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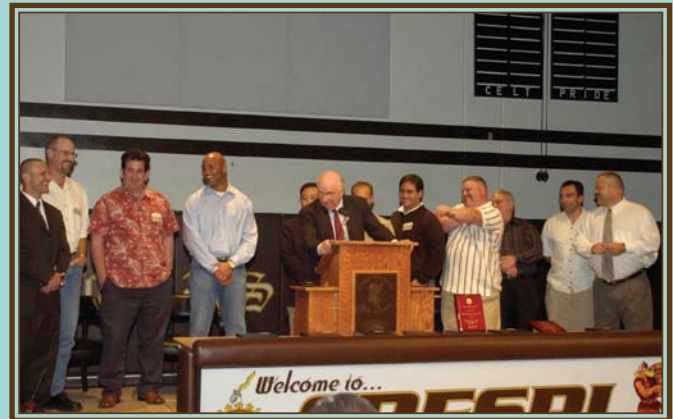
Fr. Gus Carter, center, receives the President's Award from Marlin McKeever MCHS '57, left, and Greg Lefevre '65.



From left, Don Bowler '65, Dave Saykally '65, and Mike Kearns '65 are inducted into the 2006 Hall of Fame.



Lennie Cuifo '70, left, Crespi's first pro football player, is inducted into the Hall of Fame by his former coach John Becker.



Coach Bill Redell, at the podium, reminisces about the 1986 championship football team, inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Hall of Fame Brings Back Memories for Celts

By Brett Nordyke '94

Energy filled a packed Alumni Memorial gym for the fifth annual Hall of Fame as alumni from the school's five decades arrived early to reacquaint themselves with friends, coaches, and staff, along with incoming freshmen. Fr. Gus Carter, O. Carm., welcomed everyone and began the evening with a prayer. Greg Lefevre '65, a well-respected international news correspondent for CNN, served as master of ceremonies.

A special video presentation of the night's honorees was prepared by Christian Cardenas '98. The alumni honored included the 1965 four-mile relay team, consisting of Mike Kearns '65, Dave Saykally '65, Don Bowler '65, and Jim Romain '65; Lennie Cuifo '70, the first alumnus to become a professional football player; and the 1986 varsity football team. The President's Award was presented to Fr. Gus by Mount Carmel High School alumnus Marlin

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President Fr. Tom Schrader, O. Carm., Fr. Jeffrey Smialex, O. Carm., Bishop Jerry Wilkerson, Fr. Miguel Bacigalupo del Corral, O. Carm., Fr. Raul Maravi, O. Carm., and Principal Fr. Paul Henson, O. Carm., celebrate the 2006-07 school year's opening mass at Our Lady of Grace.

By Fr. Tom Schrader, O. Carm.

Once again, we begin a new school year with all the hopes and expectations of a fresh start. This year, we welcome 181 incoming freshmen — the largest freshmen class in 20 years. With the increasing number of students, we need to enlarge our facilities, with our first Capital Campaign for a new building well under way. Thanks to our alumni, alumni parents and current parents, we have reached 75% of our goal in pledges and grants. As we all know, it is that last stretch that can be the hardest, and we hope that with the continued support of the alumni, we can reach the last 25% by December 2006.

The Annual Appeal has been renamed the Crespi Man Fund, with proceeds funding the financial aid

program as well as nonbudgeted operational expenses throughout the year.

This year, we are sponsoring 116 students. Many of our alumni have created scholarship funds for students that meet certain criteria. Your generosity can make the difference in a young man's life.

My goal for the coming year is to meet as many alumni as possible and to share with you all the things that the Carmelites are doing to ensure that in 2009, when we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the school's founding, there is an assurance that it will be around another 50 years.

May Our Lady of Mount Carmel continue to protect you and your families. God bless.

Encino Chamber of Commerce Recognizes Crespi Teacher Brett Louis

By Brett Nordyke '94

Crespi Carmelite High School's Brett Louis was nominated along with 12 other teachers for the Teacher of the Year Award, given to an Encino-area teacher for outstanding performance in the classroom. The annual luncheon was held May 19 at the Marriott Warner Center in Woodland Hills.

Louis began his teaching career at Crespi in 1986 in the history department, and by 1987 he became a part of the varsity football staff, taking Crespi football to new heights by winning the Big 5 Championship.

Louis has had the benefit of many mentors during his tenure here, both in the classroom and on the football field. Some of these include Tim Lins, Gary Murphy '74, Joel Wilker, Mike Dimartini, Troy Thomas '87, Greg Gunn and David Doyle.

Louis teaches both AP U.S. history classes in addition to the standard U.S. history class. His students have a 90% passing rate on the AP history tests, and his class size has doubled over the years from 25 to 50 students per class.

The students in his standard U.S. history class are expected to complete a research project, which is a college-level assignment.

Louis also teaches an AP macroeconomics class.

Louis practices a simple philosophy: "To be upfront, honest, hardworking and always to treat students and players with respect."

We are proud to have a teacher and coach who exemplifies the Carmelite Mission here at Crespi Carmelite High School.

CRESPI STUDENT ATHLETES READY FOR FALL SPORTS

By Dick Dornan '86

The proud tradition of Crespi athletics kicks off the 2006-07 year with the football program returning to Division I for the first time since 1997. The CIF moved Crespi into the newly formed Serra League, which will consist of Catholic football powers Loyola, Notre Dame, and Bishop Amat. The Serra League will be a part of the Pac-5 Conference, which brings together five powerhouse leagues.

The Celts return 12 starters from their offense and defense, which captured a second consecutive CIF title last season. This year's schedule includes the following big games: at St. Bonaventure on Sept. 29, at home vs. Canyon on Oct. 6 (preceded by a free all-alumni barbeque at 5 p.m.), at home vs. Chaminade on Oct. 13 (Homecoming), at St. Francis on Oct. 21, at Bishop Amat on Oct. 27, at home vs. Loyola on Nov. 3, and at home vs. Notre Dame on Nov. 10 (senior night). All home games will be played on the Crespi campus.



Athletic Director Dick Dornan '86 shows off new plaque for CIF champions.

The entire water polo team returns except for two graduated seniors. The Celts look to make the playoffs in Division I for the 27th time in the past 30 years. Crespi water polo is part of the Mission League, which consists of Loyola, Notre Dame, Harvard-Westlake, and Alemany. Home matches are played at Pierce College.

The cross-country team returns five of their top seven runners from last season. The Celts are a part of

the Mission League in Division IV, which consists of Loyola, Notre Dame, Harvard-Westlake, Alemany, Chaminade, and St. Francis. All home races are at Lake Balboa.

Please be sure to visit the Crespi athletic web site at www.crespi.org/athletics for team schedules, results of games, and outstanding achievements. Your attendance as alumni is very much appreciated.

Go Celts!!!!

Crespi Celts Impress at the Shrine All-Star Game

By Diantuane "Dee" Meza

The 55th Annual Shrine All-Star Football Game was held June 24 at Citrus College. This charity event — featuring the Public School team vs. the Private School team — benefits the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Crespi Carmelite High School was well represented this year, not only by the six seniors who suited up for the Private School team but also by the coaches. Troy Thomas '87, former head football coach, was joined by Crespi head coach Jeremiah Ross to co-coach

the Private School team. Current Crespi coaches on hand were defensive coordinator Joe McLaughlin '90, secondary coach Dee Meza, and offensive coordinator Scott Thompson. Among the coaches of the Public School team were former Crespi coaches Jim Benkert, Ray Gerena '93, and Richard Fong.

Crespi had the largest single school representation on the team, which included six college-bound seniors: defensive tackle Sione Fua, quarterback

Matt Wabby, running back Josh Morgan, receiver Cary Jenson-Madison, linebacker Chris Aragon, and lineman Jeremiah Tupuola. The final score of 17-14 gave the Public School team the win. Wabby was awarded the MVP title for the Private School team.

Ross praised the players and coaches for their efforts, hard work, and dedication.

"The Carmelites have their priorities in the right places, and it shows in our alumni, faculty, and all who are impacted by the Carmelites," he said.

Class of 1974

Rick (aka Dick) Graniere and his wife, Christy, have three children, Mandy (20), Alex (17), and Nick (10). Richard is treasurer and chief financial officer at MemorialCare Medical Centers in Huntington Beach. He can be contacted at (562) 933-1835.

Class of 1976

Frank Di Tomaso has been married to Pamela Strader Di Tomaso since 1985. They have three children, Laura (16), Elise (13), and Daniel (11). They reside in Castaic, Calif. In October 2004, Di Tomaso and two other business associates started a bank in the Santa Clarita Valley by the name of Bank of Santa Clarita, where he serves as vice chairman. Currently, the asset size of the bank is approximately \$100 million.

Class of 1981

Brian Hammer is a respiratory therapist in San Diego. He also is coaching distance runners at Claremont High School, and they played in the San Diego Central League Champions this past year.

Class of 1982

Phil Hurlbut lives in West Hills, where his five kids all attend his grade school, St. Bernadine. His wife, Cami (Trafficanda LVHS '82), is a teacher there. Hurlbut is a manufacturer's sales rep and owns a packaging business with his brother that's called Far West Container and is located in North Hollywood. Hurlbut has put his golf clubs on the shelf for the time being, choosing instead to spend his Saturdays coaching his sons' baseball teams and driving his daughter all over the state for her club soccer games.

Matt Turley is the president of Optura Group. He and his wife, Susan, have a daughter, Hanna (11).

Class of 1986

Rich Gebele and his wife, Susan, have three children, Joseph (7), Jack (5), and Kate (3). He is a title partner in National Real Estate Services, Inc., and can be contacted at rich@natrealestate.com.

Class of 1987

Sean Howard and his wife, Amy, have two daughters, Avery (4) and Campbell (2). Howard works for Octagon Football as a senior client manager. Mercedes Lewis is one of his personal clients. Howard can be contacted at sean.howard@yahoo.com.

Class of 1990

Christian Fauria is a tight end for the Washington Redskins.

Scott Green and his wife, Michelle, have a new son, Gavin Donald, born April 2006. They reside in Kings Beach, North Lake Tahoe. Scott is an archaeologist for the state of California, and Michelle is a fifth-grade teacher at Kings Beach Elementary School.

Erik Siddons wed Maya Yamaguchi on May 13. The ceremony was held in an historic temple in Kyoto, Japan, in traditional Buddhist fashion. They have posted some of their favorite photos of the event at homepage.mac.com/eriksiddons/thewedding/. Their current address is 11th Floor #442 Renai Road, Section 4 Taipei, 110, Taiwan, Republic of China. Email: esiddons@lawyer.com

Kevin Walsh was married in Mission Delores, San Francisco, on August 12.

The Mission is the oldest building in San Francisco. Brian Walsh '81 served as his brother's best man. Celt groomsmen were Dan Hunt '90, Dan Carroll '82, and Matt Luderer '90. Other Crespi guests included Scott Green '90. Walsh is a California Highway Patrol officer, and his wife serves as a San Francisco police officer.

Matt Luderer and his wife, Catherine, recently celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary. They have four daughters: Mackenzie (9), Annie (7), Gracie (3), and Katie(1). They are expecting their fifth baby soon. The couple are estate agents with Ewing and Associates/Sotheby's International Realty and can be reached at (818)-261-4969 (Matt) or (818) 261-0122 (Cat).

Class of 1991

Luke Anderson and his wife, Heather, had their first child, a boy, on August 25, 2006. They live in Mission Viejo, Calif. Anderson is an attorney with Preston Gates Ellis, LLP. There are four Anderson boys, three of whom attended Crespi.

Brent Liddicoat recently graduated from Emry-Riddle Aeronautical University and is a pilot for Northwest Airlines. He lives in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Lance Thomas and wife, Christine, are the proud parents of Colton Jaymes, born in March.

Class of 1992

Brian Getz was married Sept. 4, 2006, to Jaime. They met at college in Montréal, Québec, where she is from. They are living at 3944 Prosser St., West Sacramento, Calif. Getz is a regional sales manager for Harley-Davidson Financial Services in the

Pacific Northwest, and his new wife is a financial analyst. Getz can be contacted at (916) 373-9198 (home) or (775) 250-6327 (cell) or via email at bgetz44@msn.com.

Class of 1993

Damon Hirschensohn and his wife had their second son, Ryan Isaac, on Dec. 24, 2005.

Henry Orjeda and his wife, Maria, had their first child, Alexander, on March 7, 2006. Orjeda works for the state of Florida as a law enforcement officer in commercial vehicle and traffic enforcement.

Class of 1994

Shaun Williams is playing free safety for the Carolina Panthers.

Class of 1995

Chris Musich and his wife, Sarah, were married on Sept. 4, 2005. Musich works for Gensler Santa Monica; he is designing a light rail people mover for the Bellagio and Monte Carlo casinos in Las Vegas. He also has started a business called Fine Line Architectural Consulting with one of his best friends from USC. His wife is a social worker for Culver City. Musich can be contacted at chris.musich@gmail.com.

Class of 2006

Matt Majcher is attending Loyola Marymount University, majoring in political science. He produced the Capital Campaign video for Crespi and also is an executive director for Pre-Paid Legal Services. He can be contacted at mmajcher@gmail.com.

**Moede '63
Bequeaths
Part of Estate
to Alma Mater**

After a two-year battle with cancer, Steve Moede passed away on April 3, 2006, at the age of 60, leaving one-third of his estate to Crespi Carmelite High School. A member of Crespi Carmelite High School's first graduating class in 1963, Moede attended Pierce College and continued his education at Pepperdine University in Malibu, where he received his bachelor's degree.

His career was a varied and successful one. Moede, a member of the U.S. Army's storied 9th Infantry Division, served as a sergeant in Vietnam from 1966-68. Stationed at Fort Riley, Moede was instrumental in developing military tactics and training operations unique to the Vietnam War. He joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1968, quickly rising to the rank of captain.

Moede went to Quantico, Va., for training at the FBI Academy and was recommended for an undercover vice-squad unit. As lieutenant, he served for two years as the commandant of the L.A. Police Academy.

In his personal life, Moede loved to cook. He wrote the cookbook, "Hearty Meals for a Healthy Ticker." A scratch golfer, he was a member of the Canoga Park Elks Lodge.

During a gathering of Moede's classmates at the Airtel Plaza Hotel late last year, Crespi Carmelite High School sent over his #41 football jersey, complete with his name on the back, which was later presented to Moede. Being a member of the first graduating class was important to him — and he is important to Crespi.

In Memoriam

What better way to memorialize your loved one than to give a gift to the school they were instrumental in having you attend. To give a tribute or memorial gift, please make a donation to the Crespi Carmelite High School Memorial Fund in honor or in memory of a spouse, family member, friend, or colleague. Donations should be mailed to Crespi Carmelite Memorial Fund, 5031 Alonzo Ave., Encino, CA 91316.

Barbara Hurlbut passed away March 11, 2006. She is the mother of Phil Hurlbut '82 and the mother-in-law of Jeff Klamecki '70.

John Walsh, father to Brian '81 and Kevin '90, passed away in March 2006. He was active in the fathers club for more than a decade.

Dick Woodward Murphy '71 passed away Aug. 13, 2006, at his home in Paso Robles, ending his long battle with cancer. He was the brother to Bill '67, Dennis '68, John "Duff" '71, Pat, Tim, Mary Beth, Kathy, and Laura.

Bill Donovan '69 passed away Aug. 13, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Gaye, and four children, Nathan, Michael, Christopher, and Heather Kathleen.

Peggy Green, mother to Mike '66, Pat '68, Tim '70, and Dennis '72 and grandmother to Scott '90, passed away in February 2006.

Linn Kilbane, grandmother to Scott Green '90, passed away in July 2006.

Robert Muir, father of David '91 and Jason '93, passed away in July 2006.

Lillian Gottschalk, grandmother of Will Gottschalk '06 and Adam Gottschalk '08, passed away July 23, 2006.

Fr. Fergus Lickteig, O. Carm., former principal of Crespi Carmelite High School, passed away in September 2006.

James Cerniglia '64 passed away in September 2006. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn, son Ken '89, and daughter Julia.

Frank Bellamy '83 passed away in September 2006. He is survived by his wife, Janet, and two sons, James and Jonathon.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

This year's luncheon and fashion show, themed "White Christmas," will honor our Crespi grandmothers! So make sure that you get your wives, mothers, and grandmothers a ticket to the best way to start the holiday season. The Dec. 9 luncheon will be held in the grand ballroom at the Marriott Warner Center in Woodland Hills, with the fashion show presented by "Chic." For more information, contact Pam at (818) 654-1303.



Terri McSweeney models with son Edward '08 during 2005 fashion show.



From left, Celt wife/mom Christina Jacobsen and alumni moms Cheryl Edwards, Patty Waggoner, and Kris Rembis

C.A.P.E.R.

Crespi Carmelite High School's 28th Annual C.A.P.E.R., themed "A Red Carpet Affair," was held at the Renaissance Hotel in Hollywood in April. It was a huge success with a record amount raised for our financial aid program. Mark your calendars now for C.A.P.E.R. 2007, which is set to take place at the beautiful Riviera Country Club on Saturday, April 28.

Alumni Golf Tournament

The 2006 Scholarship Golf Classic at the Calabasas Country Club was a huge success thanks to the fantastic response from the alumni and alumni parents who joined us for this fun-filled day. We will return to these beautiful fairways on April 16, 2007, so mark your calendars and plan on being a Corporate Sponsor! We have individual sponsorships as well. All proceeds for this event go toward our financial aid program, which helps students who otherwise would be unable to be a part of the Celt tradition.



From left, Tom Turley '83, Tom Von Der Ahe '83, Chris Carbone '83, Brett Norðyke '94, and Tom Bilinski '83 reminisce about their time at Crespi at the Golf Classic at the Calabasas Country Club in April.



John Tronson '82, Ken Dapello, Hillary Condren '82, and Tom Turley '83 at the 2006 Golf Classic

Suppan '93 "Pitches" the Capital Campaign



St. Louis Cardinal pitcher Jeff Suppan '93, co-chair of Crespi Carmelite High School's Capital Campaign, stopped by before his team played the Dodgers in July and spoke about the importance of "giving back" during a Capital Campaign reception hosted by Major Gifts Committee chair Joe Shirripa and his wife, Ellen Mercier. The couple are the parents of alumni Brian '02 and twins Brent and Nick '04. Incoming freshman parents and alumni parents joined the festivities along with current President, Fr. Tom Schrader O.Carm and Principal, Fr. Paul Henson, and former principals Fr. Gus Carter, O. Carm., and Fr. Al Koppes, O. Carm.



Jeff Suppan '93, left, and Fr. Al Koppes

THE CRESPI CORE



From left, John King, Pat Brown, Joe Quirici, Peg O'Connor, and Ron Thomas

What is the backbone of Crespi? Great students? Great athletes? Great principals? YES!

But what keeps Crespi “Crespi” is what the old-school alums call “lifers” — those dedicated souls who are always there year in and year out, providing support despite the changes over the years.

Why do they stay for life? The answer is “community.” That is one of Crespi’s best attributes. When you talk

to alumni about Crespi, they will tell you that it is the teachers who are at the core of that community.

Among the “lifers” are John King, English department chair and teacher; Pat Brown, teacher mentor; Joe Quirici, theology department chair; Ron Thomas, sophomore counselor; and Peg O’Connor, who is still in charge of attendance. We admire them and appreciate everything they do.

Hall of Fame

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McKeever ’57.

Special recognition was given to current Crespi student athletes by their respective coaches. Sione Fua, this year’s state heavyweight wrestling champion, and Lamar Reed, the CIF wrestling champion in the 152-pound weight class, were presented with their rings by their head coach, Mike Odman. Jeff Thornton honored Patrick Simpkins for his first-place finish in the Division I CIF 100-meter butterfly, and varsity football coach Jeremiah Ross commended his players for a second CIF title in as many seasons.

In the same order as the baton had been passed years before by 1965 four-mile relay team, Kearns began, passing the “mic” to Saykally and ending with Bowler. Jim Romain ’65 was unable to join his teammates as they reminisced about that historic track season.

Cuifo was inducted into the Hall of Fame by his former head coach, John Becker, who was inducted to the HOF in 2003. Cuifo spoke of his family and friends, his coaches, and his days at Crespi and the important roles they have played in his life. Cuifo, the director of job training at Los Angeles Valley College, spoke of the common thread and bond that all Celts share.

The official ceremony was capped off with the induction of the 1986 CIF Big 5 Championship football team by its defensive-line coach, Larry Cummings. The 1986 head coach, Bill Redell, was joined on stage by members of the team and re-created the highlights of that winning night at Anaheim Stadium 20 years ago. A special tribute was made to their late teammate Chris Rawlings.

Check out pictures on the alumni web page, www.crespi.org/alumni.



Alumni Leadership

Thank you to the Crespi alumni who have generously contributed to the “Building for the Crespi Man” Capital Campaign. Some of those who have contributed so far:

- James Dunn ’63
- Kenneth Falstrom ’64
- Bill Edmonds ’64
- Paul Polito ’65
- Brian Porter ’66
- Mike Green ’66
- Mark Eskander ’68
- Mike Yagemann ’73
- Craig Falstrom ’73
- Dave DiTomaso ’74
- Greg Cornell ’74
- Gary Lambrix ’75
- Richard Joseph ’75
- Matt Reno ’76
- Eric Jacobsen ’77
- Bill Scott ’78
- Brian Spaulding ’78
- John Cappetta ’79
- Joe Carrabino Jr. ’80
- Tom Burns ’80
- Tom Carter ’81
- Mike Kenney ’81
- Ric Flores ’81
- Robert Hedge ’82
- Michael James ’82
- Mike Mugel ’82
- Gerald Anderson ’82
- Dana K. Anderson ’84
- Sam Koh ’87
- Eric Plue ’87
- Ron Redell ’89
- Justin Anderson ’91
- Matt Carpenter ’92
- Jeff Suppan ’93
- Brett Nordyke ’94
- Jonathon Schild ’94

For more information, call Brett Nordyke at (818) 654-1304

Alumni Connect Across the Country.

By Brett Nordyke '94

Meeting with alumni over the past year and a half with President Fr. Tom Schrader, O. Carm., and Principal Fr. Paul Henson, O. Carm., has been such a rewarding experience not only for me personally but for Crespi Carmelite High School. The outpouring of your support for the Capital Campaign, "Building the Crespi Man," has been phenomenal.



Joe Carrabino Jr. '80, left, and Fr. Tom Schrader finish dinner at Smith & Wollensky's in New York, along with Brett Nordyke (not pictured).

Recently on a trip to New York, we met with Mike Yagemann '73, who is the CEO of Greenbridge Capital Management, LLC. We also met with Joe Carrabino Jr. '80, partner at AEA Investors, Matt Carpenter '92, a senior trader with Jane Street, Brodie Van Wagenen '92, an agent with CAA Sports, Michael Erlinger '87, business affairs at ABC, and Keith Buckley '79 president and CEO of Juke Systems, Inc., who all believe that Crespi taught them to be who they are today.



Fr. Tom Schrader, left, and Mike Yagemann '73 meet at the W Hotel in New York, along with Brett Nordyke (not pictured).

Yagemann says, "Now its Crespi's time to get back what it gave out."

The Hall of Fame was a sellout event this year. We need your input for upcoming nominees, and a ballot was sent to you in the mail. We want to include athletes from all decades, a business man of the year and a spiritual leader.

At last year's Christmas Luncheon and Fashion Show, we honored our alumni wives, many of whom are alumni or current moms as well. This year, we want to honor your grandmothers, so check out the events page to see how you can treat your grandmother to a fashion show and luncheon at the Marriott Warner Center in Woodland Hills.

Fr. Tom and Greg Cornell '74, vice president of institutional advancement, will be traveling to Chicago on Oct. 3 for an alumni reception at the university club that will be hosted by Gerald

Crespi Calendar

- Free All Alumni BBQ
October 6
- 1986 Reunion - October 7
- 1966 Reunion - November 11
- Scholarship Luncheon
December 9, Marriot
- Golf Tournament April 16,
Calabasas Country Club
- C.A.P.E.R April 28,
Riviera Country Club
- Major Gift Donor Reception,
June 3
- Hall of Fame June 23,
Alumni Memorial Gym

Hughes '84. Please remember, if there is a group of Celts in your area that you want to get together with to reminisce and network, please contact me in the alumni department.

In closing, please keep us up to date on yourselves, your family and your friends by going online at www.crespi.org/alumni, where you can update your information. And please continue to share with us what you are doing by contributing to CELT TRACKS!

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