
MET EXCHANGE

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President's Message

Welcome to the second year of the Metaphonian Alumni Association Newsletter! We are excited to announce that we have a total of 52 alumni association members. It's because of YOU that this is all possible. We are looking forward to another great year, and are so excited to have you on board.

Each year we work toward making the association the best it can possibly be, and with your help it can only get better. A short survey will be sent out in the upcoming weeks, and your much-needed response is greatly appreciated.

In other news, we have a new alumni association officer, Mrs. Mary Barber. we are so excited to have her and are very thankful for her dedication to the Alumni Association. I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

met love, mrs. dez gamora martinez

Meet the Officers

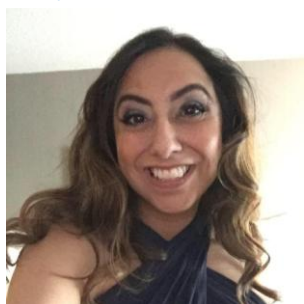
We would like to take a moment to welcome and proudly introduce our newest officer, **Secretary Mary Barber** as she joins President Dez Martinez (1998), Treasurer Melissa Belagardi (2004), Social Chairs Mayra Rivera (2002) and Azucena Amezcua (2004), and Publicity/Historian Miki Conant (2013).



Hello Sisters,

My name is Mary Barber, formerly Pasillas. I pledged in 1999 with the Crazy 8's. I was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. Currently I live in Long Beach, Ca in the Belmont Shore area. I married my college sweetheart, Brian Barber, and we have a teenage son. I am a stay at home mom. I spend my time volunteering at my son's school and with various community organizations. I look forward to getting to know more of my awesome sisters in the coming year. Met love & mine, Mary

Spotlight On Sisterhood...



Aisha Hussain Reynolds

Explosive 8 // 1996

**Why did you want to be a Met?
Who recruited you?**

My freshman year what seemed to be my whole floor in Stauffer Hall pledged mets and they seemed to be having so much fun, it made me want to be a Met. I think Joanna Gerber was probably the biggest reason I pledged.

Why did you choose to join the association?

I have such fond memories of being a Met and to this day some of my closest friends are Mets. It changed my life and I wanted to continue to support the society.

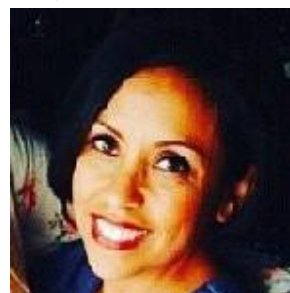
What was your favorite event as an active?

Hmmmm... I was a bad active and didn't make it to many; but I would have to say the Met-Franklin Pool Parties.

What are you up to now?

I live in Kansas City, Missouri with my husband, Ricki and our two kids, Kaleb who is nine years old and Nadia who is six years old. I work as securities lawyer for a public company.

Spotlight On True Blue...



Judi Cervantes McAskill

Tempestuous 13 // 1995

**Why did you want to be a Met?
Who recruited you?**

I was in Whittier College cheer with Monica Martinez-Johnson, Katie Peters, and Dee Hochstettler. I loved the vibe and they were real and exactly where I fit!

Why did you choose to join the association?

I chose to be a part of the alumni association to give back and support the traditions, sisterhood, and the future of the society.

What was your favorite event as an active?

My favorite events were always spring sing and homecoming.

What are you up to now?

I am married to Steve McAskill. We have one son, little Steve. I have been teaching for almost 20 years and coach drill team for 17 years. I am also a freelance makeup and hair artist. We live in Montebello.

Did You Know?

By Mrs. Melissa Belagardi

Date of 8 // 2004

As officers of the Alumni Association, we are continually striving to ensure the association grows stronger every year. One way to do this is by letting our members know exactly where their annual dues are going. We're so appreciative of the continued support we receive. We want to make sure that we are not only as transparent as possible, but also putting funds toward events and endeavors that are important to you!

Storage protects both alumni and actives' equipment, materials, and our beloved Miss H. **Endowment** ensures that support will be given to our actives through scholarship for years to come. **Events** promote our traditions, connection, and being social in our function. **Merchandise & Supplies** maintain communication and keep our met wardrobe stocked. **Gifts** welcome our new pledge class and say good luck to our graduating seniors each spring.

If there are ever any questions about dues, membership, or budget, please do not hesitate to contact us!



Undated, but completely awesome, poster found in the storage scrapbooks

The Latest: Welcome 14 Roses!

By Miss Natalie Munguia, pledge mistress

Hang Ten // 2014

The actives would love to welcome the Fourteen Roses to our sisterhood! These girls come from all over the country and truly embody what it means to be a met. They are all strong leaders who will strive to make the mets really rate. They chose their name because they were a very sensitive pledge class who felt that, like a rose, the actives helped them bloom into the confident mets they are. The thorns represent their strengths that helped them make it through this process.



Miss Gracie Aragon is a freshman from New Mexico who plans to attend law school. Miss Keelin Bettridge is a sophomore from Denver, Colorado, and a member of our WC student government. Miss Addison Crane is a freshman from Santa Ana. She has a twin brother, and is an English major. Miss Katie Culviner is a sophomore psychology major from Aguanga, California. Miss Genesis Gil was the pledge captain and a freshman from Maui. She plans to be a veterinarian. Miss Miranda Hidalgo is a freshman from Fontana, and wants to be a teacher. Miss Sarah Koerner is a junior from Tom's River, New Jersey and a political science major. Miss Jasmine Linares is a freshman kinesiology major from Pomona. Miss Haily McCord is a freshman psychology major from Baltimore. Miss Emily Olague is a sophomore with a double major in psychology and political science. She is from Northern California and a member of the lacrosse team. Miss Nicole Patricio is also a sophomore from Northern California. Her major is business marketing. Miss Christina Prestella is a freshman from Glendora with a major in economics. Miss Jillian Spaulding is a freshman with a major in psychology from right here in Whittier. And finally, Miss Elizabeth Wirtz is a Laguna Beach freshman, and a child development major who currently works at Broadoaks with Miss Miranda. These fun and energetic girls can't wait to meet each and every one of you at *Homecoming 2017!*

Save the Date

- **Friday, May 12th-** Graduation in the morning & Senior Initiation @ 8:02 pm. Mark your calendar and bring a sister with you. \$5 for non-members. See the evite for more details!
- **Saturday and Sunday, June 24th & 25th-** Relay for Life, El Rancho HS in Pico Rivera. Information to follow. Here's the link if you'd like to join us and/or donate to Team Luminosity and a fantastic cause: <http://bit.ly/2peEE6X>
- **Saturday-Monday, August 26th-28th-** Sisterhood Weekend Retreat. Location and information to follow. Send in your \$25 deposit as soon as possible to reserve a spot!

Contact Information

- **Email us with questions or comments!**
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- **Don't forget to follow us on Instagram!**
[@metalumniassociation](https://www.instagram.com/metalumniassociation)

Event Recap

By Mrs. Melissa Belagardi

On February 4th, the Alumni Association hosted our annual pledging activity at the Dezenber House. The event begins as a mixer for all Association members, a nice chance to chat and catch up with sisters from all different pledge classes.

The second half of the event includes the pledges as they learn about the Alumni Association and its function, as well as hear from current members about their membership story. We finish with a "speed-dating style" activity where actives and alumni get to know each other on an informal level, not unlike the way we conversed during the pledge/ associate talks of old. All in all, a really nice way to round out the first week of pledging.

The Latest: Meet the Graduates

By Miss Azucena Amezcua

Fate of 8 // 2004

We have 11 misses walking the graduation stage this May: Ann Bailleul, Ashley Chen, Samantha Cruz, Jaimie Sandlin, Jazmin Ringgold, Beatriz Carpio, Katie Clendening, Breana Gomez, Ariella Greene, Natalie Munguia, and Amanda Keller.

While our outstanding seniors are busy wrapping up their last semester, many are already planning their next move into adulthood. Miss Breana is planning on continuing her work with the Mellon Mays research project and send it for publication in the Mellon Mays journal, after which she plans to further her education in creative arts. Miss Katie has been participating in the Disney College program since finishing her studies in December, and hopes to get a Professional Internship or permanent position with the Walk Disney Company in August when her current internship ends. Miss Ashley is planning on returning to Colorado where she will prepare for grad school entrance exams and pursue a career in pharmacy or as a physician assistant. Miss Beatriz also plans on entering the medical health and will be interning at a hospital while completing requirements for admission into a notable graduate program. Miss Amanda plans on continuing her work with children and will serve as a recreational specialist for a camp during the summer months after graduation. Miss Jazmin plans on continuing her work in event marketing in Southern California where she currently works for an experimental marketing firm. Miss Jaimie plans to relocate to San Jose and attend grad school to earn her master's degree in occupational therapy.



Our 14 Roses as pledges at the Alumni Association Pledging Activity

