

JAY BIETZ



Jay Bietz came to Monterey Bay Academy in the fall of 1978—fresh out of college. The skills Jay had developed in industrial arts were superb, and for 10 years MBA students received excellent instruction in vehicle maintenance and repair, woodworking, and metal work. Jay always looked to improve his department, to be on the cutting edge of technology, and to provide the most up-to-date training. To accomplish this, Jay fundraised to set up a computer lab and eventually was able to include AutoCAD to his curriculum.

Jay's contributions were not limited to the classroom. When construction of the MBA church

was near completion, he was asked by John Eggers to build the three arched doors for the entrance. He also designed and constructed the church chandeliers with the help of students in wood and metals shop, as well as the 27 chandeliers that still hang in the cafeteria. Jay also volunteered for the MBA fire department, sometimes logging over 300 incidents a year. In 1987, he was honored by the Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors as Volunteer Fire Fighter of the Year. MBA is proud to honor Jay for his lasting contributions to MBA and to his volunteer service to our community.