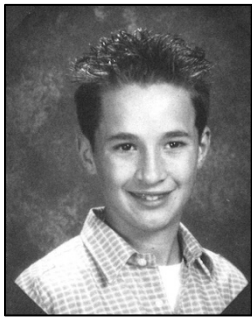


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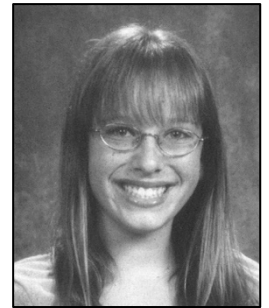
Anthony and Ciara Frank Class 2002 & 2003

SMA will always hold a special place in our hearts. SMA and Workshop Way laid the foundation for our academic success by teaching us to be critical thinkers, independent learners, and self starters. Not only did SMA prepare us to succeed academically, it's also the place where we first met and established a friendship that grew over time.



Anthony attended SMA from preschool through eighth grade and graduated with the class of 2002. After graduation, Anthony went to Valhalla High School and before his 18th birthday enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. During his time with the Marines, Anthony taught military mountaineering, helicopter rope suspension techniques, and was deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Anthony currently works as an Elevator Mechanic and continues his passion for teaching as an instructor for the elevator apprenticeship program.

I attended SMA from kindergarten through eighth grade and graduated with the class of 2003. I went on to attend the Academy of Our Lady of Peace and started my college education at San Diego State University (SDSU) to become a teacher. While at SDSU, I decided to change majors and pursue a degree in Occupational Therapy. I became a board certified Occupational Therapy Assistant in 2015 and also graduated with a degree in American Sign Language. I worked at a private pediatric clinic in La Jolla and a skilled nursing facility in National City - helping people of all ages reach their full potential was truly the most rewarding experience. I am currently a room mom at SMA and will begin working in the preschool next year.



Anthony and I continued to stay in touch and remain close friends despite leading very different lives after our time at SMA. It was our connection from SMA that led us to where we are now. We began dating, got married in 2018, and had our son in 2019. Once our son was old enough to attend preschool, there wasn't a second thought about where we would send him. SMA feels like home and we are so thankful that our son gets to experience it.

