

The holidays are always a special time with family and friends but, for me, it's also a time to reflect on years past.

Recently I had the pleasure to reunite with EPATT grad Osvaldo Hernandez, who had just returned from Okinawa, Japan, where he was stationed in the Navy for the past two years. I remember when Ozzy (as he's known at EPATT) was graduating from high school. Ozzy was weighing his next steps and set his sights on becoming an EMT/Firefighter. He met with an EPATT alum who suggested that joining the Navy would be a good way to get EMT training. Ozzy reasoned that, in the Navy, he could not only get an education in his chosen field, but also satisfy his desire to give back to others.



Dave Higaki, Executive Director

Throughout our breakfast, he told me about his experiences: attending to the medical needs of fellow servicemen and the local community, living and working in a Japanese fire station, navigating the culture and language barrier, managing others and attending classes. He said, "EPATT really taught me more than I realized when I was in the program. I use study skills and leadership skills that I learned at EPATT in my daily life." Ozzy has been reassigned and is now stationed at Camp Pendleton serving the medical needs of the Marine Corps in a joint program with the Navy.

Clearly enjoying and planning a long-term career in the Navy, Petty Officer, 3rd class, Osvaldo Hernandez is someone we should all be proud of for his service.

As I reflect on years past, I am humbled by your continued belief in our program and mission. Thank you!

Best wishes, Dave



Tracy Austin

### Save the Date! EPATT's Annual Dinner Tuesday, May 5, 2015

This year's annual fundraising dinner will feature former World # 1 player, Tracy Austin. Tracy participated in the EPATT Kid's Cup in September and is returning to the area to address EPATT friends and supporters. This is sure to be an evening to remember.

Please note that, unlike years past, this year's dinner will be held on a Tuesday, not a Wednesday. Invitations will be mailed in mid-March. For additional information, please contact Anne Gould at [anne.gould@epatt.org](mailto:anne.gould@epatt.org).

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## Welcome new officers and members to the board!

In September, we welcomed new officers on the board: Verity Powell (Chair), Christine Alloo (Vice Chair), and Nate Taylor (Treasurer). Heartfelt thanks to outgoing officers John Robinson, Nancy Serrurier, and Andy Chase for their years of leadership and dedication. Many thanks also to out-going board member, Karen Sonneborn.

The board of directors also welcomed four phenomenal new directors: Gavin Christensen, Patrick Dunkley, Judy Kirkpatrick and Jake Leschly.



Gavin Christensen

Gavin grew up on the Peninsula and began playing tennis at the Menlo Circus Club when he was 9 years old. He played for the Menlo School team before receiving his undergraduate degree from Colorado College (playing on their team for three years) and his MBA from the Tuck School of Management at Dartmouth. After business school, Gavin moved to Hawaii and worked in finance at Hawaiian Airlines and then a large locally owned real estate development company.

The lure of his own family's property management and development business brought him back to the Bay Area in 1997. He has been the president of Herman Christensen and Sons since 2005. His friends Carl Touhey, Christine Alloo and several other board members introduced him to EPATT and he began supporting the organization. Since then, he has only become more impressed with EPATT's coaching, staff, tutors and participants and looks forward to contributing to EPATT's future success.

Patrick is Stanford's Deputy Director of Athletics.

He oversees human resources, legal affairs and leadership initiatives. Patrick joined the athletics staff after nearly a decade of serving Stanford as a member of the Office of the General Counsel. Prior to his arrival at Stanford, Patrick was a vice president in the legal department at Charles Schwab in San Francisco. He spent the first 10 years of his legal career as an associate and partner at Pillsbury, Winthrop, Shaw, Pittman.



Patrick Dunkley

Patrick graduated with a degree in business administration from San Jose State in 1982 and earned his law degree from Santa Clara in 1990. Patrick and his wife have two daughters.



Judy Kirkpatrick

Judy has spent over 25 years as a high tech marketing and sales executive in Silicon Valley where she worked for Shopkick, eBay, Palm, Adobe Systems and others. Judy is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where she majored in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing. Judy's passions outside of work are her husband and two children. Judy is committed to helping kids achieve their full potential and previously served on the Board of Directors for the Ronald McDonald House at Stanford and AchieveKids in Palo

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### Heartfelt Thanks!

We are grateful to several foundations for their generous grants: the BAYS Foundation, the Gilmore Foundation, the John and Marcia Goldman Foundation, and the Olympic Club Foundation.

Alto. Judy is also an avid USTA tennis player, runner and overall fitness junkie. Judy has been volunteering at EPATT for years, helping to organize this year's Kid's Cup and chairing next year's event.

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Jake grew up in a tennis family. His dad had him and his three brothers on the court from the time they could hold a racquet. Jake played competitively becoming Danish Junior National Champion and the #1 player at Princeton University. Jake, his wife and two kids have lived in Palo Alto since 1995, and have been long-time EPATT supporters. Jake has a degree in Molecular Biology and an MBA and has worked in consulting (McKinsey), life sciences (Affymetrix) and software (Ingenuity). Jake and his team were runners up in the EPATT Kid's Cup.



Jake Leschly

### **Introducing Maribel Zarate and Adrian Amaral**



Maribel Zarate

Last summer, EPATT welcomed two great additions to its full-time staff of five: Maribel Zarate, High School Group Coordinator and Adrian Amaral as Operations Manager and Volunteer Coordinator.

Maribel brings over ten years of experience working with high schoolers. Most recently she worked as a case manager at Redwood City-based Friends for Youth, a mentoring program for youth-in-need, where she matched mentors with kids. She says she was drawn to EPATT because it involves parents, which she believes is the key to EPATT's success. As High School Group Coordinator, Maribel enjoys helping high school students to achieve their potential. And her green hair makes her easy to spot around the office.



Adrian Amaral

Adrian started at EPATT when he was a sixth-grader. He attended St. Mary's College earning a BA in International Area Studies and Spanish. After graduation, Adrian worked at American International in Spain helping Spanish student athletes obtain information about athletic programs at US colleges and universities. Before joining EPATT in July 2014 Adrian worked at Stanford, making time to tutor a first-grader at EPATT. Adrian is excited to be back at EPATT, helping out students. As

Operations Manager, he is in charge of making sure the program operates smoothly. He is also responsible for recruiting and managing tutors and tutor coordinators.

## Where are they now?

### Employee: Pat Townsend

Pat Townsend has worked at EPATT longer than anyone else on the staff. Pat joined EPATT part-time in 1992 as a Parent Coordinator, 23 years ago. Today she is our Transportation and Meal Coordinator. Her daughter, Laura, graduated from EPATT in 2001. On her role at EPATT, Pat says, "I'm here for the students. If they have any problems, they can talk to me about them. I'm like their second mom."



Pat Townsend

Pat stays in touch with EPATT alumni and their families. She considers them to be part of a big EPATT family. As to why Pat has stayed so long, she says, "EPATT is a big part of my life. The staff is like family to me."

Thank you, Pat, for everything you do!

### Tutor: Catherine Gray



Catherine Gray

Former EPATT tutor coordinator Catherine Gray started tutoring her freshman year. She was a tutor coordinator from sophomore year on. When she graduated from Stanford in 2014, she handed EPATT a gift of \$2,014. Recently, I asked her why. Catherine said, "If I can't be there physically to help out with the program, a donation is an easy way to continue to support that goal. In addition, EPATT was definitely the most personally and positively impactful program I was a part of while at Stanford (outside of my academics, of course), so my donation was a way of saying thanks!"

"EPATT allowed me to interact with the surrounding community in a way that most programs on the Stanford campus didn't. By getting to know more about EPA's history, interacting with families from the community, and being exposed to the Bay Area school systems' curricula, I think my undergrad experience was richer than it would've been had I not been a part of EPATT. Lastly, tutoring at EPATT reminded me how much I love tutoring and working with kids, which I'm sure will have some impact on my future career goals."

Today Catherine works in Corporate Finance at Disney. She says that in five years she hopes to be working in education in some capacity.



**Ebony Isaac**

### **Alumna: Ebony Isaac**

We couldn't be more proud of former EPATT student and tutor coordinator Ebony Isaac. Ebony graduated from EPATT in 2008 and from Menlo College in 2012. Now she is the Confidential Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent in the Ravenswood City School District. She says, "Essentially, I am the glue that helps keep our department together. People have to go through me if they want something." Ebony loves her new position. Although no longer in the classroom, she likes that she is helping to impact students. After getting acclimated to her new position and feeling ready to take on more responsibility, she decided to tutor at EPATT again.

Ebony is considering attending a masters program in education. "I really want to either go back to the classroom or work in a program like EPATT to continue helping students -- mentoring, tutoring, counseling, behavior management -- I want to do it all!"

### **Tahoe, Here We Come!**

Every year, EPATT takes 25 middle school and high school students to Lake Tahoe to sled, skate, and swim. To attend, students must have a 3.2 GPA on their report card, so the trip serves as a great motivator for kids to bring up their grades. The trip is loved by one and all. One student who has made the Lake Tahoe trip several times says, "My favorite part is you get to be in a beautiful cozy room, hanging out with your friends."



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EPATT impacts 120 K-12th grade students and their parents through its unique, free after-school tennis and tutoring program. Founded in 1988, EPATT has grown into a nationally renowned and often replicated extended-learning day program. We provide each child academic tutoring and tennis/fitness instruction in a safe environment on Stanford campus. Behind the scenes, our long-serving staff deliver much more. EPATT serves as a broad support system for its students. It creates the scaffolding for academic success and provides a safety net for at-risk students.

Through partnerships with families, schools, tutors, and the community, EPATT promotes leadership, discipline, and the pursuit of excellence to its students. EPATT strives to nurture the mind, body, and life skills of its participants; to educate and advocate for parents; and to build strong ties with the local community.

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