



HILLSDALE HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

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Dear Alumni and friends,

In 2016, we lost our friend and teacher, Anthony J. “Duke” Campagna better known as Duke. He died peacefully at home at the age of 95. Duke was a man committed to living with integrity and purpose and will long be remembered by many in both the Hillsdale and wider communities.



Duke touched many lives throughout his impressive and dedicated career. As a graduate of San Mateo High, and San Jose State, Duke received his Master’s degree in Music Education from Stanford University. He served in the US Army in WW II and the Korean War. In 1947, Duke began his teaching career in Music at San Mateo High School. He then moved to the newly opened Hillsdale High School in 1955 where he was instrumental in establishing a music program that set a standard for excellence that continues to this day. Duke remained at Hillsdale until retirement in 1978.

Duke’s impact as an innovator and leader of music education extended beyond Hillsdale. From 1960–1974, with the cooperation and sponsorship of the San Mateo Recreation Department, Duke founded the La Honda Music Camp and established the Summer Music Program where he directed and/or produced a yearly musical. In

1960, Duke was appointed as the San Mateo High School District Music Coordinator and remained in that position throughout his career. He also served as President of the California Music Educators for the Bay Section and Western States’ Division.

In addition, Duke’s connections to the youth of the community stretched beyond music, and many will remember him as their teacher in the American Red Cross Swimming Program (1952-1978) and for his dedicated service as the district’s Program Coordinator.

To honor their father, Duke’s children, Diane and Tony Campagna, have committed \$10,000 a year for the next 10 years to create a fund in support of the arts at Hillsdale High School with a special emphasis on music. They hope their donation will inspire others to contribute in remembrance of Duke’s influence on their lives and the lives of so many in the Hillsdale and local music communities.

Hillsdale High School continues to support an exemplary Performing Arts Program. The Foundation assists by granting more than \$15,000 every year to the Music, Dance and Drama boosters to help with general operating expenses and special projects. In recent years, the Foundation has also increasingly provided funds to our growing Visual Arts programs including Digital Photography, Studio Art, and Ceramics.

We hope you agree that the *Duke Campagna Fund for the Arts* will serve as a meaningful and lasting tribute to Duke. His family will receive notification of your contribution and grants from the fund will be recognized in all Visual and Performing Arts' programs. To contribute, you can donate online at hillsdalehsalumni.org or by check mailed to the HHS Foundation at the address listed below. If donating by check, please indicate that you wish your donation to be credited to the *Duke Campagna Fund for the Arts*. The total amount of all gifts is fully tax deductible.

Warm Regards,

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