



**Lowell High School Class of 1974
50th Reunion Class Survey
September 7, 2024**



Susan Adams

I currently live in Sacramento.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Seville, Spain.

I am currently Divorced and my partner's name is N/A. We've been together .

Kids: I have 4 kids and 12 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Nurse Practitioner (clinician), Professor (UC Davis Schools of nursing and medicine) and former politician.. Writing, painting, traveling and putting in time with granny nanny duty.

I remember: Cheering for our teams as a song girl. School dances. Gymnastics team competitions. Debate team. Mr. Koenig's physics class. Learning Spanish which led to my retirement dream of living in Spain for a while after retirement.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I would have been surprised that I was a politician for a time and a bass player/vocalist in a SF pop band for a couple of years. My 17 yr old self would not have been surprised by my career in health care and education.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Enjoy having a young body with a great metabolism and fully functioning joints. LOL

Also...take more time to enjoy the beauty in nature and the joy of receiving long hugs from kids and grandkids.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

WOW! How quickly did those 50 years go by? While my exterior has changed significantly, the 17 year old girl on the inside still makes a showing...and I can still see the 17 yr old kids in my friends! Thankful to have made it this far when so many of our friends and classmates have not.

David Allison

I currently live in Santa Rosa CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Santa Rosa CA

St John USVI.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Robin Allison. We've been together 20+ years.

Kids: I have Two Sons kids and Three Granddaughters

Three Grandsons grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Scientist at Genentech (SSF) in the Dept. of Clinical Pharmacology supporting the development of targeted bio-drugs for the treatment of cancer in adults and children.. Cat herder

I remember: Drama productions with Joe Tanzi

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I would be writing about attending our 50th reunion on a ~iPhone~ using artificial intelligence that is connected to a thing called ~The Internet~ via something called ~WiFi~ that I wouldn't even know about if it wasn't for a ~FaceBook~?

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Invest in iPhones, Artificial Intelligence, and something called The Internet, WiFi, and a FaceBook

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Enjoy!

Joe Armenta

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Widowed. .

Kids: I have 3 kids and 4 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. I.T.. Not I.T.

I remember: Dances, Lake Merced, Peanut Butter Cookies

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I'm still here

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't worry so much, about anything.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Keep On Truckin'!

Joni Dills Atkinson

I currently live in Port Orchard, Washington.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Hmmmm, I don't think I've actually lived in an exotic place, unless you count St. Francis Woods or in the avenues in San Francisco..

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Steve. We've been together 44 years Aug. 16th!.

Kids: I have 1 kids and 0 :-(not yet anyway) grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. I opened Simply Stated Photography (you can still see some work on Facebook....) I still do photography for Puget Sound Honor Flight working with Veterans, and now working at my wildlife photography from several Africa trips.. Going back to Africa again in Mar 2025. I am calling my retirement REFIREMENT and hope to play more with my personal projects in photography.

Miss seeing our son Nelson who is 31 and living in So. CA.

I remember: Ms Murphy my homeroom teacher and friend, still in contact with Pat and I. I remember smoking in the girl's room and getting caught by a PE Teacher. Opps.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I quit smoking when I was 67. It was really hard and still is. I'm planning on not smoking in my next life. lol

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

There is a long road ahead, start saving now, because the house you may want to buy might have an 18% interest rate. Seriously, save now for those rainy days too. You might just move to WA.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

So nice having the fb page to keep in touch. Those that are past commodore sloat elementary school classmates, I am still friends with Lynn Greer (Rovegno). She also moved to WA. We've been bff's since 2nd grade!

Judy Auerbach

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Partnered and my partner's name is Mark. We've been together 10.

Kids: I have None of my own. I love other people's children. kids and Ditto. grandchildren and Ditto. great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm still working at my career. I am a sociologist by training (PhD from UC Berkeley) working as an independent consultant and as Adjunct Professor in the School of Medicine at UCSF, with a focus on HIV and related health and social issues. Throughout my career, I've worked at the nexus of science and policy. I have held leadership positions in academic, governmental, national and community-based organizations in Philadelphia, Washington DC, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. My ongoing work involves facilitating, leading, and advancing research, program, and policy linkages in areas of HIV and other infectious diseases, women's health, and global public health, with an emphasis on promoting strategic visioning and constructive collaboration across disciplines and sectors in the U.S. and globally. My key focus is integrating social science perspective in biomedical research and health policy and enhancing community-engaged research. I also serve as a mentor to early and mid-career individuals, particularly those seeking non-traditional professional options. I participate on numerous high-level advisory bodies (e.g., the Scientific Advisory Board of the U.S. Government's global HIV/AIDS program) and I continue to publish and present scholarly work.. I like to say that I am in the phase of "peri-retirement," by which I mean I am exhibiting some of the symptoms but not the full-blown condition. I still work for income (and do lots of volunteer work), but I have pared back on my consulting work to have greater balance between work and personal life, and I aim to select activities that are truly meaningful, not just income-producing. I am lucky to be able to split my time between the city (San Francisco) and the country (San Anselmo), which means enough of both active urban life and quiet time in nature. As I age, I find it most important to spend quality time with family and friends. I imagine continuing on this path for some time to come.

I remember: I absolutely loved Flossie Lewis. She respected her young students as thoughtful human beings.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I am still the same size as I was in high school.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Start saving for your retirement as soon as you can.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I have kept in touch with a bunch of my Lowell friends, and I am so impressed by everything they have accomplished and contributed to society.

Lou Barberini

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Twain Harte (1979).

I am currently Other. .

These days, I'm still working at my career. It's on LinkedIn

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't wait a friend to return from a beer run.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

In the spring semester, we had the teachers' strike. Some of us went drinking down to the lake. Hondo went for a beer run. He never came back and I never left. The crowd thinned out.

Now I find out the strike ended and everyone graduated? And I missed graduation and a life after because, I was still waiting for Hondo and the beer? This really messed up my rÃ©sumÃ©.

I have noticed recently that I really don't remember the new people hanging around the lake from any of my classes at Lowell.

Debra Corrigan Barfield

I currently live in Park City, Utah and part-time in Sun Valley, Idaho..

The most exotic place I've lived in: Germany.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Bruce Corrigan. We've been together 43.

Kids: I have 3 .

These days, I'm Other. I have had several careers and still do - all of them connected and some overlapping. I have been a commercial graphic designer and Art Director for the past 45 years, I still practice Fine Art, and I own restaurant businesses which my husband and I founded over 30 years ago - two are in Park City and one is in Downtown Salt Lake City. I am in my 24th year of teaching in the Park City School District where I teach an Advanced Professional Studies Digital Print Design at PCHS and 7th grade Art and Digital Design at the middle school. I have also taught online high school Art for the state of Utah since COVID throughout the year. I also own a wedding and events floral business that keeps me busy, especially in the summers.. I love what I do and have no plans to retire anytime soon. I have great resources, support, equipment, budgets, friends and facilities at both of my schools and LOVE teaching and inspiring students.

I remember: Maybe not my favorite, but certainly memorable was when Mike Scafani, Robert Polk and Dave Lopez rode motorcycles through the school starting upstairs coming in from "the bridge" while designated students opened the stairwell doors for them to ride down the stairs and outside into the courtyard. Also the Song Girl routine we performed to "Green Onions" at the rally.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

My 17-year-old self would be surprised that I am a highly respected high school teacher who pushes my students and frowns upon them when they cut my class- something I used to do all the time!

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Follow your passions and do your best to help and be kind to others.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Mary Barsony

I currently live in Northern California.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Budapest, Hungary, my birthplace.

However, I've travelled the world to most of the great observatories as an astrophysicist and had the privilege of observing on some amazing telescopes, including the Mt. Wilson 100-inch above Pasadena,

the Hale 200-inch on Palomar mountain, Kitt Peak National Observatory's 2.4 and 4.0-meter telescopes, the now defunct NRAO's 12-meter and FCRAO's 14-meter millimeter telescopes, the Very Large Array in New Mexico, the 10-meter Keck telescopes, Caltech Submillimeter Observatory, James Clerk Maxwell Telescope -- all atop Mauna Kea in Hawaii; the Nobeyama Millimeter Array in Japan, Caltech's Owens Valley Radio Observatory's millimeter array. Then there are the Chilean telescopes: The Magellan 6.0-meter and the Cerro-Tololo Interamerican Observatory's 4.0-meter, and, of course, the space-based observatories

including Hubble, Webb, Chandra, and Spitzer. Glad to have been born in the "space-age"..

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Michael F. Kozart, M.D., Ph.D.. We've been together 35.

Kids: I have 0 -- 1 house rabbit .

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. Astrophysicist, specializing in star-formation research. Check out my June 2024 Press Conference on some spectacular recent research results at the 244th meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Madison, WI, as recorded on YouTube. There are four presentations at this Press Briefing, mine is the first and lasts only 10 minutes. Enjoy!

https://www.youtube.com/live/-o_KOAKDDeg?si=GMT02LwN4DWj6XxvA. Involved in AAUW's Tech Trek summer week-long STEM camp for middle school girls as fundraiser, astronomy workshop instructor, and strategic planner at the State level. Still dabbling in astronomy research and giving public lectures on astronomy to various groups. Also garden, can fruits and veggies from our garden, and weight train.

I remember: Mrs. Lewis, our English teacher extraordinaire -- went to her 100th birthday celebration in Oakland this July!

I enjoyed Mr. Roemer's math class. I did not enjoy having an embalmed snake put down my back in Biology. The early 1970's were a crazy, but fun, time.

Fun story: I did not graduate off-stage because I couldn't believe our class voted to have the ceremonies inside Cow Palace instead of outside at beautiful Stern Grove on the chance it might rain (in June, in SF, really?)

Those who didn't graduate on stage had to come by the principal's office on another day to retrieve their diplomas. Being rather impatient, I couldn't keep waiting, so I climbed in the window of the principal's office,

found the box with the diplomas, dug down to the bottom to get mine, just when the key is inserted in the office door from the outside. Oops! Had to get in line and receive my diploma, with the handshake, in turn from the principal. (Sorry, I'm blanking on his name.)

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Not much.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

I wasn't listening to any advice as my 17-year-old self, so there's not much I could say to her.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Keep on truckin'

Bruce Batten

I currently live in Rehoboth Beach, DE.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Hawaii - Schofield Barracks for my first Army Assignment.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Elizabeth. We've been together 23.

Kids: I have 2 from prior Marriages kids and 1 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. I spent 23 Years in the Army and then 23 years in HR for Defense Contractors.. Volunteer at the local Hospital, volunteer guiding job seekers, enjoy water aerobics and pool volleyball. I am also on the Condo Board. Enjoy local activities like trivia, bingo, and Karaoke.

I remember: I always enjoyed participating in the band for the musicals Guys and Dolls and the Boyfriend. I remember the Band Director - Paul Zahtilla as well as the JROTC instructor Mac Yoshida. Both of them were great at guiding me. Helen Cross was an awesome homeroom teacher. The Football games were fun - especially senior year when the band went on the field at half time to provide some humorous entertainment. Thanks for the memories!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Probably that I live in Delaware!

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Treasure and nurture the friendships from Lowell.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Looking back, I enjoyed my time at Lowell and the friends I made during that time. I enjoy keeping up via the Facebook Lowell Class of 74 page and the alumni page. I miss being at the reunion and will be thinking of you! Have fun!

Angela Bau

I currently live in El Cerrito, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Internship at Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, MA (of Helen Keller/Annie Sullivan fame) when I went through grad program at Boston College

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I am currently Partnered and my partner's name is David Schwartz. We've been together 18.

These days, I'm Retired. Worked in the field of visual impairment 42 years, both with adults and youth, in various settings: contractor with adult rehab agencies, UCB Low Vision Clinic, school districts--involved with case management, consulting, training staff, & teaching adaptive skills & use of the long cane to students/clients. Published an article: Providing Culturally Competent Services to Visually Impaired Persons. Also simultaneously taught ESL to adults for 15 years.

. Just retired 2 years ago from 20 years as a Visual Impairment Specialist with Berkeley Unified. Continuing to do what I enjoyed even while working:

--being a part of a hula many hours a week (centerforinternationaldance.org) these last 18 years: learning & performing Hawaiian hula/Tahitian E`ori as well deep dives into the language, cosmology, regalia, culture, ceremonies, rituals, etc.

--traveling to over 25+ countries (most notable: Iran/Uzbekistan/Turkmenistan & Mali)

--working with Berkeley Unified's Asian Diaspora advocacy group (currently, promoting ethnic studies curriculum), as well as other Asian Diaspora groups

--working on self-healing, understanding intergenerational trauma & living as a BIPOC in this country

--various art & writing projects

--getting up to trails in the woods, or the ocean when I can

I remember: --being on the newspaper & yearbook crew, & the encouragement of Ms. Shafer

--Ms. Gloria Dati, who was harsh, but nurtured my love of writing

â€“Kermesse: the multicultural fair

--typing class

â€“hotpants

â€“hanging out in the halls, during free block periods

â€“playing gin rummy in Reg., Every Morning

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

that I'm able to perform/dance on big stages, when I was So Shy back then :)

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

â€“in spite of your mom being sick & passing away that summer, just continue doing Wonderful You, & pursue dreamsâ€”many do come true!â€“

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Enjoyed all my dear friends there, & wondering what many are up to now: Mavis Chan, Debbie Mack, Donna Dittman, Susan Ahn, A-lan vonHornlein, Gita Patel, etc.

Jamie Wells Behrendt

I currently live in Kentfield, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Inverness, IL.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Joe. We've been together 41.

Kids: I have 5 (2 children of ours & 3 awesome step-children) kids and 5 step-grandchildren grandchildren and 2 step great granddaughters born this spring 2 months apart great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm Retired. I was employed by United Airlines in IT for 9 years, HR for 2 years while living in the Chicago area, then several retail jobs in Marin for fun! I also had various non-profit volunteer positions, as well as volunteering at both of my children's schools from the pre-k to college levels.. Swimming, hiking, reading, dining out & traveling - we love the Hawaiian islands & European vacations.

I remember: I did well in algebra, geometry, biology, Spanish & linguistics, but did not like U.S. history AT ALL. Liked the modular scheduling & open campus to go to Stonestown, the "capitol" or to visit my boyfriend, Vic Rossi, who went to Lincoln. I remember being at a school play when it started snowing outside the Carol Channing theatre & everyone went outside to see it! I also recall a male classmate "streaking" across the stage at the same theatre - no names mentioned! Some other highlights were going to school dances with my best friend, Susan Wolff, dancing with Gary Stephens to Tower of Power's "You're Still a Young Man", to junior & senior proms with our dates ("Heavenly" at the Hyatt Regency), to our all night grad night in Disneyland, and to graduation in red and white caps & gowns at the San Francisco Cow Palace, of all places!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

It started with a really fun four years at UC Berkeley & a continued good education which led me to a successful career at United Airlines. That is where I met my wonderful husband, Joe, who also worked in IT. We are proud to have raised our very successful son & daughter & feel lucky to have them living close by in the S.F. Bay Area with their wonderful partners.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

I was pretty shy back then, so I would just tell myself to be more outgoing like I have become now.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Hello to my special childhood friends Mike Levin, Debbie Nylund, Dan Mairani & Dudley Fournier.

Charlotte Berta

I currently live in Elverta, CA (Sacramento county).

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco!.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Gary Mulcahy. We've been together 27 years.

These days, I'm Retired. Software quality assurance/control

Nonprofit management

Grants/Contracts administration. Selling honey from our small apiary

Small scale farming

Keeping an eye on my aging mother

Bowling

I remember: Loved my time in the band

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I'm not currently involved in music, and that I married into an indigenous California tribe.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

I don't really know - even the mistakes I made have contributed to where I am today, and I'm pretty happy about that.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Was an avid runner, biker, and kayaker for many years, and played in a band for Contra Dances for 15 years. Arthritis has pretty well halted all that, but I'm thinking my fingers might be able to handle the accordion that's sitting in the corner of my music room. Move over Weird Al!

Faith Stallings Bettencourt

I currently live in Tracy, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Divorced and my partner's name is Laurence Bettencourt. We've been together .

Kids: I have 2 kids and 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm Retired. Worked in the ER, OR and ICU as a RN. Rose through the management ranks as a Nurse Manager, Director of Patient Care Services and ending my career as Director of Administrative Services.. I moved to Tracy about 3 years ago to be closer to my son and his family.

One of his sons is a year-around competitive soccer player. Many of my weekends are spent on the sidelines at soccer fields as both Uber driver and enthusiastic fan. Because the league "travels", I've visited many soccer fields in Northern California and throughout the Central Valley.

Since moving to an area where the weather supports gardening, I thought I'd try my hand at growing veggies, flowering shrubs, and flowers. My years at Lowell taught me much, however, not gardening. I've resigned myself to having a "brown" thumb and will leave the growing to the farmers and nurseries.

Always wanted to learn the art of quilting and have enthusiastically delved into it. I've joined a quilting guild and participate in a splinter group that donates quilts and other items we sew to various local groups. I also make greeting cards and dabble scrapbooking.

I'm creating a bucket list of other things I'd like to accomplish in the next 5 years or so. Looking forward to being adventurous and having lots of fun!

I remember: Various cliques, bake sales ad nauseum, dances, proms, football games and Turkey Day. Drill team practicing in the courtyard. Stage productions.

Teachers: Jim Pinfold, Karl Koenig, Faith Appleby, Emily Thayer, Don Richardson, and, of course, Larry Bettencourt just to name a few.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Accomplished almost every goal.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't give up! You CAN do it.

Marna Blanchard

I currently live in Between Oakland, CA and Portland,OR.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Vienna,Austria.

I am currently Widowed and my partner's name is Bernd Auer. We've been together 36 years.

Kids: I have 3 kids and 1 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Teacher and writer. Currently teaching 8th grade English, co coordinating young writers camps for Bay Area Writing Project, editing an online magazine "Digital Paper" for BAWP and writing.

I remember: Mr Roemer, math teacher and I babysat for his daughter. Mr Cooper who let his students complete his absentee ballot. Ms Scanlon's psych class and Ms Flossie Lewis' English class. Also Ms Lewis and I continued to run into Escher off and on for thirty years!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I have travelled so much and taught in five countries! Also that I am a published writer.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Follow your passion and never give up, even through the really hard times. You can do so much more, listen to your heart.

Janet Janet Savelli Bonilla

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: none other than San Francisco!!! How exotic is that!.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Juan Enrique Bonilla. We've been together 33 years.

Kids: I have 3 kids and 2 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Carrying on the family insurance business. I am the president/ceo of Basic West Ins Agency and have been involved in the insurance industry since graduating college. I hope to be able to spend more time with my family, e.g. children and grandchildren who all reside outside of California.

I remember: Many memories at Lowell, Enjoyed Theatre, dance, drama Mr. Tanzi, The Boyfriend, Guys & Dolls. Loved my Spanish classes, went on to major in Foreign Language...good starting point. Loved being a yell leader and swim meet counter, One memory that will never fade is when setting up for a school dance in the Cafeteria, we were blowing up balloons and tossing them around...unfortunately a classmate jumped up under me and knocked my front tooth loose. I ended up needing a root canal and permanent cap. At least I have not lost the tooth. Good dentistry I suppose! I loved the module schedule. I would arrange my classes so that I could walk home for lunch and watch the soap opera "All My Children." We must not forget the Pedro cardgames in the cafeteria.

I cannot believe that with all these "distractions" I was well educated.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I would still be running the family business in 2024!

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Choose your friends and peers wisely. Surround yourself with those who are a positive influence.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I hope I recognize many of you...it has been a long time!

Carol Brachna

I currently live in Pleasanton, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Widowed. .

Kids: I have Two .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Physical Therapist. Working minimally, playing more!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I am actually going to the 50th reunion!

Rosalie Bravo

I currently live in Portola Valley.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Zihuatanejo.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Andrew Feldman. We've been together 31 years.

Kids: I have 2 kids and 2 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Other. Professor, UCSF Graduate School of Nursing.

Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Emergency Department, UCSF. Partially retired. Still lecture and teach at UCSF. Currently Vice Chair of the Department of Physiological Nursing, UCSF.

I remember: Gotta have a gimmick. Friends, dance, orchestra, theater arts.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Academic career rather than a performing arts.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Hindsight is always 20/20.

Ann Brinkley

I currently live in Sacramento.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Single. .

These days, I'm Retired. Worked as a holistic chiropractor in San Francisco and director of my multi-medical disciplinary healing center: Potrero Hill Healing Arts. Retired during COVID.. I am now happily engaged as a full time artist involved in shows and open studio events in Sacramento, Chio and Sausalito. www.annbrinkleyartist.com

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Not to worry what other people think about you. AND... Listen to your intuition and follow your passions!

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

With all the negativity printed in recent years about San Francisco it is still a beautiful city and I am glad to have graduated from Lowell!

Linda Forslund Brophy

I currently live in Pleasanton.

The most exotic place I've lived in: On a ranch in Sebastopol.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Tim. We've been together 42 years.

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm Retired. Financial systems automation. Art

I remember: Sigmund Stern Grove parties

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I managed to get through college, marry, have kids. Continued to live in bay area

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't let money stop you from pursuing dreams

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Have as much fun as possible!

Lawauna Brooks Brown

I currently live in San Rsmo.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Divorced. .

Kids: I have 3 kids and 6 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Other. . Caring for disabled daughter and grandchildren. Also working on writing a book. Writing is my passion.

I remember: Being on the drill team. My math teacher when I was a sophomore.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

To pursue your dreams so that you don't have any regrets.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Going to Lowell was a beautiful experience and I am glad I had the opportunity to go there.

I did not want to attend Lowell because my friends were not going there but I am so glad my mother made me attend Lowell.

Mirta Arsenian Cali

I currently live in Redwood City, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Foster City, Ca (Woo Hoo) It's land filled. . . .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Randy. We've been together 18 Years.

Kids: I have None kids and None grandchildren and None great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. I worked in the wholesale Jewelry Business for 29 years. Now I have my own Resale License and can still help friends and family with their jewelry needs. I just enjoy doing it.. I volunteer and belong to the S.F. Auxiliary to Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford. I also do volunteer work for my Church when our annual Bazaar comes along. Once a year I hold a Gift and Jewelry Party at my home as a fundraiser and donate a portion of the sales to a local organization. I also help my husband with his Catering Business when needed.

I remember: Mr. Pinfold and Mr. Koenig (the "wholesale" King)

Loved all the Musical Productions our Drama department performed year after year. I remember how much fun it was playing "cards" on the floor in the Office hallway some afternoons. I can't forget the year that it "snowed" during one of our evening Drama Productions. It was amazing. Our "ice Skating" parties. . . marshmallows by the fire . . . yummy. Selling Hot Dogs at our football games. I got pretty good at tossing peanuts and candy up to the bleachers. The year we had a Dance where the theme was the 1920's and all had to dress accordingly. Overall. . . life at Lowell was Great.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I have a wonderful Husband, a wonderful Niece and Nephew who have now blessed me with "grand nieces and nephews". I had my mom until five years ago when she died at 93 and I still have my dad who is now 96, God bless him. I have great friends, and my health (thank God) is good. I enjoyed all of my working years from 18 years of age until I was 49. Life has been good to me.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Love your family and your friends every minute of every day. Then, when they are no longer with you, your heart and soul will be at peace and your life will be full of wonderful and happy memories.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I may not remember your name when I see you at our Reunion. . . but I'll definitely remember your "face". I'm still pretty good at that. . . ha ha

Maria Walsh Caswell

I currently live in Occidental, California.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Philip Caswell. We've been together 42.

Kids: I have 3 kids and 2 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Playing violin and viola with Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, Voices of Music, Live Oak Baroque Orchestra, Alphabet Baroque Club, and others. Also private lessons.. Not planning to retire!

I remember: My favorite teachers were Mrs. Wallach, English and Mr. Pereira, orchestra, honorable mentions to Mr. Abad and Mr. Becker. I am proud to have been on Lowell's first fencing team, coached by Ms, Duvall. I remember fondly lunches with a diverse group of friends outside the auditorium. I also remember fondly playing in the pit for Guys and Dolls.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

How boring I am, and that I live in the country, making jams and tending fruit trees when not practicing or performing.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Think before you speak: your opinions are not so important that you can't sit quietly and allow others to have a say.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Hello to you all!

Janet Janet Chang Chang-Pryor

I currently live in Alameda CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Bernardsville NJ. I'm not sure if that is very exotic, but there were some very famous people who used to live there - Malcolm Forbes, Jackie O and Meryl Streep to name a few..

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Mark Pryor. We've been together 40 years.

Kids: I have 1 .

These days, I'm Retired. I worked in tech sales and business development in Silicon Valley. I most recently managed international partnerships. And I could develop a mean PowerPoint presentation.. Lots of worldwide travel, busy knocking destinations off my bucket list. I fly a pink Piper Comanche out of Oakland airport and am absolutely enjoying the fact that I have no more work meetings!

I remember: Riding the 18 Sloat bus from the Richmond district to Lowell and hoping my friend Jim Connolly would get on at the Judah stop.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I used to drag my friends to the skating rink on 48th Avenue when in high school. Though I don't do it as often today, I still love it. Something about getting old and broken bones, etc.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

I would tell myself to go ahead and try new things. I think as a 17- year old, I didn't have as much self-confidence that I would be successful or know how to be good at something. Wish we had the internet then.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

They say the universe works in strange ways and I am completely inclined to believe this is so.

Sometime during our junior or senior year, I attended one of our dances at the Lowell gym. During the course of the evening, I danced with a boy who was smart, funny, nice-looking and an all-around good guy. Life goes on. We graduated. We grow up, get jobs, get married, have a kid, dogs, etc. We buy timeshares, etc. This friend and I discovered we owned a few

destinations in common and I often leaned on him for questions about the best ways to use the properties, etc.

Fast forward nearly four decades later and I was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. It was recommended that I go through adjuvant chemotherapy before surgery to help reduce the size of the tumor. I was supposed to have six treatments, but medication was so effective, it eliminated the tumor in four treatments.

It turns out the medication had worked amazingly well on an otherwise life-threatening diagnosis. I am extremely grateful for those pharmaceutical teams that helped develop and create this drug that saved my life.

Here's the clincher – one of the key people involved with development of that drug by Genentech was our very own Dave Allison. He was the boy I danced with in the gym. I'd like to personally thank Dave for his tireless work and am grateful I am here today to sing his praises.

Warren Chee

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Los Angeles hahaha.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Penny. We've been together 47 years.

Kids: I have 2 Boys .

These days, I'm Retired. General Dentist. Pickleball, gym classes

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

It's a surprise that life continues to offer so much to learn and enjoy

Connie Lee Chew

I currently live in San Jose, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Brady Chew. We've been together 44 yrs..

Kids: I have Two kids and Four grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Travel agent.

Jack Chie

I currently live in los altos.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Celia. We've been together 39.

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm Retired. Hard drive industry. Help younger brother with his medical practice. Caring for elderly parents.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Take more risks. Focus on enjoying today.

Aliena Cheng Chin

I currently live in South San Francisco, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Macau.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Victor. We've been together 46.

Kids: I have 2 kids and 3 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Surgical RN. Babysitting my grandchild, and mom-sitting (along with my siblings) my 93yo mom. I'm truly part of the sandwich generation.

I remember: Meeting a group of girls whom I built a friendship with, and whom I still stay in contact with today. I'm proud to have 50-60 year old friendships.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I'd encounter cancer, fight it, and win (so far).

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

PEARLS of WISDOM I've collected through the years:

- The stuff that I'm holding on to is holding onto me. It prevents me from moving forward.
- The value of something is what I am willing to pay for it.
- Autumn reminds me how beautiful it is to let t

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

It's been a pleasure to be part of our impressive graduating class of 1974. We sure have a lot of movers and shakers! May the lives we've led leave a defining mark in society for the generations to come.

Barry Chin

I currently live in The Sunset District of San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Lisa, also a Lowellite but a later class.. We've been together 32.

Kids: I have 2, neither went to Lowell but that's ok. kids and 0, so far grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. I've enjoyed a career with many twists and turns. I graduated from Cal Berkeley in Architecture, became a licensed architect and co-authored several professional books. I opened and left several architectural practices in the Bay Area eventually joining the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) at a time when it was beginning to expand away from its original campus. I planned and managed the construction of many of its new buildings including research facilities, medical centers, and housing towers. I also managed the revitalization of the San Mateo Community College campus. Looking back, I am pleased that I was able to provide a supportive environment for healing, learning, research and living for many.. I'm currently serving on a number of boards for a non-profit. In between, I travel, do woodworking, photography and tend to my pre-war house in the Sunset District not far from Lowell.

I remember: I fondly remember sitting on the floor by the windows near the main office chatting with friends.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

My 17-year-old self would be surprised at how I now define success. At 17, success was measured in desired accolades, achievements and works meeting my personal vision of what should be. This would eventually mature into a desire to understand how others define success to act as a driver for action.

Also, that I would not move away but end up staying in San Francisco to try to make it a better place.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Take advantage of as many experiences one is offered as they come by.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

On reflection, at 50 years from graduation, most of us are completing our journeys. Whatever we were to do or become has been done. As a group we have lived through an

interesting period in history. We were the cohort that learned how to use computers and transition from paper to digital. Yet we knew how to read a paper map, write a letter in cursive, and knew the value of physically showing up to work every day. We also could discuss current events and disagree on politics without rancor.

For those of you who have moved away from San Francisco, I'm sad to report it's not the same place we all grew up in. Outwardly, many parts seem unchanged from the day we graduated, but those who have moved here to gradually replace those we knew have brought a different vibe. We almost lost Lowell as a unique place for academic excellence to those who viewed it as a prize to be seized and not a challenge for those with unique abilities.

From the classmates I've bumped into through the years and the stories in the annual newsletter, it seems that our class has held up its end of the Lowell reputation. I think our society is better for our efforts.

I look forward to reading your stories.

Joan Chin

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Hong Kong.

I am currently Other and my partner's name is Geoff Lime. We've been together 27 years.

Kids: I have zero kids and zero grandchildren and zero great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. office administration; corporate banker; small business management consultant; finance manager; tour guide. Longest-tenured and only remaining original tour guide at Oracle nAe Pacific Bell Park. We tour guides like to say that Buster Posey's our boss...

I remember: That long walk from the M bus stop down Eucalyptus Drive. We always seemed to be rushing to get to class on time so I had to walk really fast to keep up with my friends who were mostly taller. I still have a tendency to walk fast and have to consciously slow down for others to keep up...

Deciding to continue with Spanish when others dropped the class

Passing swim test by only having to get across the width of one side of Larson Pool (I think time was running out as a result of the teachers' strike so the test was easier)

Solidifying friendships from as far back as elementary school and also making new friends with whom I'm still in touch

Graduating from the Cow Palace; Grad Night at Disneyland

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Twenty-five years and counting at any job, let alone discovering my avocation.

That my faith in God which was new then has grown, been tested, developed, evolved and is my firm foundation.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't hesitate to speak up, ask questions and seek help. It's okay to not go along with the crowd.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Stay well, enjoy life, treasure every moment and... GO GIANTS!!!

Billy Chow

I currently live in Menlo Park, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Hong Kong.

I am currently Married. 37 years.

Kids: I have 3 .

These days, I'm Retired. Software development.. Pickleball and volunteered work.

I remember: Mr. Peter Dahl AP Chem class. AP Math and Mr. Abad. Mr. Becker and Mr Stark for AP Physics.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I am still actively running around and still have closed friends from the Lowell days.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Go for it.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Life is great. Appreciate and enjoy everyone around you.

Frank Choy

I currently live in San Diego.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Berkeley CA.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Patricia Yoshimura

Lowell Class of '75. We've been together 51.

Kids: I have none .

These days, I'm Retired. Private practice anesthesiologist at Saint Francis Memorial Hospital

San Francisco. Just relax with plenty of time for jiu-jitsu, surfing, windsurfing, music and traveling with Patty

I remember: All the great "Lowellites" I knew. Mr. Pinfold, Mr. Braunreiter, Mr. Jow and of course Coach Burns. The drama department productions especially "Guys & Dolls" who knew we were surrounded by so much talent!

Open campus with the freedom to drive my parents car to Herb's deli for you know what, and to Westlake A&W on coney dog day. \$.05 each!!

The courtyard, the "pit", the library and Mr. Mosely, and the hallways.

Going to dances in the gym with "Jest Jammin" and "Maharlika".

Lowell spirit and Lowell pride.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Finally grew up.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Grow up!

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Happy to see so many I have not seen in decades. Sad to not see Classmates and friends who are gone like Bruce Barker and Steve Green.

Regina Ng Chu

I currently live in Davis, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is George Chu. We've been together 48 years.

Kids: I have 3 kids and 1 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Working part time as staff hospital pharmacist. Now: working per diem as hospital pharmacist, grandmothering a newborn, caring for our dog, global adventure traveling, masters swimming, running/hiking, cross country skiing/snowshoeing, cycling, reading/lifelong learning, simple healthy cooking, volunteer ushering.

Plan to: take dance classes (ballet, ballroom), become fluent in spanish, take piano lessons

I remember: Teaching at a high standard with many excellent teachers, spending time with friends and having fun, playing tennis and being part of the team

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

My younger self would be surprised with the life choices I have made and the calculated risks I have taken.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Embrace the challenges

Ken Chun

I currently live in Millbrae, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Suzanne. We've been together 22 years.

Kids: I have 3 - ages 20 (girl), 18 (girl), 17 (boy) .

These days, I'm still working at my career. CURRENT: QA/QC Construction Inspector at Stanford University

PREVIOUS: Independent consultant - HVAC temperature controls, building commissioning authority. In addition to working full time as a QA/QC Construction Inspector at Stanford University, I have a part time business operating a martial arts class in Redwood City teaching the system of Wing Chun kung fu.

I remember: The independence of an open campus and the mod schedule. Hanging out with friends in Stonestown and Sigmund Stern Grove during free time.

Playing spades at the tables in the courtyard.

Not a favorite memory, but I remember the food in the cafeteria and beanery was terrible!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I had a pretty "colorful" life!

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Take school more seriously - study harder instead of doing the minimum.

Prepare accordingly to do more international travel and see the world to learn from other countries and cultures.

Try to get employment overseas to make it easier to travel. Learn

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Luckily I still have a pretty good memory and remember many fond moments of fun times with my classmates that I will cherish forever.

Looking forward to reconnecting at the reunion and beyond!

Richard Claveria

I currently live in SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO.

The most exotic place I've lived in: DENVER, COLORADO.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is EILEEN. We've been together 15.

Kids: I have 3 kids and 1 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. ORTHOHPEDIC SURGEON. WORK AS PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL

I remember: COACH BURNS

TROUBLE GREG SKOVER YEAR AHEAD OF US

GREAT BUDDY JORGE DEQUESADA

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

CANNOT DO IT ON WILL POWER ALONE

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

TEAMWORK, USE YOUR FRIENDS, WORRY LESS ABOUT ADOLESCENCE

Lisa Coughlin Clay

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Don Clay. We've been together 46.

Kids: I have 3 kids and 2 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. I worked as a trial lawyer for the SF City Attorney's Office for my whole career as a lawyer, handling a variety of subjects, but mostly child abuse cases.. I am very busy spending time with my family, seeing friends and colleagues, walking at Ocean Beach, traveling a lot and serving as a mentor for high school students at an SFUSD High School (not Lowell). I also serve on boards of organizations dedicated to helping kids.

I remember: Taking Honors and AP English classes from Flossie Lewis and Anne Wallach.

Being a TA in Geometry for Paul Abad.

Maurice Englander's English class.

Barbara Prato and the girls tennis team.

Dances in the gym.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Many things.

She would be surprised that her very shy 17-year old self, who was terrified of public speaking, would have become a trial lawyer.

She would also be surprised that her 17-year old self, someone who was not a leader at Lowell, has served on the LAA Board of Directors for more than 30 years and as President for 25 years.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

My 17-year old self would not understand this at all, but I would tell her to "do what makes you happy. It's completely unimportant what other people think. Don't waste a minute worrying about the opinions of others and don't look to them for yo

Kelly Cline

I currently live in Woodland Hills, California.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Boston, Massachusetts =).

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Sharon Cline. We've been together 48 years.

Kids: I have 3 kids and 2 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Presently serving as a business executive at Disney Television. My early career was as a television production lawyer for Twentieth Century Fox, then a business and legal executive for the FX Network and National Geographic Channel.. My retirement starts in January of 2026. We have extensive travel plans and will relocate to the DC area to be close to children and grandchildren.

I remember: Its a long time ago for specifics, but the movie in my mind of the people and places at Lowell, makes me very happy.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That after high school I would never live in San Francisco again, and rarely have occasion to visit.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't take a class in Physics as a senior, it will hurt your GPA.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

It is wonderful to have this reunion and to take a moment to reflect back on a special chapter of life.

Tammy Cagnetta

I currently live in Altadena, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Zurich, Switzerland (spent a year there learning German, teaching piano at an international school and surviving a failed relationship)!.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Ken Kurisu. We've been together 14 years (we dated after college for a while, then reconnected 25 years later)!.

Kids: I have Noneâ€”but I taught a few thousand! kids and None grandchildren .

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. I was a high school band director and swim coach for 31 years, and prior to that taught instrumental music at the elementary and junior high level for 7 years. After retiring in 2018 I dusted off my viola and have been playing with various orchestras and chamber groups ever since! I have also acquired a few adult voice and piano students.

I remember: Many of my favorite memories are of playing with the orchestra and forming a string quartet with my girlfriends. Watching our talented thespians put on amazing performances was always a treat, and cheering for our football team was a fall season favorite pastime! Getting to swim for Lowell was a highlight of my senior yearâ€”even if it WAS on the boysâ€™ team â€”and we won CIF that year! Prom and Grad Night were both amazing. At the Prom everyone looked so grown-up, glamorous and ready for adulthood. And after lining up in the stalls of the Cow Palace (oh, waitâ€”the Grand National Exposition Pavillion) to march out for graduation we boarded a plane to fly to Disneyland for Grad Nightâ€”for under \$50!!!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I didnâ€™t start college planning to be a teacher and a coach, but thatâ€™s how I turned outâ€”enjoying the same two favorite subjects of my high school yearsâ€”music and swim!

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Time will pass quicker than you think, so enjoy each day to its fullest!

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I just want to have people say I havenâ€™t changed a bit (haha)! But in all seriousness, I am so proud of all the accomplishments of my classmates and the positive changes they have made in this world! And I hope we will all be back together in ten yearsâ€¦..

Roxanne Spiegelman Cohn

I currently live in Sausalito, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Sausalito!.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Stan Cohn. We've been together Going on 40 years!.

Kids: I have 3 .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Real Estate, Sales, Mother of three, Artist (abstract painter). Paint more and travel the world ðŸŒŽ

I remember: Was so happy to transfer from Washington High School to Lowell! Relaxed vibe! Loved studying literature and the speed reading class, as well as so much more! The faculty was so invested in the students. It was palpable.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

How much there is to accomplish in this life!

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Graduated in January instead of June. Started college right away. Too soon. Was very young. Should have soaked up more of the Lowell High School experience!

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Unfortunately cannot join due to a conflict, but our 40th was awesome at the Legion of Honor!

Wishing everyone the best! So proud to be an alumnae of Lowell, as was my mother, aunts, and many other family members!

James Connolly

I currently live in Franklin, MA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: "A Man's Place" shelter, formerly located at Fremont and Harrison.

I am currently Partnered and my partner's name is Diane. We've been together 19.

Kids: I have 1 kids and 1 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Construction, US Army, Chemist, Real Estate clerk, Cook, Retail, Mechanic, Construction. Retired. Go to lots of Dr. appts.

I remember: Mrs. Lewis English. Mr. Feibush and the Soccer Team. The Trestle.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

The extent of my immiseration over the years.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Stay away from that woman!

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

One hopes everybody has a sense of humour.

Jesse Cottonham

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Oakland.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Pally. We've been together Married 46 years.

Kids: I have Two adult children kids and Four grandchildren grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Retired from PG&E after 35 years.. I'm now a full time campus pastor for NBCC

I remember: Hanging out in the quad with all of my friends, playing cards

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I'm in ministry full time.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Trust yourself. Doubt is a dream killer.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

The greatest joy is still being in love with my high school sweetheart Pally and being a granddad to four awesome grandchildren.

Graham Crawford

I currently live in Sonoma.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Madagascar.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Susan Ostapak. We've been together 26 years.

Kids: I have One .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarian.

John Crittenden

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Santa Monica.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Susie MacLean, M.D.. We've been together 13.

Kids: I have 3 kids and 3 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. After graduation from Lowell I started college at Davis, and had summer jobs as an intern at Consumer Action and as a tour guide on the jungle cruise at Marine World. As a junior I transferred to UCLA and spent the summer working as a customer service agent for TWA at LAX when I wasn't at the beach. After graduating in 1978, I stayed at UCLA for law school. I love UCLA.

I worked as a law clerk to a federal judge in Washington, D.C. in '81-'83 and came back to SF where I had a terrific career practicing law at the Cooley firm for 37-1/2 years (mostly intellectual property litigation) until I retired in 2021. I married in '85 and moved to Piedmont/Oakland and had two kids, Joe in '89 and Katy in '91.

I became single again in 2009 and had the splendid luck to meet my brilliant and beautiful wife Susie in 2011. We married in 2018, days after she retired following 30 years as a beloved primary care physician at Kaiser in Santa Clara. With the kids fully fledged, I left my Oakland Hills home and bought a condo in the City in 2019. Susie and I live both there and in Los Altos when we're not traveling.

My awesome son Joe is a double-Bruin like me and practices law at a big firm in SF. My amazing daughter Katy is a special ed teacher in Ventura and is married to Gabriel, a terrific guy who's a middle school music teacher. Katy and Gabe have three wonderful kids (Holly, 10, Eli, 6, and Natalie, 2); Katy is also pursuing a school psychologist credential.

Derek, my fantastic stepson via Susie, works as an energy analyst at PG&E and lives with his lovely fiancée Sophie in Berkeley. They're all wonderful people, doing well, and it is nice to have all the kids and grandkids in California!. Susie and I have been doing a lot of traveling since I retired, filling up our wall map with green pins showing all the places we've been. In 2023 we had three summers (thanks to trips to Chile and Argentina in January and New Zealand and Australia in December)!

We love the arts - visual, performance, literature - and learning the history of every place we visit.

We have been avid cyclists - in 2017 we cycled the width of Italy (275 miles and 25,000 feet climbing) over five days, but now we're more likely to be pedaling on our Peloton bike.

I've been working on my French and Spanish, and most Saturdays I attend a French class with the Alliance Française de San Francisco by Zoom. I'm competent enough in both to carry on a conversation but fluency remains a goal - I also have a dream of living in France (and maybe also Spain) for an extended enough period that would enable me to become fluent.

Although I loved being in the courtroom, I love the classroom even more; I'm an adjunct law professor at UCLA teaching trademark law every other year. (It was fun living part-time in Santa Monica during the semester - I do love L.A.) I also occasionally serve as a mediator in trademark cases.

Susie and other Stanford-affiliated physicians started a nonprofit to deal with gun violence as a public health problem, and I joined her on the Board and also serve as its treasurer - it's called Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic (SAFE) and has chapters at over 50 medical schools.

We really enjoy having a San Francisco home again - a condo in the Northeast Waterfront between Telegraph Hill and The Embarcadero - and I love walking to North Beach, Chinatown, along the waterfront, and more.

It's wonderful being in San Francisco again; although the City has changed a lot since our time at Lowell, I generally like the changes, and yet much is just like it was 50 years ago. There's no better place in the world to call home than our City!

I remember: I have so many beautiful memories from those three years! They include: collaborating with my student government friends on fun projects, being inspired by amazing teachers like Mr. Knapton and Ms. Lewis, dancing the "calypso" to Latin rock and soul in the Lowell gym, getting to know the City behind the wheel of mom's '71 Vista-Cruiser (because I was the only one with a car big enough to pick people up from all over), and being a part of a wonderful and diverse community of interesting and positive young people with great senses of humor!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Seventeen-year old John would be surprised to learn that despite having aged physically and developing some wisdom, I'm still active, and that I hold vivid memories of our times at Lowell (like they were yesterday!) and to this day maintain close ties to my cherished friends!

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Everybody else feels just as awkward as you do right now... don't worry, because things are going to turn out fine! Believe in serendipity!

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I'm grateful for my time at Lowell and the people who made it wonderful- and grateful to be here and to be able to celebrate and honor them by helping put together this reunion!

Lene Ross Cullum

I currently live in Carmichael, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Huehuetenango, Guatemala.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Rod. We've been together Married for 41 years.

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Hospital Director at Sutter Medical Center for 32 years administering subspecialty maternal and pediatric clinics and programs. Public policy work at state and national levels.. Faculty, School of Medicine, Stanford

Mixed media artist

Travel

I remember: Participating in student government, all the musicals, dances, and our Senior Prom at the newly built Hyatt Regency.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I would love the field of Maternal and Child Health so much and be university faculty at this point in my life....

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Let loose more and don't be so concerned with your GPA!

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Thank you so much, Organizing Committee, for keeping us all in touch!

Leiko Nakazawa Dahlgren

I currently live in Anaheim, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is David. We've been together 42 years so far!.

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm Retired. After I got my PhD in Radiochemistry from UC Irvine, I worked at Beckman Instruments / Beckman Coulter in Marketing, starting as an Applications Chemist in Orange County. I worked there for 37 years involved in the marketing support of many of the research instruments.. Now, 2 years into retirement, I'm still enjoying not having 7AM virtual meetings! Just doing what I want when I want. And still decluttering after so many years of "I'll take care of that later".

I remember: Taking an hour on the bus and streetcar to school in the morning was worth it. Attending Lowell was my goal; as my mother (graduated in 1934), uncle, sister and brother attended Lowell.

Mr. Koenig had awesome physics tests with word problems and every equation (without definitions). My older sister and brother also had Mr. Koenig when they were at Lowell. Having Mr. Anino for German sticks in my mind, even though I didn't do that well in the class.

I became involved in the class officers and helped Mr. Koenig in various events, such as selling hot dogs and drinks during football home games. And also got to hang out in Room 261A, studying and even filling the candy and soda machines.

Were we Sophomores when the Senior Prank was the removal of the handles of the pencil sharpeners?!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Probably that I worked for 37 years for one company.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Go with the flow, things happen for a reason.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Hope everyone is healthy and doing well.

Michele Moore Daly

I currently live in Rancho Cucamonga, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco, CA.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Gregory Daly. We've been together 38 years.

Kids: I have one kids and none grandchildren and none great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm still working at my career. Deputy District Attorney, San Bernardino County. I am semi-retired; I am starting my 20th year as an adjunct professor at the University of La Verne College of Law.

I remember: The two teachers that stick out in my mind are Ed Crossley and Ernie Feibusch. Mr. Crossley was strict, but it was clear that he cared about his students very dearly. When we were studying for our AP Spanish exam, he invited us all to his home and made us spaghetti. When I watched the movie "Stand and Deliver", it reminded me so much of Mr. Crossley. I had Mr. Feibusch as a teach and as a soccer coach. Lowell didn't have a woman's soccer team when we were there. I got to serve as scorekeeper and manager. He was very supportive of my efforts. I learned alot from him as a coach and went on to coach junior high school boys and AYSO. I managed a club soccer team for many years.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

My 17 year old self would be SHOCKED that I moved to Southern California in 1981 planning to be here for three years and I am still here almost 43 years later.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Have a better balance between work and home life.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I do volunteer work. I serve on the Board of Directors for the Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino. I run a breast cancer awareness organization called "The Power of Pink". We knit and crochet pink scarves and donate them to local hospitals and patients. Until the pandemic, we ended each cycle with a party where we had a silent auction and luncheon. We have donated over 12,000 scarves. Five days before our first party, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I am blessed to have 18 years of survival. My motto is Every day above ground is a good day.

Connie Gibson D'Aura

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Key West, FL.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Joe D'™Aura. We've been together Married 40yrs..

Kids: I have 1 .

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. Four (often overlapping) careers - Macys, UCSF, Contemporary Computerwear, Marriage for Life. Volunteer, Notary Public

I remember: Time with classmates who became lifelong friends. Especially Luther Burbank (and Visitation Valley) classmates. Swim Team - both Girls only and then Coed. Earned Blocks for volunteering and for swimming. Volunteering on school switchboard, as Song Girl and Dance Committee, and several Reunion Committees. Learned Fortran, how to play bridge, and played hearts and spades soooo many hours.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That my Catholic would grow. Variety of careers. Overcoming more than one crisis. Still a BIG fan of San Francisco and Lowell.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Slow down. Spend more time with family especially sisters and brothers.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Congrats to all of you!

Fernando Same De Alba

I currently live in San Mateo.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Judy De Alba. We've been together 36 blissful years.

Kids: I have 2 great boys .

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. I was fortunate enough to work for 34 years as a San Francisco firefighter. I was hired In January 201980 and retired in June 2013. I retired as a captain of Station 3, which is not only the busiest station in San Francisco, but one of the busiest in the country. It was located in the Tenderloin on Post Street Never a dull moment.

. For the last 11 years, I have been driving a paratransit bus in San Mateo County helping disabled and elderly folks get around.

I remember: Having baseball tryouts for varsity and watching Lou Babarini run into a soccer goal while chasing a flyball.

I also have fond memories of the cardinal carnival dances every year.

I enjoyed my time at Lowell high school. Met a lot of great people.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

When are you going to grow up?

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Spent less time at the Pit and Saint Francis Circle.đŸ~ ,

Also play less Pedro and study a little more.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I met lifelong friends at Lowell High School that I will always cherish And it was so much better than going to my district high school, Woodrow Wilson.

It was nice to get out of visitation Valley for school even though it was a three bus ride to school

Betty Dougall Faulkner

I currently live in San Anselmo CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: LOL! LA.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Pat or Patrick. We've been together 44, Married 42.

Kids: I have 2 kids and 1 and one on the way. grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. School Psychologist in Marin County. I am a "granny nanny" I am babysitting my 9 month old grandson.

I remember: Football games, proms, Senior picnic. Playing cards in the quad. Various moonings.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

How I had a love at first sight experience when holding my grandson for the first time. I had the same experience with my 2 baby daughters.

Also owing 2 cats, having kittens, and owning 4 schnauzers.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

You will be just fine.

David Fellows

I currently live in Boulder, CO.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Boulder, CO.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Cheryl. We've been together Married 34, together 36.

Kids: I have 2 kids and no grandchildren and Ha! great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm still working at my career. Cheryl and I provide finance back office (accounting) services to nonprofit organizations. I was a nonprofit CFO for five years before that, and corporate division CFO for five years before that.. We plan to travel to see our kids in Seattle, spend more time in the mountains here in Colorado (ski and hike and bike) and generally enjoy ourselves.

I remember: There are many, many... the Box Office crew with Mr. Brillhart, Guys and Dolls, guys picking up and moving my VW Bug to a different parking place, the Turkey Day city football championship in the rain at Kezar, Spades and Hearts games in the courtyard, helping out on Self-Scheduling Day (and getting to sign up early), Mr. Tchikovani's Reg class crew, Greased Lightning and the 50's Rally we performed at, taking the cable car to the street car to Lowell...

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I not only left California, but love living in a small-ish town in Colorado instead.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Stay true to yourself -- everything will work out. Oh, and buy shares in Apple and Microsoft. You'll understand in about 5 years.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

It's been a great ride so far -- see you again at the 60th!

Bruce Bruce Fink Class of 1975 Fink

I currently live in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Misawa, Japan.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Laura M Fink. We've been together Married 44 years.

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. Civil Engineer. Rotary Club

I remember: Enjoyed math classes with Paul Abad

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Iâ€™m living in Hawaii with my best friend from 50+ years ago

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Do not fear. Have faith. Show gratitude

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Enjoy whatever life throws at you and be thankful

Elizabeth Hill Forsyth

I currently live in Orinda, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Salzburg, Austria.

I am currently Widowed and my partner's name is Mark Forsyth. We've been together 39 years.

Kids: I have 4 kids and 10 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. I've been an organist (occasionally a music director) at various churches in several states over the past 50 years. I also teach piano and organ privately at home.. Still working (I'm the organist at First Church, Berkeley, a block from Cal) and teaching, but also traveling to see family, and taking each grandchild on their own big trip. Four down, six to go! Grandchild trips have included skiing in Park City, going to Hawaii (big island), to Paris and on an Alaskan cruise. Next up is London with grandchild #5 in October.

I remember: My Lowell Orchestra experience shaped me, musically, probably more than any other. Jack Pereira was the music director of the Lowell Orchestra, and while I was one year too young to be a part of the orchestra that represented San Francisco at the World's Exposition in Japan in 1970, I had many fantastic and memorable experiences in the years that I was a member. There were 12 cellists, and three of us were named Liz: Liz Van Loon, Liz Vanderhagen, and myself. I started out at 12th chair and gradually worked my way up to 5th. Initially I didn't pass the audition to get into the orchestra (then named "top public high school orchestra in the nation") the first semester of my sophomore year and had to enroll in "Sophomore Strings." A fellow cellist in that small class was Harry Orbelian, a neighbor and a brilliant pianist who went on to study at Juilliard and conduct the Moscow Chamber Orchestra (look up Constantine Orbelian). During that first semester I remember sitting by myself in the auditorium while the orchestra was rehearsing Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scheherazade," I was totally smitten, more than with The Nutcracker, more than with any organ piece, or with any recording I had heard at home or on the radio. Right then and there I thought "I want to make music like this forever!" Each year, in addition to our regular concerts, the orchestra was privileged to do a concert at Grace Cathedral with the organist there. Being a part of an excellent ensemble is truly one of life's joys, and while I wasn't as advanced on the cello as I was on the organ when it was time to go off to college, I committed myself to the long slog through two music degrees and have never regretted it (okay, maybe once or twice or thirty times when I wished for more money). Lessons I

learned from Jack Pereira and in the Lowell Orchestra have stayed with me my entire life
AND, big bonus, I made lifelong friends!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I spend a considerable amount of time being a teacher, privately and in the classroom.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Be more outgoing and enthusiastic!

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

When I moved back to the Bay Area in 2013, I joined a gym here in Orinda. After about two months, a fellow gym member found out I had attended Lowell. He said, "I'm so impressed that I've known you for two months and am just now finding out you're a Lowell grad! Most people lead with that in the very first conversation!"

Petra Benna Gardner

I currently live in An old 1862 stone Victorian complete with Cupola, Gazebo, garage, basement and underground tunnel leading to fallen down barn. In Battle Creek Michigan. On ca 13 acres ..

The most exotic place I've lived in: Annaba and Constantine, Algeria .Albeit only six weeks..

I am currently Single. .

Kids: I have Three, Son 38 in SF

Daughter 30 in Michigan

Daughter 27 , Lincolnshire, England, getting Masters Degree kids and Four grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Flight Attendant World Airways

Customer Service Safeway

Caregiver for dear friend, Alzheimers. Had purchased old Victorian , gave to children. Helping raise grandchildren (HAPPY, hopefully bi-lingual (German)

Beautifying outside of home. Traveling-, Henderson, Nevada, Palm Desert (August 2024), October 2024

Bavaria, Germany. visiting relatives and flying daughter from England to Germany to meet those relatives.

I remember: Studying In the halls with my dear friend Teresa de Marco. Missed out on a lot at Lowell due to circumstances and not being very outgoing. But loved

Lowell High And everything about My years there. Junior year I miss wasn't Vienna, Austria, and boarding school to refresh my German.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

How I was going, I am today, I'm not afraid of anything that life has to throw at me. My outlook on life of positivity, finding joy in everything being silly goofy and laughing a lot. Never letting anything or anybody stop me. The 17 year old was a "fraidy cat"! Took the wild step And moved with everything I owned To be with family. Made the decision in six weeks no regrets 17 year-old would be so surprised at The strong independent person I've become.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Be yourself not what you think other people feel you should be.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Basically you're never too old to learn anything. Don't let anything stop you., Even disabilities, love, live and laugh.. Children are our future, love them, teach them. , Be there for them. I voluntarily taught arts and crafts and the Millbrae school system, My goal was to teach that there are, No Mistakes in art. I believe I Achieved that.

Be there for your friends always. Imagine having a friend that gifts you 25,000 For your 65th birthday. It wasn't about the money. It's about the friendship. And I am blessed with Friends. Am babbling. As always, my friend say they need to kill me twice my mouth and my body. I pass on my favorite quote Mark Twain,, "Kindness is a language the blind can see, and the deaf can hear."

Heidi Langsam Gerber

I currently live in Sonoma and San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Richard. We've been together 25 years.

Kids: I have 1 .

These days, I'm Retired. Owned a bridal gown business and designed gowns

Started an e commerce business and sold it

Worked in High Jewelry for Tiffany and Company and Graff Jewelers. Play tennis and pickle ball on several teams

Travel

Enjoy life

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I was able to succeed at whatever I tried.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Believe in yourself! You can do it! Try it! Love what you do, it's totally worth it.

Anthony Go

I currently live in Asia.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Bangkok, Thailand.

I am currently Single. .

These days, I'm Retired. Software designer, Banker, Real Estate. Managing my real estate portfolio.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Dream Big. Most dreams do come true.

Glenna (Gigi) Gobar

I currently live in Northern Nevada.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Single. .

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. First career: Veterinary medicine, companion animal emergency and critical care.

Retired due to health.

Second career: Public Health Vital Records Informatics specialist.. Recently finished building my almost dream retirement home.

Retired from my second career, but returned working part time.

Still traveling and seeing as much of the world as I can.

I remember: Science Fairs

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I actually was a guest speaker at several local, regional, and national meetings and conventions. Imagine me in front of a large audience, behind a podium, or with a microphone in front of me.

I was also "convinced" to teach graduate courses.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't work so hard.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Looking forward to seeing who shows up after 50 years.

Jerry Goldstone

I currently live in Sonoma.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Laguna Beach.

I am currently Partnered and my partner's name is Jill Terry. We've been together 10.

These days, I'm Retired. I was in outside Sales for over 30 years, but also playing guitar in R&B/ Funk/HipHop bands and doing stand-up comedy at night.

In 2010 I quit the sales rat race to be my own boss and do entertainment full time. I became an emcee and auctioneer for charity events doing 40-50 gala fundraisers each year. I also do custom comedy for sales teams. And continue playing guitar on the side.

. Both Jill and I are retiring next month. Now that my weekends are free, I can play music full time and do more stand up. My Latin Jazz Fusion group, Papagayo, currently plays all over the North Bay.

I remember: Just all the different characters and fun times.

One moment I do remember Senior year- I'd sleep in every day and cut home room, then when I arrived I'd sign in at the attendance office. One day the Dean found me on the back lawn and dragged me to his office. He pulled open a desk drawer to show me a huge stack of pink paper slips and said "Did you know you had all these home room cut slips?" I said "No I didn't." Incredulous, he asked "how could you not know?" I answered "Because I never go to homeroom!"

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I'm living in Sonoma. I couldn't ever imagine I'd leave the city.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Cliche but true - Don't be afraid to take a risk to change what you're doing and pursue a dream.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Thanks for sharing the magic moments of our youth. I wish everyone the best.

Dave Gordon

I currently live in Grass Valley CA. It's a beautiful old gold mining town in the Sierra Foothills halfway between Sacramento and Lake Tahoe..

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Sarah. We've been together 33. We were married in 1991 and spent 3 years in Oakland before moving to Grass Valley..

Kids: I have 2. Casey is 31. He has operated his own brush clearing business and this year transitioned to heavy equipment operator. He just landed his his first heavy equipment job fighting the Park fire near Chico.

Miles is 28. He is a snowboard instructor in win .

These days, I'm Retired. I did computer marketing during my 20s for Burroughs - Unisys. We sold \$20k desktop size computers, used for accounting, to small businesses. They were worth it because they had 16k of memory an 80 character screen, and used 8" floppy disks.

I took a break from corporate life, traveled and backpacked around, and tried to figure out what I really wanted to do with my life.

I became a teacher and taught high school physics for 5 years before becoming a middle school math and science teacher at Nevada City School of the Arts, a charter school near Grass Valley. Becoming a teacher was the best move I ever made - I wish I did it 10 years sooner.

I loved the enthusiasm of middle schoolers and created a fun and rigorous science program. The highlight of the year was taking kids on a 8 day camping trip to Death Valley every year. Even though I'm retired I still go on that trip every year.. I travel 3-4 months a year. Anything from car camping in the western states, multi week backpacking trips in the Sierras, or foreign travel.

I have hiked in Patagonia, New Zealand, Bhutan, and Nepal and other places. I have also done cultural trips to other countries. As much as I have enjoyed foreign travel I haven't found anything better or more interesting than the Western United States (not that I am biased or anything).

At home I do house projects, hike, ski (cross county, downhill, and telemark), ride bikes, and read.

I remember: Meeting new people, hanging out, riding bikes with Roark Smith and Sean O'Reilly, , camping with Rich Snell, working on stage crew, going to Playland with Diane Wren and others when it was closing down. Making a Kung Fu Bunny movie.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I became a school teacher.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't worry about stuff - it will all work out. Find a job your passionate about and enjoy. Making more money isn't worth it if you don't enjoy what your are doing.

Kevin Grumbach

I currently live in San Francisco, 1 block from my jr high school (Aptos).

The most exotic place I've lived in: Paris.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Lisa Martin. We've been together Together for 48 years, married for 44 years.

Kids: I have 3 .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Family physician based at SF General Hospital and Professor of Family and Community Medicine at UCSF, after completing medical school at UCSF in 1985 and family medicine residency at SF General Hospital in 1988.. Still working full time, with plan to transition to retirement with a part time recall position at UCSF July 2025.

I remember: So many great memories but streaking the Senior Talent Show with Shanagher and Biben has its special place in my memorabilia of recollections.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That an amazing woman like my wife married me.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Go to more Tower of Power concerts

Julie Block Grunsky

I currently live in Stockton, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Honolulu (but that was from ages 1 -4 years old!).

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Curtis Grunsky. We've been together 43 (as of this Thursday!).

Kids: I have 2 kids and 2 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Became a Registered Dietitian. Worked with senior nutrition programs, then a school district, then the WIC program (nutrition education & supplemental food for low income Women, Infants, & Children) for just over 30 years. Maintaining a household of 4 cats and a dog. Walk daily several times & take 30-60 minute bike rides most days. Dealing with realities of life from major plumbing projects at the house to the relatively severe spine curvature that rather suddenly appeared -- wear a removeable brace to keep my posture somewhat normal.

I remember: Was thinking recently about the fantastic musicals the arts department used to put on -- really looked forward to those. Also, had fun establishing a "club" we called the Gastronomic Gourmet Society -- a group of us would meet for themed dinners (e.g. Greek, etc.) or at a restaurant... Remembering the "convocations" we had (at least once -- maybe twice) to address "cliques" and what could be done to minimize the divisiveness.... some things never change!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I'm still obsessed with food! Never imagined what fun it could be to take photos of my various "splurges" and share them with interested friends. Also I think I'd be quite surprised I ended up settling in Stockton where my parents lived for a very short time after they married, before they had me. Oh yeah -- I still don't get enough sleep! (Was voted the sleepest girl in the graduating class of 1974!)

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Not sure.... I was appropriately stressed about getting into the college of my choice -- I couldn't really advise myself not to be worried about that... And I think I really did enjoy my high school years so there'd be no need to tell myself to do so... T

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Not planning to attend the reunion, but happy to share with former classmates. If it's feasible, I wouldn't mind sharing my email for anyone who would like to connect. Best email address to use to reach me is juliebgrunsky@yahoo.com.

Mitchell Guimarin

I currently live in Escondido, Ca..

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Diego, Ca..

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Donna. We've been together 41.

Kids: I have 3 kids and 5 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Airline Pilot.

I remember: Junior and Senior Prom, Varsity Football and Track

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Loss of Hair!

Katie Edelstein Haas

I currently live in Petaluma, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Israel.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Al Haas. We've been together 44 years.

Kids: I have 3 kids and none grandchildren and none great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm Other. Lived in Israel 1974-1979.

Studied art in Pasadena at Art Center College of Design.

Got married and moved to Healdsburg then Petaluma where I we raised our 3 children.

Painted commissioned portraits for a few years then painted what I wanted to paint. My website is, www.katiehaasartstudio.com

Have been in the ensemble of 29 operas and musicals for the last 28 years and 3 of them my children joined me in them.. Still performing in musicals and operas. Showing my work and painting less. In a choir and taking acting classes. Dancing, walking and hiking, bike riding, traveling and enjoying life as much as possible.

I remember: My memory is not so good when it comes to High School memories. I remember friends and one musical I was in, but I forget which one it was...maybe someone else will remind me. I am sure talking to others will remind me of some great memories.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Being in so many operas and musicals.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Keep believing in yourself and don't be afraid of failure. Do what you love.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Looking forward to seeing lots of you and hearing about your lives.

Fred Hartwick

I currently live in Healdsburg, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Florence, Italy.

I am currently Single. .

These days, I'm Retired. I was fortunate to be a university fundraiser at Stanford, UC Berkeley and Columbia.. Lots of traveling. Walking my dog, Jake.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I used my law degree to be a fundraiser. That Venice and Paris would become almost second and third homes to me. That I would live in New York for 8 years and see almost 800 plays, musicals, operas, ballets and more. That I have been so bad about staying in touch with friends from Lowell. That my request for a last meal would be Spaghetti alla Carbonara.

Peggy Jung Hiramine

I currently live in Danville, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Danville, CA.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Jim Hiramine. We've been together Married 41 years. Dated 6 years..

Kids: I have 3 kids and None grandchildren and None great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm Retired. Marketing. Senior Analyst. Town Commissioner.. Just retired. Sit on my recliner planning travel

I remember: How engaging the teachers are , each possessing a distinct personality and quirkiness

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Having 3 very successful, caring and environmentally conscious children

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't sweat the small stuff.

Bill Hontalas

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco

Always lived in the sunset district of San Francisco.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Rhonda. We've been together 5 years dating

46.5 years married.

Kids: I have 2 daughters kids and 2 grandsons

1 granddaughter grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Owner/ operator Louisâ€™ Restaurant

10 years employee

43 years owner. I enjoy spending time with my wife, children and grandchildren. Some of which includes traveling to Greece, Italy and of course Disneyland.

I remember: Friends

Football

Courtyard

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Kept Louisâ€™ going for 43 years for a total of 83 years. Finally closing during pandemic.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Donâ€™t be afraid to fail.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

If you arenâ€™t already, please consider becoming an organ donor. I wouldnâ€™t be able to attend our 50 year reunion if I hadnâ€™t had a liver transplant in July 2020 and then another liver and kidney transplant in August 2020. I am very grateful to my donors, their families, my doctors and my family.

Laureen Jang Hori

I currently live in Lafayette.

The most exotic place I've lived in: none.

I am currently Widowed and my partner's name is Glenn. We've been together 25.

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm Retired. dentist. traveling, magic and balloon classes, volunteer work

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Retired and financially stable. Enjoying and pursuing hobbies.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Expect ups and downs in life. Life is an adventure, enjoy it at the fullest as opportunities arise.

Don Hufford

I currently live in Carmichael, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Chicago, IL.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Joanne Hufford. We've been together 39 years.

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm Retired. I was Chief Medical Officer at Western Health Advantage. Before that a practicing Family Physician and Medical Director of a Multi-Specialty Medical Group in Sacramento. Volunteer work, cycling, tennis and golf. A couple of advisory boards

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

The years go by quickly.

Rich Jolly

I currently live in Portland, Oregon.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Sadly, Portland Oregon.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Rialina. We've been together 26.

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Technical career. Currently CIO/CTO

I remember: Friends and football

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Would love to connect with old friends.

Rhonda Jones

I currently live in Katy, Texas.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Single. .

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. .

Grace vanVelthuysen Kaplan

I currently live in Gig Harbor, WA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Djakarta, Indonesia.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Ed. We've been together together 43 years/married 38 years.

Kids: I have 3 .

These days, I'm Retired. I had a career as a legal secretary. I then raised 3 sons and volunteered in their sports programs, community projects, and school activities. When youngest son started pre-school, I was a teaching assistant, substitute teacher and taught knitting in an after-school program. Concurrently, I painted, made art quilts, knitted for friends and charities. Many of my quilts and artistic pieces were donated to school and community fundraisers.. I'm enjoying a quieter life away from the hustle and bustle of the city. My husband and I have found contentment together in our newish surroundings. We garden together, and I continue to knit and create art. I also have time now to expand my cooking and baking skills.

I remember: My favorite teacher was Mr. Anino. He was a funny, kind, and fair teacher with whom I found an immediate connection. I remember him sending me postcards while on vacation from France.

My favorite memories are of time spend in the SAB where I made many friendships as a song girl and dance commissioner. I loved that on sunny days, we would open the double doors and practice routines outside. So much fun and laughter spilled out from the meetings and gatherings. I continue to have a very close relationship with Dennis Andaya who met through these gatherings.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I would be surprised at all that I have managed to accomplish and achieve in my life as an individual, and more importantly as a wife to a very supportive and loving husband.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't be so hard on yourself. You will find a place in the world where you feel that you belong.

Elaine Lee Kawasaki

I currently live in 14 Southwaite Ct

Orinda, CA 94563.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Hong Kong.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Alan Kawasaki. We've been together We have been married for 44 years..

Kids: I have 2 kids and 1 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Partner in a local CPA firm and trustee for client. still working full time

I remember: Working with Stan Lee the school accountant who inspired me to become a CPA. Mr. Bettencourt was my favorite math teacher and I TA for one of his trigonometry class.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I am a partner of a locally owned CPA firm that celebrated 100 years in business in Oakland this past July.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Lowell is a college-prep high school. Mix in some fun classes not just for college.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Even though I am still working full time, I was able to set aside time for travel. Some highlights include: Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands, Panama Canal cruise, Iceland, Egypt & cruise on the Nile, Petra in Jordan, Japan, China, Vietnam, Italy, Greece, Turkey. In August, I was on a small boat cruise among the British Isles from Scotland to Oxford, England. I am looking forward to my November trip along the route of the Maya, from El Salvador to Belize.

My husband has his own architectural firm in Oakland. He designed the floating fireboat station off the Embarcadero in San Francisco by the Bay Bridge.

My older son is a tenured professor at U of Wisconsin in Madison. His field is material science. My younger son lives in Detroit and does environmental testing.

Kent Keebler

I currently live in Sonoma County..

The most exotic place I've lived in: Sonoma County..

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Pam. We've been together Thirty six years together, 24 years married..

Kids: I have One daughter, 33 years old. She can still be a brat. kids and Two. One of each gender. grandchildren and None. great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm Retired. Worked in the insurance industry for 35 years. Retired on 8/31/23.. I volunteer a few hours weekly at the Sonoma County Humane Society. I walk the dogs and give them affection until they get adopted. Most do not stay long, as they either get adopted or are sent to the Santa Rosa location where their chances are better of getting noticed.

I remember: I appreciated being able to schedule my classes one after the other, with few breaks. This allowed me to leave campus early in the afternoon.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

He would be very surprised to know his future is comfortable and that thoughts to the contrary were for naught.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Be less reckless and more focused.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I will always remember that poignant moment when I spotted her name on the back of the chair in the auditorium, still there after the mid year graduation. I would graduate 6 months later and thereafter have a very different trajectory.

Kathy Tally Knickmeyer

I currently live in Lake County, California.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Lake County, California.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Scott Knickmeyer. We've been together 26 years.

Kids: I have 3 kids and 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. High tech in Silicon Valley. Exploring local, state and national parks. At the time of the reunion, we'll be hiking the glories of South Dakota.

I remember: During an rugged powder puff football game, varsity footballer Paul Folena refused to tackle me. Instead, he dropped in front of me and I tripped over him and fell. Aside from a few bruises, we were both OK.

The beautiful carnation lei Gary Teragawa gave me for graduation.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I still think I'm young.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Be happy. And no, you never used Calculus.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Have a great reunion. Go Cards!

Shiz Kobara

I currently live in Foster City.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Foster City - Through my career at HP I traveled to many places for work: Singapore, Japan, Taiwan, China, Netherlands, Spain, Germany, UK, France, Mexico, Malaysia, Thailand, South Korea and made many friends around the world. But always lived in Foster City as home after college..

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Kathy (wife). We've been together Married 37 years.

Kids: I have 1 daughter (Kelsi 32 y.o.) just got married .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Industrial Design and User Interface design. I'm currently a VP at a product design firm (RKS Design) designing all sorts of products from consumer to medical to high tech products. My longest career was at HP for 26 years retiring as Global Director of Design in 2007 and then started teaching at the Academy of Art Univ in SF and popped out of retirement to work in 2012 for various design firms while still teaching. Still working and teaching. Retirement is not for me I guess.. Aside from working I love DIY working on my house and finding myself working on my hot rod classic cars from the 60s and 70s. Reminds me of simpler times. When I do retire, I want to drive around the world in a 4x4. Maybe I should do that soon. ha ha.

I remember: Lowell was a great school full of very nice and smart students - many of whom became my good friends. I ended up either hanging out in front of school or in the band room trying to jam with the other great musicians. I was not so great at it but I tried.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I made it this far and am still healthy and active in my career and community. That I've kept in touch with some high school friends and that I have a family and had a great career making friends around the world. I was worried at 17 not knowing what I would pursue and finally found what I love and was good at during college instead of just chasing money or career.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Pursue what you love and are good at, not what others are telling you what is a great career. I tell that to my students at the Academy of Art University (where I also teach MFA Industrial Design) to pursue what you love. For me it came full circle with a

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I look back at my time at Lowell with great appreciation and fondness of the open environment, nice friends I made, and the amazing teachers who were teaching us and shaping us to be ambitious, hard working, and kind and generous to others.

Markos Kounalakis

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: USSR.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Eleni Kounalakis. We've been together 24 years.

Kids: I have 2 (Neo 23 & Eon 22) .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Foreign Correspondent, Author, Academic. Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University

I remember: Working on The Lowell and being on the swim team.

My folks were refugees to this country and my mom was the first in my extended family to graduate from high school (my dad stopped at 8th grade due to his resistance fighting the Nazi occupation on his home island of Crete). We spoke Greek at home. Higher education was not a given or an expectation at home. Lowell, my classmates, the teachers, and administrators all emphasized the importance of college. I would likely not have applied to go to college were it not for Lowell. 50 years later, I'm have my Ph.D. in political science and am teaching at Stanford.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I'm Second Gentleman of California.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

You will not have any regrets.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Vote for my wife, Eleni, for governor in 2026. Thank you.

Harold Kruger

I currently live in Yuba City, Calif..

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Single. .

These days, I'm Retired. Worked in the newspaper business, primarily at the Appeal-Democrat in Marysville, Calif. Was laid off on Sept. 5, 2017.. Zilch.

I remember: It's a blur.

Cedric Lathan

I currently live in Oakland.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Morocco, South Africa and the Amazon in Peru.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Nancy Johnson. We've been together 48.

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm Retired. Head sound engineer at the Center for the Arts at Yerba Buena Gardens. Travel, listen to music, ride my bike and walk my dogs

I remember: Just the friends I still keep up with from those days.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

How many of the folks who are no longer with us.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Do sweat the little things.

Liz Raab Lauter

I currently live in West Marin--Forest Knolls, in the San Geronimo Valley.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Israel. 1984-89.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is David. We've been together 48.

Kids: I have 4 kids and 7 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Currently a full time ceramics artist (lizlauter.com); before that retired after teaching art for 20 years in Marin where I also ran the Ceramics program; before that, had my own manufacturing and production company designing, producing and selling my artwork screen printed on textile items; Before that, hand painted textiles, women's clothing; before that had 4 children.. After retiring from teaching art full time, I set up my own ceramics studio and am a full time artist. I'm selling to a few high end retailers, including the Jewish Museum Gift store in NYC, my own website and a few local art festivals. Sept 14-15 in Mill Valley at the Fall Arts Festival if you are local.

I remember: I've visited with Flossie Lewis a few times because we have a family friend in common.

I loved having Modern Dance instead of PE.

That Nick was a great dance partner! His mother taught him well. My favorite thing to do!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

After all of my arts careers, businesses and projects involving making and producing art products, I'm back at where I started, just focusing on making one of a kind original pieces by hand. Less is more!

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I did 23& Me because I was adopted and discovered my birth mother who I now have a relationship with. Also, that my biological father was Italian!

Victor Lee

I currently live in Bay Area.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Judy. We've been together 40 years.

Kids: I have 2 kids and 1 (coming) grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. retired from a 30 year career in corporate finance in Silicon Valley. Time with family/friends; golf and travel when possible; keep healthy; currently Board member of a S&P500 company

I remember: FAVORITE MEMORY:

1. Attending AP Chem class at Mr. Dahl house when teachers were on strike.
2. Watched sub PE teacher and then active NFL player Bob Lee punt a football 80 yards during PE class.

FAVORITE TEACHER: Mrs. Wallace. I got my worse grades in English classes. But Mrs. Wallace never lost faith in me. i remember she spent time after class encouraging me and explained my mistakes to me. She was kind, caring and made a difference in my life.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

that i can grow beyond my introverted youth and achieve a successful career.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

have fun.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Lowell friends are forever. i still hangout frequently with Billy Chow, Curtis Kan and Tony Hwang. Still miss our best buddy Koon Lau who left us a few years back.

Sophie Fong Lee (Fong)

I currently live in Seal Beach CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Seal Beach...love it here!.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Curtis. We've been together 42yrs.

Kids: I have 2 kids and 3 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. RN for surgery, peds and home health. Much traveling with the family and friends. docent for art museum(includes working with kids in elementary schools), bible study, pickleball, hiking group, hula, mah jong.

Travel limited to norcal and hawaii since we have a diabetic dog who requires much care.

My greatest joy is spending time with family and taking care of the grandkids!

I remember: Mr Moncharte's (sp?) Mandarin classes, taking speed reading, fencing, and flag football which helped me understand the sport. Great opportunities other high schools didn't offer! The module scheduling

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

my resiliency and positivity

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

embrace every opportunity that comes your way

don't sweat the small stuff, a year from now will this matter?

Wayne Leong

I currently live in Springfield, Virginia.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Linda. We've been together 38.

Kids: I have 3 kids and 4 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. After serving in the Navy for nine plus years as a Surface Warfare Officer, I served as a Contract Manager for the Federal Government, including the Air Force, Defense Information Systems Agency and the Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, and retired at the end of 2015.. Volunteer for Fairfax County and INOVA hospital in Fairfax, Virginia

I remember: Taking ROTC my senior year and learning basics of military life, including doing drills, learning to shoot, wearing a uniform with Sergeants Yoshida and Callaghan and competing in the city's ROTC competition. Serving as library assistant during free mods for a couple of years with Mr. Bik and Mr. Campbell. Learning French through level 8 with Mr. Tchikovani and Mrs Cagnacci with the language labs and going to a French-language movie. Civics and the basics of government from Mr. Goldsborough and researching the processes and steps in how legislation becomes law. History with Mrs Cross and closely following the daily developments of the Watergate scandal and sharing comedy routines about Watergate with her. Attending viewings of old Buck Rogers shows. Those wonderful free mods and hanging out and playing spades with now life-long friends. And who can ever forget the long commutes on public transportation and those long walks to from the K and M streetcar stops, past the giant Eucalyptus trees to campus.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I'm living in Virginia!

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

To be less reserved and be more focused on priorities.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

A true privilege and honor to have been a member of the class of '74!

Gale Leung

I currently live in Los Altos Hills, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Mike Evanson. We've been together 26 years.

Kids: I have 3 kids and 3 grandchildren and Zero great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm Retired. Attorney Assistant District Attorney in San Francisco. Loving life as a retired person!!!

I remember: English teachers and Asian American Studies teacher. Loved my jewelry teacher. He taught me so much.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Learning so much from my children. Having to put on hold my creative hobbies for work and family.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Learn more about the psychological interactions of the family members and how they will impact upon the decisions that I will make in the future. Learn about ADHD which wasn't a known diagnosis and dyslexia so that I could have done for myself what I did

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Wishing health and happiness to the Lowell class of 1974.

Jeannette "JJ" Johnson Levenstein

I currently live in Burbank CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Durham, NC or Norwalk, CT - pick your poison.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Bruce. We've been together 39 years together, married 36.

Kids: I have 1 - Max kids and 1 - Will (17 months) grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. After serving as a pediatric PA for 5 years, I returned to medical school, trained at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, and enjoyed 20 more years in private practice in Encino, CA. Lucky to retire at 55 and pivot .. After retiring, attended culinary school and over the last 12 years have enjoyed teaching, catering, events. I've devoted lots of hours to Momentum (formerly United Cerebral Palsy of LA), most recently served 4 years as Chair of the Board of Directors. Still involved heavily with the disability community (all this thanks to Nick Roxborough who corralled me onto the board). Enjoying being a first time grandmother, and caring for little Will a few days weekly, Happy to be healthy and still married.

I remember: Flossie Lewis, of course for her stern disciplined teaching. Andy Pinfold for his joie de vivre in math. Mr. Koenig - helped support my love of science, and Mrs Michaelian - without her typing class I would be floundering with keyboards. Lastly, Jack Pereira and Joe Tanzi - 2 artistic souls we were blessed with in our years.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I'm living in Los Angeles. That I actually enjoy exercising. That I still maintain the greatest of friendships with my Lowell friends. That I have a husband who always has my back and makes me laugh.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Take as diverse a courseload in college as you can. Major in something you are passionate about, and minor in those classes necessary to build your career. Remember all your words count, even though we didn't have social media, we can still remember the

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I'm so glad that Lowell, and my dear friends from Lowell, have been at the center of my life and support system. I learned so much there, and continue to marvel at the opportunities served up to us, and the excellence of our public education.

Michael Levin

I currently live in Boca Raton FL.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Washington DC.

I am currently Partnered and my partner's name is Wendy Paskow. We've been together Two+.

Kids: I have 1 son for Michael and 2 sons for Wendy .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Police officer, Secret Service Agent, Microsoft security and now running a cybersecurity training business.. Live both in Boca Raton FL and Snowmass Village CO.

I remember: Hanging out with friends on Friday and Saturday night in the Pit.

SAB getting ready for football games and events. Being part of the swim team and winning championships.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I am still in great shape and work out harder than I ever did before.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't sweat the small stuff and stay focused and always "keep your head in the game!"

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

See you at the 60th!

Diane Levy

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Single. .

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. I worked at Bayshore School from 1980 until 2015. For over 30 years, I taught second and third grade. I created a week-long Earth Day curriculum for K-4 grades that had been in place for 15 years, was in charge of school-wide mural projects, and ran an after-school program. In 2003, I received the California Exceptional Educator Award; in 2015, I received the Manchester's Lifetime Achiever's Award. In the same year, I retired in 2015 to care for my mother. For about 15 summers, I attended Spanish immersion language schools throughout Mexico, Central, and South America to become bilingual.. After retiring from Bayshore, I volunteered at The Mexican Museum as a docent for school tours. In 2017, I became the Director of Education, which is still my current position. I create and implement curriculum based on the Latino culture for the schools, libraries, and other organizations like the Boys and Girls Clubs while the museum is still under

construction. I will implement classes and workshops once the museum opens next year. I plan to continue traveling to various places in Europe, Eastern Europe, and South America

I remember: I remember playing Hearts and Spades day after day with a group of friends in the hallway across from the office. One of my history teachers, Mr. Buckley, glasses turned into a movie projector as we spent class after class watching historical war films. In Mrs. Cross's history class, I was able to embroider two shirts and make a needlepoint pillow as we watched the Watergate Trail on T.V. I also recollect that a teacher's strike disrupted our senior year but not for Mr. Newman's jewelry class. He was my only teacher who gave me personal attention and assistance. I fondly remember the ice cream parties on Scramble Day when we picked our classes. It also snowed twice in S.F. our senior year, and one of those times, a group of us cut school, drove to Mountain Tam with our skis, and skied on a big patch of snow. To end, who could forget Grad Night at Disneyland? What a blast that was!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I thought I would have a family with a couple of children.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Teaching is like a black hole, so find a balance between work and play.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

It is nice to see old friends, especially those with whom I have lost contact, reminisce about old times and listen to their new stories.

Robin Levy

I currently live in Palo Alto, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Las Vegas.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Warren Belfer. We've been together 30 years.

Kids: I have 1 step-son kids and 1 step-grandson grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. I taught 6th grade for 39 years!. I love to travel and try to leave the country at least twice a year! I also raise puppies for Guide Dogs for the Blind, tutor middle school math, square dance, go to concerts & theatre, and do therapy dog visits with our pet dog.

I remember: My fondest teacher memories are of Mr. Anino!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Hmmmmm, maybe that I've become a master at multi-tasking.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Be where your feet are!

Kevin Lew

I currently live in Cotati CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Single. .

These days, I'm Retired. UCB, SFSU, US Post Office. Chilling. House stuff, garden stuff, audio, cars, travel, friends.....

I remember: Jack Pereira, orchestra, 1812 overture with ROTC shooting rifles into garbage cans (out of cue) for cannons. Roaming around Room 71 and getting a tactile feel of every instrument I could get my hands on during break.

Flossie Lewis. "Put a sock in it Ruben!"

Ed Crossley's Spanish sessions in his victorian home on South Van Ness

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

hmmmm, not too shabby

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't sell yourself short.

Engage in more extra curricular activities

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Outside of a handful of outstanding teachers, I think Lowell's reputation is/was because of the drive and motivation of it's student body.

Dennis Lieu

I currently live in Moraga, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Seoul, South Korea.

I am currently Single and my partner's name is Janice (Louie) Lieu. We've been together 43.

Kids: I have 3 kids and 5 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Professor of Mechanical Engineering at UC Berkeley. Personal hobbies and volunteer work.

I remember: My old reg was Room 23, a small team meeting space attached to the boys locker room.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I became a professor at UC Berkeley. I landed my dream job, and stuck with it for 34 years.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Be less arrogant. Treat everyone kindly and with respect. Spend more time making friends.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

My life has been very privileged. I had perfect balance between family, job, and personal development.

Deborah Lim

I currently live in Daly City.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Michael Woo. We've been together 35 years.

Kids: I have Two .

These days, I'm Retired. Went to law school at USF. Opened and co-owed and operated Tart to Tart bakery/cafe, went back to law as a staff attorney at Asian Law Caucus, taught an Asian American Studies class at SF State and Berkeley for many years. Then 33 years as an Administrative Law Judge at the San Francisco Rent Board, from which I retired in 2023.. Hoping to attack years of delayed remodeling projects and a neglected garden. Traveling. Testing recipes for America's Test Kitchen.

I remember: Flossie Lewis, of course! Thanks to her, Gerald Manly Hopkins poem "Spring and Fall: To a Young Child" is etched in my being.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That my insecurities and perceived shortcomings will become my strengths and assets!

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Persevere and you will be okay.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Stay healthy everyone!

Deborah Lowe

I currently live in Los Gatos, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Sadly, haven't lived anywhere exotic.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Wes Leong. We've been together 37 years.

Kids: I have 3 kids and none yet grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Pediatric Pharmacist at Stanford (35 years). A little bit of political activism now (I wonder why), love to bake, cook, and read. I have a food blog (3jamigos.com), travel, row, play tennis, and cycle.

I remember: Went home sick from school with Joy Sugaya to skip a physics test. Went to the school dance that evening and unfortunately, Mr. Becker was the chaperone, lol.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Girl, you are gonna have 3 kids, live in suburbia USA, and row. I didn't even know that was a sport when I was in high school.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't pass up going to Hong Kong for junior year at Cal.

Lawrence Lucas

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Divorced and my partner's name is Vivian Lucas. We've been together 10 years of being married, we still are seeing each other..

Kids: I have 2 kids and 1 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Driver,. Working as a school crossing guard.

I remember: Treasurer of the Filipino American club and voted as second sexiest male in the yearbook.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Became clean from all illegal drugs and cigarettes.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Do not take drugs it will mess up your mind and you will waste thousands of dollars.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Be grateful, the Lord has brought you here this far do not take advantage of life.

Brian Machida

I currently live in Azuza, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: All ordinary places.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Carolyn. We've been together 39 years.

Kids: I have 2 kids and 4 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Still in solo private practice as a plastic surgeon which I did straight after med school and residency. Going into ministry and have done my M Div and enrolled in a Doctorate of ministry

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

When I was 17, I didn't want to be a doctor

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

You're going to do good...Keep going and do so with confidence

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Have fun classmates

Sylvia Martinez Maraccini

I currently live in San Francisco, right near the Presidio.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Steve from junior high school. We've been together 18 years married.

Kids: I have 2 daughters kids and 1 grandson and 1 granddaughter grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. From biotech to hospital to non-profit.. Fun and challenging hobbies that keep my body and brain going. Music and church.

I remember: Streaking at the senior show. (No, not me!) You know who you are.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I still remember my locker combination. I have no idea why!

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

You can do it.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I wish I could see some of my friends who never come to these reunions.

Linda Stipanov Marin

I currently live in Zadar, Croatia.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Zadar or Soline, Croatia.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Rajko Marin. We've been together 43 years.

Kids: I have 2 kids and 3 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Was an RN in the cath lab at California Pacific Medical Center for 12 years then transitioned into private industry, clinical research for the cardiovascular medical device industry. During this time was married raising our two children in San Mateo. Got an opportunity to run a clinical program in Europe, 12 years ago, so we moved to our birth country of Croatia, where my daughter was already living (and married), and pregnant with twin boys. Our son and daughter-in-law still in the Bay Area. Now continue working as a freelance consultant, and my husband and I share our time living in Zadar, but mostly on the small island village of Soline, where we are from. My husband is retired (chef) and spends his time tending our many olive trees and fishing. Our grandkids are close by and spend many weekends with us on the island, and all summer. Overall, life is very good!. Still working as a freelance clinical affairs consultant.

I remember: Loved being in Mr. Tanzi's musical production, Guys and Dolls.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Did very well in my career, became quite confident and very comfortable in my skin (but I guess that is also called maturity).

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

You are just as good as everyone else.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

The best to all!

Stanlet Mason

I currently live in Hawaii.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Hawaii.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Karen. We've been together 45 yrs.

Kids: I have 2 kids and 6 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Law enforcement. Play softball. Volunteer with lions

I remember: Watching Bobby Silverman hit the crap out of the baseball. Playing baseball.
Enjoyed shooting at school range. Playing in band

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I look old

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

But apple stock

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I miss some of my classmates that have past away.

Yasmin Same Mirza

I currently live in San Jose, Ca.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Winston Salem , NC

Would like to move to Singapore..

I am currently Single. .

kids and My brother's are my cuties grandchildren .

These days, I'm Other. Careers changed several times.

Spent many years looking after late parents.. Enjoying my life

I remember: Won a writing contest and went to Yosemite for the weekend. It was great. I loved Lowell High School but the lack of diversity back in the 70s was evident.

Loved the giant cookies and my time in the forensics team. My teacher (lady) was so inspiring.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Interesting question

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Stay true to your life plan irregardless of others influences

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I would love to reconnect with Abby don't remember last name.

And Laurie who was in another graduating class and another who would have ice cream parties at the end of every school year.

Lost track of folks because I completed enough credits/ classes to graduate early.

Naomi Murai

I currently live in Pacifica, California.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Paris, France.

I am currently Single. .

Kids: I have 1 .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Physical therapist athletic trainer. post-retirement I plan to travel, enjoy novel artistic experiences, and learn another language

I remember: Turkey Day at Kezar, the shacks, the prom,

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I text or call at least one of the class of 1974 every week if not more often.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Naomi, the memories you are creating today in 1974 will be the stories you'll share at your 50th reunion in 2024!

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

See you at the reunion!

Daniel (Alvin) Ng

I currently live in Davis, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Hanne Sivertsen. We've been together Thirty.

Kids: I have Two .

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. Manager of a grapevine genetics lab at University of California, Davis.

Department of Viticulture. Working part-time, and teaching photography

I remember: Working on the yearbook with Mrs. Shafer

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

How much I love being a parent to two teenagers

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Take more chances, and don't take your failures so seriously

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I've taken a lot of photos of them in the ~70s, so my only memories are them as teenagers. I'm going to be so surprised to see them as they are now (and vice versa)

Bob Obana

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Delphine (Liz). We've been together 40+ years.

Kids: I have 2 kids and 2 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Academic/Biomedical research administration.
COO Gladstone Institutes

I remember: Mr Hirabayashi - Physiology

Great teacher and really nice guy. Saw him about a year ago and looks the same..hmm
physiology expert!

Running around Lake Merced for PE and stopping at the golf course

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I guess time does refine oneself, maybe a little bit!

You got rid of those bell bottoms and floral shirts!

Still have my record albums!

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Participate and enjoy the arts and literature more

Do a gap year somewhere

Be kinder and think more about the other

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Great experience and friendships that I cherish to this day

Go Lowell!!!

Joanna OConnell

I currently live in Brooklyn NY.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Japan.

I am currently Single. .

Kids: I have One .

These days, I'm Retired. Professor of Latin American Studies.

Fran Del Castello O'Sullivan

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is John O'Sullivan. We've been together 46 years and still counting.

Kids: I have 3 kids and none grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Most recent, CFO, commercial construction company. Consulting and on advisory board of commercial construction company and mentoring a half a dozen folks in the industry.

I remember: Mr Di Shilo, Italian teacher having us translate librettos and then taking us on field trips to the opera to see them.

Can't remember teacher's name, but reading Haiku poetry in Chinese Literature class.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

How full and successful our life is.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Dream bigger! You can do it.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Glad to be able to be here 50 years later and able to celebrate this event with fellow grads.

Rodney Owyang

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Machu Pichu, Peru.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Marian. We've been together Forty years.

Kids: I have One kids and Zero grandchildren and Zero great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. Clinical Laboratory, Community Volunteer, & Counting My Lucky Stars.. Still thanking my "Angels," in Heaven!

I remember: I was cut toward the end of Basketball tryouts, when I forgot to bring my glasses.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I'm grateful to the many Teachers, Mentors, & Family Members who tried to steer me, into the right directions.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't forget my glasses, or get contact lenses, sooner.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I regret not getting to know fellow Students & Teachers, better.

Michele Young Owyang

I currently live in San Leandro.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Widowed and my partner's name is Benjamin. We've been together 41.

Kids: I have 4 kids and 6 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. SNF Activity Assistant &

Dr. Appt. Attendent. Find rental property management business.

Learn apps for shopping &

whatever I like. Visit &

be with family. Talk to friends.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Iâ€™m not easily bored. My

hobby is recycling, which

can be related to garbage

sorting.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

That question would lead me to find a person or other people to talk to. Please try

not to talk to yourself all the time.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Praise God.

Rolando Pasquali

I currently live in San Mateo Cty..

The most exotic place I've lived in: Does L.A. count?.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Mary. We've been together 40.

Kids: I have 2 kids and 2 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Lawyer at California Department of Justice.. The day that I retire, I will watch every episode of The Beverly Hillbillies, Bewitched, Hogan's Heroes, and I Dream of Jeannie in sequential order...which is why my spouse won't let me retire!

I remember: Culture shock during our first week. I don't know about everybody else, but my Junior High experience didn't prepare me for Lowell. Looking back, I am hard pressed to think of a single faculty member who didn't care deeply about how well he/she was teaching us. I'm not so sure that graduates of other San Francisco public schools can say the same thing.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That all of the things that I used to think were so cool are now ho-hum while some other things that I used to find boring now fascinate me.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Spend more time thinking about the long, rather than the short term. Set high goals and keep your compass pointed in their direction. There will be bumps along the way; but if you keep your eye on the horizon, the little things will smooth themselves out

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

If I didn't get to know you at Lowell, let's take the opportunity to make friends now.

Anita Payton

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Single. .

Kids: I have None .

These days, I'm Retired. Most recent position was Practice Coordinator at UCSF. Previous positions: Practice Supervisor at UCSF, Service Manager at Macy's Union Square San Francisco.. Recently retired: Take care of the many tasks that I never had time to do while working. Spend more time seeing family.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I never would have predicted that I am still maintaining a connection in service to the Lowell Community, initially, by serving on the Board of Directors of the Lowell Alumni Association (LAA) for 27 years. Currently associated with the LAA as an Emeritus Director. It has been and continues to be an extremely rewarding experience.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

We always continue to learn something new with each day.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

A true joy being Facebook friends (along with others) with Marian Gonzalez who was Biology Science teacher "Miss Murphy" when we were in school.

Michelle Pierre

I currently live in Hayward, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: New Orleans, LA.

I am currently Divorced. .

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. During my college years, I worked as a telephone solicitor, teacher's aide, clerk in a department store, receptionist, numerous clerical positions, security guard, accounts receivable clerk, and most memorable - working one summer at a Delmonte factory, packaging pickles, after suffering through my "orientation" by slicing onions for three days, while the other workers walked around you, at their breaks, and laughed at you, as tears streamed down your face. After that, working "on the line" seemed like a definite step up. That whole summer, I smelled like one giant pickle. LOL

As a career, I worked as a Speech Therapist in the public-school system, with students from three to twenty-one, for over thirty years. I also worked in the same field, as a contractor, with the zero to three population, for a couple of years. I am now retired!

I am currently C.E.O./Founder of a ministry founded in 2018 called, "DRAMA - Daughters Recovering After Maternal Abuse, Inc.". This Christian-based ministry is for women aged 25 and over, who have gone through trauma, directly related to being raised by the maternal figures (mothers - natural, foster or adoptive, grandmother, aunts, sisters, etc.) in their lives. At this time, it is being conducted online by way of ZOOM, only, and spans in yearly cycles. We are currently in the sixth year. God has been good to us, and I am blessed to see the growth in the women, who complete the program, as well as in myself.. I have been writing, since I was twelve years old. I am now a published author of Christian-oriented poetry and prose (While I Have My Being - 2nd Edition, and one primarily focused on single Christians - "In A Solitary Way". In the past, I worked on delivering daily devotions through text-format for a church I formerly attended. At the current time, I have several writing projects in the works. The first one up for completion, this year, is a book of daily devotionals entitled, "Come, Let Us Reason, Together - A Year Long Devotional Walk, With The LORD" based on Isaiah 1:18-19, which will include scriptures, prayers and daily life applications.

I remember: Favorite memories - school musicals, dances, sporting events, spending time in the resource room during prep periods, etc. Funniest memory - the "streakers", who would show up, and show-out, literally. Due to the fact that my name is Michelle, and that

was such a popular name at the time, I told my friends to come up to me and tap me on the shoulder, instead of calling that name out, because, most often, it was being called for someone else. Looking back in my "Memory Book", I find listed: Most Helpful - Mr. Becker, Most Interesting - Ms. Fuller, Toughest - Ms. Fuller, Easiest - Mr. Lott, and Best All Around - Mr. Abad. Favorite senior subject - Chemistry.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

She would be most surprised by the lack of knowledge about life, and the real world, she thought I had at that time. Time is a wonderful teacher. I also did not realize how important establishing my faith in Jesus, would become to me. I, first, reached out to the LORD, while going through a divorce, and have stayed the course. I, also, grew up with dogs, and over the last several decades have transitioned to a "furry-baby mom" of cats. I currently have two sixteen-year-old kitties, Buttons and Coco, whom I adopted from a shelter in Oakland at nine weeks old. I "took in" my first kitten, Columbus, while still in college, at age 20, when he was two weeks old. At that time, I also had a dog, Benji, and that's when the smooth transition began.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Faith in the LORD, positive - transformative love, peace, a good education, and a healthy dose of self-esteem will be more beneficial than anything else the world has to offer.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

May God bless you, as we continue on, with the wisdom, and knowledge the LORD gave to each of us, to be productive members of society, while actively striving to maintain our health, with peace in our own lives, and those around us.

Vicki Johnston Pitchford

I currently live in Palm Harbor, Florida.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Florida.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is David. We've been together Married 44 years.

Kids: I have Three daughters kids and Five grandchildren and Zero great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm Retired. Small business owner. Physically active, involved in community, traveling, cooking, gardening and living the Salt Life

I remember: Cheering for the Lowell Indians during football games

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Friendships that have remained through the years

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Always believe in yourself

Jeannie Pon

I currently live in San Franciscoâ€¦my home ðŸ˜Š.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Jose before Silicon ValleyðŸ˜Š....

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Samuel Hom. We've been together 25 years.

Kids: I have Three kids and Two grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Employed in SFUSD entire career! Classroom teacher, counselor, Head Counselor, assistant principal, principal and Assistant Superintendent. Volunteering for Association of Asian American Administrators to recruit and support AAPI educators in SFUSD; established neighborhood watch on my block; supporting district supervisor campaign; and helping to raise awareness of public safety in my district. Spending time with family and friendsâ€¦traveling and learning about our world

I remember: Taking 30 Stockton, transferring to M Oceanview street car and getting off at Eucalyptus and walking long blocks to Lowell carrying heavy textbooksâ€¦backpacks were not in vogue in our day! Enjoyed being Big Sister to Little Sister-supporting freshman girls assimilate to Lowell, falling asleep after lunch in Mr. Conâ€™sâ€™ chemistry classâ€¦he had to wake me up several instances! Graduating from Cow Palace was an experienceâ€¦very memorable aroma! Loved hanging out in cafeteria with my friends and playing cards. I also enjoyed PE classâ€¦exposed to and learned many new sports and skills.

Appreciated Mr. Goldsborough who taught Civics and Economicsâ€¦he made the subject relevant to a bunch of teenagersðŸ˜Šâ©

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I chose a career in public education but I always knew I would select a field to help people and to make a difference

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

To be more outgoing and outspoken!

I was active in school clubs and activities but I did not seek out leadership positionsâ€¦but there was not enough hours in the day as I also attended Chinese Language School afterschool!!

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Wishing everyone good health, happiness and prosperityâ€¦vote in November ðŸŒŸ

Chris Randall

I currently live in San Bruno, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Rosalinda Randall. We've been together 40.

Kids: I have 2 kids and 4 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Machine Design & Fabrication.

Jody Oppenheimer

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Divorced and my partner's name is Allan Reiss. We've been together Only 5 years.

These days, I'm Retired. Social worker, 17 years working with people with AIDS and 16 years in private psychotherapy practice. I sing at bedsides with the Threshold choir, do political volunteer work, facilitate a Holocaust Descendants group at my synagogue, and review films for the Legacy Film Festival on Aging.

I remember: Bob Jow (sp?), Mary Ann Toll

Chairing the Lowell Students for Peace

David Resseguie

I currently live in Eugene, OR.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Eugene, OR.

I am currently Married. 43.

Kids: I have 2 kids and 4 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. IT Guy and Manager at Natural Food Store, Mid-Sec Math/Science teacher. composing, performing, recording, mixing editing, mastering and publishing original music, part time at jobs listed above, travel

I remember: Bob Jao, Flossie Lewis, Anne Wallach, really all the English teachers, eh? HS was a dream. I didn't know that at the time :)

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

They would be glad I ended up mostly happy, most of the time. They would not be the least surprised at how things turned out for me.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Things will work out. Keep breathing.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I hope y'all are doing well.

A-Lan von Hornlein Reynolds

I currently live in Tucson, AZ.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Afghanistan.

I am currently Widowed and my partner's name is John. We've been together 44.

Kids: I have 1 .

These days, I'm Retired. Science, in many forms, for various industries. I run a non-profit Field Station in the wild backcountry of New Mexico for science research and education

I remember: Hanging out in front of the lockers with my friends, playing sports, getting kicked out of the library occasionally

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

The countries I have worked in, the Field Station in New Mexico

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Stay true to who you are

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Are you out there Gary Fudem? Hi to Alison Wong, Page Long, Barbara Gee

Roxanne Richards

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: French Alps.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Scott Schwartz. We've been together 44 years.

Kids: I have 1 .

These days, I'm Retired. Retail and Tech. Managing real estate, trying to stay healthy and out of trouble

I remember: Chikovani (sp) incredible Georgian French teacher. The pit. Playing Hearts in the halls

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

How to even begin! I expected to become a dentist and marry a Russian, soâ€¦

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Not to take life too seriously and that school gets easier after Lowell.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

It was a fun time and place to come of age

Pamela Penas Robinson

I currently live in Oakland, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: The Bay Area ðŸ‡š.

I am currently Widowed and my partner's name is Willie McGary. We've been together 10 years.

Kids: I have 2 children

3 step children kids and 4 grandchildren

9 step grandchildren grandchildren and 2 step great-grandchildren great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm Retired. Federal Government Financial Management. Sick & Homebound Ministry

Faith Formation for Developmentally Delayed Adults

Counter Ministry

Miscellaneous Church Committees

Walking, hiking & water aerobics

I remember: Lowell Jazz Band

Lowell Orchestra at Grace Cathedral

Yell Leaders for Football & Basketball

Marching Drill Team in Various Parades

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

No longer shy

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Enjoy!!!

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Be Happy!!!

Zora Rogers

I currently live in Plano, Texas with a second home in Pacific Beach (San Diego) California.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Ralph Posch. We've been together 44 years and married for 41.

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm Retired. Pediatric Hematologist - Professor of Pediatrics, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Dallas; Clinical Trials and Patient Care particularly in Bone Marrow Failure and Sickle Cell Disease. Professor Emerita UT Southwestern. Co-chair NIH:NHLBI Data Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB), federal grant reviewer, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and American Society of Hematology (ASH) committee member; Enjoying life, traveling, and having fun.

I remember: AP English and reading works that resonate today with teachers Mr. Knapp and Mrs. Wallach that took us and our ideas seriously. Forensics and being fearless in speaking to audiences big and small

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Married with twins and a respectable career. It was possible to have "it all" with luck.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

It will all be ok....adjust expectations and keep putting one foot in front of the other.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Proudest achievement...my twins, an MD and PhD, born during my first year of fellowship (not a recommended plan), who still speak to their parents most weeks and choose to spend their winter holidays all together

Lou Roselli

I currently live in Redwood City,CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Cheryl. We've been together 42 years.

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm Retired. Property and facilities management.

Nicholas Roxborough

I currently live in Encino, California.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Vienna Austria.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Karen (KK). We've been together 23.

Kids: I have 4 kids and 2 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Managing Partner at Roxborough, Pomerance, Nye & Adreani, LA Airport Commissioner, President of FOTC (Friends of the Coliseum), Commission on Health and Safety and Workers Compensation (CHSWC), Momentum-Executive Committee. Working too many long hours.

I remember: Watching Mark Estevez, streaking across campus with only his saxophone. And threatening to march at the Board of Education if they didn't give us our 144th teacher so that Professor Romer, a math teacher, could teach his Radical Politics course. Finally, setting up with my buddy Ken Lewin our own Custom Photography to go in competition for class portraits against Key Coleman.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I would actually move to LA and love living here. (Still not a Dodger fan)

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Enjoy every second of being a junior and senior at Lowell High School. Don't want to rush through the experience. Get involved in everything.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Hey, if since we are all here, everything is good! I can't wait to see those of you who I have seen at some of the reunions, but not all of them. Still wondering what happened to a few people. Ready to party and dance. We are all very lucky to have gone to Lowell High School. Many people in LA have heard of Lowell High School in some way or another. It's a "legendary" place.

Zenaida (Zeny) Unisa Rozenberg

I currently live in Hayward, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Piemonte, Italy.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Boris Rozenberg. We've been together 27.

Kids: I have 3 kids and 6 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Compliance Officer for Morgan Stanley and other banking institutions. Hubby & I purchased a farmhouse in Piemonte, Italy (last year) now called Villa Rozenberg. It's surrounded by Moscato Vineyard & a view to die for. Loving our life here, enjoying the fruits from our orchard, fresh veggies from our vegetable patch & swimming in our newly-built pool as we watch the sun go down.

I remember: Enjoyed Turkey Football games, watching musicals but what stands out is fund raising (bake sales, dances) held by the Filipino Club. Every year, we visited Laguna Honda Hospital bearing gifts for the children & singing Christmas carols to all patients. One other program we had was we taught Tagalog after school to anyone interested.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Happy to be seeing my classmates again during our 50th Reunion! Wishing everyone a healthy & happy life!

Doug Ryan

I currently live in Thousand Oaks, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco!!!.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Jackie. We've been together 32.

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. Worked in the pharmaceutical industry.. I volunteer for Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks (twenty years) and the TO Elks (ten years).

I remember: Joe Tanzi and all the plays! Forensics! Grad Night! Dave Gordon's parties!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I would enjoy science so much and do it for a living!

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Do what you love to do!

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

A toast to absent friends!

Kirby Sack

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Dar es Salaam? Phuket?.

I am currently Partnered and my partner's name is Pamela Merchant. We've been together 32.

These days, I'm Other. CEO of Sack Properties multifamily real estate investment firm..
Spending time with relatives over 90, traveling, serving on boards (nonprofit and forprofit),
hiking

Richard Sanchez

I currently live in Irvine, California.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Daly City - where they make the fog..

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Darlene. We've been together 48 years.

Kids: I have Two kids and One grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Banking regulation/banking.. Travel

I remember: Favorite teacher: Gwendolyn Fuller - English Creative Writing

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Relative work/career success.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Be more engaged.

Renee Morsello Sanders

I currently live in San Carlos.

The most exotic place I've lived in: The unincorporated part of Redwood City.

I am currently Widowed and my partner's name is Jim Sanders. We've been together 8-9 years.

Kids: I have One kids and None grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Administration in electronics, local government, and humanitarian roles.. Road trips, visiting friends and family, etc

I remember: Guys and Dolls, football games, prom, seeing friends in and between classes and over the weekends, Friday night dances and parties, the Courtyard, Spades in the cafeteria, drives around Lake Merced. Academically, I initially remember feeling behind my classmates and not really prepped for a college prep school.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I got married to the love of my life at 32, had one daughter at 37 and was a widow at 38.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Take my studies more seriously, branch out and befriend more classmates

Genevieve (Jenny) Collins Sanford

I currently live in Shoreline, WA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Albuquerque.

I am currently Divorced. .

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm Other. I started out in telecommunications with Pacific NW Bell. I went back to school and became a Sonographer. I "retired" 2 years ago but have filed in at my former hospital (University of Washington) and I'm fully retiring in September. Loved the job-just ready to be done with working. I also was very involved with my unions in both industries. If I had known in my 20s how much I enjoyed bringing unions to workers, I might have become a union organizer.. I hope to travel even more than I do now. I'm going on an East Coast road trip from Boston to Savannah the beginning of October. I want to spend even more time in the Bay Area with friends and family, and in Southern California where my son lives. I hope to continue my union work and learn to crochet so I can make grandma things for future grandkids. I also enjoy going out to hear music and watch sports, and hope to do both more too.

I remember: Too many to write down. I'm sad to say I don't really remember most of my teachers, except Mr Tanzi. I really enjoyed drama class and being in Guys and Dolls. Football games were highlights as were school dances. I think there is a theme developing here-I was probably not as academically focused as I should have been, or my parents would have liked. But I had fun!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I've been living in the Seattle area for over 40 years! Not at all on my radar when I was 17.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

When you work hard, you can usually get what you want. Not an unusual life lesson.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Once we graduated, I left SF and never moved back. That was not an intentional decision-I loved, and still love, my hometown. But I went to the University of New Mexico, then moved to Eugene, and ended up in Seattle. With all my moving around, occasionally someone who

asked me where I was from would ask me what high school I went to. When I said Lowell, not only had they usually heard of it, they were impressed! I enjoyed that reaction.

Barbara Schulz

I currently live in Manhattan Beach.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Single. .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Network Director OB/GYN for Torrance Memorial Physicians Network affiliated with Cedars. Spectator Sports

Read a newspaper if I can find one

I remember: Forensics

GAA

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Hard work paid off

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Need new hairstyle

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Glad to be part of our 50th reunion!

MOhamed Talha Serang

I currently live in Hayward, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Bombay, India.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Nasreen. We've been together 35 years.

Kids: I have 3 boys kids and 1 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. I worked for Bank of America in SF for 47 years, and also worked for 15 years for Southwest Airlines at Oakland Airport.. I travel a lot and visit family and friends in the US and around the world.

I remember: Playing soccer for Ernie Feibusch, also being in his History class. He was a great coach and mentor to many of us, and came to the US from Germany. Ironically the USA women's team beat Germany 1-0 today (8/6) in the Olympics.

Great memories from Lake Merced where we used to go to "The Pit" and party when we cut classes.

The Friendships we built at Lowell have been life long, as our wives are friends and our kids are friends and it all started in 1972 when we first met.

All of us who graduated from Lowell went on to be very successful in our lives and I thank Lowell for giving us that foundation and knowledge to succeed.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

How the core group of my friends from Lowell stayed together after so many years, and how we still rely on each other and get together often.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Be true to yourself and don't change just to please others.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Most of us who came to Lowell from the Mission District came from different countries around the world (India, El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Greece, etc.) but instead of separating us for our differences, we grew strong together as a minority at Lowell. I am proud of our friendship and all the memories, and wouldn't trade it for all the wealth in the world. Thanks for your friendship for over 50+ years.

Denis Shanagher

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco!.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Julie Shanagher. We've been together 34 Years.

Kids: I have 2 kids and Waiting :) grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Attorney; Law firm Partner; Serving on Boards of Non-Profits; Involved in USA Rugby as player and Board Member. A lot of world travel over the years.. Still practicing law (I will get it right one of these days); Member of the Board of Directors of USA Rugby and involved in bringing the Rugby World Cup to the USA in 2031.

I remember: I have great memories of performing in Guys & Dolls, playing and winning championships in Football and Baseball, and attending all of the dances and parties! Messrs. Anino and Tanzi stand out in my memory.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Still living in San Francisco.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Take more career risks, and travel even more!

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I have nothing but fond memories of my time at Lowell, and my classmates, and am very much looking forward to the Reunion.

Janet Shinkai Shinkai-Langit

I currently live in San Diego.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Raymund Langit. We've been together Met at Lowell. I took him (class of ~76) to the senior prom at the Hyatt Regency. Got back together in college. Married 34 years..

Kids: I have 1 kids and O grandchildren and O great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm Retired. Worked in R&D developing clinical diagnosis for doctors office and otc..

Joel Sorich

I currently live in Pleasanton CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Laura Brandi. We've been together 43.

Kids: I have 2 kids and 2 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Electronics. No idea but i do hope to travel a bit.

I remember: Basketball. Practice, games, all of it.

Rande Spiegelman

I currently live in Roseville, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Lillian (Mendoza) Spiegelman

Mercy High '73. We've been together 45.

Kids: I have 3 kids and 4 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. CPA, CFP (KPMG/Charles Schwab). Doting on grandchildren, travel, serving on nonprofit Board

I remember: Mr. Brillhart, proms, Spring Flings, "the Pit," meeting then Gov. Reagan, graduating a semester early and bumming around the Russian River for awhile before college. Not so favorite -- gas lines, Watergate, Yom Kippur war.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Turns out math was a good thing after all.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Buy MSFT on 3/13/86 at the IPO. Buy everything else on 9/20/87. Then wait.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

After 65+ years born and raised, we finally left SF for Placer County in 2021, mainly to follow the grandkids but also to search for whatever sanity might be left in CA. Sometimes we miss the City, sometimes we don't. But we will always have a soft spot for Lowell. My Dad was class of 1923 (commuted to Cal via ferry and train back then since there was no Bay Bridge and the fraternities wouldn't take a Jew). All three of our kids went to Lowell as well. Lowell forever!

John Stansfield

I currently live in Fairfield, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Okinawa. Not exotic but Germany, Ecuador, Iraq, Panama..

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Jacqui. We've been together 16, was married previously for 24 years - Nadine is deceased..

Kids: I have 3 kids and 4 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. 22 years US Army Infantry Officer (Airborne). Procurement agent for GM 10 years, Purchasing Group Manager for US Steel Pittsburg 13 years. Lots of hiking, fishing and gardening - oh and spoiling the grand kids

I remember: Herr Glander AP German, AP English I believe her name was Lombardi, charming older woman always impeccably dressed, and her class was out in the temporary buildings. Mac Yoshida Rifle team. The education was amazing!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I only spent 22 years in the Army, have grandkids and can still out hike and shoot better than most of my friends and all my kids

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Treasure each day as if it will be your last. Trust the Lord in all things and be thankful for all the beauty and majesty of the world. Take time for others and share the gifts you have been given.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Thank you all for all the hard lessons, the smiles and helping mold my character.

Christina Baring Stordahl

I currently live in Walnut Creek,CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Rodger. We've been together 46 years.

Kids: I have Two sons .

These days, I'm Retired. After finishing the dental assisting program at CCSF I became a registered dental assisted and enjoyed every moment of it! I retired two years ago.. My husband and I enjoy making improvements to our home and going on day trips around our area with our doodle Halsey.

I remember: I remember our Senior picnic near Gilroy and it was so hot that I passed out from heat stroke!

Cheryl Walker Strane

I currently live in San Ramon, CA - 38.2 miles (59 mins).

The most exotic place I've lived in: Lived in the Beautiful Bay Area my entire life, but have visited several exotic places. (Barbados, Hawaii, Cancun and Miami - South Beach are a few favorites).

I am currently Divorced and my partner's name is Ex-Husband Albert Strane. We've been together Were together for 12 years.

Kids: I have 2 Children with Ex-husband (Boy 41 & Girl 38)

3 step-children kids and 1 Grandson 2 1/2 years old grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. *Banking & Financial Management- Mortgage Lending Professional - Began 1986 - 38 years

*Health & Wellness - Group Fitness Instructor / Personal Training - Since 1980- 44 years (Part-time)

* Started a (part-time) sweets & novelty business in 2008 - "How Sweet It Is Gourmet Pralines Elegant Gift Creations".

(It's a taste of New Orleans theme). Still working as a Mortgage Lending Professional

When I retire:

*Plan to continue working in the Health & Wellness area a Group Fitness/Exercise Instructor

*Run my Sweets business at a Farmer's Market and possibly organizing events that will provide opportunities for small business to sell their goods.

*Finish writing & self-publishing (2 self -help type books) that I started research on.

I remember: (1) Being part of the Lowell Indian Drill team; (2) Lining up for the best Short-bread cookies daily while the aroma of the cookies baking made your mouth water. (3) Rallies (Mark) mooning everyone during the caravans before big football games. (4) Class of 74 Senior night in Disneyland

Teachers: Mr. Bettencourt & Ms. Smith were two of my favorites.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I never remarried and have now been divorced longer than I was married.

Married 10 years - Divorced 32 years

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

To pursue, develop and stick with the gifts and talents God has given you and stay the course no matter the challenges you are faced with.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

My how time flies! - So grateful for the experiences!

Joy Sugaya Tani

I currently live in Saratoga, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Alan Tani. We've been together 34 years.

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm Retired. I was a software engineer as my career. After many years, I moved into management and later was a program manager.. I continue to work out at the gym. We just got done with a major kitchen remodel - still unpacking boxes! After many years, I finally bought a new Rav4 Prime - love it! Just went on a 2 week trip to Japan with my daughters. Trying to do more traveling. Looking for my "Second act".

I remember: Pinfold, Bettencourt, crazy/great Meinhard Schultz. The long walk from the streetcar to school. The hour+ bus ride to school and another hour back. "Falling sick" before a physics class test (loooong story) then running into Mr. Becker who was chaperoning a dance that same night. Almost getting killed in driver's training by a classmate who didn't have a clue about oncoming traffic.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

In high school, I had no idea what I wanted to do. At UC Davis, I studied computer science and made a career in software engineering. It was a good career choice, taking me to Russia, China, India, Japan and Israel. I was never ambitious or worldly, but it gave me opportunities and took me places I would not have imagined.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Be adventurous and open to new experiences and opportunities. Try many things and don't be worried about failure. Meet lots of people and talk to those who have different ideas. Believe in yourself.

Dave Tateosian

I currently live in Martinez, CA, a happy resident for 42 years and a truly great place to live and raise a family..

The most exotic place I've lived in: For where I lived, Berkeley.

For where I've been, Guyana, 40 miles in the jungle where Jaguars still roamed through town at night and an Anaconda got a resident while I was there..

I am currently Divorced and my partner's name is Mae Go. We've been together 34 years, married for 30 years..

Kids: I have Harrison, now 28, a graduate of UC Irvine, and living the life in SoCal and has already traveled to Australia, Taiwan, Japan, the Caribbean, London, Rome, Singapore, Hong Kong, and more! .

These days, I'm still working at my career. My career has been focused on engineering and project management for power production projects. I worked for 18 years at PG&E in various roles working on the Diablo Canyon Power Plant. I then spent 3 years at Altran, an engineering consultancy working on nuclear power plants around the United States. That was followed by 10 years at POWER Engineers working on gas turbine, reciprocating engine, geothermal, solar PV, and solar thermal projects in the Americas. I then started Clean Power Consulting Partners, now in its 14th year, providing consulting, Owner's Engineering, and project management services for gas turbine, reciprocating engine, geothermal, energy storage, and solar PV projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Currently working on my last project and planning to retire in summer 2025.. When I retire in 2025, I want to spend more time with friends and family, traveling, and on my main hobbies of photography and model railroading. I'll also continue my volunteer activities at Church and in the model railroading field. I'd also like to spend time completing my years-long project of building a family tree on Ancestry.com.

I remember: The library/bookstore where I devoured science fiction, French classes, my first taste of commuting on Muni, and more.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

My 17 year old self would be pleasantly surprised to see that I had developed into a much more outgoing person. I'd also be surprised that I was still working and divorced.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Be bolder and engage more actively.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I'm sorry I could not come as I had a previously planned family reunion in Cape Cod at the same time. I was fortunate to go to Lowell as it provided a great education in preparation for UC Berkeley.

Gary Teragawa

I currently live in Grovetown, Georgia.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Calexico, California. Just kidding. California all my life until 2016..

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Katherine. We've been together Seven years, six married..

Kids: I have 2 step children. kids and None grandchildren and None great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. In 2022, I failed retirement, becoming a Deputy Sheriff, part-time with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Appling, Georgia. I work Supply/Logistics/Evidence as the reserve evidence/supply custodian. I work special events, county fair, boat patrol, community services and having a tremendous amount of fun!

In retirement, from 2008 to 2015, I served as chief of public safety for the Colusa County Fair, the Colusa County Regional Medical Center Board of Directors, Family Water Alliance Board, Community Foundation of Colusa County, consultant for Colusa County Department of Public Health-Mass Casualty Disaster Preparedness Planning and in 2013, was elected to the Colusa County Board of Education.

In 2016, I resigned my volunteer and board positions to move to Augusta, Georgia, to care for my uncle and aunt in their last remaining years and to take care of their affairs after their passing.

I stayed in Georgia, meeting Katherine, a Southern Belle, my wife be in 2017, married in 2018.

In 2008, after almost 33 years of California service, I received an Honorable Retirement from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for 28 years of State law enforcement service, the last 13 years as a Lieutenant, CHP, serving as Field Lieutenant in San Diego and San Juan Capistrano, headquarters Office of Special Representative, Sacramento, Commander at Calexico, Lieutenant at Santa Ana, Commander at Williams and Executive Lieutenant at Yuba-Sutter. In 1994, I promoted to Lieutenant, District Commander, California State Police, San Diego. I left the University of California Police after 15 years where I served as a Sergeant and manager, University of California Police, Irvine, and as an Officer, corporal, detective and sergeant University of California Police at San Francisco.

78-79 Deputy Sheriff, Solano County. 1978 Police Officer San Francisco Housing Authority Police. 76-78 Reserve Deputy Sheriff, Yolo County and 75-76 campus police City College of San Francisco.. Enjoying life with Katherine and the fun learning something new about our marriage and each other everyday for the last seven years.

Enjoying the fun of working part-time as a certified deputy sheriff at an outstanding sheriff's office with many exceptional people. Actually more fun than California.

Katherine and I plan to travel to Scotland and Ireland and later on to Japan! Konichiwaa y'all!

Katherine and I will continue to plan going to different venues for our birthdays, anniversary and sometimes Christmas creating new memories and experiences. The joy and fun of experiencing something new and different.

I remember: Lowell always had the best Orchestra, Band and Choir. Jack Pereira, Paul Zahtilla and Johnny Land were the best. The musicals were nothing short of stage quality. I remember science classes some with Miss Marian Murphy, Gonzalez, math with Paul Abad and Jim Pinfold, very fun times! Lastly, ROTC with CSM Tom Callahan and Mack Yoshida. They knew I was a better Company Commander than a member of the rifle team, a very good move! I enjoyed being part of some great memories, performances and experiences.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I became a police officer and not a music teacher that I had my heart set on.

I traveled to Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, France, and England before age 32.

I did not marry until I was 1962. It took me until I was 62 to find Katherine to share my life with.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Always follow your dreams, your hopes and desires. Make the best of everything, have fun, learn what works for you to be successful. But when reality appears, then you learn to improvise, adapt and overcome.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I look forward to seeing all y'all at the reunion!

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First off, a little information to identify you.

First name: * **Angelo**

Last Name: * **Tom**

Last Name at Lowell, if different:

Please confirm best email to reach you: (we will be sending out the results): **angelo_tom@yahoo.com**

I currently live in: **San Francisco, CA**

The most exotic place I've lived is: **Portland, OR for a month in 1996**

I am currently: **MARRIED**

Single

Married

Partnered

Divorced

Widowed

Other

My partner's name is/was: Roanne (Poverello) Tom

We have been/were together for how many years? 51 years (married 41 years)

Number of children (ok to include step-children): **2**

Number of grand-children (ok to include step-grandchildren) **0**

Great-grandchildren?? (Number if >0) **0**

Are you: Still working at your career

Still working at your career

Retired

Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy

Other

Here's what I'm doing/did for work most of the last 50 years:

Graduated magna cum laude with double major in psychology and business administration (with double concentration in management and human resources); joined HUD's management training program; completed double master's business administration and psychology; rose to rank of GS-14 at HUD (Lt. Col); got the 700 homeless projects between 1990 & 2014 in San Francisco office under contract; worked on many handbooks and policies that HUD uses today; trained a whole generation of HUD senior and management staff; received HUD's Distinguished Service Award and Deputy Secretary's letter of commendation; got to visit many great American cities: Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix, Honolulu, Seattle, Portland, Chicago, Washington, DC, etc.; married for 41 years, with two wonderful children – Antonio with business administration (with double concentration in management and international business) and accounting and double minor in history and Spanish) degree and is currently contract compliance officer with City of San Francisco; and Alisa with interior design degree with double minors In English and Art, with master's professional studies from Georgetown, currently a Fulbright Scholar at University of Edinburgh; using Urban Zen theme, Alisa was principal interior design for all Sales Force Buildings in US;

Here's what I'm doing now (if post-retirement, or what you plan to do post-retirement):

I am currently NOT retired. When I am retired, I would like to be a consultant on HUD community development, community revitalization, economic development, affordable housing, and homelessness programs. I would also like to teach in the community colleges in public administration, management, and/or psychology.

How many miles did you/will you travel to the reunion? (If further than the Bay Area, where are you coming from?) **6 miles**

Here are a few favorite memories, teachers, classes, events, stories that stand out from my time at Lowell:

Being in first group of juniors to make Scroll & L Honor Society, making Lowell's first wrestling team, making President's Physical Fitness Team, doing Dean Marcus' mentoring program, holding many club officers' positions like Junior Classical League's; being a teaching assistant in many classes and tutoring; remembering many very good teachers: Dr. Howard, Mr. Descilo, Ms. Scanlan, Ms. Samuel, Mr. Buono, etc.; the energy crisis attending school when it was still very day outside; walking across town to school during Muni strike;

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I am in my 45th year and 36th year in management at HUD and feel that I can still make a positive difference with HUD programs and staff.

If you could go back and visit 1974, what's one piece of advice you would share with your 17-year-old self?

Rationality cannot be sole determinant in making decision, as it needs to be tempered with empathy and compassion.

Anything else you'd like to share with your classmates?

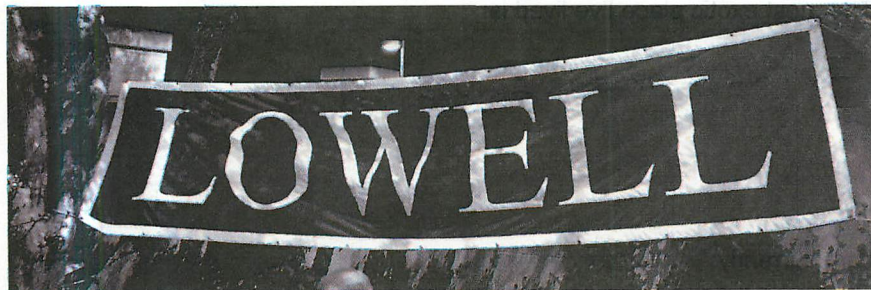
Looking forward to seeing everyone in a few weeks.

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50th Reunion Survey

Classes of Fall 1973 and Spring 1974



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Roanne

Last Name: *

Tom

Last Name at Lowell, if different:

Poverello

Please confirm best email to reach you: (we will be sending out the results)

email@example.com blue_moon824@yahoo.com

I currently live in: San Francisco

The most exotic place I've lived is:

In 1982, I lived in Europe for 6 months.

I am currently:

- ☐ Single
- ☒ Married
- ☐ Partnered
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Other

My partner's name is/was:

Angelo Tom

We have been/were together for how many years?

51 years

Here are a few favorite memories, teachers, classes, events, stories that stand out from my time at Lowell: *I enjoyed representing Mr. Descilo's Italian class by cooking and serving Italian food at the Kermesse Festival.*

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later? *That I was able to overcome many difficult storms of my life!*

If you could go back and visit 1974, what's one piece of advice you would share with your 17-year-old self?

Be super strong! It's a wild world out there!

Anything else you'd like to share with your classmates?

Be a super person by helping others survive the storms of life!

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0

Are you:

- ☐ Still working at your career
- ☒ Retired
- ☐ Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy
- ☐ Other

Here's what I'm doing/did for work most of the last 50 years:

I worked as a music teacher in the public and private schools of San Francisco for 30 years!

Here's what I'm doing now (if post-retirement, or what you plan to do post retirement):

I am planning to do some more travelling!

How many miles did you/will you travel to the reunion? (If further than the Bay Area, where are you coming from?)

6 miles

Maria Vasquez Vasquez Brosnan

I currently live in Burlingame, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco ðŸ™¸.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is James Brosnan. We've been together Married 41 years, together on and off since middle school!.

Kids: I have Two .

These days, I'm Retired. Bilingual Academic Counselor/ Coordinator at City College of San Francisco, various campuses and programs for 37 years.. Connecting/ reconnecting with friends and family to spend quality time together, traveling, figuring out where to help next.

I remember: Mr. Tanzi, drama class and theatre friends, The Boyfriend, G&D, going to elementary schools to perform "Clown who Ran Away", cast parties, Mr. Crosleys' AP class, Michelle and friends in class and courtyard, Tony and Arthur, APG friends, and much more- fun times.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I ended up working in education!

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Stay connected with more Lowell friends.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Looking forward to seeing you all at the reunion- can't believe it's been 50 years!
Thanks in advance to reunion committee.

Cathy Seay (Collucci during practice marriage)

Vink

I currently live in About 50 miles north of Seattle, WA..

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco!

Versus 2 miles from the Adirondack State Park in upstate New York....

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Jon Vink. We've been together 33.

Kids: I have 2 by practice husband kids and 1 grandchildren and 0, thank the heavens! great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm Retired. RN, first in hospitals in SoCal and Cooperstown, NY, then visiting nurse in upstate NY and the Puget Sound. Retired after 42 years after working in case management with chronic disease patients.. Volunteering as a Master Gardener in Skagit County's program under WSU Extension. Just got certified, doing 3 months of weekly classroom study, followed by 60 hours of experience as a community worker.

Also pursuing my passion of fondling fiber, as a serious knitter, crocheter, spinner and fabric embellished. I belong to several guilds and groups, finding like-minded friends.

I remember: Joe Tanzi's musical theater changed my life, I will always be grateful for his support.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I worked so long in a helping profession, who knew I was a care giver?!?

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Go study dance at UC Irvine, you can do it!

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

High school was not my favorite time, but it made me who I am. No regrets!

Lynn Greeley Virgilio

I currently live in St. George, Utah.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Single. .

Kids: I have 0 kids and 0 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. media.

I remember: swim team timer, orchestra, school plays, football games,

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

how much I love to travel

Julie Julie Rainey Voge

I currently live in Orangevale CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco!.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Dave Voge

(Lincoln ~ 73). We've been together Together 44 years - married 42 years.

Kids: I have 2 kids and 4 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Insurance underwriting - specializing in Ocean Marine insurance (Cargos, commercial vessels, maritime businesses). Planning to retire in 2025 and spend more time with grandkids. Also planning to join the Y and take Tai Chi among other things. Hope to get back to cooking from scratch.

I remember: Drama and musical theatre performances, the inclusiveness of the students, epic Grad Night, hanging out in the quad at the picnic tables playing Knuckles and Spades (and at the Treatle but don't tell my kids!). Winning Sr Exclusive tickets on Wacky Tacky. Senior prank when someone replayed the announcement to leave school because a pipe broke. Greased Lightning performances. So many more.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I'm in the insurance business! That I found my confidence and have taken many leadership roles both professionally and personally. That I got my brown belt in Kajukenbo Karate at age 53!

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Believe in your dreams and stick to them no matter what.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I'm so proud to be a graduate of Lowell High School and look forward to revisiting those times and to catching up with my old friends!

Dawn Stephens Walker

I currently live in Phoenix, Arizona.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco, California :D.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Jerrold Hatchett. We've been together Currently together for 23 years. (Met in 2001. Dated for 16 years. Married for 7 years in 2017) :D.

Kids: I have Lots! combined. kids and More than two! ;D grandchildren and Lost count. great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. Came to Phoenix, AZ for the past 12 years to care for parents until the end of their life. Worked two different jobs while here. Officially retired in March 2019 to continue caregiving for both parents.

Published first book titled: "The Trials and Tribulations of J.D. Babycakes" (Fiction. Focuses on the main character, a female of mystery whose cycle of life revolves around her own bird's-eye view of life experiences. Her stories speak from the perspective and perceptions of wisdom, truth, spirituality and conflict. J.D. Babycakes' is shown to be an imperfect presence. The book is made up of 106 short stories, each 150 words or less. A surprising, quirky at times, and thought-provoking read. :D). I am doing the following now: Continuing with my ministry duties outside of the church walls. Doing volunteer work within the community, including within my own church.

Working on getting back to my writing and anticipating the publication of more of my books - both already written and in-progress. Working towards acquiring my own publishing company and to encourage other published and unpublished authors to follow through with sharing their creative works. I believe that we each have unfinished adventures, memories, travels, life lessons and much more to explore in print and/or audio.

Lastly, my husband, Jerrold, and I plan to take time to travel and relax more, while still focusing on creating more opportunities for our youth and senior citizens, in particular. I'm currently working on establishing a legacy on behalf of both my parents, Jesse and Myrtle Stephens, Jr. - a very special, loving, giving, and impacting couple not only to their own children, but to the multitude of other lives they were blessed to come in contact with and to also be touched by.

I remember: 1. Varsity Football Song Girls: Gail Ford, Jeannie McAllister (both deceased), Susan Adams, Grace Kaplan, Connie Gibson, Dawn (Stephens) Walker

2. Teachers: Jack Anderson, Gwen Fuller, Miss Smith, Miss Callan (P.E.)

3. BSU (Black Students Union) - our meetings and memorable social events we generated, as well as fundraisers.

4. Lifelong friendships still gratefully in full effect. Thank you!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

My 17-year-old self would be most surprised about the direction my life took 50 years later. I have grown in ways that I never could have imagined. I was blessed to have had both my loving parents / best friends for almost my whole life (65 years). I continue to grow spiritually in my faith, obedience, and relationship to my Father God, Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. Ultimately, my blessings have far outweighed the many challenges, difficulties, and heartbreaking experiences called life. And happily, I knew this part of my life would continue to ring true.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

"Continue to live your life as your parents taught you by being true to yourself: Treat others as you would have them treat you!"

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

CONGRATULATIONS LOWELL CLASSES OF FALL 1973 AND SPRING 1974!!!

WE CAN ALL STILL MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE! BLESSINGS!

Love and Peace, Dawn Stephens Walker :D

Rick Ward

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Mariann. We've been together 35.

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Internal Medicine physician.

Diane Lorence Wight

I currently live in Walnut Creek, Ca..

The most exotic place I've lived in: In Communist Poland, in remote Belize.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Steven Wight. We've been together 18.

Kids: I have 4 kids and 5+ grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Worked as family medicine physician for 40 years at John Muir Hospital. Served on the International and local Boards of Amigos de las Americas, and Boards of the John Muir Independent Physicians Association. Danced and performed in the San Francisco Polish Folk Dance Group with 2 sons all through high school. Travelled extensively, did long distance bicycling and long distance backpacking trails, and 60 years of snow skiing.. Pickleball, skiing, backpacking, hiking, kayaking, caring for grandchildren.

I remember: The wonderful dances with live bands! Mr. Koenig's Physics class, Mr. Feibusch's History Class, Mr. Crossley's Spanish class, Ervin Becker, whom I TA'd for in Chemistry, a very sweet man, but I still never understood Chemistry! The vibrant atmosphere at school and the love of learning pervasive there. The delicious freshly baked cookies that would exit the cafeteria kitchen every afternoon - yum!! The positive atmosphere.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Having backpacked 4 long-distance trails over 150-200 miles.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't worry so much about getting great grades!

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Thanks to all for making Lowell an academic, stimulating welcoming place of learning that prepared me well for U.C. Berkeley and medical school while being a very fun place to go to school!

Michael Williams

I currently live in Union City.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Single. .

These days, I'm Retired. Recently retired from federal civilian service.. Enjoying the start of retirement.

I remember: School courtyard!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Keeping my senses of individualism and independence!

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Life is full of changes, go with the flow!

Michael Winks

I currently live in Brooklyn, NY.

The most exotic place I've lived in: My future home in Granada, Nicaragua where I am right now..

I am currently Partnered and my partner's name is Leslie Merritt. We've been together 3.

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm Retired. I was in print media in the Bay Area, Pittsburgh and New York City. Online has taken over which is great but less work available. I got lucky on a real estate investment and live off that and SS.. Get my house ready in Granada, build a swimming pool, wait out the crash of the USA and pray for its recovery. I take my 17 year old to baseball and have an amazing relationship with Leslie who has three teens and can't move to Granada just now.

I remember: Amazing that Ms Lewis is still alive. Never had her, had Ms Wallach and Mr Knapton and Mr Gamble, all gone. Remember Mr Durieux well. Counselor Gazaway. Building new friendships, Never fitting in to cliques. I remember missing a lot of senior year because of bus strike and teachers strike. Didn't bother me a bit.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I stuck it out in the theater so long as a writer. Thankless job but I seemed to think I could make a difference.... I guess moving to Nicaragua would certainly have surprised me as well.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

The right woman doesn't necessarily come along right away. Be careful of settling. Understand that we have all been glorified slaves since the Civil War and work should never come first.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

My community choir in Brooklyn had annual cabaret shows where we would perform musical theater. Once I did the final verse of Nicely Nicely doing Sit Down you're rocking the boat. It's on Youtube. I'm actually a pretty good singer now.

Robin Won

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Hong Kong.

I am currently Divorced. .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Promoting business and investment to Hong Kong. Travel more

I remember: Lunch in front of my locker, Big Sister, Shield and Scroll

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I am still learning new things. That I am in my late 60s, but don't look it. Good baker.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't sweat the small stuff. Just

Annie Wong

I currently live in Bethesda Maryland.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Hong Kong.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Calvin Cheng. We've been together 43 years.

Kids: I have 2 kids and 3 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Attorney. Attorney

I remember: I have very fond memories of my English honors and AP English classes - especially Mrs Anne Wallach's classes

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Never thought I would end up living on the East Coast or that I would be a lawyer

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Study less and play more

Darrell Wong

I currently live in Elk Grove California.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Salinda Wong. We've been together Over 30 years.

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. Retired from Home Theatre Contractor business after 25 years and owned and operated a RCFE care facility for 5 years.. I'm able to volunteer time to various care facilities to have a worship and visitation time with elderly residents with the teamwork of my church friends. Also sharing with families and friends about the ins and outs my journey with planning for retirement and what to prepare for as we age and what it all encompasses.

I remember: Staying after school and helping Mr. Becker our science teacher prepare the lab assignments for the following day. To think I was helping make pipets with the bunsen burner and glass tubes vs buying. Guess Amazon was in its infancy.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Looking back and seeing the clothes we were wearing, and commenting, what was I thinking,...or not!

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Focus on school for the next 5 years and it'll take care of the rest of your life.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

An acknowledgement of appreciation for our era of thinkers and doers, and the impact, whether or not if even noticed of our 1974 class we have had with each other. Thanks and may God Bless you all!

June Woo Wong

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Winston Wong. We've been together 38.

Kids: I have 3 .

These days, I'm Retired. Graduated from UC Berkeley in Computer Science. Worked at Hewlett-Packard for 11 years as a programmer analyst and technical training developer. Left to open and own 2 Papyrus stationery stores in SF Marina and Cow Hollow for 6 years. Sold stores then worked at non-profit Asian Neighborhood Design for 6 years. Left to work at Delta Air Lines for 11 years. Retired from airlines with lifetime flying benefits for my family.

Aside from working, I was a Founding Sister of Asian Women's Shelter (AWS) www.sfaws.org in 1988. I was on the Board of Directors of this non-profit and was Board President (www.sfaws.org). I threw annual fundraiser dances for many years (2008-2017) with 3 live bands playing and 400 attendees. It was so fulfilling and fun to do.

Retired from Delta Air Lines in 2020. At Delta I escorted VIPs too. I've met Kanye West, Nick Cannon, RuPaul, Kristen Stewart, Jim Harbaugh, Manny Pacquiao, Tyler Florence, MC Hammer. I had to deny boarding to Willie Brown once because he came too late to the gate for his flight. He was not happy!

Got my first dog Toto (white lab) in 1988. Second dog Coco (coton de tulear) in 2011. Third dog Kalbi (jindo) rescue in 2013. Fourth dog Buster (maltese) rescue in 2021. Kalbi and Buster still here and brings our family lots of joy.

I love living in the City and raised all three kids here. My house is next door to Joe DiMaggio's old house in the Marina. Even got to see Joe there after the 1989 earthquake.

It's been a good 50 years even with the ups and downs. A good life is mostly now you respond to it. I love my life, my family, my friends.. I've been travelling a lot since I have flying benefits. Favorite international places are London, Philippines, Thailand, Japan, Vietnam, Italy, France, Hong Kong, Seoul. Have visited all the Disney parks: Shanghai, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Paris, Orlando, Anaheim, Hawaii (Aulani). I visit Hawaii often. Domestically I enjoy SoCal, Las Vegas and New York. I plan to travel as much as I can while I can. When I can't travel easily I'll take cruises.

I enjoy live music and going to pop concerts. Have seen Tower of Power several times, Katy Perry, Janet Jackson, Beyonce, Taylor Swift, Toto, Earth Wind & Fire, Elton John, Stevie Wonder, Diana Ross, Cher, Lady Gaga, Santana, Went on a Smooth Jazz Cruise several times.

I take my 93 year old mother to lunch every Thursdays. She still lives in SF Chinatown where I grew up. I've been in the SF Marina district over 30 years now and still love it.

I remember: I loved being a geometry math TA for Ms. G along with my friends. Made really good friendships. Shoutout to my lifelong girlfriends Alli (Aliena Cheung) ChIn, Joan Chin, Betty Lee, Sharon, Shirley. Great memories with my first boyfriend Frank Hong ;)

Got my first car (hand-me-down Ford Mustang). Driving my friends to school was cool. Happy not to have to walk down that long road on Eucalyptus Drive.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I became a dog person.

I became a retail business owner.

I would travel the world.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Be flexible. Be kind and forgiving. Enjoy each moment of your life. No one is perfect. Spent more time with my parents and family.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I loved my time at Lowell. Enjoy your life and spread the love and kindness always.

Kimball Wong

I currently live in Hayward, CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Hayward.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Vivien Wong. We've been together 43 years.

Kids: I have 3 kids and 8 grandchildren .

These days, I'm still working at my career. Chiropractor

High School Girls Basketball coach. Cont. Volunteering on Medical Missions to Philippines

I remember: Hanging out at the Library, getting kicked out of the library by Mr. Bixby

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

The late 60s are not old, you are able to do most everything you are able to when in your early years, just a bit slower. You will still be able to run

You will still be working only because you want to.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't hesitate to try new things, Learn become fluent in another language, live in a different part of the world. Have no regrets!

Nick Wong

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Jackie Chong. We've been together 36 years.

These days, I'm Retired. Real estate brokerage, management and consulting for work. Swimming, biking and skiing for exercise. Eating, sleeping, sunning and partying in Maui, Europe and Asia.. I'm doing what I did the past 50 years except for the work part!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I'm alive and well.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't let mistakes slow you down, keep moving forward it only gets better.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Party on!

Vivien Ma Wong

I currently live in Hayward CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Bay Area?.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Kimball Alan Wong. We've been together 43 yrs , but married for 40 years.

Kids: I have 2 kids and 5 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Retired. Worked as a Registered Nurse for 36 years at UCSF Medical ,

Worked 11 years as a Nurse Assessor for a company that handles Long term Care Insurance. Baby sit Grandchildren once a week, help care for my 90 yr old mom, Yearly volunteer medical mission work for 1 week to the Philippines & traveling

I remember: My husband, Kimball, attended Lowell High same class year and we did not meet & know each other then. He said he hanged out with the noisy group in the main library, while I hanged out in the other library that is quiet. Favorite memory - Having Dr. Philip Glander as my German AP teacher - could not believe I read Siddharta by Herman Hesse, & Three Penny Opera by Bertolt Brecht & wrote essays about them in German.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Relatively, I am living a comfortable life with children and grandchildren living in the Bay Area. I was happy with the nursing career I chose and it fit my personality.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Invest in properties in San Francisco as it was cheap in 1974 & travel more.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Wish everyone healthy living and enjoy life to the fullest. We have only one life to live.

Scott Wood

I currently live in Erie, Colorado.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Anniston, Alabama...LOL!

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Kelly Wood. We've been together 20+.

Kids: I have 2 kids and 1 grandchildren .

These days, I'm Volunteering/working at passion job or to keep busy. Flight Attendant for Northwest/Delta for 41 years. 1979-2020. Also firefighter/EMT for 21 years. 1983-2004. Law enforcement 2016-current.

. Academy Instructor, Adams Cnty Sheriff, Colorado. (Firearms instructor, Special Deputy)

I remember: Joe Tanzi and Johnny Land. Don Brillhart. All the great times working on the shows like The Boyfriend, Guys and Dolls, and the Senior Show. Lifetime friendships with David fellows, Kelly Cline, Jeff Frentz and others too numerous to mention.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I still haven't figured out what I want to do with my life! LOL!

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Don't be so quick to get married! Enjoy life! Hug your mom, she will be gone way too soon.

Diane Wren

I currently live in Dolores, CO.

The most exotic place I've lived in: Ho Chi Minh City VietNam.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Mike Pfotenhauer. We've been together 40.

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm Retired. Husband & I owned an Outdoor company, Osprey Packs.

Gardening, travel, volunteering, & we have a family philanthropic foundation

I remember: Fave teacher: Miss Dati

Greg Yau

I currently live in San Francisco.

The most exotic place I've lived in: San Francisco.

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Vivian. We've been together 30 years.

Kids: I have Two. One boy and one girl. kids and None grandchildren and None great-grandchildren!

These days, I'm still working at my career. Teach Wing Chun Kung Fu, Qigong for health, fitness, rejuvenation, maintain youth, and beauty. Acupuncture and Chinese herbalist. Writing ebooks and filming videos.. Same as above. Will work until the end.

I remember: I really enjoyed the Friday night dances.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

Still teaching my first loves, Wing Chun, health, and fitness. Getting involved with research and development in the field of neural science, quantum physics, vortex mathematics, sacred geometry, and the unified field theory. We are still improving and adding quality to our programs to help everyone live a healthier, longer and happier life. Still teaching and will be teaching for the rest of my life.

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Listen and trust your intuition 100%.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

I really look forward to seeing classmates from elementary, junior high, and Lowell. It will be fun.

Calvin Yim

I currently live in Fremont CA.

The most exotic place I've lived in: .

I am currently Married and my partner's name is Teresa Fong Yim. We've been together 38 years.

Kids: I have 2 .

These days, I'm Retired. Dentist and Pastor. Fish, garden, cook and bake

I remember: For many reasons, we often don't have the chance to thank our teachers once we leave Lowell. I am grateful that Lowell's science department was/is top notch and prepared me well for my future. Knowing I was heading into healthcare I took the required course of Biology and Ms Rose Eng was the instructor. She became one of my favorite teachers at Lowell, because she challenged us to know the subject thoroughly and made learning fun. Jumping many years ahead when I married my wife Terri, I discovered my wife's aunt's sister was Ms Eng. Over 40 years after Lowell I got to personally thank Ms Eng at a family banquet for being a part of my journey to become a doctor. The Lowell world became smaller.

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

That I became a pastor

If you could go back to 1974, what one thing would you tell your 17-year-old self?

Do not be anxious about anything.

What else would you like to tell your classmates?

Thankful for you all. We shared a memorable season in our lives at a very special school for all of us. Peace.

50th Reunion Survey

Desiree Yip

Responded at 9/8/2024, 4:06:29 PM

First off, a little information to identify you. First name:

Desiree

Last Name:

Yip

Last Name at Lowell, if different:

Question skipped

Please confirm best email to reach you: (we will be sending out the results)

desiree.yip@att.net

I currently live in:

San Francisco

The most exotic place I've lived is:

Summer in Taipei, Taiwan during an international exchange program 1977 and two weeks in Hong Kong with relatives to visit HK and surrounding areas on day trips.

I am currently:

Married

My partner's name is/was:

Alden Hom

We have been/were together for how many years?

49

Number of children (ok to include step-children):

3

Number of grand-children (ok to include step-grandchildren):

8 plus 4 honorary grandchildren (2 children each from the two bridesmaids of our daughter wedding party whose parents are no longer on earth)

Great-grandchildren?? (Number if >0)

0

Are you:

Retired

Here's what I'm doing/did for work most of the last 50 years:

banking and advanced education

Here's what I'm doing now (if post-retirement, or what you plan to do post retirement):

learning retirement tips and participating in learning and physical exercise activities at the City recreational centers.

How many miles did you/will you travel to the reunion? (If further than the Bay Area, where are you coming from?)

within SF city limits, 7 miles.

Here are a few favorite memories, teachers, classes, events, stories that stand out from my time at Lowell:

In 1970-1974, Lowell's drafting teacher, Mrs. Newman was one of my favorite teacher/homeroom adviser. The homeroom kept all of the students awake either by sitting or standing besides the drafting desks at 8am otherwise you may falloff the high stools! LOL! Another fun memory, taking golf as PE class and facing all of the other 30+ classmates when I was learning to tee off because I was a lefty!

What would your 17-year-old self be most surprised about you, 50 years later?

I learned and experienced so much at Lowell, revisited with former classmates, acquaintances and friends when we were transferred to other district elementary and jr

high school when our family moved in 1963 and we were transferred to other schools.

If you could go back and visit 1974, what's one piece of advice you would share with your 17-year-old self?

Do not be in such a hurry to work while attending Lowell, join the clubs and other activities during and after school hours. Almost everyone will be working for many years in the future after high school especially after Class '74

Anything else you'd like to share with your classmates?

Now, don't spend time on unnecessary tasks and enjoy what is in front of you, family, friends, adventures and don't put off what you would like to experience now.