



HONORING EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP

Scott Barton Recognized by Local Rotary

Preuss School Principal Scott Barton recently received the 2018 Hahn Visionary Award from the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club. Barton received the honor in recognition of his contributions to the quality of life in San Diego's Golden Triangle.

the rotary serve as mentors and tutors to support the school's students.

Barton is a founding faculty member of The Preuss School and served as the school's dean of students for nine years before becoming principal in 2008. During his time at the school, Preuss has grown from 150 students in grades 6–8 to more than 800 students in grades 6–12, and has become one of the top-ranked high schools in the nation.

The Hahn Visionary Award was created in 1993 to honor the late Ernest "Ernie" W. Hahn, a pioneer of the modern shopping mall. His San Diego-based Hahn Company opened University Towne Centre (UTC) in 1977. UTC was the first mixed-use town center in the country; it featured housing, an ice skating rink and the Mingei International Museum. He is recognized for laying the foundation for the prosperity of the area now known as the Golden Triangle.

"I am extremely honored to receive this prestigious award from the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary," said Barton. "The rotary has proved to be a dedicated supporter of The Preuss School and our mission for nearly two decades, which makes this award all the more meaningful."

The La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club, which is comprised of 100 local businesses and civic-minded leaders, has had a longstanding relationship with The Preuss School, spanning 18 years. The rotary supports Preuss with a portion of proceeds from rotary events and fundraisers. In addition, members of

Preuss School Principal Scott Barton



Preuss School Graduating Class of 2018

Congratulations, Graduates!

The Preuss School celebrated its 95 graduating seniors as part of its commencement ceremony in June. Preuss alumnus Jonathan Wosen '09 provided the keynote address. Salutatorian Luan Duy Nguyen '18 and valedictorian Arianna Margarita Jiron Villanueva '18 also spoke to their fellow students.

This year, 100 percent of Preuss graduates were accepted to a four-year institution. Students will attend schools including Yale, UC Berkeley and Harvard. Thirty-five seniors will attend UC San Diego, most as Chancellor's Associates Scholars.

Congratulations to our students—and their families—who helped them reach this exciting milestone!

BULLETIN BOARD

- The annual **Preuss Promise** benefit recognized the school's 20-year milestone and raised more than \$514,000 to support Preuss' commitment to connecting promise with possibility.
- The Preuss School's **FIRST Robotics Team #812**—dubbed the Midnight Mechanics—won their first-ever regional competition in Orange County. In May, the team attended the national championship in Houston.
- Students recognized **"World Water Day"** at UC San Diego with the Water Tech Alliance as they toured the Koman Family Outpatient Pavilion's condensate reuse system, which transforms water from building air conditioners into 400 gallons of clean water per day.
- Science teachers **Anne Artz, Shaoni Bandyopadhyay and Ted Kim** were selected to attend the Teacher Innovator Institute at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.



The Preuss School's FIRST Robotics Team #812

ALUMNI UPDATES

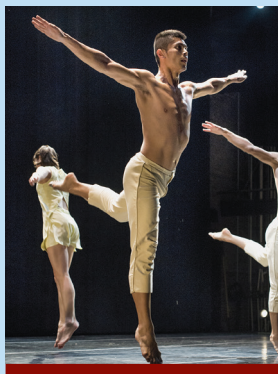
Gary Champi '08

Gary Champi's passion for dance can be traced back to sixth grade, when a dancer from UC San Diego visited his physical education class to lead a hip-hop workshop.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the experience," said Champi, now a freelance dancer based in New York City. "Throughout the rest of my time at Preuss, I took dance classes outside of school and eventually joined the school's show-choir because there was dancing involved."

After high school, with the support of his Preuss teachers, Champi earned a scholarship to attend the California State Summer School for the Arts. He went on to graduate from Stanford University in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in cognitive science and a minor in dance.

Champi followed his dreams to New York City. He was awarded the Louis Sudler Prize in the Performing and Creative Arts and attended courses at the American Dance Festival. Champi now performs regularly with Dusan Tynek Dance Theatre, a contemporary modern dance company, and collaborates with independent choreographers such as Ian Spencer Bell, Bill Young and Wendy Osserman.



Gary Champi
(Photo: Kenan Janowski 2015)

Preuss Students Organize "A Call for Change"

While high school students across the nation held walkouts in honor of the 19th anniversary of the Columbine High School shooting, student changemakers at Preuss channeled their efforts into a day dedicated to "A Call for Change."

Student organizers created a slate of activities to encourage their fellow students to get involved in driving change for a better future. The day included presentations from community leaders, tutorials on contacting elected officials and an opportunity for those over 18 to register to vote.

"We want to ensure that students are heard on topics that are important to us," said ASB President Nina Do. "We are excited to have you all here today to discuss how we can become part of the democratic process."

District 4 County Supervisor candidate and local attorney Omar Passons discussed with students the importance of making themselves heard. He recounted his challenges growing up in foster care and encouraged the students to dream big.

"I'm here to tell you that it gets better, there are options," Passons said. "And you can drive change."

Michael Zamost, a representative from Rep. Scott Peters' office, also encouraged students to become civically engaged. "When change comes—and it will come—it will be because of young people like you."



Omar Passons



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Graduation is always a special time, as we congratulate our seniors and their families on the culmination of all their hard work and sacrifice. We could not be more proud.

their lives and the circumstances of their families.

Graduation is also a time to reflect on The Preuss School's accomplishments over the past school year. In May, we were recognized—once again—by *U.S. News and World Report* as the top high school in San Diego County and the sixth best school in the state. This ranking is a testament to the dedication of our talented faculty and staff, and to the effectiveness of the Preuss model.

The end of the school year is also an opportunity to look to the future. The 2018–19 school year will mark the 20-year milestone for Preuss. In two decades, The Preuss School has transformed the lives of nearly 1,500

local students. Today, these students are lawyers, doctors, scientists and teachers. Our graduates are changemakers who are making a positive impact in their local communities and abroad.

We invite you to join us—by getting involved as tutors, mentors and supporters—in the coming year as we celebrate this exciting and meaningful milestone for The Preuss School.

Best regards,

Scott Barton
Principal

This year, 100 percent of our graduating class was accepted to a four-year college. This is more than just a statistic; it is a representation of the countless hours of work, longer-than-average school days and school years, lengthy commutes to school and, above all, our students' relentless determination to transform

SPOTLIGHT

Jacqueline Kennedy '04, Director of Community Partnerships, New York City's Center for Health Equity

On a rainy day in 1999, Jacqueline Kennedy boarded a bus that drove her to UC San Diego. It was her first day of high school, and she was a member of The Preuss School's inaugural class.

"A school like Preuss hadn't existed before, so there was a lot of pressure on us, on everyone, because we were all still figuring things out," said Kennedy. "It's remarkable to look back now and see the success of the school 20 years later."

Kennedy, who today serves as director of community partnerships in New York City's Center for Health Equity, was the keynote speaker at The Preuss School's annual Preuss Promise benefit in the spring, which celebrated the school's 20-year milestone.

"My time at Preuss was a true awakening of how inequitable the world is and how you have to work hard just to get to the starting line," said Kennedy, a first-generation college graduate. "I saw

Preuss' commitment to getting us to the starting line."

After graduating from Preuss, Kennedy went on to attend UC San Diego. She cultivated her love for community development as an intern at the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation, a nonprofit organization in Southeast San Diego.

Kennedy then pursued her master's degree at the NYU Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. She interned at the national nonprofit, Community Solutions, Inc., working for the Brooklyn neighborhood initiative under Brownsville Partnership, to coordinate the organization's community outreach. Kennedy became interim director of Brownsville Partnership in 2015.

Most recently, Kennedy joined the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as director of community partnerships at the newly formed Center



Jacqueline Kennedy speaks at the Preuss Promise benefit

for Health Equity. She works to establish the agency framework for engaging New York City neighborhoods with emphasis on racial and social justice issues—a passion which was sparked during her time at Preuss.

GIVING BACK

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FOCUS ON

Preuss Seniors Explore Tools for Academic Success at UC San Diego



Preuss seniors visited UC San Diego's Teaching + Learning Commons

In June, more than 30 Preuss seniors who will attend UC San Diego in the fall had the chance to visit the Teaching + Learning Commons on campus. Here students can engage in peer-facilitated study groups; work with writing peer mentors, content tutors, and learning strategists; and discover resources for academic success.

The seniors connected with undergraduate staff from The Commons to discuss the transition from high school to college, academic expectations, internships and more.

According to Susan Rinaldi, director of Triton Achievement Partners at The Commons, the goal was to familiarize Preuss students with the resources offered so that they will return as freshmen. "This becomes their space, and they are very comfortable when they come in later. It's their home away from home."

Preuss School Senior Advisory Class faculty member Dan Rupert added, "Visiting The Commons was an excellent idea. It's so easy for freshmen to miss things in their first year because they don't know what resources are available."