



# TIGER BOOSTER STORIES

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF  
SUPPORTING SPORTS, CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES  
AT SOUTH PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL

FOR THIS INSTALLMENT OF BOOSTER STORIES, WE CELEBRATE SPHS TIGER ALUMNI WHO ARE NOW DEDICATED FACULTY AND STAFF AT SPHS. ENJOY THIS WALK DOWN TIGER MEMORY LANE WITH THEM!

## **KAREN HAMES, CLASS OF 2004, TIGER NEWSPAPER ADVISOR**

Ms Hames played on the water polo and swim teams. She served as the water polo team captain her senior year and loved being able to help lead the team.

"I remember getting a group of friends together to plan Color Day each year. It was always fun planning our costumes, then bonding while getting ready before school on Color Day itself."

## **ANDRE ZUMAETA, CLASS OF 2003, TEACHER OF SPORTS MEDICINE & ADVANCED SPORTS MEDICINE**

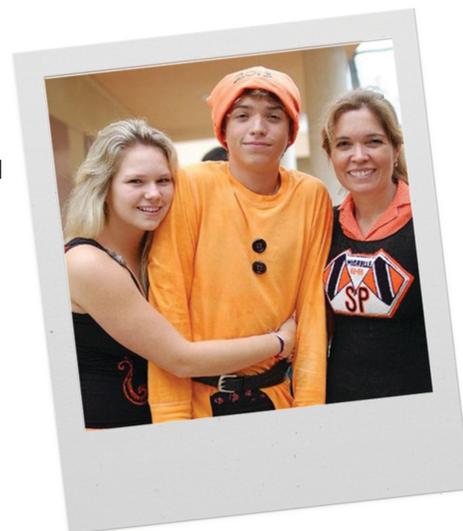
Mr. Zumaeta was a year round athlete, participating in cross country, wrestling and track. He won the league championship in the 800m three times!

"My fondest memory would be establishing strong human connections with individuals who are still in my life today."

## **MICHELLE (KRIER) CURRY, CLASS OF 1994, DIRECTOR OF FOOD AND NUTRITION**

Ms. Curry played a year of softball and tennis, cheered and was a flag girl. She was also the President of the Girls League Club and was able to crown the boys homecoming king. She started the Big Sister / Little Sister picnic, with sophomore and senior girls pairing up for lunch and activities on the quad to create mentor relationships. She met her best friend (to this day) at that picnic!

"So many fond memories and lifelong friendships, but being a Flag Girl, cheering at the football and basketball games, singing the alma mater, and performing at assemblies was a blast! My heart is breaking for all the seniors missing out on these special memories."



## **DIANE SHIRES, CLASS OF 1981, CURRENT ELA TEACHER 9 AND 10H**

Ms. Shires was a year round athlete, participating and lettering in Varsity Tennis, Swimming and Track.

"Homecoming week was amazing. Even bigger than Color Day. Each grade would have a theme, with lots of events each day of Homecoming week. My best memory of SPHS was senior year at the Yosemite Institute. Mr. Ring was our group's advisor. An amazing week to finish off senior year with best friends in Yosemite"

## **MARYANN NIELSEN, CLASS OF 1981, CURRENT SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT CHAIR**

As a SPHS student, Ms. Nielsen played Varsity Softball, was a staff writer and Sports Editor for the Tiger. She was also a member of pep for 2 years - what was then called "Sophomore cheerleader" and a flag girl. She became the first Commissioner of Pep in ASB.

"My fondest memories at SPHS involve Color Day and Homecoming. We used to have class themes and classes went all out. Our theme in 1981 was 50s day, and at lunch we hosted a sock hop and served root beer floats to the entire senior class!"

## **JANET ANDERSON, CLASS OF 1974, PRINCIPAL**

In those days, the school was for only grades 10-12. Ms. Anderson was a part of the Art Club, Sophomore Class President and Senior Class Vice President, among other committees and clubs.

"At that time, the spring play was the Senior Class Play. Ours was Auntie Mame, and I played Nora Muldoon, the nanny. I still remember most of the lines. It was so much fun and a great culminating experience with classmates. Still, it's hard to pick out highlights because there were so many throughout high school. Go, Tigers!"

**The Booster Club is honored to have supported SPHS clubs, sports and activities for the past 50 years, creating lifelong memories for past, present and future students. Thank you to all the alumni who participated in this story.**

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