



# Spirings

CHARTER SCHOOLS



## FIRST DAY OF

**MEET EMPIRE SPRINGS GOVERNING BOARD**

**NEWS FROM CITE**

**NEWS FROM AROUND OUR STUDENT CENTERS**

# SCHOOL





**Left to right:  
Lilly, Shannon,  
Monique, Melissa,  
JodyLynn, Jaime,  
Pam, Stacia, Shana,  
Erin, Arlene, Tracy,  
Christina, Liz, Rachel,  
Debbie, Nancy, Leslie,  
Brenda, Loretta,  
Alicia, Ibyt, and Joe.**

**We've got spirit, yes we do!!**

**Happy first day of school from the Business and Administrative Operations Department. We kicked off the school year in our "Springs Spirit" attire and want to wish every student and staff member a "Sweet Ride to Success" in the 2014-15 school year!**



# MEET OUR EMPIRE SPRINGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## Left to Right: Tracey Vela, Heidi Chan, Marlene Darrow, & Robin Mammoth

**Tracey** is a full time mom who is actively involved in all aspects of her five children's lives – with education being the top of the list. She was a founding board member/officer for Eagles Peak – Inland Empire Charter School and served on that board (which changed to River Springs Charter School) for over seven years. Tracey was also actively involved in several Board Committees, including evaluating senior administrators. Prior to becoming a full time mom, Tracey held a career for many years in the construction side of the Home Building Industry in Southern California, ranging from bookkeeping to working on jobsites alongside contractors as a contract administrator to office management. While home with children she managed to do bookkeeping for several companies, which eventually led to her and her husband starting a construction company of their own after he retired from the military. Tracey feels that she can make a contribution to the board through her knowledge of leadership and administrative skills that she has gained from years of experience. She is level headed with a good moral and ethical foundation and a great team player desiring to be a part of pushing the school on to further excellence.

**Heidi** is an eleven year veteran of homeschooling — an unintended journey that began in 2002 when her family moved to Murrieta from the South Bay. Desperate to find the best school for their oldest son but squeezed for time between a move and school opening, Heidi and her husband were introduced to the unfamiliar yet fascinating world of homeschooling. Thus began the countless hours spent researching homeschooling methods and philosophies, attending conventions, evaluating curricula, and joining homeschool forums. In 2006, Heidi's family moved from a private school satellite program and enrolled in the homeschooling program of what is now River Springs Charter School. As a homeschooling parent, Heidi understands the importance of instructional and record-keeping support which were instrumental in her oldest son's successful entry into the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science program at UC Berkeley after graduating from River Springs Charter. Heidi hopes to serve the board with her business experience and educational insights gleaned from over a decade of homeschooling.

**Marlene** is a businessperson operating two businesses of her own and being an office manager of the Darrow Law Center, A Professional Law Corporation. Her passion for education started with her own children over 15 years ago with home schooling. Since then her daughter has graduated Azusa Pacific College with Honors and has obtained the Presidential Award for her services. Her son is currently attending his 2nd year of college, after graduating high school from River Springs Charter School. Marlene has served on the Board of Directors for numerous artistic children's programs and is currently on the Temecula Art Foundation Board, which funds local artistic groups. Marlene has always had an enthusiasm for giving back to her community and brings her years of experience as a parent, teacher, and director coupled with her background in law and management to the Board.

**Robin** is a tireless supporter of the school's mission, staff, and Executive Director. Robin knows firsthand how River Springs Charter provides parents with a choice to the traditional public school system; when her eldest son was in first grade, they discovered the traditional public education system just could not suit his needs. They chose to enroll him at Eagles Peak Inland Empire Charter and have been homeschooling ever since. Her son is flourishing with the personalized learning program provided by River Springs Charter. Robin embraces her community and has served on the board of directors of the Pet Over Population Coalition (POPCO) and the Parent Policy Committee of Headstart Preschool. She has also been involved with Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS), PTO, and Cub Scouts. She is a former business owner but loves most being a mother to her son, Alexander, and two adopted siblings, Nathaniel and Alyssa.

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## **Beth Burt**

Mother of two children with special needs, **Beth** has spent over 15 years navigating the maze of services and emotional challenges of raising children with special needs. She shares that experience with other families as an advocate and collaborator with a number of school districts. She is co-author of two books on inclusion; President of the Autism Society Inland Empire and First Vice-President, Autism Society of California; and board member on Vocational Steps, a non-profit to help individuals with mild to moderate special needs find and stay employed. She has served on numerous state and local committees to work on various issues and public policy effecting individuals with disabilities. She is a former homeschooling mom and has a passion for improving systems which prepare students for life after school.



## **Justin Moldenhauer**

With broad experience as an entrepreneur, **Justin** currently is the managing Partner of a real estate firm he started in June of 2013 (Real Estate Café) and has been serving clients with real estate needs since 2006. Justin brings a unique perspective to the Empire Springs Board – one in which he understand the pitfalls of an education that alienates youth rather than excites them to their unique call to action. Justin believes Harbor Springs' mission of personalizing learning and fostering the curiosity of every student to be a path for ensuring future success in their chosen vocation. As a parent of three, Justin is passionate about instilling in his children the importance of education and working hard in spite of life's challenges. His ability to listen and clearly communicate has allowed him to help people from all walks of life overcome challenges. Justin is a consummate team player who understands the importance of working with a team to resolve issues and plan strategies that work.



## **Don Langille**

**Don** started teaching in 1970 and taught Biology to most grade levels (K-12) for 34 years. From 1987 until 1996, Don was Principal of Lenwood Elementary School in the Barstow School District. Prior to this, Don was elected to the Mojave Unified School Board. In March of 2012, Don was appointed to the Helendale School District Board of Trustees and served one year. In retirement, Don is actively involved with the Helendale Community Church, serving as board member and elder and singing in the choir. Don is also the Vice President of the Victorville Gideon Camp. Don enjoys playing golf and enjoying his summers with his wife at their cottage on the Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia.

Harbor and River Boards will be highlighted in the following INB issues



The Cyborg Zombies student leadership met on July 11, 2014 in the CITE Conference room to discuss continuous improvement for the team

and plan the sponsorship of a FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Lego League at the Temecula Student Center. The team is building on the successes of last year that included receipt of the Gracious Professionalism Award at the FIRST Inland Empire Regional Competition. One of the considerations that resulted in our team winning the Gracious Professionalism is that we are a study run organization. With the exception of Gwen Carney who graduated last year, our team leadership remains intact and includes:

**We inadvertently missed mention of two Cyborg Zombies student leaders in the last INB article – Maxwell Chan (Programming Lead) and Alex Nagelvoort (Outreach Lead). We apologize to these outstanding students for this oversight and thank them for their support far exceeding minimum requirements.**

**George Essel**

**- Derrick Essel**

IPT Lead Mentor

**- Kai Alayvilla**

IPT Lead

(was Asst. last year)

**- Keelan Winter**

Competition Lead

**- Karl Zieber**

Electrical/Electronics Lead

**- Benjamin Hoos**

Pneumatics Lead

**- Tyler Johnson**

CAD Lead

**- Jasmine Rodriguez**

Mechanical Lead

**- Evan Elliot**

Safety Lead

**- Megan Chan**

Business Lead



**Erratum**





# MEET ALY BELDEN NEW SITE FACILITATOR AT THE iSHINE STUDENT CENTER

**I have been married to my husband, Tony, for almost 18 years. We have 3 children: Hailey (13), Madison (11), Elijah (9), they are in 8th, 6th, and 4th grades at iShine. Previous to starting school at iShine last year, we homeschooled with River Springs for 4 years. I enjoy the beach, family road trips, travel, crafts & scrapbooking, reading, and quiet time at home. We have lived in Temecula since 1999 (moved from San Diego) and love it here.**

*Aly Belden*





# HOMESCHOOL LEARNING CENTERS

For the first time in Springs' history... teachers from all eight of the homeschool learning centers met! This is what we heard a lot that day: "You're teaching Lego League? I am too! Can I get your phone number??" Theater teachers from the different sites met, and wouldn't you know it, many already knew each other through the work they have done in the local community theater world! It was a great day!



# MURRIETA STUDENT CENTER



*Julia Krisel, one of our Montessori 1st-3rd grade teachers welcomed a beautiful baby boy, named Atlas Goddrick to the world on August 15th at 2:16p. He was 5 lbs 10 oz and was 18 3/4 inches.*





# 2014 FIREFIGHTER CAREER EXPOS

*Sponsored by CFFJAC's Commission to Recruit Women for the Fire Service*



*If you can do this ...*



*Then you can do this!*

Career Expos are being held at the **CFFJAC Firefighter Candidate Testing Centers**

**Saturday**  
**SEPTEMBER 6**  
**10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

FCTC Sacramento  
2560 River Plaza Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95833

**Saturday**  
**SEPTEMBER 13**  
**10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

FCTC Orange  
626 N. Eckhoff Street  
Orange, CA 92868

**Saturday**  
**SEPTEMBER 20**  
**10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

FCTC Livermore  
526 Commerce Way  
Livermore, CA 94551

**Meet fire department recruiters, try the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT), find out what to expect on the written test and learn more about a career in the fire service.**

For more information and to RSVP, visit [www.cffjac.org](http://www.cffjac.org) or call (916) 648-1717 

For more information, please find attached document on Moddle.



ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR SPRINGS STUDENTS!

# Getting-to-Gold



Springs students are being given an opportunity to be part of a motivational video that will be promoted on Dain Blanton's website.

Olympic Gold Medalist Dain Blanton, in association with Parallel 40 Design, is creating a motivational video about the importance of every child persevering through the challenges in life to achieve their goals. Dain was the keynote speaker at Springs Charter Schools' combined Board meeting last Spring. He was a member of the two-man beach volleyball team that upset Brazil in the 2000 Sydney Olympics and won the Gold Medal for the US.

In the video, Dain will be talking about his own journey as a young kid in high school when he knew he had to focus on his grades to graduate. It's a solid message that will be featured on his website [www.Getting-to-Gold.org](http://www.Getting-to-Gold.org)

Dain is looking to feature students engaged in sports or hobbies that they love, and would correlate with Dain's message about pushing through challenging moments to ultimately achieve their goals.

This opportunity is only available for just a few students and the deadline is coming up soon. If you know a student who is involved in gymnastics, basketball, ballet, weights training, or other activity please contact:

**Jeremy Scherer** at: [jeremy@paralle40design.com](mailto:jeremy@paralle40design.com)

High school age students are preferred, but if your students are a little younger, they might still have a chance.

The deadline is this **Monday, September 8, 2014** and filming will begin the following week.



KRISTEN LUNCEFORD  
PHOTOGRAPHY



# CITE REPRESENTED AT PECHANGA!



Our new CTE online course schedule was available for parents at this year's Pechanga event. Parents could enroll their students at the event, and they were very excited to do so. Our CTE course schedule is filling up fast due to the excitement students have for the courses we have to offer.

If you have questions about our CTE courses please let us know. We are just as excited about these opportunities as our students are, and more than happy to answer your questions. We offer our courses both, online and at our academies. Internship alone has more than 280 students enrolled this year and placements are currently in progress.

For more information, please visit the Internship page at Springs Charter Schools and check out our Business Partners!

<http://springscharterschools.org/current-students-parents/college-career/our-internships/current-internship-opportunities/>

If you know of a business that may be interested in hosting an intern please contact Judy Adair [judy.adair@springscs.org](mailto:judy.adair@springscs.org) or call 949-910-4146.



**Nathaniel Bonda**  
intern for Western Science Center



**Matthew Dawson** (Left)  
intern at the Creekside Grill,  
Wilson Creek Winery  
prepared a wonderful end of the  
year luncheon for our Board of  
Directors



**Lucero Arechiga**  
\$250 scholarship from  
Hospice of the Valley  
for excellent service and  
outstanding performance





RILEY, LYNNETTE	1
CLANCY, ABIGAIL	2
KEMP, HEIDI	3
LEIB, ANDREA	5
COMER, ROBIN	6
MIDDLETON, AMANDA	7
EDGE, RANDI	7
REYES, LAURA	8
KNAPP, SUMMER	9
BIVIN JR., RICHARD	9
BERMUDEZ, MORELLA	9
SMITH, ROBIN	10
ROBINSON, PAMELA	10
BROWN, STEPHANIE	10
BURKS, STEPHANIE	11
LEHMAN, ANA	12
MCDANIEL, REBECCA	13
MACDONALD, KAREN	13
LEE, MICHAEL	14
SPENCE, ALLISON	14
PHILLIPS, NADIA	16



STRATTON JR., WARREN	17
HERMSMEYER, ISABEL	17
THURSTON, DEBBIE	19
IRVING, SARAH	19
KOELPIN, KATHERINE	20
BEHNEY, SARAH	20
FAIN, SHERI	20
MARIA JR., OSCAR	20
LARUE, JEANETTE	23
WILSON, DOMINIQUE	23
HERING, MARY	23
MARTIN, JENNIFER	25
KEPHART, STEPHANIE	25
SWARTZ, RENEE	26
FUENTES, CYNTHIA	26
WILES, LAURA	27
DON-WILLIES, PATIENCE	27
ACIN, FRANCES	28
DE JONG, DEBRA	29
SCHAFFNER, RYAN	29
ORNELAS, ANNA	30
HAUCK, HEATHER	30





HERMSMEYER, KATHLEEN	1998	JELDY, KRISSA	2005	HOLLOWELL, NICOLE	2011
HODAK, KERRI	2001	BUTLER, ANNETTE	2005	GRADIAS, LAURIE	2011
ROGERS, KATHERINE	2001	LEMKE, CHRISTOPHER	2005	LOZANO, KATHERINE	2011
COLLINS, GAIL	2002	ROBSON, LINDSAY	2005	SETZLER, BRIANNA	2011
HAUCK, HEATHER	2003	PALACIOS, MELISSA	2006	THORNBURG, JULIE	2012
TORQUATO, MARY	2003	LOPEZ, MONICA	2006	ADKINS, RONALD	2012
HIKE, JACQUELINE	2003	DEERING, JEREMY	2006	DAOUST, LISA	2012
ANGER, KATHRYN	2003	SROUR, SUSAN	2006	GARD, STEPHANIE	2012
PRICE, VIVIAN	2003	PFLAUMER, TERRY	2007	BLAKE, JASON	2012
SPOCK, ERIN	2003	BERNAL, MARISA	2007	EDGE, ILANA	2012
BLACKMAN, DARLENE	2004	WALKER, JENNIFER	2008	HOLLAND, JESSICA	2012
OSTROSKE, HOLLY	2004	SHAFOR, STACIA	2008	GUTIERREZ, YOLANDA	2012
TROCHOWSKI, JENNIFER	2004	LARIVIERE, KIMBERLY	2008	BONORRIS, JAMES	2012
HUNTER, JACQUELYN	2004	SCHANER, JENNIFER	2009	ERICKSON, TINA	2013
JACOBY, APRIL	2004	KOCH, NANCY	2009	JETER, RONELLE	2013
GABLER, BRENDA	2004	JORGENSEN, UTA	2009	RODRIGUEZ, MARIBEL	2013
ARNOLD, LYNNE	2004	BALLARD, ERIC	2009	HOOKS, MONIQUE	2013
DONAHUE, ALYCE	2005	PICONE, SUSAN	2009	MCQUADE, JESSICA	2013
PARKS, PHILIP	2005	MINOR, ELLEN	2009	DECKER, LAURIE	2013
KELLEY, KRISTEN	2005	KNAPP, SUMMER	2009	BRIDGEO, RACHEL	2013
KOSMAL, SHERRY	2005	CLEARY, KATHLYN	2009	CALKINS, PATRICIA	2013
JOHNSTON, LUZ	2005	JONES, SHIRLEY	2009	CLOSTER, BETH	2013
PANGLE, KATHERINE	2005	ARNSON, KARI	2009	LICK, KELSEY	2013
NORMAN, JULIE	2005	HERING, MARY	2010	WILLIAMS, SHEILA	2013
PACKER, BETH	2005	FAIN, SHERI	2010	DANIELS, DANIELS	2013
WHITE, JAKE	2005	FISHER, CHELSEA	2010	SWINTEK, RACHEL	2013
ADCOCK, MANDY	2005	CATHEY, BRITTANY	2010	SEBASTIAN, MICHELLE	2013
NEVARES, ERIKA	2005	WILLIAMS, MELISSA	2010	HERNANDEZ, LISBETH	2013
SWANEY, LAUREL	2005	GARCIA, THERESA	2011	MALOTT, ANNITA	2013
RAMEY, MATTHEW	2005	HERNANDEZ, MERTIN	2011	MUNGARAY, JENNIFER	2013
ELLIS, MARCEY	2005	HOLEMO, APRIL	2011	HERRERA MORALES, MARIA	2013
CHIOTTI, JILL	2005	MINOR, SARAH	2011	COEN, JESSICA	2013
SWARTZ, RENEE	2005	CHAVIRA, TRACY	2011	HARRELL, NICOLE	2013
JONES, SHANE	2005	DULANEY, ERIN	2011		