



Alumni E-Newsletter, September 2022



Spotlight on NDNU Alumnus David Greenbaum



*NDNU attracts remarkable students to its program, and **David Greenbaum** is no exception.*

A native Californian, David Greenbaum, aka “Mr. G.,” was born and raised in San Francisco by Filipino/Irish Catholic and Austrian/American Jewish parents. “I’m multi-ethnic and multi-cultural,” says David, who attended Catholic schools from kindergarten through college and graduate school including St. Emydius, Archbishop Riordan High School, Chaminade University of Honolulu and Notre Dame de Namur University, the latter where he has the distinction of earning both teaching and administrative credentials, along with two master of arts degrees – one in

teaching (specializing in theatre arts) and the other in school administration.

David’s work background and experience combine academics and the performing arts. As a member of the San Francisco Boys Chorus in the 1980s, he performed locally and globally, including a role in San Francisco Opera’s production of *Werther*. Locally, he has also worked with San Francisco’s iconic Beach Blanket Babylon, Lamplighters Music Theatre, Pocket Opera, Pacifica Spindrift Players and Broadway by the Bay.

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Interview with Caryl Hodges, Ed.D., Dean of the School of Education and School of Psychology

We are delighted to feature **Caryl Hodges**, Ed.D., Dean of the School of Education and School of Psychology for this month’s administrator profile. Caryl has over 50 years of experience in teaching and administration, ranging from early childhood to graduate levels.

Enjoy!

Can you talk a bit about the teacher shortage in this area? Besides the wave of baby boomers moving into retirement and the challenges of online instruction brought about by the pandemic, what other factors have contributed to increasing need?

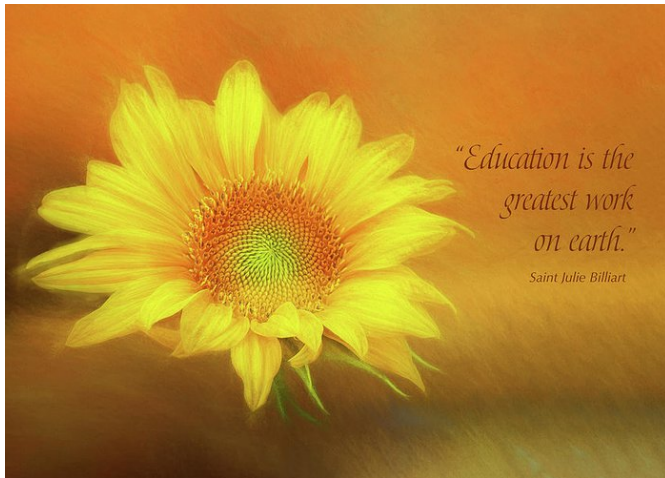
There has been a teacher shortage crisis brewing since the 90s due to a combination of factors. Probably the biggest factor contributing to this crisis is the general lack of respect and understanding for the demands of the job. We depend on teachers to hold the future, but don't pay them what their work is worth. Ironically, a silver lining to the pandemic is that it brought home how difficult and demanding the work is, and the amount of energy required.



It also goes without saying that we live in the more affluent part of the Bay Area, and it's difficult to live here unless you have significant financial resources. So we're trying a different angle to recruit teacher candidates, looking at individuals who have been successful in their careers and are now open to giving back to their community by becoming teachers. To accomplish this, we are partnering with the local school districts to help us identify people who might be good teachers, teaching assistants or classroom aides and using Sequoia High School District as a model.

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Sr. Roseanne Murphy's 90th Birthday Celebration a Huge Success!



Sr. Roseanne Murphy's 90th birthday reception on September 17th was a joyous event, with over 150 alumni, faculty, staff and community members turning out to celebrate this superb educator.

We are gathering photos from the event and look forward to sharing them with you.

If you missed the event and wish to donate to The Sister Roseanne Murphy Endowed Scholarship, you can do so by [clicking here](#).

Women in Leadership Series Kicks Off with Terri Givens on October 19th

Join us for Notre Dame de Namur's Women in Leadership Speaker Series featuring **Terri Givens**,

At this event, Terri will focus on the following:

- 1) ways we can use the "six steps to radical empathy" to create change in our workplaces and communities
- 2) core components of inclusive leadership
- 3) experiences as a leader in higher education, including as provost at Menlo College
- 4) exciting walkthrough of her new book, [Radical Empathy](#).

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

SPEAKER SERIES

Attend in-person or live stream



Terri Givens

*Professor of Political Science,
McGill University Founder of the
Center for Higher Education
Leadership and Brighter
Professional Development*

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 7:30pm PT

All in-person attendees to this event will receive a copy of her book.



Register today at:

www.ndnu.edu/events



The event is free and will be held on the NDNU campus, as well as live-streamed via Facebook.

All ages are welcome.

Please register [here](#).

NDNU to Host STEM Day for Teachers and Educators on October 22

Join us on **Saturday, October 22**, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM for presentations, hands-on activities, and demonstrations by Bay Area STEM museums and agencies.

STEM Day is conducted in collaboration with Civil Air Patrol and the NASA Ames Center Educator Professional Development Collaborative.

This is a great opportunity to test out materials for your classroom, learn about available resources, and network with fellow classmates and colleagues.

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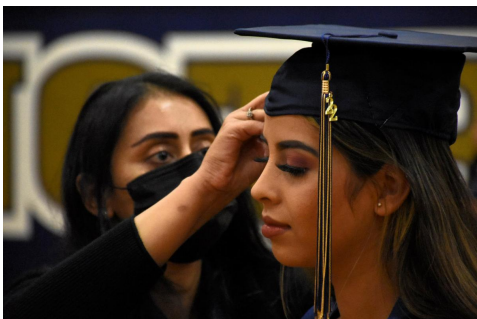
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Saturday, October 22nd, 10am-1pm

The event is free and will be held on the NDNU campus. Please register [here](#).

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