

# SPRING GALA

annual alumni celebration

## Maureen Clark '70 Takes Top Honor at Annual Spring Gala

The University of San Francisco's annual Spring Gala was held in the grand ballroom of the Westin St. Francis in the heart of downtown San Francisco on April 14. Master of ceremonies Dick Bechelli '55 announced the evening's award winners.

Maureen Clark '70 received the top honor, Alumna of the Year, in recognition of her long and notable record of service to USF, including many years as vice chair of the USF Board of Trustees as well as her strong support of mission-driven programs.

Former San Francisco Police Chief and Mayor Frank Jordan '75 received the Professional Achievement Award. In his four years as mayor, he supported programs for family, health, and social services. He helped convert the Presidio Army Base into a national park, played a major role in keeping the San

Francisco Giants in the city, and helped bring BART to the San Francisco International Airport.

The alumni service award, now called the Alessandri Service Award in memory of Al Alessandri '50, was given to Stephen Revetria '92. Just as Alessandri was a mentor to Revetria, Revetria is now a mentor to other USF students and continues to serve the USF community in many ways.

The Cable Car award, given to non-alumni, proves that you don't have to be a USF graduate in order to become a vital part of our family. This year's recipients were Joseph and Phyllis Bonocore (Joseph is on the Board of Trustees and Phyllis serves on a number of committees); Bernice A. O'Brien, an active supporter of USF, especially athletics, for more than 60 years; and Michael Ward, who promotes the USF mission to his students at Megan Furth Academy.

The Recognition for Public Service Award was presented to Charles W. Meyers '44. The only other past recipients of this award are Nancy Pelosi and the late Leo T. McCarthy '55.

The Griffin Award, named for Edward J. Griffin, the first dean of the USF School of Education, was presented to Jacqueline Shinefield, MA '90, EdD '96, who for 24 years worked and volunteered with the USF Center for Child and Family Development.

**Clockwise, from top:** Current MBA student Michael Pellegrini with his grandfather Henry Lancelotti; Henry Shinefield and Jacqueline Shinefield, MA '90, EdD '96; The 2007 Spring Gala award winners with USF President Stephen A. Privett, S.J. (from left): Mike Ward, Jackie Shinefield, MA '90, EdD '96, Maureen Clark '70, Fr. Privett, Bernice O'Brien, Frank Jordan '75, Phyllis Bonocore, Stephen Revetria '92, Joseph Bonocore, and Charlie Meyers '44 (seated); Maureen Clark '70; Current student Christina Brogden '09 with Kenny Ramirez '01 and Catherine Mifsud '01; Cable Car Award recipient Mike Ward of the Megan Furth Academy; USF Chancellor John Lo Schiavo S.J. with Kevin Leong '70 and his wife, Catherine.



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### From the Alumni Director



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Your Alumni Association and regional councils are committed to providing programs and events that reconnect USF alumni with the university and their fellow alums. We hope that you are able to participate in the many events scheduled for the coming year.

Homecoming is celebrated in February, with a weekend of festivities, including the Fr. Hub Flynn Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner and a men's basketball game against Gonzaga University.

On April 12, the Annual Spring Gala will celebrate those alumni and friends of USF whose service to the university and their community embodies USF's mission of educating men and women for others.

Throughout the year, there will be several other alumni events, including reunions, community service projects, luncheons sponsored by the MBA Alumni Society, a USF float in the San Francisco St. Patrick's Day parade, receptions held in connection with athletic contests, and events held in each of the areas served by a regional council. There will also be opportunities to be involved with current students through mentoring and externship programs. We hope you will participate in these events and renew your ties with USF and with old friends.

You are also encouraged to visit the San Francisco campus and see the many improvements (some still in progress) that have resulted from the recently concluded capital campaign. Your generosity has made a dramatic difference in the physical campus and in the financial aid available to our students.

Go Dons!

Kevin Hanley '71  
Alumni Board of Directors President

### Lone Mountain Alumnae Scholarship Helps Hurricane Victim Complete Education

Hurricane Katrina may have flooded his home, damaged the Catholic boarding school where he works, and wiped out most of the Mississippi gulf town where he lives, but Stace McRaney wasn't going to let it destroy his plan to complete a master's degree through USF's Institute for Catholic Educational Leadership.



McRaney

The cost of repairing his home in Bay St. Louis, however, made paying tuition an even greater challenge than it was before the storm.

"I was still determined to finish, but I had already incurred quite a bit of debt, and then we had to shell out a lot of cash because of Katrina," said McRaney, who is married with two young children and had completed two of three summer sessions in the program when Katrina hit.

The burden was lifted last spring when McRaney, the dean of students at St. Stanislaus School for Boys, learned he would receive a scholarship to cover the full cost of tuition, allowing him to complete the final summer session and earn a master's degree. "The news of the scholarship was a welcome relief," he said.

McRaney is the first recipient of the Lone Mountain Legacy Scholarship, funded by alumnae of the San Francisco College for Women, which operated on Lone Mountain for nearly 40 years. After severe enrollment declines, the college closed and USF purchased the campus in 1978.

In conjunction with awarding the first scholarship to a USF student, the alumnae group this year voted unanimously to join the USF Alumni Association. The formal integration of the two groups will take place in January.

"Since the founding of the Society of the Sacred Heart in 1800, the religious have been closely associated with the Jesuits. It seems timely and most fitting to strengthen our bonds of mutual support," said Shirley Connolly, president of the San Francisco chapter of Alumnae of the Sacred Heart. **USF**

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