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SPECIAL EDITION

VAN NUYS HIGH CLASS OF 1989

SAT. OCTOBER 26, 2019

WELCOME TO OUR 30TH REUNION!

It's always fun to relive our youth and reconnect with old friends. We hope you enjoy our evening here at the Sportmen's Lodge in Studio City. Let's make memories that will last until our 40th! Sincerely, The Reunion Committee

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TONIGHT

Welcome / 6:30
 Dinner / 6:45
 Program / 7:15
 DJ and Dancing / 8:00
 Karaoke Contest / 9:00
 DJ and Dancing till Midnight

Then & Now

We Asked, You Told

Here is what some of our alumni have been up to over the last 30 years.

Then & Now



Shawn Adelman

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You might remember Shawn from: I was a Varsity Lettered Swimmer. A letter in Dramatic Arts. I was also in Play Production and Set Design. I was the class clown and was either loved by my teachers or hated.

Fondest memory: Graduation Day and the Teachers Strike two weeks before Graduation.

Since 1989: Just living day to day. Trying not to make the same mistakes as myself has already made and learn from my ancestors' and teachers' mistakes. Trying to have a truthful life and one that is Spiritually Successful. I meditate on Gods' Name for the last 20 years everyday for two hours. I chant: Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare. I did not marry. I did not have children. But I'm still young and a happy soul full of love...

Proudest Moments: My Formal Initiation as a Vaishnava Monk and given the Prestigious name Shyama Chandra Dasa- which is Sanskrit for the name of the servant of the All attractive Personality of Godhead.



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Meet The Arces Steve and Patricia (Hernandez) Arce

San Diego, California

You might remember Steve from: Art, Year Book

You might remember Patricia from: Student Council, Home Coming Princess, Drama, Dance

Steve's fondest memory: Divine Youth **Patricia's fondest memory:** Friends

Since 1989: Steve lists USMC, Sports (Olympic Ju Do), Retired, Family. Patricia lists SDSU, Hair Stylist.



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Dela and her family

Dela Araghi

Calabasas, California

You might remember Dela from: Yearbook Committee, Yearbook Photographer

Fondest memory: Mr. Christensen, who was the best teacher. Loved him!

Since 1989: Became a microbiologist by education. Became a healer by calling. I am also a wife and a mother.

Proudest Moment: Becoming a mom.

Then & Now



Mike and his family

Mike Amidi

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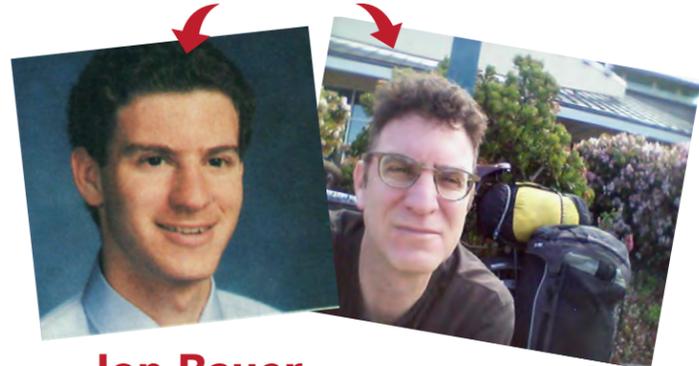
You might remember Mike from: Computer Society

Fondest memory: I was fortunate to make lifetime friends in 1987-1989 @ VNHS.

Since 1989: I have a technology start-up company in OC, married with two kids (17 & 14).

Proudest Moments: I was honored to represent US National Karate Team between 1997-2005 as US National Referee to pick US team members for international games.

Then & Now



Jon Bauer

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Since 1989: I am the Principal Management Analyst for the Water and Natural Resource Departments at the East Bay Municipal Utility District. Still figuring out what that means.

Then & Now



Raquel and her family

Raquel (Carter) Bray

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Fondest memory: The Friday night football games and hanging out with friends afterwards.

Since 1989: Raising three wonderful kids.

Proudest Moments: Watching my kids graduate from college.

Then&Now



Joshua (Harris) Brooks

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Fondest memory: One of my fondest memories of 1989 was the teachers' strike and being given the freedom as a group of somewhat unsupervised students to continue production and rehearsal for "Little Shop of Horrors", largely on our own.

Since 1989: Oh, so much has happened since high school, with lots of personal growth along the way. So just the highlights here.

This is all about school, so to start with that, my undergrad studies were at Occidental College (physics and mathematics), and grad school (electrical engineering) at New Mexico State and the University of Colorado.

On the work front, I've bounced back and forth between software and electrical engineering, and now have a job that is a fusion of the two, developing electrical CAD software at Autodesk.

Having never planned to marry or have children, I am frequently surprised to find that both have occurred. I have the absolute best in partners and family.

As for hobbies, there are probably too many to mention. Somewhere along the way, I taught myself to play a couple of instruments and have played guitar and mandolin in several bands. I found an interest in social dancing, and have been involved in that for many years, including Irish ceili, historical ballroom, and swing. I somehow got involved in immersive improvisational acting, and have done that for about a decade. I am so very fortunate to have a large social circle of absolutely amazing, brilliant, and compassionate people who share many of my same interests.

Proudest Moments: I suppose an unusual (in this day) moment was the unattended birth of my daughter at home. She came so quickly that there wasn't time for anyone to arrive, so it was just my spouse and I. Fortunately, we were well prepared, and the whole process went smoothly and beautifully.



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Meet The Cavaleris

Joseph and Roselle (Sanchez) Cavaleri

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You might remember Joseph from: Marching Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Orchestra

You might remember Roselle from: Too many to mention

Joseph's fondest memory: Marching Band -- all of the practices, performances, and competitions we were a part of. I made life-long friends being a part of those groups.

Since 1989: Joseph went to college and graduate school to study chemistry. He currently works for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in the Crime Lab as a chemist. Roselle is a CPA and works for the City of LA and "I'm ready to retire with my husband."

Their story as told by Roselle: I met my Joseph "JJ" Cavaleri at our 10 year high school reunion. We have been married for the past 19 years and have 2 children - Joseph "Jr" and Sophia.

Then&Now



Ines Bravo

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You might remember Ines from: Dance Program

Fondest memory: All of it!

Since 1989: I am an insurance agent currently employed by health Insurance company. I am divorced and am the proud mother of two wonderful boys who have taught me much about life and love. Now that my kids are grown, I enjoy traveling and visiting new places each year. I have much to thank God for all he has giving me.

Proudest Moments: Raising my two boys to become good men, with the many ups and downs life inevitably brings, has been my greatest achievement. It has imparted upon me a great deal of humility and given me strength and the tenacity to continue my journey in life.

Then&Now



Dawn (Keene) Gomez

Thousand Oaks, California

You might remember Dawn from: Math/Science Magnet Program

Fondest memory: Friends and a carefree lifestyle.

Since 1989: I am an Accountant. I am married. I have 4 kids (2 girls and 2 boys) ages 22, 19, 16, and 8. I also have a 4 year old grandson.

Proudest Moments: I went back to school and received my Master's Degree in Taxation all while juggling a full time job, a husband, and 4 kids.



Then&Now



Rosalind Jackson

San Fernando Valley, California

You might remember Rosalind from: Black Student Union

Fondest memory: The pep rallies.

Since 1989: I am a graduate is California State University of Northridge with a BA in Television Production. I am a TV/Film producer. I most recently co-produced Games People Play, a 1-hour drama on BET.

Proudest Moments: Graduating from college.

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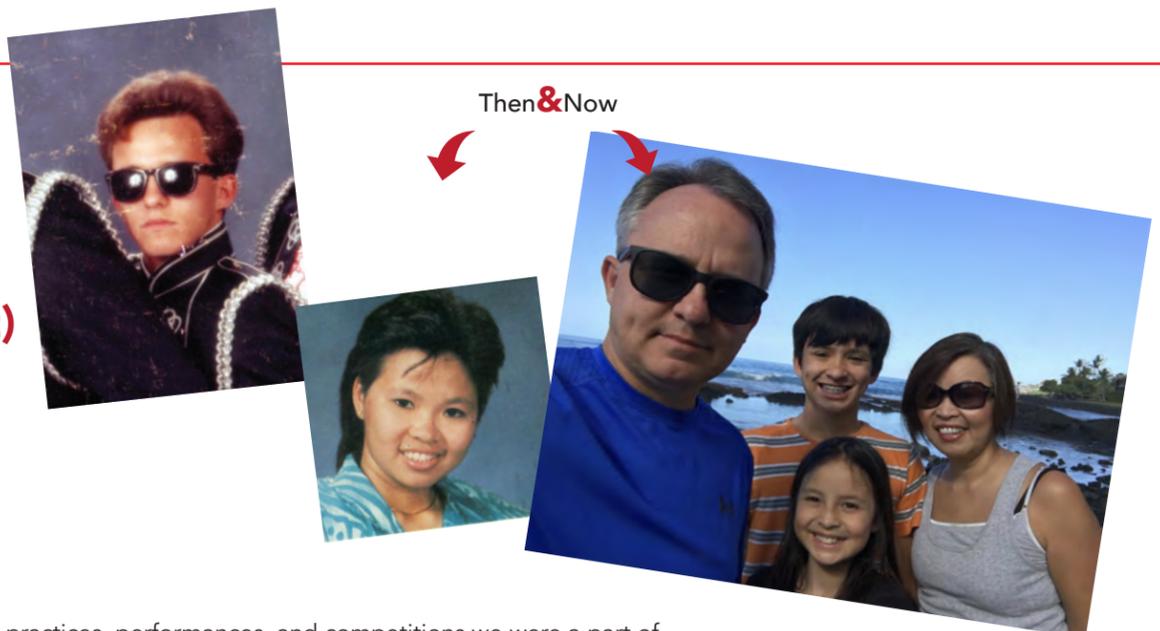
Jennifer Jacobson

Panorama City, California

Fondest memory: Hanging out with my friends....football games...

Since 1989: Married for 21 years.

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Ashanti (Roberts) Johnson

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You might remember Ashanti from: Dance Production, Pep Squad. Did I mention Dance Production?

Fondest memory: Rehearsal time with my Dance Production peeps. Spending lunchtime at "the tree" with friends.

Since 1989: I am married with two amazing sons, ages six and twelve. I spent many years teaching middle and high school dance. I resigned in 2011 and have worked independently since then. I am currently the choreographer for a local show choir.

Proudest Moments: The ability to pass down the legacy of dance and music to our children, makes life grand!

Then&Now



Alicia (Wells) Law

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You might remember Alicia from: Varsity Softball, Varsity Volleyball, Jr. Year Homecoming Princess, Sr. Year Homecoming Court

Fondest memory: I loved the school spirit! I looked forward to our pep rallies & our football games. I loved hearing our fun & dedicated band, watching the talented flag teams & cheerleaders. Shannan Marley & I would wear 'crimson and grey' while volunteering at the snack shack on Friday night football games.

Since 1989: I'm an Executive Assistant; I support three VPs. I've worked in Biomedical for 15 years. I'm the proud Auntie to a precocious and adorable nephew and niece!

Proudest Moments: Three years ago, I moved away from southern CA, leaving a great career. I took a leap of faith and am so happy I now reside in the verdant Pacific North West, near family.

Then&Now



Joel Lofton

Los Angeles, California

You might remember Joel from: Baseball

Fondest memory: Friday afternoon Spirit Days

Since 1989: Got married, had kids, got appointed as a judge and military service.

Proudest Moments: See above.

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Rebecca (Hearne) Lee

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You might remember Rebecca from: Dance Production, Drill Team, Track, Softball, and Football

Fondest memory: My fondest memories are lunches on the quad, making the rounds, eating burritos from cafeteria, avoiding Inspector Gadget (although he turned out to be a pretty cool guy who was just trying to keep us safe), and of course the variety of people I was lucky enough to call my friends.

Since 1989: After graduation, I went straight to Pierce and Valley Colleges with the intention of going into Nursing. That changed when I entered the US Air Force and was assigned as a Law Enforcement Specialist on active duty for 4+ years. I returned to California in 1998 and became a mom in 2000.

Since the days of working in a candy store, I have taken on several administrative roles, in addition to being a restaurant manager, personal trainer, cage side MMA photographer and gymnastics instructor (I still torture these amazing kids lovingly in my spare time these days).

I currently work as a Regulatory Services Supervisor for an environmental health services company in Carlsbad and will be graduating with my first Bachelor's degree from Cal State San Marcos in the Spring. I have the intention of returning someday as a business professor, otherwise known as Dr. Lee.

Proudest Moments: There are so many little things throughout our lives that we can all be proud of...on a personal level, I am most proud of the five years that I spent competing on an international fitness stage. It was the most fantastic, challenging, intense, humbling, difficult, and amazing time in my life so far...

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Elena (Myaskovsky) Makower

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You might remember Elena from: The Math Science Magnet Program

Fondest memory: Hanging out with my friends in the quad! And watching movies in Mr. Abreu's class... Harold and Maude is still one of my favorites.

Since 1989: After VNHS, I went to UCLA for undergrad and then to law school. I practiced law for five years and then decided to change course. I've been working as an account manager for Thomson Reuters for the last 16 years.

I've been married to my husband, Donny, for 15 years. We have two amazing kids, Mia, age 14 and Jake, age 12.



Bita and her family

Bita Milanian

Los Angeles, California

You might remember Bita from: Class of '91 - Pep Club, Dance Production

Fondest memory: Having just arrived in the U.S. as an immigrant in March 1989, VNHS became my sanctuary as a young teen where I was able to find new friends, build my foundation to reach for the possibilities of the American Dream; those days were hard for me, but school made it all so much easier then and a help make me a stronger person today. My favorite moments though were spent in dance rehearsals where I was passionate most and I am to this day. Mr. Garcia Forever!

Since 1989: I am a marketing executive today working in the global technology and telecommunication world while being extremely passionate about giving back to my community through various non-profit and community projects where I volunteer my time; I also love cooking and have my own cooking channel on social media called BITA's KITCHEN where I share my recipes of quick, healthy meals inspired by my Iranian roots. I have been married to the love of my life Bruce G. since September 2001 whom I met in June 1998 on a blind date; we have 2 grandkids together with a 3rd on his/her way this November.

Proudest Moments: My proudest moment must be when I got to choreograph a Persian dance routine as part of the student choreography part of the Dance Production Show in Fall of 1990, which inspired the International student choreography dance show in the Spring of 1991 Dance Production Show, bringing together students from many cultures to share their heritage on stage. We owe that to Mr. Garcia who allowed us to explore and share our culture with all; exemplary leadership in promoting diversity!



Rama Morovati

California

You might remember Rama from: Class of '90: VNHS Persian Wolves Ghormeh Sabzi Club

Fondest memory: Coming to America from a land where boys and girls attend separate schools - - I thought if they attend the same school here they must share the same bathrooms, so on my first day of VNHS I walked into a bathroom full of girls. They were all staring at me and I thought to myself oh boy will I get lucky or what! That bubble shortly burst after every girl was pointing at me during the lunch break - - it's him it's him! Another great memory I have from VNHS is that I was placed in ESL 1(English as a Second Language) Mrs. Solorio's class. I must say I went to ESL 2 speaking great Spanish!

Since 1989: I am still looking for a part time job at a full time pace. All the hair on my head has fallen off and they are regrowing out of my ears.

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WOLFPACK LOVE Meet The Mitchells

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Joshua Mitchell and Julie Sklut

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You might remember Joshua from:
Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band

You might remember Julie from:
Class of '88 - Orchestra (played violin),
writer for The Mirror

Joshua's fondest memory: Band festival
trips to San Diego and San Jose!

Julie's fondest memory: I'd graduated
from VNHS in 1988 and went to LAVC. It may
have been 1989 when I visited campus to get
a copy of my transcripts because I was
applying to 4 year universities. As I entered
the main building, Inspector Gadget stopped
me to ask why I wasn't in class. I told him I
only went to school on Monday, Wednesday,
and Fridays. He gave me a confused look so I
said, "It's called 'college'. I graduated high
school last year." and walked into the office.
He couldn't do anything about it.

Since 1989: Josh works at Microsoft in
Century City as a Service Adviser, he has twins
who are almost 19 from a previous marriage.
Julie (class of 88) noticed Joshua on MySpace
in 2007. Julie works as a Project Manager in
Entertainment Localization (subtitling,
dubbing). It combines her talent for
organization with her love of language and
her love of movies and TV.

Their story as told by Julie: We didn't
know each other in high school. He says he
remembers seeing me though and since I'd
be leaving 3rd period orchestra as he was
getting there for 4th period band, I believe
him. He can also describe the bags I would
carry back then, something I'd never
mentioned. We overlapped at VNHS and at
LAVC, lived in the same neighborhood at the
same time, and yet we never met. Until 2007,
back when there was a little internet site
called MySpace. It was May and for no real
reason, I wondered if anyone from VNHS was
on MySpace so I did a search for alum. Lo and
behold, I found so many fellow Wolves,
including Joshua Mitchell. I checked out his
profile and thought about contacting him but
I figured he had a million girls after him
already. So I didn't do anything. Two weeks
later, I got a friend request from who? Joshua
Mitchell! Just out of the blue! I accepted and
sent him a message. We exchanged a few
messages back and forth that day. I sent him
my phone number and asked him what he
was doing that night. We met the same day I
got his friend request and have been together
ever since. The day was May 25, 2007, we
moved in together in August 2007, and have
been married since December 12, 2015.
MySpace is gone but we're still going strong!
P.S. Josh is 4 months older than me even
though I was a grade ahead. I should have
been class of 1989 but my mom decided to
start me in kindergarten a year early.

Proudest Moments: Being parents to two
college students.

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Teresa Morales

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Since 1989: I work for the Los Angeles County
Department of Mental Health presenting on various
mental health topics to the community to break
stigma on mental health and to create awareness.
I have 4 kids (3 boys 1 girl): oldest is 21, twins 14 and
baby who is 13.



Maria Belen Murillo

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You might remember Maria from:
Orchestra and JROTC

Fondest memory: Many. Each one is special.

Since 1989: I've been married for the last 28 years,
had 3 boys, and I've been working for the Dept. of
Rehabilitation for the last 15 years.

Proudest Moments: Each of my kids' graduation:
CHP Officer, Army, and Correctional Officer.

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Larissa Myaskovsky

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You might remember Larissa from:
Math-science Magnet Program

Fondest memory: I look back on my years at VNHS
very fondly, it gave me a wonderful foundation for my
academic career. There are a lot of great memories,
from all the friends on the bus and in classes, to all of
our fantastic and inspiring teachers. I especially recall
Mr. Dunlap, our math teacher very fondly! Every
morning he started out class saying, "Okay math fans,
here is what we are going to do today!" I tried to
share the same kind of enthusiasm when I taught
students statistics!

Since 1989: I got a BA from UCLA, an MA from
CSUN, and then moved to Pittsburgh for my PhD in
social psychology. I stayed in Pittsburgh to complete
a post-doctoral fellowship in clinical epidemiology,
and then a health services research fellowship at the
VA Pittsburgh. I met my husband during my first
post-doc, and we married in 2004. I spent the my
early and mid-career in Pittsburgh in the School of
Medicine - we have two kids, Ephram and Isaac, who
are 13 and 10 years old. We moved to ABQ in 2017,
where I am the Director of the Center for Healthcare
Equity in Kidney Disease.

Proudest Moments: Obtaining tenure at the
University of Pittsburgh, preparing for promotion to
Full Professor at the University of New Mexico, the
birth of my two children, and my son's successful bar
mitzvah earlier this year.

Then&Now



Richard Mudd

Southern California

You might remember Richard from:
Performing Arts Magnet

Fondest memory: The amazing demographic
diversity of true friendships.

Since 1989: I teach Homeopathic Medicines to
pharmacy students and pharmacists at universities and
independent pharmacies. When not working, and
sometimes while working, I am the primary care taker to
my disabled spouse, which keeps me very busy all day,
everyday.

Proudest Moments: Watching my two step sons,
grow into productive, positive young men along with
my niece and nephew's relatively smooth transition to
adulthood.



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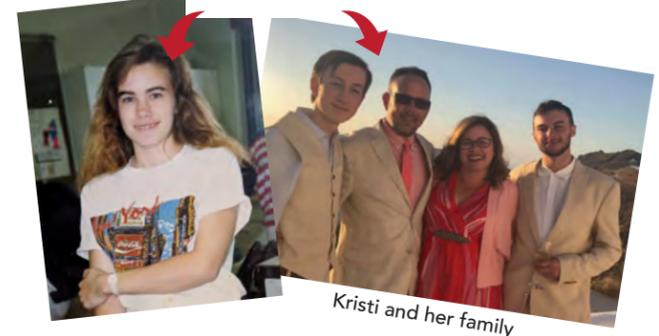
You might remember Carey from:
JV Volleyball

Fondest memory: Shenanigans in Dr. Pascual's
Comp Sci class with Theo and Charles. :)

Since 1989: I've been working at Symantec, most
recently at Google, and teaching at UCLA.

Proudest Moments: I published my first novel,
The Florentine Deception, in '15. The book took 8
years to write and publish. Check it out, Audible
even made an audiobook!

Then&Now



Kristi (Hansen) Onkka

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You might remember Kristi from:
Drill Team, Student Council

Fondest memory: Pep Rallies, Field Shows, bus
rides to competitions, Photography class

Since 1989: I got my bachelors in Graphic Design
in 1994, had my son in 1996, then went back to
school and got my masters in Integrated Marketing
in 2015. I married my hubby in 2016 (after 10 years
of dating.) I quit my agency job shortly thereafter
and started my own healthcare marketing consulting
business. I founded healthiAR.com which focuses
on the use of virtual reality and augmented reality
for healthcare. I'm also an associate professor in
the online IMC graduate program at
West Virginia University.

Proudest Moments: Raising a smart, caring,
world-traveling son who is 23 now! And creating a
graduate level course on Virtual Reality in Marketing
at WVU was a nice bucket-list accomplishment.

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Stan Pasamonte

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You might remember Stan from:
 Performing Arts, Track

Fondest memory: The teachers were my fondest memory. We had awesome teachers such as Dr. Dupen, Ms. Hardy, Mr. Sheppy and Mr. Bechtel. They made learning fun and interesting. I also believed that we had a respect for our faculty that no longer exists.

Since 1989: Moved to Portland, Oregon in 1990. Worked for Adidas and Nike for 27 years. Retired in 2016.

Proudest Moments: Graduation!!



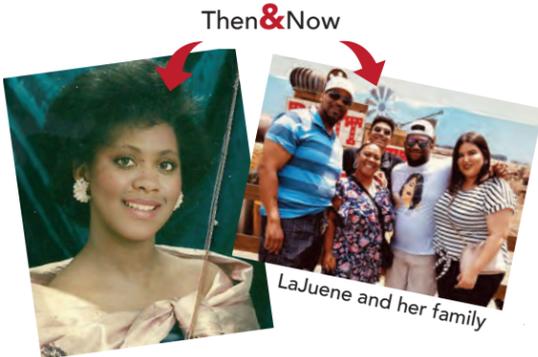
Eileen (Descallar) Ringwald

Ventura, California

You might remember Eileen from:
 Marching Band, Drama, The Musical: How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying

Fondest memory: Fun times with band friends including playing the "killer" game where you get the name of a "victim" and someone is also out to get you (wow, can't play that one anymore I bet!).

Since 1989: I went to another high school after my family moved to Ventura County, then I went to UCLA and got a degrees in English and also a Business Administration Specialization (more than a Minor, but less than a Major). I interened a Paramount Studios during college and also became the Women's Fencing Team Captain. My first job out of college was in movie Marketing and Promotions where our company worked with movie studios as our clients. Later I moved into graphic design. During this time, another sport I had taken up during college besides fencing, was rock climbing. After moving from Marketing to a Graphic Design job at a money management company to a magazine job, I ended up going freelance as a graphic designer and a photographer. My rockclimbing let me get to remarkable outdoor places and I started a climbing website called Rockgrrl.com and also became a sponsored climber for a year. I expanded my photography to real estate / property and was a contract photographer for three years for AirBnB. I was married for 7 years, divorced in 2017. No children of my own but I'm a fun Aunt to identical twin girls who are going on 12 and two great boys 4, and 9. I'm also still climbing though I moved my own business to the side to work for a great nonprofit full time.



LaJuene (Shoemake) Selico

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You might remember LaJuene from:
 Yearbook Committee

Fondest memory: Meeting new friends and having fun at the Football games.

Since 1989: I have worked for a Fortune 500 company for the last 14 years. I am newly wed to by 2nd husband for three years. I have 3 sons(my oldest son passed away 5 years ago), and my first grandchild a "GIRL" was born this past August. I was married to a former VNHS alumni from 1991 to 2002 when we got divorced after 10 years of marriage.

Proudest Moments: My proudest moments were the birth of my 3 sons.



Sheryl Stephens

Anaheim Hills, California

You might remember Sheryl from:
 Dance Production

Fondest memory: Hanging out with "The Boyz". There was a group of us girls and guys that hung out every day during Senior year. The guys referred to themselves as "The Boyz". We were all so silly. We would run around playing kissing games, flirting with each other, and just being teenagers! I had a HUGE crush on one of the Boyz, too. That made for some odd conversations and situations, at times, but we were all good friends, nonetheless! Good times, good times. :)

Since 1989: I achieved my Bachelor's in Accounting back in 1997, and have been working as an Accountant, since. I had some thoughts of changing careers along the way, but I am now back in school to complete additional education requirements as I finally pursue my CPA license. I hope to get certified as a Forensic Accountant after obtaining my CPA.

Proudest Moments: Probably earning my Bachelor's degree. While that may sound trivial, what most people don't know is that my then-boyfriend was dying of cancer during my final two years of college.

His cancer required 96 hours straight of infused chemo every 30 days over a period of about 7-8 months, whereby he had to remain in the hospital. His mom would take the day shift sitting with him, and I would take the night shift. The nurses got to know me pretty well and were lenient in letting me stay until nearly midnight, sometimes lying in the bed next to him. I still had to do my schoolwork, despite being in the hospital at his bedside.

Needless to say, it was not very easy to focus on my classes, and I did not do anywhere near as well as I would have liked, but I persevered and gave it whatever I could give. I managed to graduate with a 3.2 GPA, which was a huge accomplishment. Sadly, only five months after earning my degree, my boyfriend passed on. I still miss him very much, but I think his own determination to complete his degree during the same time, and despite the physical challenges of fighting cancer while doing it, played a huge role in my own determination to complete my studies, too.



Ramón Stewart-Bryant

Inglewood, California

You might remember Ramón from:
 Choir

Fondest memory: Wow, there are so many?! But what comes to mind is all the fun we had on our bus rides

Since 1989: Married. I have a family that includes grandchildren

Proudest Moments: Watching my family grow into wonderful adults and giving back to our World



Theo Trent

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You might remember Theo from:
 Vannaires, Musical Theater, Drama Voice of the plant in Little Shop of Horrors

Since 1989: I run my own airport services business. Side hustle acting and singing. Wife and two kids. Daughter at UCLA musical theater.

Proudest Moments: Celebrating my 25th wedding anniversary



Yvette (Latta) Urbina

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You might remember Yvette from:
 Performing Arts Magnet, Cheerleading, and Staff Production

Fondest memory: My fondest memories involve times where I just let loose and had fun with my friends. We were a diverse class and everyone got along with everyone, no racism, no real clicks. I enjoyed the feeling of community and the freedom to create.

Since 1989: I married my Jr. High sweetheart, we have been married now for 27 years and are blessed with 3 amazing children. I currently am a Manager of Clinical Operations for a health insurance company.

Proudest Moments: Raising 3 powerful and creative young adults who are contributing to our community and positively impacting our society.



Danielle VanLier

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You might remember Danielle from:
 Math-Science magnet

Since 1989: I am Assistant General Counsel, Intellectual Property & Contracts at SAG-AFTRA. I have worked there for almost 20 years now. I also recently started a photography business.

Proudest Moments: I went back to school part time after 20 years out of school and just finished a postgraduate degree (Master of Laws) from University of Edinburgh.



Shawn White

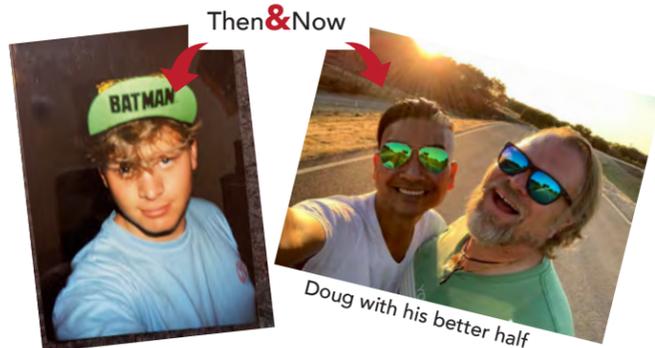
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You might remember Shawn from:
 Yearbook, the Mascot one season

Fondest memory: The time a group of us ditched and went to the park. And someone in the park wanted to do a citizen arrest on us.

Since 1989: Thought I wanted a career in the entertainment industry. Did some work as costume designer at local theaters around the Valley and Hollywood for a short while well being a postal carrier. Found myself working up the management ranks at USPS, supervisor to Postmaster at many post offices in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita. In 2018 decided I wanted a change and wanted to be a Human Resource manger. Currently I'm the District Manager of Human Resources in Central Pennsylvania for USPS.

Proudest Moments: Working hard to be able to travel as I do.



Doug Williams

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You might remember Doug from:
 Wolfpack Marching Band, (Low Brass Section Leader),
 Wolfpack Orchestra, Drama

Fondest memory: Having to end the year three weeks early to get a job at universal studios as a tour guide and have my best friend carry around my yearbook for me the last two weeks of high school!

Since 1989: Living life to the fullest! Currently work for the State of California with the Department of Water Resources and plan to stay civil for the remaining years of work. Monirith and I have 3 dogs... 2 birds and a tortoise.... We enjoy our time with family and friends and have travelled the world. Life is good!

Proudest Moments: So proud to be a part of a 24 year long relationship that completes me. Homeowners. AM Radio News Reporter, KFBK NEWSRADIO 1530. Had the good fortune over the years to enjoy many extras.



Era (Sandy) Vysotskya

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You might remember Era from:
 Academic Decathlon, Peer Counseling, Yearbook

Fondest memory: My dad died during my junior year, so I had a hard time enjoying my high school years. I recently read my yearbook comments, and they reminded me that I had some amazing friends. Although my memory is clouded because of my grief, I am thankful to those that comforted me when I desperately needed it and made me laugh. You know who you are ... thank you!

Since 1989: I've traveled the world, managed different companies, taught in private and public schools, was on the Dream Team for the Survivor tv show, and decided to take on my biggest challenge ... being a mom. I'm happily married to Craig since 1996, and we have an amazing teenage son, Kai.

Proudest Moments: This is a tough one. It's been thirty years, so I have many proud moments. I am grateful for my amazing life!



Jennifer Williams

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You might remember Jennifer from:
 Dance, Cheerleading

Fondest memory: My favorite memories of VNHS are of dancing and preparing for performances...especially the dance choreographed by Roslynn called "Let's Work." Next would be pep rallies and cheering at all of the games!

Since 1989: After high school I moved to Wisconsin and attended the University of Wisconsin Whitewater where I graduated in 1995 with a Social Work degree and a minor in dance. I moved back to LA in 1997, however after about 9 months I moved to Chicago to be with my wife, Rosalind.

Rosalind and I got together in 1997 and just celebrated 21 years in May, however, we didn't officially marry until November 2016 and had a big wedding reception for our 20th anniversary. We have three daughters and six grandchildren. We are currently raising two of our grandsons (ages 14 & 12).

I have been working at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business since 2002. I am currently the Senior Associate Director of Operations for the Fama-Miller Center for Research where some of my responsibilities are managing the budget and organizing conferences and workshops.

These days, most of my extra time is spent volunteering at the boys' schools or running them to football practices and games and spending time with my family.

Proudest Moments: I am proud of all of the challenges life has thrown me that I've made it through, however, I think the thing I will be most proudest of is raising my grandsons and the life I have provided for them. Especially, organizing the first ever 8th grade class trip to DC for my grandson's school...despite all of the resistance from some teachers. We fund-raised enough money for each child to have at least \$200 taken off of their trip costs. So many of the kids had never flown on a plane before or left the city! It was a great experience and took me out of my comfort zone of being behind the scenes.



Michael Winnick

Sylmar, California

You might remember Michael from:
 I was on the Track Team (100m, 200m and 4x100 relay), and I was the Opinion Editor of the school newspaper, The Mirror.

Fondest memory: One of my fondest memories from VNHS was making the city quarter finals for Track (the 200m was my best event). I also remember the teacher's strike being great for my social life.

Since 1989: I'm a screenwriter and director. I'm married and we have a 4 year-old son.

Proudest Moments: I had the honor of writing and directing a movie starring Gary Oldman. On a personal level, my proudest moment was the birth of my amazing son, Jacob.



Ashant'i Shumpert-Walther

Yelm, Washington

You might remember Ashant'i from:
 Marching Band, African-American Club

Fondest memory: There are so many from 1989. There were the marching band trips, senior night at Disneyland, school dances and just hanging out with friends.

Since 1989: Now I am working on my Master's degree in Secondary Education with a teaching certificate. I am the head cheerleading coach at Yelm high school. I just opened an online store and help to raise my grand-daughter.

Proudest Moments: I lived in Europe. Received my bachelor's degree in art education.



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