



The Michaelight (August, 2014)

Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association (SMAAA)

"Round his flag we'll rally ever. Nothing can our union sever."



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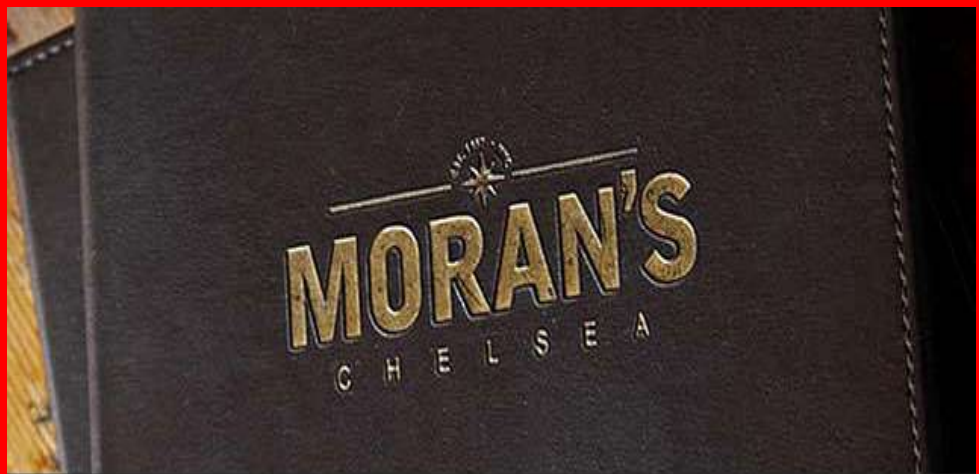
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RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 12!

SMA Charitable Foundation cordially invites you to REUNION 2014



Mission Statement

Rooted in the Catholic tradition and Spirit of the Presentation Sisters, the mission of Saint Michael Academy was to educate young women in a loving and caring community, assisting each to develop her unique gifts and talents to live a fully Christian life.

New York Times Article

After more than a century on the West Side of Manhattan, St. Michael Academy had assumed the traits of some of its best students: cash poor, underestimated by peers, capable of defying expectations with breathtaking regularity...([read more](#))

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Noreen White Rogan,



Moran's Restaurant

146 Tenth Avenue (@ 19th Steet)

New York, NY 10011

Saturday, September 27th

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Please [click on this link](#), print out the response form, complete and return it to us with your check made payable to *SMA Charitable Foundation*. See you there!

Please know that, although this reunion will celebrate in particular

'60
Blanca Vasquez, '93
Patti Wu '70

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those SMA high school graduates from years ending in "4" and "9", our reunions are ALWAYS open to ALL SMA alums (grammar school, high school, faculty, staff). If you are able to round up your friends and want to join in the fun, PLEASE DO!

Parking for the reunion is at Edison Parking at 20th Street and 10th Avenue. The restaurant has validation stickers for 6 hours of parking...
\$10 per car.



facebook

See that little blue facebook icon at the top of this newsletter? (It's waaaay up there, on the left, above the header.) Please click on it and "send" us to your facebook page, so that your SMA friends can know we exist. Odds are that they will want to join the SMAAA, read all the news about their classmates, and plan for an upcoming reunion. One little click is all it takes. Thanks!



Tax Information

Contributions made (including any dues paid) to the Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association, Inc. are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

Questions? Comments?

Write to us at...

SMAAANYC@gmail.com

Reunion Mass



The

5:00 PM Mass at
the Church of Saint Michael
on Saturday, September 27
will be offered by Father George Rutler
*for the Intention of the St. Michael Academy Alumnae, both
Deceased and Living*

Reunion Update



**Look Who's Already Made Reunion Reservations
(So, what are YOU waiting for?)**

Mary Krulis (D'Addario) 1949
Joan M. Smith (Laffey) 1949

Sr. Kathleen Cusack 1954*
Ann Kean (Handibode) 1954
Maureen McCarthy (O'Dea) 1954
Margaret (Peggy) O'Keefe (O'Neill) 1954

Noreen White Rogan (White) 1960*

Judith Bell (Halliday) 1961

Maryanne Raynor 1962**
Michele Wilson (Zacharuk) 1962

Golden Anniversary (1964)

Ines Glick (Basso)
Theresa D. Thorsen (DeCampo)
Vivian Ascani (Gelices)
Mary King
Lisa Vanderveer (Panacciulli)
Lorraine Shef (Pogan)



Nancy Wehr (Torraco)
Susan Walker

Andrea Sicignano (Calamaras) 1969
Florence Zuvich (Ciaramella) 1969
Kathleen Egan (Gimblet) 1969
Dorothy Beckbissinger (Murphy) 1969
JoAnn Groves (Murphy) 1969
Maureen A. Reinhart (Pogan) 1969

Marilyn Brady (Skiba) 1970

Sharon Duritzo Spocinski (Duritzo) 1972

Elizabeth Armstrong 1974
Cheryl Williamson (Battaglino) 1974
Elaine Mowbray (Battaglino) 1974
Mary Paladino (Beaury) 1974
A. Jeanne Billings (Boyd) 1974
Mary Bruno Cedeno 1974
Cathy Murphy (Caffrey) 1974
JoAnn Calabrese 1974
Patricia Fleming (Clarke) 1974
JoAnn Cresci 1974
Yolanda Ferman 1974
Mary Richers (Gutierrez)
Madeline Cafiero (Jennings) 1974
Mary Lamonte (Kobel) 1974
Monica Lepore 1974
Victoria McMahan 1974
Susan Lala (Norris) 1974
Marie Bongiorno (Nuzzo) 1974
Natalie Serventi (Peros) 1974
Mary O'Grady (Rice) 1974
Kathy Seyfried 1974
Jacqueline Tecce 1974

Carol Rolden 1984

Silver Anniversary (1989)
Linda Campise (Howell)



*SMA Principal
**Taught at SMA

Look Who's Coming to the Reunion...



Noreen White Rogan
SMA Principal *and* SMAAA Board of Directors



Sr. Kathleen Cusack
SMA Principal *and* SMAAA Board of Directors



Maryanne Raynor
SMA Teacher

Op-Ed

Why "Reune"?

September 27th, just can't wait. SMA REUNION! It's a big one for the class of '74. 40 years; wouldn't miss it. Mind you it's not like I haven't seen my classmates: 14 of us just met the first week of June in Pennsylvania. Another 18 of us met in the flat iron district for our yearly holiday dinner in December. 25 to 40 of us have spent weekends in Atlantic City over the years. There are 85 of us in touch, give or take, and different combinations of us meet quite often. We like each other, EW!



Mind you, I'm not talking about the intimate meals where three of four or five of you who were best friends meet at somebody's house or at a restaurant. (That happens too) Rather these are chances for us to get to know each other and the women we've become since our adolescence; to learn more about the girls we weren't close to in our youth. We are all the same, but we have changed too. And in this mix we are of all shapes, sizes, and temperaments. The chatty girl from math class is probably still chatty, The girl who was a little haughty still might be, but along that road have come the bumps, small and large, that have changed us. So now you overlook the chattiness or occasional haughtiness because you've learned of the medical condition that is challenging her every day, of the marriage that went terribly wrong, of the child she may have lost. And my classmates share these feelings openly and shamelessly because the unwritten rule is we don't judge.

I look forward to every opportunity to meet with my classmates because I learn from each encounter. About them, about myself, about life. I've come to admire these women, all of them, because they are all precious beings with a story. And... we have all been part of each other's stories from the beginning...

So, does it matter that many of us have gained more pounds than we'd like in the intervening years? Not really because others of us are growing beards, or have thinning hair or have hot flashes! And even the beauties among us know that we knew them when they had acne and crooked teeth. Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide...

So: I encourage and challenge all of you to do the same. Please, come on September 27th, and acquaint yourselves with each other. And honestly, do not concern yourselves with what people will think. Don't worry about who you were 5, 10, 30, 50 years ago. Don't think there are expectations about who you should be or how you should think because you went to a Catholic, all girls school, in Manhattan. Many of my classmates are no longer Catholic, some now make a home with a female partner, IT DOESN'T MATTER! Please believe me. You used to be a Presentation Sister and left the order? No one cares. There's nothing to judge. Your presence is all that is requested. YOU will help make the event. You may be the very person that someone else has hoped they would see there.

I personally promise you that you will learn, share, and laugh. My oh my but you will laugh! And if you're like the class of '74, that laughter and warmth is addictive; you will seek it out whenever possible. I look forward to seeing your many beautiful, smiling faces at Moran's. And while you're there, introduce yourself to me. I'd love to get to know you!

Blanca Camacho SMA '70, '74

Robert Wagner Film

A Film (on YouTube) by SMA Teacher Robert Wagner

(We ran this in the newsletter soon after the school closed. We thought it would be nice to run it again, for those of you who have joined our email list within the last year or two...)



The St. Michael Academy 2010
Girl's High School Softball Team
Film

Reunion Presentation Contributions

The Association created a presentation for the [25th](#) and [50th](#) anniversary years for the 2013 annual reunion. The class of [1973](#) had a large turnout and we created a presentation for them as well.

Please click on these links to watch the presentations...



2013 SMAAA reunion 1963



2013 SMAAA reunion 1973



2013 SMAAA reunion 1988

If anyone wants to send an updated photo and/or message to their fellow classmates for this year's reunion please send it to smaaanyc@gmail.com. We will include it in this year's presentation. Please include your name and graduation year.

Teachers are welcome to send a photo and/or message as well. Please include the year(s) when you taught at SMA.

Special Invitation



Want to see your teachers at the reunion?
We do too!

The SMAAA Board of Directors would love to extend a special, personal invitation to your teachers but, in order to do that, we need to know how to get in touch with them. Or we need them to get in touch with us.

If you are in contact with any of your teachers, and are at liberty to do so, please send their address, phone number or email address to us at SMAAANYC@gmail.com. Or, if they are more comfortable getting in touch with us directly, they may do so by writing to us at SMAAANYC@gmail.com. Only the SMAAA Board of Directors will be privy to this information.

Dues are Due!



The Dog Days of Summer are the Perfect Time to... Renew Your SMAAA Membership!

Your annual dues enable us to keep the spirit of SMA alive through our newsletter, our website, our reunions and our charitable outreach. Your dues go toward covering our operating expenses. This emailed newsletter costs money (approximately \$400/year), mailings cost money (last year's reunion mailing cost us close to \$1,000), just being in existence costs money (filing fees, website fees, etc.)

To remain a voting member of the SMAAA you must renew your membership annually. **Please become a member of the SMAAA, or renew your existing membership, by [clicking on this link](#) to fill out a "dues payment" form, and sending it along with your check for \$25 to:**

Maria Pani
99 South Street
Highland, NY 12528-2418

Please make your check payable to "SMAAA."

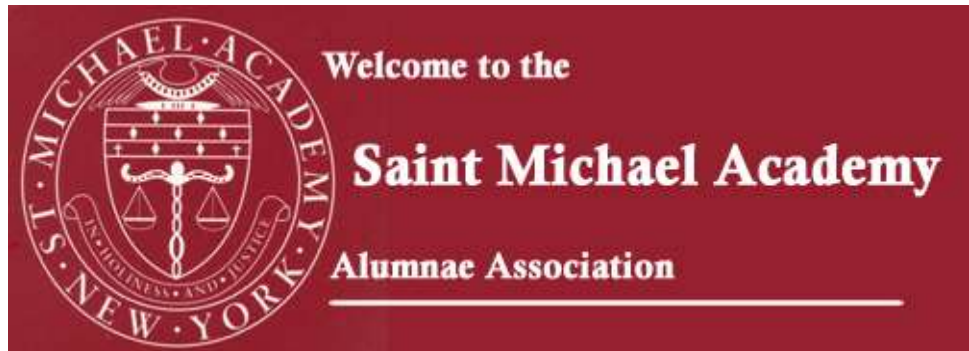
We would appreciate it if you would forward this email to all of your SMA classmates and/or post it to your Facebook page. ("Nothing can our union sever!")

Dues paid to the Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association (SMAAA). are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to the *Saint Michael Academy Charitable Foundation*, please make a separate check payable to **SMA Charitable Foundation** and mail to Maria Pani, 99 South Street, Highland, NY 12528-2418.

The **SMA Charitable Foundation's** mission is to provide scholarships to low income girls to attend Catholic high schools in the New York metropolitan area.

SaintMichaelAcademy.com



Visit us at www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com and let the good times roll!

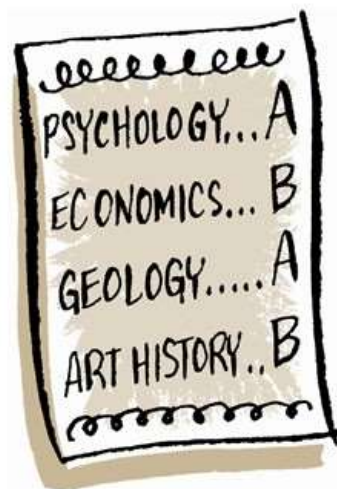
Make sure to register, so that you can begin to connect with your classmates.
Read past newsletters and keep current with all of the SMAAA news.

We find ourselves when we find each other.
Come find yourself at www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com.

Archived Newsletters

Are you new to "The Michaelight"? If you are interested in reading past editions, please visit our website (www.saintmichaelacademy.com), click on "Newsletters" and catch up on what you've missed! While you're there, please register. By doing that, you can start to connect with your classmates. "See" you there!

Need your school transcript?
Please call Kenya in the
St. Michael Parish Office
(212-563-2547)
and she will help you!



Sisters of the PBVM

Might We Suggest...
that those of you who would like to ensure the legacy of Saint Michael Academy do so by [giving a donation to the Presentation Sisters](#). Please send your contribution directly to the Sisters' motherhouse, and note in the memo line that it is an SMA Donation:



Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Administration Office
84 Presentation Way
New Windsor, NY 12553-4949

A Little Help, Please!



We are missing physical addresses for the following anniversary year alums. Please help us by sending whatever information you have about them to SMAAANYC@gmail.com. Except as noted, these reunion invitations have been returned to us because the addresses we have are not correct. Please help us find...

Class of 1934

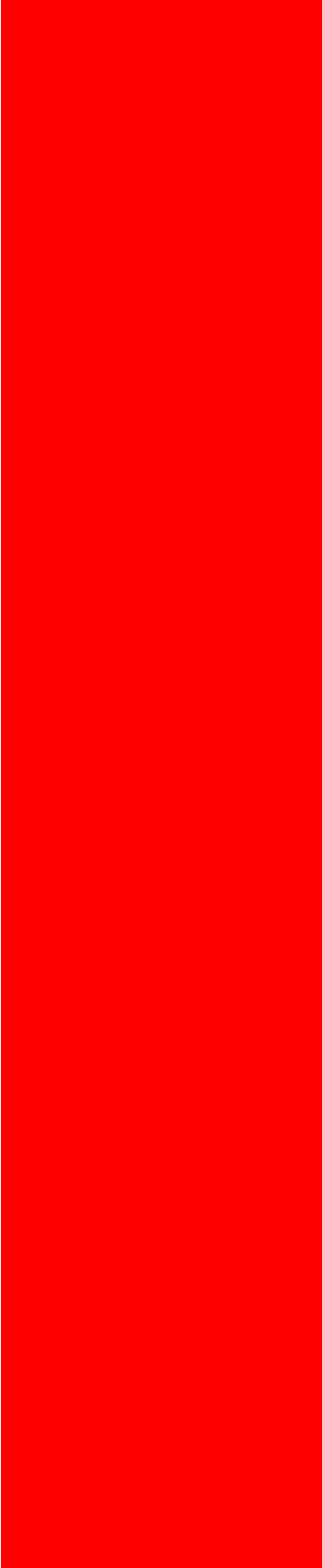
Margaret Murray Holland
Elizabeth Donoghue Timroth

Class of 1939

Frederick Hamilton
Peter McHugh
Francine Nason
Charles Ulrich
Lawrence Wisely

Class of 1944

Sarah Glennon



William Keenan
Orazio Straquadanio
Eileen Sullivan
John Tabolt

Class of 1949

Joan Armstrong Baranello
Marie Blair
Patricia Carroll
Joan Daly
Winifred Fitzpatrick
Joan Fontana
Mary Hynes
Liboria Maenza
Louise Ryan Melican
Elizabeth O'Carroll Quinn
Elizabeth Reynolds
Eileen Sanner Ryan
Marilyn Sara
Anna Tesio

Class of 1954

Evelyn Bernhard
Susan Bruen
Helen Burrell
Barbara Buscaglia
Agnes Carroll
Anne Cregan
Maureen Flynn
Lorraine Kehoe
Elizabeth Birmingham Kerrane
Florence Laureira
Kathryn Maksym
Peggy Horan McCarthy
Irene McDermott
Dorothy McGuinness
Angelina Messina
Helen Morris
Barbara Neary
Joan Parisi
Delia Petrullo
Rachel Redes
Wilma Russell
Anita Markuske Sequino
Dorothy Smith



Class of 1959

Carmen Julie Burgos
Phyllis Pizzuto Connell
Irene Farrell
Veronica Feger
Winifred Forkan
Victoria Gerber
Patricia Sheridan Lay-Elfstrom
Nancy Mangiaracina
Patricia Tenzycki
Elizabeth Timko

Class of 1964

Celeste Ciarletti
Joan Corbett
Marie Giacini
Anne Logan
Bernadette Tanahey McGlone
Anne Marie McKiernan
Dolores Meckl
Alida Motylewsky Ryerson
Maryanne Shortell
Mary Toskas
Sherry Uhl

These women from the Class of '64 were not on our mailing list at all...

Janette Adams
Ann Bianchi
Margaret Burke
Theresa Cannizzaro
Christine Cosentino
Josephine Curcio
Charlotte Cuzzoni
Patricia Dobbins
Roberta Dwyer
Rosemary Ferrara
Carole Frank Comeau
Jill Frankenberry
Donna Goeller
Sharon Haddock
Michele Husar
Celestine Lamula
Maura Lavelle
Nancy Lawrence
Patricia Lopez

Josiane Lozach
Eugenia Maloney Blood
Florence Marcinkowski
Barbara Martin Clark
Virginia McElroy
Helene McShane
Rose Moy
Maureen Murray
Patricia O'Rourke
Gail Quinn
Rosemarie Redes Thomspou
Elizabeth Rivera
Linda Robleski
Isabel Saez
Arlene Seid
Regina Snyder
Christina Stogniew
Maureen Thomas
Cira Virga
Linda Zerneck Darlow

Class of 1969

Velina DeLeon Andrews
Josephine Busutil
Kathy Colaci
Diana Espino
Deborah Fleischer
Claudia Flowers
Lillian Garcia
Katie Walsh Matlack
Donna Mortensen
Kathleen Leonard Rebeck
Diana Caunedo Ward
Laura Weinberg
Terry Jallorina Yah

Class of 1974

Anna Barros
Lorraine Barros
Jeanne Baverstock
Nanette Bilbao
Patricia Fries Bohan
Diane Campbell
Susan Miller DeAngelis
Joan Fonte
Linda Wieland Henry



Diane Johnson-Pierre
Elizabeth Knoop
Carolyn Martinelli
Felicia Polk
Caridad Rodriguez
Deborah Shannon
Patricia Weber
Mary Weininger

These women from the Class of '74 were not on our mailing list at all...

Barbara Barden
Kathleen Bivona
Carol Brigando
Donna Cabage
Karen Cain
Patricia Conroy
Kathleen Davidson
Madeline Del Toro
Deborah Dillulio
Tara Doherty
Teresa Fraser
Mary Genuard
Josephine Gibilaro
Diane Gercich
Lenora Grcic
Enercida Guerrero
Alicia Gretchel
Julie Haynes
Sheila Hughes
Mercedes Irimia
Mary Ann Keane
Patricia Kobik
Patti Lott
Carol Lugo
Carolyn Lu
Lorraine Luciano
Eileen Mackey
Barbara Maikisch
Lillian Mandes
Doris Marchica
Karen McCarthy
Maureen McGrail
Kathleen McKernan
Kathy Murphy
Marianne Mutoli

Mirela Nacinovic
Jennifer Nieves
Teresa Ning
Elizabeth O'Connor
Grisell Orosa
Kazia Osekowski
Suzanne Peter
Nadia Pidhajecky
Silvia Pietrantonio
Wilma Portabales
Lois Pugliese
Flor Rodriguez
Brenda Rogers
Tina Rosa
Cathy Rozek
Kathy Ruddy
Deborah Scarna
Karen Seib
Pat Sicardi
Mary Ellen Simon
Angela Stabile
Lorraine Stephanysyn
Rosemary Yurack
Patricia Zymny

Class of 1979

Karen Aiello
Maria Araujo
Dawn Kenyon Buzzo
Ana Pat Castro
Carolyn Coen
Luz Santana Crismali
Delia O'Donnell Everett
Linda Garrett
Therese Beglane Maier
Sheila McGrail
Lisa Sgalardi McHugh
Teresa Gentile Mullen
Marie Murphy
Linda Ramirez
Lisa Rogers
Helen Rojas
Linda Sidran
Elisa Andujar Sulzer
Mary O'Grady Wipf

**Class of 1984**

Katherine Appello
Evelyn Ayala
Jennifer Bonesteel
Deborah Wagner Bonilla
Mei Yuk Chan
Ana Chapman
Frances Chisolm
Colleen D'Ambrosio
Augra Davis
Karen Flannery
Pat Sbarra Frattini
Irene Hanley
Lisa Kelly
Pamela Lynch
Michele Main
Latha Balasubramanian Manivannan
Elizabeth Ferreira Marino
Judy Tiffrere Martinez
Linda Castro Mole
Nancy Murillo
Carla Sarti Rodriguez
Doreen Roina
Theresa Stacy
Ann Marie Staveris

Class of 1989

Gilma Alvarez
Marlene Briones
Cecilia Calquhoun
Rosa Chungata
Jane Ciciliato
Colleen Coffey
Loriann Heller
Isabelle LeGall
Jacqueline Morel
Maria Pichardo
Sabrina Pinckney
Ileana De La Cruz Reyes
Kimberly Reynolds
Martha Salgado
Ada Sepulveda
Nancy Steimel
Regina Daley Sturles
Elisha Tillmon
Mary Velez

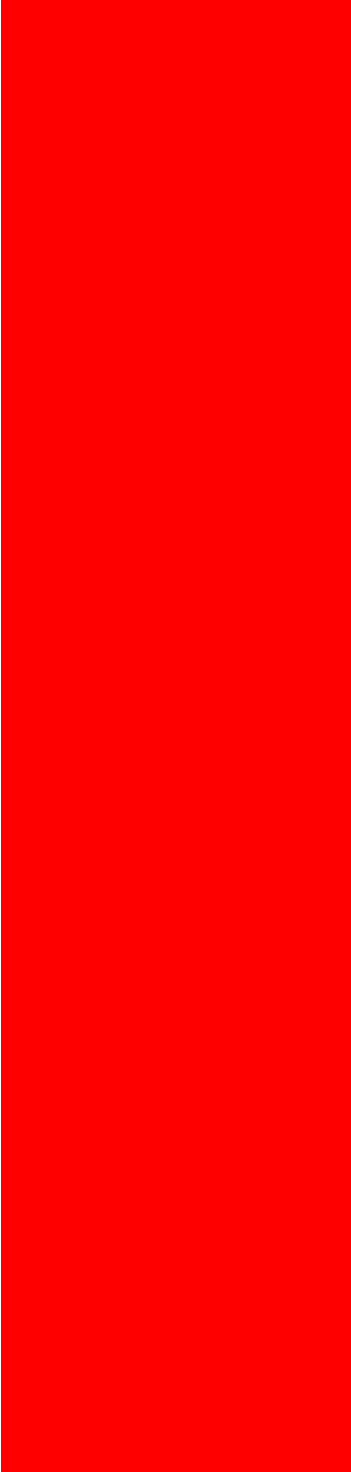
Keisha Williams
Rosemarie Sultana Xuereb

These women from the Class of '89 were not on our mailing list at all...

Katrina Alvarado
Marilyn Bernardino
Leslie Bunces
Neriza Candelario
Indira Chaitoo
Indra Chaitoo
Aida Colon
Kimberley Date
Betty Duroseau
Martiza Erazo
Wanda Ferrer
Carine Gabriel on
Nancy Gonzalez
Twana Harper
Michele Martinez
Sharon McLaughlin
Irene O'Hagan
Sabrina Peacock
Marisol Quinones
Sandra Ramos
Charlene Rapelyea
Mary Rios
Dolly Rodriguez
Josephine Rodriguez
Marie Roker
Diane Salmon
Janet Scobie
Janice Scobie
Lisha Tinsley
Helen Tourloukis
Helena Wimberley
Pamela Woodley

Class of 1994

Estenyer Acosta
Magdeline Baranco
Allison Cooper Barcun
Marta Castaneda
Venus Garcia
Daphne Goodwin
Gina Grace



Fatima Haney
Tara Hernandez
Malaysia Negron
Radoika Pascasio

Class of 1999

Jennifer Barceno
Melinda Bory
Analeah Charles
Eulia Charles
Maria Chavez
Stephanie Santa Cruz
Diane Exinvil
Brandee Freeman
Deja Jeter
Persia Koppelson
Alison Mitchell
Gina Pacheco
Danessy Pico
Yasmin Planas
Sandra Robles
Deseri Rosa
Jameela Simmons
Jacquelyn Leon Soon

Class of 2004

Rebecca Chan
Francis Wilder

We also have precious little information for the graduates from 2000 to 2010. If you can help us to fill in some of those blanks by sending us contact information for them, we would be very grateful. Please know that this information is never shared with anyone outside of the SMA family.

Send to SMAAANYC@gmail.com

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