumni Reunion. Determined to still have a class gathering, 1971 Class agent, **Don Wong**, organized a wonderful virtual class reunion with the help of classmates **Keith Ormerod**, **Hugh Seagraves**, and **Dixie Brown-Velasquez**. A Zoom meeting was planned for their Saturday afternoon class gathering and a virtual 49er Brunch was planned as well for Sunday morning. Their time together was filled with fun, laughter, and even a little sadness as classmates said goodbye until their next reunion.

## 2020 HALL OF FAITH

### Glen and Kathy DeWitt

#### Hall of Faith

It was 1968, one of the most historic years in American history—a year full of social and political changes, as well as historic tragedies and triumphs. It was during this time the Rainbow Fin Company began in Soquel, CA. Glen DeWitt and his wife, Kathy, had recently moved from the East Bay to 37th Avenue where he began shaping surfboards for his personal use at their Pleasure Point surf shack. In need of fins, Glen visited the young fin company where original owner, Tom Knight, sold Glen a fin and offered him a job glassing and polishing fins.

Glen accepted the job, and suddenly, life was good for the young couple, earning \$400 a month, making fins and surfing. “It couldn’t get any better,” Glen recalls. Then in 1970, he became co-owner of Rainbow Fin Company with Tom Knight, and life was the best it had ever been. However, with the fast and furious lifestyle that followed, the company soon took a turn that nearly ended its existence. Between fatherhood, surfing, work, and living a party lifestyle, life began to spin out of control and Glen realized a personal change was desperately needed.

It was decided to close Rainbow Fin and he and Tom moved their families to Angwin, CA, where they both enrolled at Pacific Union College to study theology. While there, they both experienced a real spiritual awakening, but soon realized they could not support their families as full-time students. Praying God would intervene and show them how they could continue their education and pay the bills, a new opportunity came and they started making skateboards.

Their days were spent going to school, and at night, they were glassing, cutting and grinding their new orders for downhill racing skateboards.

One evening, after beginning this new venture, Tom came to Glen and said that God told him they needed to go to Monterey Bay Academy. With the desire to become a chaplain, Glen was not convinced that this was the direction they should go. It was not at all what he had planned, but Glen put out his *fleece* with God and said he wanted an undeniable sign that MBA was where he



belonged. Miraculously, the answer came shortly after that, when he and Tom were on a sales trip in Southern California and they stopped by to see a friend, Art Van Diver, former boy’s dean at MBA. During the course of their conversation, not knowing what Tom had said to Glen before their trip, Art told Glen, “You need to go to Monterey Bay Academy and see the principal, Elder Harvey Voth, and reopen Rainbow Fin.” Glen got his undeniable answer. They would go to MBA.

Arriving on campus in 1975, Elder Voth welcomed them with open arms and showed them the building the business would be in. They were told anything they needed for operating would be set up for them. There was only one stipulation—they had to hire students to work in the business. With that stipulation, Glen’s direction in ministry was laid out before him—the ministry of mentoring teenagers for Christ. Eventually, Glen and Kathy took over sole ownership of the company when Tom chose to pursue a career in the medical field in Southern California.

Glen and Kathy’s interaction with students continued to grow throughout their years at MBA. Rainbow Fin provided them with an avenue to train and mentor students, helping them to develop work habits and skills that would be beneficial to them throughout their life. Glen’s desire to bring kids into a closer relationship with Christ also continued to grow. In 1999, he developed a Sabbath School program called *Set ‘n Stone*. It was a

student driven program—planned, prepared, and implemented by the students. “My goal with the ministry of *Set ‘n Stone*,” says Glen, “was to put the cookies on the bottom shelf. In other words, I wanted the truth of the unconditional love of Jesus, His grace and mercy, to be easily grasped and understood by all who became involved in this program.” For 12 years, *Set ‘n Stone* provided MBA with a ministry that reached students in a way no other program had. It combined art, music, outreach, evangelism, Bible study, and the spoken Word in an effort to present the gospel of Jesus Christ in simple and easy to understand concepts to students with searching hearts.

Along with running the Rainbow Fin business and mentoring high school teenagers in the work force, Kathy’s spiritual ministry on campus grew as well. For over 30 years, she ministered to the younger children on campus, leading out in the primary Sabbath School division for the MBA church.

The impact Glen and Kathy DeWitt have had on the campus of Monterey Bay Academy over the last 45 years is immeasurable. The skills and work ethic they developed and nurtured in students is priceless, and the lives they influenced for Christ is countless. MBA is proud to honor Glen and Kathy DeWitt for the incredible difference they have made on this campus and in the lives of students they have come in contact with.

# ALUMNI WEEKEND 2022

HONORING CLASSES ENDING IN — 2 | 7

APRIL 21–24

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, April 21 **Scholarship Reception** *(by invitation only)*

Friday, April 22 ~~22nd Annual MBA Golf Classic~~

**Canceled due to volunteer and staffing constraints.**

*Seascape Golf Club is a public course and alumni are welcome to gather friends and classmates to organize their own tee times.*

seascapegc.com 831-688-3213

**Vespers 8:00 PM**

Sabbath, April 23 **Worship Service 10:30 AM**

Sunday, April 24 **49er Brunch**

*Honoring the 50-year classes: 1970, 1971, & 1972*

***Our apologies to the past two years' honor classes.*** Due to the quantity of classes that missed out on their class reunions because of COVID-19 restrictions, MBA doesn't have enough meeting areas to accommodate all the gatherings. We look forward to your return in just a few years.

***All missed honor classes are still welcome to attend.***

**IN-PERSON**  
OR  
**VIRTUAL ONLY**

EVENT STYLE TO BE DETERMINED BY **FEBRUARY 1**  
DUE TO EVER-CHANGING COVID RESTRICTIONS IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY.

WATCH FOR DETAILS IN THE **SPRING 2022** ISSUE OF SANDSCRIPTS  
OR CHECK OUR WEBSITE — [montereybayacademy.org/alumni-welcome](http://montereybayacademy.org/alumni-welcome)

## THE INTANGIBLES

They lived out of their car...

### THEN...2010

Monterey Bay Academy was encouraged to accept Aaron's\* application by his hometown church members. Those folks were hoping for a solid chance at life for Aaron and viewed MBA as that opportunity.

What I saw on the surface when blonde, blue-eyed Aaron arrived on the MBA campus was a good-looking guy with a timid smile. What I later came to know about him goes much deeper than that. The person that arrived here and then graduated two years later were seemingly different people. The Aaron that arrived at MBA was not particularly motivated in class and aimlessly going through the motions of life. As I came to understand, he didn't think there was much to strive for in life. His father had spent years in and out of jail, his mother did the best she could raising Aaron and his younger siblings. She worked. However, there were times that the family lived out of their car because she couldn't pay rent.



There was no overnight magic. However, slowly Aaron began to understand what it meant to be a real man. "Watching my deans and teachers, I observed how Christian men behave and the values they embrace," says Aaron. He began to discover that he could go on with his education and select any career he desired through the mentoring and encouragement of his teachers. Aaron's grades began turning into As and Bs. His girl-



friend was the daughter of a faculty member. Interaction with that family and other families on campus unveiled to him what a Christian home and family could really look like.

Aaron has a big heart and compassion for those in circumstances he has experienced. He became involved in campus ministry projects with Pastor "PJ" Deming, such as feeding the homeless.

His senior year (2012) he received The Class of 1979 Scholarship and The Erik Wolfe Scholarship in recognition of his perseverance and tenacity in grasping opportunities given to him. The evening of the Scholarship Banquet, I saw for the first time that timid smile turn into an ear-to-ear grin. It's forever imbedded in my mind. He suddenly connected to the fact he was valued and his achievements mattered.

At graduation six weeks later, he made the decision to forego a gift and party from his mother and take that money to put towards getting his Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification that summer. This way, he could earn money by serving as an EMT while attending college. He's totally on his own in furthering his education.

Two months later, I saw Aaron. He was taking classes at a local community college. He joined the military reserves as another resource to help fund his education. "It's so hard sometimes," he said to me. "So hard to make it work." I was thankful for that oppor-

tunity to talk to him. I expressed my confidence in him—in his perseverance—to keep going.

I believe in Aaron because I have seen for myself the transformation of a young teenage boy who thought the "good life" was for other people—not him—to an adult who latched on to the solid hope that was laid out before him at MBA. He'll make it.



### TODAY...Nine years post-graduation

Aaron married that MBA faculty member's daughter years later after she completed her college education and became an elementary school teacher. He has a great job. This couple is busy raising their daughter and expecting another daughter very soon. Although life is still difficult at times, as it is for anyone, Aaron has discovered the "good life" for himself.

At what point would Aaron have realized the characteristics of a Godly man or a glimpse of solid, Christ-centered families?

Without MBA, it makes you wonder. **SS**

\*FICTITIOUS NAME

Written by **Charlotte Henderson**, former MBA Alumni and Development Director, recalling just one of her many experiences with former MBA students who are now alumni.






**ROAD**  
RENOVATION  
MONTEREY BAY ACADEMY



**Creating Safety**  
*for the Present*  
**and the Future**



Our report a year ago included the \$1.7 million in reductions to the budget due to a COVID-19 pandemic-related decrease in enrollment while we maintained online distance learning for our students. Santa Cruz County permitted MBA to reopen in January 2021 and bring students on-campus once again. Here are the vital facts from the past year.

#### HAS THE ENROLLMENT RECOVERED SINCE COVID-19 SHUT DOWN IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE?

We had 211 students when the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the campus and students were sent home in the spring of 2020. Upon reopening, 134 students made their way back to campus with either in-person learning or a few choosing to study online at their homes. We are trending upward this current school year with 168 in-person students. The online learning option is no longer available due to our reduction in faculty to accommodate the lower enrollment. Simply stated, the continuing momentum in regaining our student population equates to the ability to hire more teachers as we move forward.

#### HOW MUCH IN DONATIONS CAME IN A YEAR AGO TO COVER THE UNEXPECTED EXPENSES OF THE BEACH AUDITORIUM FIRE AND THE POTENTIAL \$168,000 BUDGET DEFICIT BY JUNE 30, 2021?

Thanks to your generous blessings we more than covered those expenses to the amount of \$207,034 and did not have to borrow any funds from the Central California Conference. We ended the school year debt-free, maintaining our end goal of *stewardship*.

#### IS THE 2021–2022 OPERATING BUDGET FARING BETTER THAN LAST YEAR?

Yes! *Barring unexpected fires!* In fact, we conservatively budgeted for 140 students this school year, so that places us +28 students. It is a tight budget, and our faculty and staff have taken on extra duties so that we may remain financially healthy during this COVID-19 recovery period. We thank them abundantly for their extraordinary efforts!

#### ARE YOU WORKING ON ANY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CAMPUS?

Yes. Pages 12–13 provide a complete update on the Grunke Hall carpet installation, as well as both dorms receiving exterior paint in the past year thanks to your generous gifts. If you've been on campus in the past year, no doubt you noticed the new pavement and construction on some of our roads. We will be announcing more about this nearly completed campaign soon! Get a sneak peek on page 9.

Lastly, we praise God for His watchful care over our MBA family during these unpredictable times. That includes **YOU**—our dedicated alumni and friends. We are so thankful and continue to be greatly blessed by you despite the challenges COVID-19 unexpectedly brought to us!

*May the Lord smile on you  
and be gracious to you.*

NUMBERS 6:25 NLT

UPDATE

## State of the School

WHY? BECAUSE WE CONSIDER YOU VALUED FAMILY  
AND INVESTORS TO OUR MISSION AND OUR VISION.

Tuberculosis (TB)... we don't hear much about it these days. The news is all about COVID-19. Yet, TB has killed more people than any other infectious disease in world-wide history.

In the 1940s, when Gene (*fictitious name*) was a young boy, standard treatment for those infected with tuberculosis was to send them away to a sanitarium. Both of Gene's parents were sent away when he was only 12 years old. He had older siblings that tried to take care of him, but eventually the Adventist church members led him to enroll at MBA for his sophomore year.

In those days, Gene could work each day/week to help pay his school bill. He stayed and worked the summers as well.

"MBA was home to me. I didn't really have anywhere else to go," says Gene. The faculty, staff, and students became his family for the three years he lived there.

Gene attributes his deans, especially, in providing security and guidance in his life. So much so, that he graduated from MBA thinking that becoming a dean was the career route he would take. Gene also credits his MBA teachers for instilling the ideal that he could choose any career he wanted. Seven years following his college graduation, he took the bold step of entering dental school. He's been a dentist ever since.

*"My wife and I go to MBA at least once a year.  
It still feels like going home."*

The INTANGIBLES are these aspects that are the fiber of MBA for which you'll never see in a promotional video or a marketing ad. I believe you share along with me in the value of a child's basic needs (i.e., a safe place to lay their heads at night or to feel valued and loved).

Because of your generosity and those before you, Aaron (*fictitious name*) (story on page 8) and Gene left MBA better equipped spiritually, academically, socially, and emotionally. It was due to the *intangibles*. It was due to the *power* and *blessing* of your gift and those of folks just like you.

Are you beginning to understand the impact of your gift? Would you consider a gift to the MBA Student Aid Fund to enable us to assist students like Aaron and Gene who would not have been here otherwise? I am asking you to join me in changing lives. It's that simple.

Our prayers of blessing go out to you—the alumni and friends of MBA. From your campus... *Where Land Sea Unite to Inspire*... stay safe and be well!

Gladly serving our home on the shore!



Kinzie (Yoder) Speyer '76  
Director of Alumni/Development

*P.S. Thank you for caring what happens to the promising young lives currently in our care. Without your GIFTS OF BLESSING, their lives today and in the future might be drastically different.*

## 2021 YEAR-END GIVING **MBA Student Aid Fund**

**WHEN WE LOSE ONE BLESSING, ANOTHER IS OFTEN  
MOST UNEXPECTEDLY GIVEN IN ITS PLACE.**

— C.S. LEWIS

A gift envelope is attached, or you may give online.

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## BLESSINGS MONTEREY BAY ACADEMY BLESSINGS

### BLESSED BEYOND MEASURE

**M**onterey Bay Academy has been richly blessed beyond measure this year with a \$2.5 million gift from the Edward C. Allred Foundation for the Support of Private Education.

It was over 15 years ago that Dr. Allred made his first visit to Monterey Bay Academy. As he drove along McQuaide Dr. his first words were, “This place has to be saved.” The students were gone on that first visit, but as he walked through Grunke Hall he met the English teacher who was the sister to one of his classmates at Loma Linda University Medical School. When he departed, he left a generous check with the business manager. Since that visit, his financial support has never ended. **Ramona (Richli) Clark '57**, a long time MBA board member, sheds some light on his support. “I don’t know that the school would be as far ahead without the incomparable contributions of Dr. Allred. He has been a blessing to so many students, faculty, and staff.”

Allred’s gifts have been responsible for the library remodel, music department remodel, dorm bathroom renovation, new buses, dorm carpets, technology projects, home renovations and repairs. **Jay Ketelsen '76**, VP of Operations make the following observation, “Dr. Allred’s generous investment in MBA has been nothing short of life changing for students and faculty. His inspired giving for classrooms, dorms and homes has enhanced the quality of life across our campus. Through his answer to God’s call, MBA’s future continues to shine brightly. I pray there are others who will hear that same call and join Dr. Allred in helping MBA become all it can and should be for coming generations.”

MBA is ever so grateful to Allred’s blessings and his continued support. This year’s gift will fund a two-year effort to improve faculty housing. It is given to increase morale and to strengthen recruiting and retention of the best teachers and staff.



Dr. Edward Allred

Because of Allred’s contributions to MBA, the Class of 2016 recognized him by making him an honorary member of their class. MBA is blessed and grateful to Dr. Allred and the foundation for the continued support and this meaningful and generous gift. **SS**





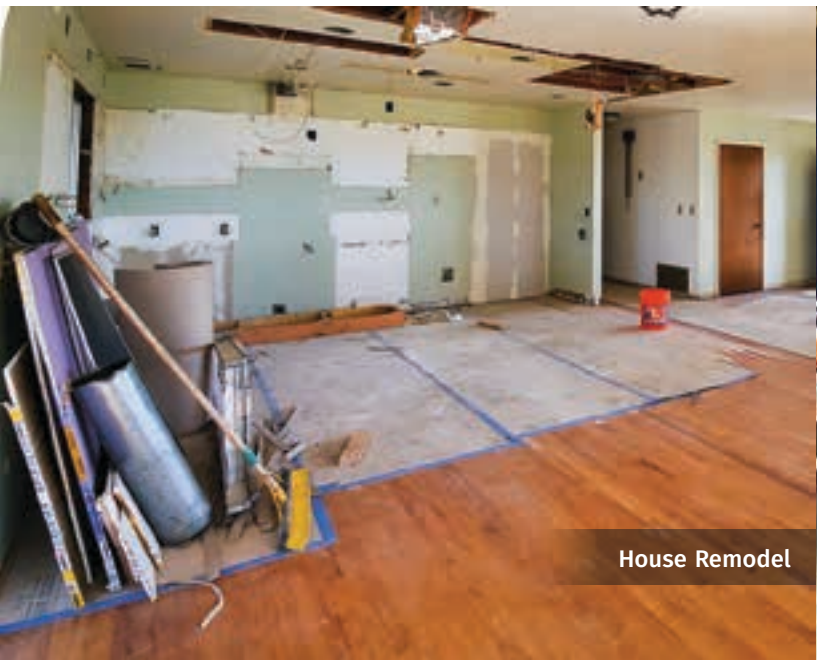
# PHYSICAL PLANT IMPROVEMENTS BLESSINGS

## VOLUNTEERS

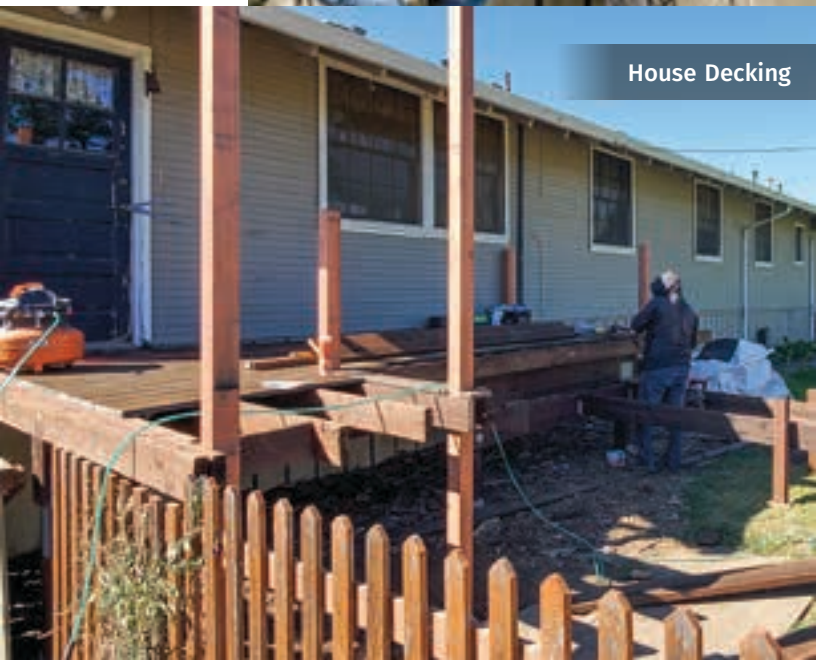
In August, we were blessed by a group of volunteers from Portland, OR. They were on campus for a week and were a huge help in getting the dormitories ready for our students to return. They joined long time MBA volunteers, **Butch and LeeAnn Burfeindt**, who worked with the group. Thank you, Portland Living Word, and Butch and LeeAnn for giving of your time and talents. SS

Maria Babych  
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Bianka Bilan  
Viola Bilan  
Vitalii Bobrishev  
Sergey Bobrishev  
Angelina Dukhonina  
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## WASHINGTON, DC HISTORY TOUR

During the first homeleave of the school year, 47 students and nine sponsors traveled to the heart of American politics and history. The adventure began in Virginia, then on to Pennsylvania and Amish Country, and finished in Washington, DC.

“The whole point of doing a history trip,” says Tim Zytoskee, MBA history teacher and leader of the tour, “is to give our students the opportunity to experience American history first-hand, not just read about it in a textbook. Being able to actually stand in places where historical events took place is an awesome and rewarding experience.”

Student, **Jesse Follett '22**, said, “I really enjoyed the history trip because it made

the things we have studied in US History and Government classes come alive. It is a trip I would do again and would recommend students to go on if they ever have the opportunity.” Jesse went on to say how much he appreciated all the work that went into making the trip fun and exciting for the students.

Some of the historical places visited included Harpers Ferry, Gettysburg, Mount Vernon, Fort McHenry, Arlington National Cemetery and of course, all the monuments in Washington, DC. The group visited the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr Memorial, and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial. Museums were also part of

the tour and included the Holocaust Museum and several of the Smithsonian museums.

Mr. Zytoskee hopes that the history tour will help students understand that America is both an idea and a place, and that they will have a better appreciation for our country. More importantly, he hopes the students see that our past is very much a part of who we are today as a nation.

The history trip occurs every two years at the cost of \$1,500, a price that has not increased for the last five years. By planning a history tour every two years, students and parents have time to raise funds for the trip. The next history tour is in 2022—traveling to Boston and New York. SS



History Tour students and sponsors seated in front of the US Capitol building.

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## “BLUE SKIES” OVER MBA

The Exploring Aviation and Ground School Program at MBA continues to challenge and inspire the next generation of aviators. We all know the skies are not always blue over MBA as we have our cherished blanket of seacoast fog more often than not. However, with the growing cadre of student aviators and aerospace development forums on campus, it is now not uncommon at the end of a class or field session to hear the familiar aviator’s goodbye of “Blue Skies” cheerfully hailed to one another even though the fog is so thick you can’t see the end of the runway.

### Learning

This year’s class has nine students, representing Brazil, Germany, Spain, and the US. The class meets twice weekly, either in the classroom discussing and reviewing technical lessons, or at the MBA airfield (CA66) where guest pilots, like Ken Locke-Padden with his KitFox plane or Jeremy Lezin and his Carbon Cub plane, provide hands on discussion of plane systems, flight dynamics, and safety review. Guest pilots also provide demonstrations in takeoff and landing procedures so that students can see the various techniques they will need to learn along the path to earning a pilot license.

**GLEIM UNIVERSITY** Classroom work is based on the Gleim University coursework, including the Private Pilot Handbook, Private Pilot Test Prep system, and Remote Pilot Test Prep. At course completion, students should be able to pass the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) written exam for both Private Pilot and Remote Pilot Ground School certificates and the Remote Pilot license.

Book and computer learning, classroom discussion, and on-site airplane demonstrations are strengthened by a state-of-the-art, interactive Gleim University flight simulator, thanks to the generous donation of the Tom Seibly '57 family. This teaching instrument allows students to pre-fly and post-fly their “in-the-plane” flight lessons, which



Aviation students receiving instructions from a guest pilot.

can significantly reduce the cost of earning a pilot license, as students rapidly become more proficient with the hands on and spatial skills needed for competent, safe flight. It also reinforces the classroom learning of the non-flying aviation students. Currently, three students are taking flying lessons at nearby Watsonville Airport (KWVI).

**CAMPUS INDUSTRIES** The term “aviator” includes both manned and unmanned autonomous systems (UAS) and MBA is a dynamic incubator for students interested in either of those career tracks via the on-campus industries of AirSpace Integration, Parallel Flight, and Calfee Design. The cutting-edge science and technology being developed by these businesses provides opportunities for students to engage in the disciplines at these research facilities. The intellectual and hands-on development of technology and experimentation has led to these companies being involved with projects at SpaceX and Mojave Air and Space Port. Students are blessed to have these resources as presentations in the classroom.

### Activities

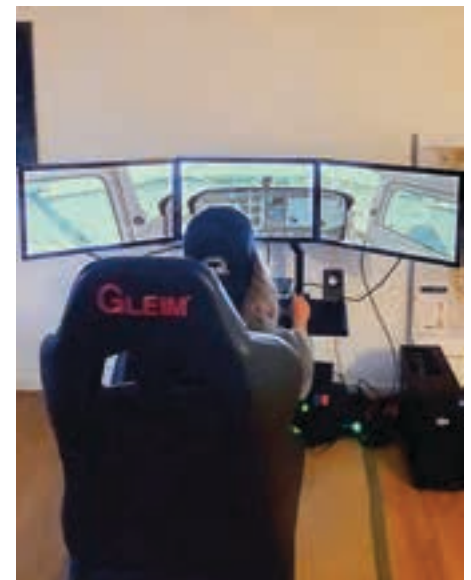
**YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS** The local Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) chapter will be hosting various Young Eagles rallies at the Watsonville Airport where MBA students may be able to have a free introductory flight around the Monterey Bay including a flight over the MBA campus.

**FIELD TRIPS** Students will be visiting two renowned aviation museums, Hiller Aviation Museum and the Wings of History Air

Museum. Both venues have interactive displays, static displays of historical planes, and the step-by-step advancement of aerospace and aviation technology.

**D.A.R.T.** The aviation students, along with the physics and physical science classes, had the opportunity to attend the on-site portion of the Drone Automation Robotics and Technologies (DART) symposium that was held on campus in late October.

**AIRPLANE BUILD** Students are also welcomed to join Arthur Siordia (aeronautical engineer), Chris Bley (CEO of AirSpace Integration and cofounder of DART), and Jay Ketelsen '76 as they collaborate to complete construction of a Zenith STOL CH701 kit plane. This is a great opportunity for students to really learn how everything “works.” **SS**



Flight Simulator in use.



## 1950S

Greg (Jerry) Deane '57 and his wife, Margo, celebrated 50 years of marriage this year. Congratulations on this incredible milestone.



Morris

Larry Morris '58 and wife, Dorothy, celebrated their 60th anniversary on August 26, 2021. Family from California helped with an early celebration in July. Since retiring, they have been to 46 states, transporting RVs all over the country. Still living in Texas, some of their family has moved there also. They are looking forward to celebrating the Class of 1958's 65th reunion in 2023.

## 1960S



Parrish

Bob '69 and Linda (Caporgno) '69 Parrish celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 22, 2021, in Sonora, CA. Congratulations, Bob and Linda!

## 1970S



Barr, Frederick

Classmates, Chuck Frederick '71, and Warren '71 and Cheryl (Strauss) '71 Barr enjoyed a wonderful afternoon and evening together this summer when Chuck and his wife were passing through Bakersfield, CA, from an Oregon visit. Chuck currently lives in Southern California and Warren and Cheryl live in Bakersfield where Warren is still practicing dentistry.

## 50-Year Honor Class Thinks Big

The COVID-19 pandemic did not stop the Class of 1971 from celebrating this 50-year milestone event. On Sabbath, April 24, 2021, some "old" classmates faced the challenge of an MBA Zoom class meeting, which got disconnected but was rescued by the use of Keith Ormerod's '71 Zoom account to reconnect and update each other. As one classmate said, "Not bad for us old folks using technology!" No need to Photoshop our pictures, because we look 17-years-old (plus 50 years of experience!).

On Sunday, we had a virtual 49er Brunch program. Not wanting to miss eating the cafeteria food, classmates from the East Coast to California and Hawai'i met for breakfast via another Zoom meeting with Hugh Seagraves '71 as the MC, along with Kinzie (Yoder) Speyer's '76 to answer trivia questions for gift prizes. Keith Ormerod shared his class photo album of our deceased classmates and present photos submitted from our classmates. Kent

Hansen '71 delivered a heartfelt message, as we plan for the *Reunion in Heaven*.

Our class was in shock to learn that the non-Adventist student tuition, with room and board, was around \$20,400—when, in 1971, the cost to attend MBA was only \$1,950. As a result of our Zoom meetings we decided to establish the *Steve Walls Endowment Fund*.

The Class of 1971 want to acknowledge Mr. Walls' 43 years of dedicated service and commitment to Christian education. His influence at MBA touched so many students.



Steve Walls

**The Class of 1971 invites all former students of Mr. Walls to donate to the fundraising campaign goal of \$50,000 or more.**

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- PHYSICAL MAIL: Send checks or cash to the MBA Alumni and Development Office,

earmarked *Steve Walls Endowment Fund*.

- VIA PHONE: Call the Alumni and Development Office and give by credit card.

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- ONLINE DONATIONS:

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1980S



Wilson

April Wilson '82 writes, "After 35 years, we sold our California home in March of this year. My husband retired and we moved to the beautiful state of Tennessee and bought our own little farm! We now have two goats, four ducks, two mini horses, four hens, three roosters, two dogs and a cat. Who knows what animal we will get next? Living our best lives!"



Marschall

Marina (Blech) Marschall '86 and her husband, Travis, are proud to announce their son, Erich, has graduated from Culver Military Academy in Culver, IN, and is now attending the US Military Academy at West Point, NY.

1990S

In mid-2019, after 23 years in the dental field, Sandy (Gurash) Cabreira '93 accepted the position of payroll specialist with Granite Construction, Inc. Sandy writes, "As I reflect back on the process that led to this transition, I cannot deny God's wonderfully guiding hand in opening and closing the many necessary doors to make this career move possible."



Cabreira

2000S



Horn

Elissa (McMurry) Horn '08 and her husband, Dustin, announce the birth of their second child, Adelie Janae, born July 28, 2021. Elissa and Dustin currently live in Athol, ID.



Palma

Amari Palma '09 married Thomas Isaken on September 2, 2021 in Boston, MA. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Lance Shakespeare '09 married Sydney Beals on August 29, 2021, at the Conrad Man-



Shakespeare

sion in Conrad, IA. Congratulations, Lance and Sydney.

2010S



Palmer

Heather Palmer '12 married Brad Glover on August 7, 2021 in Monterey, CA. The couple is residing in Lacombe, Alberta. Congratulations, Heather and Brad.



Palma

Kaitlin Palma '12 married Andrew Ugalde on April 8, 2021, in Southern California. The currently are living in Chicago, IL, where Andrew is in his residency program.

# OUR MBA FAMILY AT REST

Joan (Carey) Thomas '52  
June 2021

Roger Williams '52  
February 2021

Merlin Meisner '56  
January 2021

Marlyn (Wiggins) Miller '56  
April 2021

Carleen (Blackmore) Averill '61  
January 2019

Keith Babcock '61  
March 2019

Janice (Stiles) Carter '61  
November 2020

Guenter Wiedemann '64  
March 2021

Gayle Elkins '68  
October 2021

Berton Tompkins '68  
October 2021

Harvey Zinke '68  
September 2021

Erich Miles '70  
March 2021

Shelley (Schimke) Zinke '70  
September 2021

Oran Jaeger '71  
November 2020

Denis Waters '71  
October 2021

Robin (Weikum) Reed '72  
May 2020

John Allen '76  
June 2021

Gary Tsao '77  
January 2021

Paul Wilson '79  
October 2021

Ginger (Baker) Giordano '80  
February 2021

Dwayne Symonett '96  
October 2021

*And God will wipe away every tear  
from their eyes; there shall be  
no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying.  
There shall be no more pain,  
for the former things have passed away.*

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## PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP 2022

After two years of being unable to have a mission trip due to COVID-19, we are excited to be planning a mission trip for February 5-13, 2022. MBA students will be joining Hope Never Ends International Ministries for a seven day mission trip to the island of Puerto Rico. Our task will be cleaning 20 miles of beaches that have been ravaged by recent hurricanes. There is opportunity for 35 students to participate at

a cost of \$1,800 each. Mission trips can be a powerful, life-changing experience that give those who participate a new perspective, better direction, and rejuvenates the body and mind. It provides an incredible opportunity for sharing and reflecting the character of Jesus and His amazing love to others. If you are interested in helping students participate in this experience, we invite you to send your donations to the MBA Alumni and Develop-

ment Office and earmark them *Mission Trip Puerto Rico*. Our prayer is that the students who participate will not only share Jesus with others, but that God will use them in extraordinary ways. SS



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