



Mr. Steve Hoza is a Valley native, having been born right here in the heart of Phoenix, AZ. Steve is the youngest of five children for John and Helen Hoza. Following the path of his sisters – Cathy, Sue, and Mary and his brother, Mike, Steve attended St. Gregory Catholic Elementary School and graduated in 1976 before going on to Bourgade Catholic High School, where he would graduate in 1980. Following high school, Steve attended Glendale Community College before double majoring in History and German at Arizona State University (Tempe). During his time at ASU, Steve lived and also worked at the All Saints Catholic Newman Center as a front desk and custodial attendant. Steve and his wife, Marla, met in 1987; they have been married for 26 years.

While at Bourgade Catholic, Steve enjoyed playing basketball and being involved in the drama productions. Although there was no Drama Club at the time, Steve and his best friend, Ernie Cota, would build the sets and work the lights and scene changes for each production. Inside the classroom, Steve took a liking to building historical dioramas in Mr. Thomas Campbell's class, and it would prove to set the path for Steve's career.

Coming out of college, Steve worked for 4 years as an assistant conservator at the Arizona State Archives in the Arizona State Capitol complex. Later he went on to be a curator, exhibit technician and conservator for 13 years at the Arizona Historical Society Museum in Papago Park. For the past 11 years, Steve has worked at the Huhugam Ki Museum on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community as an archivist and paper/photograph/book conservator. Over the course of his profession, Steve has become a recognized authority on the history of the Second World War, having written two books; one on the German prisoners of war held in Arizona and the other on aviation training in Arizona during the war. Steve has also appeared on numerous national documentaries and has advised on various book, TV, and film projects. Since high school, Steve has been collecting WWII memorabilia, which he has showcased in museums across the country.

From 2008 until present day, Steve has been using his archive skills for the benefit of Bourgade Catholic High School. He is responsible for the history wall in Blue Angels Hall, which was created in September of 2013. Since starting Bourgade Catholic's first archives, Steve has scanned over 3,000 photographs into

a database and has been collecting memorabilia from BCHS alumni, as well as alumni from former rival high school, Gerard.

In addition to all his professional work, Steve has experienced being a part of several organizations since his high school days, including many stints serving on the BCHS Annual Giving Committee, the Booster Club, and the Annual Auction Committee. Steve was inducted into the Bourgade Catholic Hall of Fame in 2012. Outside of BCHS, Steve has been an officer in the US Air Force Auxiliary for 12 years and has operated the official website of Arizona's long-running *The Wallace and Ladmo Show*.

Steve acknowledges his sisters, brother, and parents, who have done so much for both St. Gregory's Church and Bourgade Catholic High School. Their example of volunteerism and giving back to the community has shaped Steve to be the person he is today. It is with great pleasure that Bourgade Catholic High School recognizes Mr. Steve Hoza as the 2017 Alumni Give Back Honoree. Thank you, Steve.