We’ve got an App for that!
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Hanging on the north wall of the president’s office are nine framed items and photos. While the frames vary in size and shape, there is one that is especially significant as it relates to the history of De La Salle, a scholarship certificate signed by Brother Baldwin.

The founder of our school, Brother Adjutor, initiated the idea of using scholarship certificates to make his dream of creating a Catholic, Lasallian high school on 35th and Wabash a reality in the late 1880s. By giving Brother Adjutor a minimum donation of $1,000 to fund the construction of De La Salle, the 87 original holders of the certificates and their heirs were given the unending privilege of one free education per generation. De La Salle was able to come into existence because of these generous donors who were willing to invest in Brother Adjutor and his vision of an outstanding secondary school.

While times obviously have changed since Brother Adjutor founded our beloved Institute nearly 125 years ago, one of the constants for De La Salle continues to be because you have been willing to invest in Lasallian education.

Parents invest their hard-earned dollars in their son’s and daughter’s educations because they believe that De La Salle will best prepare their children for college and the great futures that await them in their adult lives. Faculty and staff invest in our students because they believe deeply in the abilities of our young women and men and want to provide the greatest knowledge they can while framing everything in the Lasallian concepts of faith, service and community.

Students invest their time and energy in their academics and activities because they want to be successful during their four years at De La Salle before moving on to college, the military or the working world. Alumni invest their talents and treasures in De La Salle because this is their school and De La Salle provided them with an immensely strong foundation for success.

As we prepare to celebrate De La Salle’s 125 years of educational excellence, we thank you for investing your time, your talent and your treasure in our school. We invite you to be an active participant in all the events that will take place as everyone associated with De La Salle celebrates our 125th anniversary.

One-hundred-and-twenty-five years. Thousands of successful graduates. Adherence to the concepts of faith, service and community. I think those are things in which Brother Adjutor would take a great deal of pride.

On behalf of the students, faculty, staff and alumni of De La Salle, I extend my most heartfelt thanks for your support of and belief in the mission of our school. May God bless you and those most important in your lives with health, peace and happiness.

Sincerely,

Fr. Paul Novak
President
De La Salle Institute
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When members of the De La Salle faculty gathered to choose which book would be read by the staff and students during the ‘One School, One Book’ program in the summer of 2013, it was recommended that “This I Believe – Life Lessons” be the choice.

The book, which is edited by Dan Gediman, is comprised of essays from people from a variety of backgrounds describing their core beliefs.

“This I Believe” has over 100,000 essays on its website (http://thisibelieve.org/), heard on public radio, chronicled in its books and featured on weekly podcasts. The project is based upon the popular 1950s radio series of the same name hosted by legendary broadcaster Edward R. Murrow.

One of the people most responsible for the choosing of “This I Believe” was faculty member Justin Costello-Stebelton, who teaches Advanced Placement English IV, Honors American Literature, Creative Writing, Advanced Creative Writing and Contemporary Authors at the Lourdes Hall Campus.

“This I Believe’ seemed like the perfect book for our ‘One School, One Book’ program this past summer because there is simply so much thinking to be done in such a small space,” Costello-Stebelton said. “Each chapter is very different from the previous one, and since we have such a variety of students, there is something in there for all of us.

“We might not believe in the same things that some of the contributors believe, but that is life, and the close examination of life is the ultimate goal of literature and education as a whole.”

Chairing the 13-person “One Book, One School” committee is faculty member Colleen Sanchez.

“Members of the committee suggest books that would be appropriate for a range of reading abilities (freshman all the way through adults) and that would be interesting or have an important message/topic that we think people would like to explore as a school,” Sanchez said. “We also make sure that the book would lend itself to lesson plans in all subject areas.

“The committee members take a few weeks in the spring to research or read some of the suggested books. We then meet and vote on the book that we feel is most appropriate for the all-school read. This year, Justin recommended the collection of essays “This I Believe.” We felt that the collection would contain at least one essay or two (or more) that all readers would find meaningful.”

Once the school year began and the reading of “This I Believe” was incorporated into lesson plans, students at both campuses were asked to reflect upon the book and write essays based upon their own core beliefs.

Here are excerpts from what was written by three students from both the Institute and Lourdes Hall Campuses:

Peter Gorman ’14 —

“Simply put, I believe in hard work and determination. My mother and father got a divorce when I was just three years old. My father left us and we were on our own. My mother worked hard all her life to support me. One job to the next, my mother worked all day and night to provide for her family. I watched her struggle to make ends meet every day, trying to put food on the table or keep the clothes clean.

“One day in seventh grade, I looked at my mother in a new light. I saw strength, determination, and love. My mom wasn’t perfect, but she tried her hardest to be who she needed to be to raise me. After I’ve seen this work ethic and power in her, I decided to grasp the knowledge I needed to learn about life and this so called “hard working” thing.

“I do believe in hard work and determination. All that I worked for earned me a four-year scholarship to the high school of my choice (De La Salle) and potential scholarships to four-year universities.
of my choice. Today, I am currently living through what the words mean and am tirelessly working three part-time jobs while being a full-time student. From almost failing out of the seventh grade to now being ranked ninth out of 147 students in my senior class while carrying three part-time jobs and being involved in six extracurricular activities, it is easy to say that I truly believe in hard work and determination. This I believe.”

Anthony Jackson ’14 —

“I believe that everyone has a chance to make a better life for themselves. I believe this because I am making a better life for myself every day I wake up. I was born to a drug-addicted mother who raised me in a park until the age of two when my grandmother and step-grandfather stepped in and took over. “This was the best thing that could have happened to me. Every day that I wake up, I realize where I could have been, and I could end up right back where I started if I were to give up. This gives me the motivation to be the best I can be and help others become the best they can be.

“I believe that anyone can make a better life for themselves because of the resources available for them to do so. I believe that with the right mindset and drive, anyone can do anything they want to do.”

Kaitlyn Bright ’16 —

“My definition of confidence is believing in yourself and being self-assured. Some people might say that being too confident is bad, but I believe that if you know how to carry yourself as a confident person and not conceited, it’s perfect.

“If you’re not confident in yourself, it makes you unsure about the things you say and do. When I associate with a person that lacks confidence, I notice that they may hold back on the things they say because they are afraid of what others might think about their opinion.

“You shouldn’t be afraid of what others think about you. If you think that what you have to say is important, say it. Express yourself regardless of what others may think because in the end they might agree with you or like what you have to say. So the more confidence you have, the more you are able to show who you really are because you are comfortable with expressing yourself in front of others.”

“I believe that confidence plays a huge role in your personality. If you lack confidence, then you’re not expressing yourself 100 percent. Be self-assured and be confident in everything you do.”

Ellie Korman ’16 —

“I believe the best thing to do is step into others’ shoes. This little action can change the way you look at someone in an instant. “A couple of months ago, my friend’s parents were going through a divorce. She didn’t really talk to anybody. I made an effort to talk to her and reassure her that she wasn’t the only one who goes through awful things such as this. Eventually, she opened up to me and let me know how upset she was. She then told me that she appreciated me talking to her because not one other person asked her about it. This made me feel like I made a difference just from empathizing, and that was unbelievably satisfying.

“I believe empathizing is the most important quality to have. I may never fully understand what people are going through, but putting in the extra effort can make a world’s difference in someone’s life.”

Joyce Luo ’16 —

“Now, we are living in “today.” Tomorrow is an invisible day for everyone who lives in the world. No one knows what will happen tomorrow. It’s a great mystery for everyone. Although I don’t know what will happen tomorrow, I believe tomorrow will be a better day.

“One day, I listened to a speech about the future. The speech gave lots of examples of the children who are very shy before, but they made an effort to change themselves and became successful when they grew up. I thought I was the same as them. So I changed myself with some little things in daily life.

“This speech made me suddenly realize that I am strong; I can do everything. So after that, I never feel scared of the things around me. I also love doing different things; it makes me feel proud. I am not afraid of tomorrow anymore because I believe tomorrow will be a better day.

“I believe tomorrow will be good. This is very useful for me to live a happy life, because you never know what will happen in the future. Next day, next hour, next minute, next second, all of them are new. All I have to do is to be brave, go ahead and believe in myself. I believe that I can have a happy tomorrow.”
New Faculty Welcomed to “D”!

As the 2013-14 school year began, De La Salle welcomed the following 10 teachers to the faculty.

At the Institute Campus, Richard Kavalauskas ’06 is teaching Language Arts, while Richard Mooney ’06 is teaching Social Sciences. Matt Steffens and Matt Stevenson also are teaching Social Sciences. Scott Welty is teaching Applied Sciences, while John Wallin is working in Technology and the Media Center.

At the Lourdes Hall Campus, Jacqueline Argenbright ’09 and Michael Evans are teaching Applied Sciences, while Jessica Quaid is teaching Social Sciences. Elizabeth Buehlman is teaching Language Arts at both campuses.

Welcome everyone!

Chris Wood to Moderate NHS at Institute Campus

De La Salle proudly announces that faculty member Chris Wood is the new moderator of the Brother J. Richard Rush Chapter of the National Honor Society at the Institute Campus for Young Men. Faculty member Norma Ramos will remain as the moderator of the National Honor Society at the Lourdes Hall Campus.

The Brother J. Richard Rush Chapter of the National Honor Society was granted its charter on December 13, 1948. The National Honor Society is a national organization that upholds the standards of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students must maintain a 3.0 grade-point average, involve themselves in leadership and Christian Service, and exemplify the best character traits of honesty and personal integrity.

Members are selected by a five-member Faculty Committee that is elected by the current senior members of the NHS chapter. Each individual applicant is given personal consideration based primarily upon the application submitted. Character references and discipline records are also considered before selecting applicants to become new inductees.

Two selection committees are held in one academic school year. Students may apply both in the fall and spring of their junior and senior years. During the school year, NHS members involve themselves in a variety of projects and services that include serving as hosts and guiding tours during open houses, running the annual Christmas Toy Drive, tutoring students who struggle with academic subjects, and hosting the annual Special Olympics in the spring.

“Being selected into the National Honor Society is the highest academic honor a school can bestow on an enrolled student,” Wood said. “NHS members are extraordinary young women and men who maintain the highest academic standards while providing leadership, service, and exemplifying the best character in a school with a long tradition and history of academic excellence.”
Lourdes Hall Faculty Member
Colleen Sanchez to Lead Honors Program

As the newest Honors Program Director at De La Salle Institute, Colleen Sanchez is reinvigorating the program with a fresh perspective.

Sanchez, who is a teacher in the Applied Sciences Division at the Lourdes Hall Campus, has taught Honors level courses throughout her eight years at De La Salle, including Anatomy and Physiology, Environmental Science, and Chemistry and has been an Academic Advisor for the Independent Honors Research Project for seven years. That experience has provided Sanchez a new outlook on the program itself as well as the mandatory research project.

“As someone who has been in and taught in the program, you can see it from the teacher’s perspective. I felt it was something I could make a difference at,” said Sanchez.

This year, Sanchez – a member of the De La Salle faculty since the 2006-07 school year – is promoting an open dialogue between the Honors teachers, the students and herself with regards to the Honors curriculum as a whole. The Honors teachers will now be observed by Sanchez to be sure that the classes are academically rigorous without simply piling on assignments.

“Students should be asking themselves, ‘What did I learn or gain from this experience?’ We need to continue to challenge the students to their potential, not just giving them more work.”

Not only will the Honors classes be infused with new practicality and vitality, but the Independent Honors Research Project may undergo a makeover as well. The Independent Honors Research Project, which is required for students to earn their Honors diploma, will be looked at this year to examine its strengths and areas of improvement.

“We will look at what’s good and bad about the project and make it so the students will take ownership of it. Will it stay an ‘independent’ project or will there be consequences for missed deadlines,” said Sanchez.

“We also need to make sure the students are using the current practices necessary for high-level research.”

While Sanchez is optimistic about her new leadership role within De La Salle, she knows there are challenges she will face.

“It has already been difficult to balance the Honors director position and planning for classes, but I am very excited for the challenge,” Sanchez said. “Also, I need to make sure I am present at the Institute Campus, and I’m listening to my colleagues.”

De La Salle Institute’s Honors Program will maintain its standard of excellence with Sanchez as its new Director and will be sure to flourish with her fresh outlook on the program and its curriculum.

Congratulations, Colleen!

Paul Dirschl is New Associate Principal of Curriculum & Technology

In the summer of 2013, De La Salle announced that Paul Dirschl had been named its new Associate Principal of Curriculum & Technology. In his new position, Dirschl will oversee the curriculum and technology at both the Institute Campus for Young Men and the Lourdes Hall Campus for Young Women.

“As the new Associate Principal of Curriculum & Technology, I look forward to continuing the progressive technological and academic experience at De La Salle,” Dirschl said.

Dirschl, who is entering his ninth year at De La Salle, also will continue teaching Honors World History at the Institute Campus. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Saint Xavier University in Social Sciences/Secondary Education and a Master’s Degree in Educational Administration from Governors State University.

Outside the classroom, Dirschl will remain the head coach of De La Salle’s junior-varsity girls basketball team.

Congratulations, Paul!
When you’re a high school like De La Salle that’s been around since 1889, you’re bound to accumulate some – OK, a lot– of pictures during your time in existence.

With De La Salle getting ready to begin the celebration of its 125 years, we thought it would be entertaining and educational to go through some of the photos and publish those we found the most interesting.

Beginning with this issue of ‘D’ Magazine, we will include photos taken from the De La Salle archives in a feature we’re calling “1,000 Words…”

Whether it is a math class or a prom or a basketball game or something completely different, we thought it would be fun to take a trip down memory lane – or 35th Street or 32nd Place – and revisit a time and place that means so much to so many people.

Enjoy! Go Meteors!

1. The first girls varsity volleyball team poses for the 2002-03 yearbook picture. The Meteors were the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference Blue champions in their first season.
2. The 1958 band lines up in ‘D’ formation in the parking lot prior to a performance.
3. Anthony Helm ’74 and Dave Kalensky ’74 attend a meeting of the Debate Club in 1972.
4. The 30 members of the 1968 Glee Club look their best in their white tuxedo jackets and black bowties.
5. Members of the 1926 History Club gather for their photo in front of the original building.
6. Michael Bell ’84 and his date enjoy the 1984 Senior Prom.
De La Salle – A Lasallian School with a Rich and Distinct History

Some called it “The Institute.” Others knew it as “The Rock.” It has also been referred to by the initials “D” and “DLS.” Most recently, the names “Lourdes Hall Campus” and “Institute Campus” also have been used for purposes of differentiation between the young women’s and young men’s places of learning.

Since 1889, De La Salle’s campuses occupying the north side of 35th Street between Wabash and Michigan and 32nd Place between Aberdeen and Carpenter have educated more than their fair share of young men and young women based upon the Lasallian concepts of faith, service and community.

As De La Salle readies itself for its 125th year of existence and the accompanying celebrations that we invite you to be a part of, here are some select historical points about the creation of a school that all of its alumni – whether male or female, whether they graduated in 1898, 1930, 1979 or 2013 or another year in between or whether they graduated from the International Amphitheatre, Old St. Mary’s Church, Our Lady of Sorrow Basilica or Holy Name Cathedral – have been able to refer to by one common word: “Home.”

Here are a dozen distinctive facts regarding De La Salle’s history:

- On April 5, 1888, a parcel of land measuring 100 feet by 175 feet was purchased for $25,000 at 35th and Wabash
- On June 1, 1888, the State of Illinois issued a charter incorporating the school as a degree-granting institution.
- Brother Adjutor of Mary founded De La Salle in 1889 and named the school after St. John Baptist de La Salle, the Founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Br. Adjutor is quoted as saying: “I made up my mind to leave nothing undone in the direction of fitting the boys of the masses for the battle of life, morally as well as educationally.”
- On June 16, 1888, the seven incorporating Christian Brothers met at St. Patrick High School and elected Br. Adjutor the president of De La Salle for the first year.
- On September 6, 1888, ground for De La Salle’s campus was broken with James J. Egan serving as architect.
- In February 1889, Br. Adjutor and Br. Baldwin were released from their duties at St. Patrick’s to work fulltime raising funds and supervising construction of De La Salle.
- At the time of the cornerstone ceremony on May 19, 1889, $51,000 had been collected for De La Salle with another $22,000 pledged. Br. Adjutor was primarily responsible for obtaining the money through sources such as benevolent and wealthy local businessmen, many of whom were non-Catholic.
- There were 200 students enrolled at De La Salle when the school opened on September 1, 1892.
- The ceremony of the first graduates of the commercial department at De La Salle was held on April 12, 1894 with 42 Meteors receiving diplomas in De La Salle’s auditorium.
- The second graduating class featured 31 members. Their commencement exercises were held in the Central Music Hall on Randolph and State in downtown Chicago on June 14, 1895.
- The first faculty for the 1891-92 school year consisted of 12 Christian Brothers.
- De La Salle remained an all-boys school until the fall of 2002 when it added another chapter to its rich legacy of excellence in the field of secondary education by opening a campus for young women in collaboration with the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis at 1040 W. 32nd Place. The Lourdes Hall Campus celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2012.
The City of Chicago was certainly a busy place in 1889. Not only was De La Salle Institute coming into existence on the corner of 35th Street and Wabash Avenue, but there were other noteworthy events taking place around our hometown, such as:

1. The Auditorium Building, which was designed by Dankmar Adler and Louis Sullivan, is completed and opens at the northwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Congress Street (now Congress Parkway). President Benjamin Harrison visits Chicago for the opening of the Auditorium Building on Dec. 9.

2. The first dishwashing machine is marketed in Chicago on Apr. 1.

3. The Union Pacific Railroad begins daily service from Chicago to Portland, OR and San Francisco on Nov. 17.

4. Jane Addams opens Hull House on the West Side at Halsted St. and Polk St. on Sept. 18.

5. The University of Chicago is launched in part with a $600,000 gift from John D. Rockefeller.

6. Most of the large Chicago-area steel mills—including North Chicago, South Works, Union, and Joliet—combine to form a huge new entity, the Illinois Steel Company.

7. The largest single annexation follows an election on June 29, 1889, when Chicago gains 125 square miles and 225,000 people. It becomes the (then) largest city in the United States in area and passes Philadelphia to become second in population as Lake and Hyde Park Townships are annexed to Chicago, along with the villages of Lake View and Jefferson as well as the Town of Lake.

8. The first structure designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright, who created 25 buildings and homes in Oak Park, IL between 1889 and 1913, opens.

9. The Chicago White Stockings finish third in the National League with a record of 67-65. Manager-first baseman Cap Anson leads the team with 117 RBI, while OF Jimmy Ryan hits a team-best 17 home runs.

10. Democrat DeWitt Clinton Cregier defeats Republican incumbent John A. Roche by a count of 57,340 – 45,328 to become Chicago’s new mayor. There are 103,383 total votes cast.
Building a Strong Foundation at De La Salle

Through a Culture of Philanthropy

It was very courageous of Brother Adjutor of Mary to start De La Salle Institute and lay a firm foundation for us all. It was also a leap of faith for those first contributors. Throughout the summer of 1888 without a penny to begin with, Brother Adjutor personally obtained thirty-five $1,000 scholarships to begin funding the construction of the school. These generous businessmen and civic leaders were given a certificate entitling one student from every generation to receive a “tuition free” education at De La Salle. By the time of the cornerstone ceremony on May 19, 1889, $51,000 had been collected and another $22,000 more was pledged. Since then, several De La Salle families have benefited from the investment in this certificate.

Thus began the culture of philanthropy at De La Salle. Brother Adjutor said it best: “It only takes the efforts of one individual to have a positive effect on the life of another.” This longstanding tradition continues today with the financial leadership of members in De La Salle’s President’s Club as well as the support of thousands of alumni and friends who invest in the mission of Lasallian education.

Since its humble beginnings 124 years ago, De La Salle has responded to the needs of its students by providing young women and men from diverse backgrounds with an innovative Lasallian education, just as Brother Adjutor of Mary had envisioned. With an alumni base of 20,500 Meteors, the Institute remains exceedingly true to the vision of Brother Adjutor by helping the next generation of Meteors fulfill their dreams.

A culture of philanthropy works when all alumni, families and friends, and the business community work in partnership for the greater good of society. De La Salle is an example of a quality investment whose mission is to create faith-filled citizens, who contribute to society by living their lives in service of the larger community. The return on this investment is immeasurable.

De La Salle’s culture of philanthropy has been built by conducting capital campaigns, legacy gifts, establishing endowed scholarships and supporting the Annual Fund. These philanthropic investments to the Institute come in all shapes and sizes. This effort has ensured the strength of the institution and created the necessary culture of philanthropy to sustain and help De La Salle thrive.

**Capital Campaigns**

- In the early 1950’s, De La Salle was a front-runner as the first capital campaign was launched to raise funds to build the Walter W. Clarke ’12 building. This facility was known as the “Tech Building” to prepare students for a career in the building industry.
- Launching its second capital campaign, De La Salle raised $500,000 for classroom expansion. Ground-breaking for construction of the Dan Ryan Building began in 1954 and was completed in
Through a Culture of Philanthropy

1960. This new addition provided for the influx of Baby Boomers attending De La Salle.

- In 1995, De La Salle launched a very ambitious capital campaign to position the school for the 21st century and prepare its students for the challenges and opportunities of the new millennium. More than $7 million was raised to renovate and expand De La Salle’s campus, to secure greater financial stability by adding to its endowment and to increase the amount of financial aid the school could provide to its students each year. De La Salle added a new chapel, a media center, several computer labs, a new cafeteria, the Parmer Activity Center and new administrative offices.

- In order to continue to advance its impact and mission, and remain thriving in a competitive market, De La Salle launched its most recent capital campaign in 2002 to expand the Lourdes Hall Campus, provide a campus-wide wireless environment, technology training for our faculty and students and land acquisition.

Legacy Gifts

- Legacy gifts to De La Salle are those estate gifts that are established to leave a lasting legacy on behalf of the donor. These gifts are transformational gifts for the school and are used for capital improvements, scholarships, and curricular enhancements.

Endowed Scholarships

- Endowed scholarships have been another way to sustain the mission of Lasallian education from one generation to the next. This aspect of our culture of philanthropy provides the school with its most stable source of income. These generous gifts will last a lifetime and truly make a difference for countless students at De La Salle. Endowed scholarships have been recently established by the families of Omar Torres ’05, who died in military service in Iraq, Joseph Kaye ’49 and Raymond Prost.

Annual Fund

- The Annual Fund encompasses gifts made by individuals to De La Salle every year and remains the primary source for scholarship and educational enhancements. Gifts to the Annual Fund provide the school with the resources it needs to sustain the mission of Lasallian education. It is another way that De La Salle continues to create a culture of philanthropy.

It is important to note that you play a critical role in the success of our Meteors. Next year marks the 125th Anniversary of the founding of De La Salle Institute and we invite you to join us in the celebration of our Lasallian mission of education. Through the generous support of alumni, parents, friends and the business community, we continue to meet the challenges of the financial demands of private education and continue the culture of philanthropy entrusted to us by Brother Adjutor of Mary.
Improving the Educational Experience at De La Salle

Thanks to the financial commitment from many alumni, including a recent grant from the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Foundation, the following renovations and upgrades took place at De La Salle’s Institute and Lourdes Hall Campuses throughout the summer months:

- Five science labs were completely renovated and upgraded at the Institute Campus
- New furniture was purchased to enhance the classrooms on both campuses
- The Internet bandwidth was increased to allow students and faculty faster and improved technological access

We still have a great deal of work to do, but we are making strides in our facility improvements. As it has throughout its history, De La Salle is taking a long view of the future. Designing a master facility plan and renovations to the Institute Campus are a top priority. With increasing economic development in the surrounding communities, De La Salle has an opportunity to solidify enrollment and strengthen its position as a leader in education through the enhancement of the learning environment for its students.

You play an important role in the lives of the students at De La Salle and your continued support is immeasurable.

If you are interested in helping fund any of De La Salle’s capital projects, please contact De La Salle’s Director of Development, Iris Gist Cochran, at 312-842-7355 ext 152 or cochrani@dls.org to learn more about the needs of the school, to take a tour of our campuses, and to consider how you might assist in fulfilling these needs.
De La Salle to Host
THREE OPEN HOUSES

De La Salle will be hosting three open houses this fall for young women and young men and their families.

- The **girls** open house will take place on **Nov. 20** from **6-8 pm** at the Lourdes Hall Campus located at 1040 W. 32nd Place.
- The **boys** open houses will take place on **Nov. 13** from **6-8 pm** and **Dec. 7** from **10 am-Noon** at the Institute Campus located at 3434 S. Michigan Ave.

The **entrance exam** for the Class of 2018 will be on **Saturday, January 11** at **8 am** at the Institute Campus.

All 8th grade students seeking admission into De La Salle’s Class of 2018 should report to the Institute Campus, located at 3434 S. Michigan Avenue, to take the entrance exam.

The entrance exam begins promptly at 8:00 am, and the fee is $25. Cash, check or money orders are accepted. Students should bring sharpened No. 2 pencils, but no calculators.

*There is no pre-registration for the exam.*

For those students who are interested in visiting De La Salle on a shadow day, please contact Bob Garrett at (312) 842-7355 at the Institute Campus or Margaret Grabowski at (773) 650-6800 at the Lourdes Hall Campus for more information.

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‘D’ Has an App for That!

During the summer of 2013, De La Salle introduced the De La Salle mobile app. Guided by alumnus Marcus Carter ’13, the purpose of this app is to take everything you love about De La Salle on the go.

The app is currently available on iPhone, Android and iPad and had an exciting download rate of 33 in the first minute of release. In just two months, over 500 people have downloaded the app.

For all alumni, students, parents and friends, everything they want to know about our school is available at their fingertips. With this app, you can check out all the great things that are happening at De La Salle.

Prospective students, families, alumni and friends no longer have to wait until they have access to a computer to keep up with their favorite De La Salle sport or event.

Below are the current links to our key social media outlets and apps:
- Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/delasalleinstitute
- Twitter (School): http://www.twitter.com/DLSMeteors
- Twitter (Sports): http://www.twitter.com/meteorathletics
- YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/delasalleinstitute
- Instagram: http://www.instagram.com/delasalleinstitute

De La Salle Website Gets a Fresh Look

We are very excited to announce the launch of the new redesign of the De La Salle website! We have redesigned the website so you can easily see everything that is going on at the school and also as a way to stay in touch and keep the communication going between us.

Immediately you will notice streamlined menus, simple navigation and access to the information you need – any time of day.

Highlights include:
- Customized Calendar Views - View Academic and Athletic Calendars separately OR all in one document.
- Donate Now Button – Donating to De La Salle has never been easier with just a simple click on the Donate Now icon.
- Meteor Shop – Buy all your Meteor gear online any time of the day!
- DLS App – Find out why you need to download the official De La Salle app and how you can download it to your phone.
- Take a look around the new website and let us know your thoughts! While you are at it, don’t forget to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram where you will find the most recent updates of what’s going on around the De La Salle community.
Revisiting the Roaring 20s at De La Salle

One of the benefits of being in existence since 1889 is that De La Salle has a rich history. We were able to add to our history this summer as Mr. Mike Freemantle of Lockport, IL donated De La Salle yearbooks from 1923-27, as well as a copy of the De La Salle alumni directory from 1953 that had been in his family’s possession.

Everyone at De La Salle is extremely grateful to Mr. Freemantle for his generosity and kindness in making this donation. These yearbooks now hold places of honor in the De La Salle archives. Thank you!

De La Salle’s Wall of Heroes Rededication

On Nov. 7, De La Salle held the rededication ceremony of the Wall of Heroes as a student-led program honored and recognized the approximately 400 men and women who attended the Institute and either served or are currently serving in the United States military.

Regardless of the branch of the military or the time period, all De La Salle alumni who have served or are serving in the United States military hold a special place of significance in the hearts and minds of everyone associated with the Institute.

The Wall of Heroes, which was originally unveiled in November 2009, is a display located in the Toth Foyer at the Institute Campus that combines video with artifacts and information. The Wall of Heroes recognizes the significant contributions made to our country on behalf of our alumni.

Among the highlights of this year’s ceremony was students enrolled in the Honors Program reading accounts of some of the De La Salle alumni who have so proudly served our country and were interviewed by our students.

Guiding the Wall of Heroes project is Dean of Social Sciences John Brogan. In attendance at this year’s ceremony were De La Salle alumni who have served in the military ranging from World War II to the present.

On behalf of everyone associated with De La Salle, we extend our deepest gratitude to all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country in the military.
In the summer of 2013, De La Salle – Institute Campus for Young Men campus minister Emily Vogel traveled to De La Salle’s Blackfeet School in Browning, MT with a group of De La Salle students as well as faculty members Tom Dufficy and Tad Hickel. Here is Vogel’s reflection on the wonderfully enriching journey:

Each summer, as a way of putting our Lasallian ideals of faith, service, and community into action, Lasallian Youth sponsors a mission trip to a local or international region in need. In the past, we have travelled to Guatemala and the Appalachian region of West Virginia. This summer, we boarded the Meteor bus and ventured out west to the De La Salle Blackfeet School on the Blackfeet Reservation in Browning, Montana.

The De La Salle Blackfeet School is a unique middle school that is not tuition-driven and serves a predominately at-risk population of students and families. The school is purposefully small in order to provide extra attention to the students, and because of strategies such as 90 minutes of reading every day, the students make great academic strides that prepare them well for high school and beyond. We were impressed by the Blackfeet students’ friendliness and desire to learn new things. After a short time together, it was unclear who was learning more – the Sacred Stars or the Meteors.

We spent five days at the school assisting with a variety of tasks, including tutoring during the summer school program, washing walls, fixing vacuums, pulling weeds, and planting flowers. We accompanied the students to a hike and picnic and had time to do our own exploring in Glacier National Park, which is only 10 miles west of the Blackfeet Reservation.

We had an intriguing presentation by Beware of Sleeping Wolf, a native Blackfeet man who is very knowledgeable of the history of his people. He told stories of his great-grandfather, Chief Mountain, (there is a mountain named for him in Glacier National Park), allowed us to try on traditional Indian headdress, and shared the many celebrations and struggles of the Blackfeet people. While the Blackfeet people have suffered from the loss of their land and the genocide of their people, their spirituality remains a source of strength to be admired.

In addition to the experiences provided by the school, we also spent a great deal of time building community as a school group. We stayed in a small bunkhouse on the same property of the Christian Brothers and their community of volunteers. The students took turns cooking all the meals, cleaning, and planning prayer. Each night ended with some quiet journaling and sharing of experiences. It was clear that we were all greatly impacted by the beauty surrounding us – in the land, and in the people we met.

With a 30-hour drive each way, our eyes were able to delight in the beauty of the open plains, fluffy white clouds, big blue skies, rolling hills, and majestic mountains. On the way there, we were welcomed for some Lasallian community-building by the Lasallian Youth at Totino-Grace High School in Minneapolis, MN. After Mass and some fun games in the city, we toured their school, learned about each other’s school traditions, and enjoyed the immediate friendship that the Lasallian family provides. We stayed at their on-campus retreat center for the night before waking at 3am to finish our trek out west.

On the way home, we took a different route through the Blackhills of South Dakota, stopped to take photos at Mount Rushmore, journeyed through the Badlands, and then home to Chicago. Both there and back, the bus was filled with laughter as the students kept entertained with games, stories and inside jokes from the week, and special mixed CDs of music.

We are already planning a return trip to the De La Salle Blackfeet School in June of 2014. Be sure to check the Lasallian Youth Facebook page for photos from this first trip and information on how to apply for the next trip. For more information about the De La Salle Blackfeet School, please visit its website at www.dlsbs.org.

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Go to the homepage of Tolton Center’s website (www.toltoncenter.com), and the first thing a visitor notices are the words “Achieving Dreams” above a screenshot from YouTube.

By clicking on the “play” button, you can watch a three-minute video that fully details the backstory behind “Achieving Dreams” and the exemplary determination and drive of Tolton student Margarita Pichardo and her intense desire not only to learn English, but also to purchase a home in which her son, Jesus, would be able to play.

“Margarita came to English classes last fall and brought her son along to our Early Childhood program,” Tolton instructor Emily Arvizu said. “Margarita and her husband were hoping to buy a house. She came to class consistently, always did her homework and was quite committed to studying. She progressed quickly from one level to the next.

“In the winter/spring, Margarita and her husband embarked on the home-buying journey and carried out many steps in English, from meeting with realtors and bankers to getting an inspection.”
“Toward the end of the year, Margarita and her husband were able to buy a house with a bigger yard for their son to play in.”

The creation of the “Achieving Dreams” video came about as Arvizu and Tolton Early Childhood teacher Michelle White attended a professional development training entitled “Video Storytelling” presented by HandsOn Tech Chicago and Let’s Dabble.

Through the training, Arvizu and White learned how to create a video to tell of a heartwarming story happening within the Tolton organization.

“The idea behind the training was that most anyone is capable of creating a video to tell a story,” Arvizu said. “That you don’t need to wait until you have fancy equipment and an expensive editing program on the computer. I actually created the video using my iPad and iMovie (which came on my computer).

“The training taught us to simply use what we have and get out there and start filming. I had had a bit of training years ago in iMovie, but Anthony Bernas of Let’s Dabble answered all of my questions through e-mail about how to do this or that. Additionally, his website provides free tutorials on various aspects of the video storytelling process.”

After Arvizu and White completed their training, Arvizu interviewed Pichardo about her experience with Tolton Center and the positive impact it was having on her life.

“Through our conversations, a storyline developed,” Arvizu said. “I then shot the video and edited it on the computer, all while keeping in touch with HandsOn Tech and Let’s Dabble, who answered all my questions.

“In the video, I wanted to show Margarita and her son getting ready for school in the morning, walking together to school, working in their separate classes, working together in our PACT (Parent and Child Together) program and finally walking back home.

“The bond between these two was amazing to witness and I wanted to show how incredible they were together. I think the video shows how these normal day-to-day actions of going to school and studying and working together can lead to bigger life changes, like buying a house.

“In the end, we created a video that told the story of a mother and her son and how they have achieved their dreams through learning together. It celebrates their efforts, their commitment and their beautiful relationship. We were honored to have been a part of their journey.”

The video can be found on YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEwWzDtFZGc.
Parent Association Wine and Spirits Tasting

A Success!

On October 3, 2013, the Parent Association hosted its inaugural Wine and Spirits Tasting in Bansley Alumni Hall on the Institute Campus for Young Men. The event was a huge success and a delightful experience for all who attended. Proceeds for this event will benefit the students and programs of De La Salle Institute.

There were more than 125 guests comprised of De La Salle parents, alumni, board members, administration, faculty & staff and friends. The guests were welcomed by Principals James Krygier and Diane Brown and were given a wine pairing presentation from Tom Gibbons of Town Liquors. Throughout the evening, guests were able to taste delicious wines and beers from Town Armanetti Liquors and various spirits donated by Pernod-Richard.

The evening included entertainment by Zzaje, a four-piece jazz ensemble including De La Salle alumnus Randall Muhammad ‘88. There was also a silent auction featuring Chicago Blackhawk tickets as the hottest item of the night.

We would like to thank our donors and sponsors: Testa Produce, Pernod-Richard, Tummy Ticklers, Blommers Chocolate, Jewel-Osco, Whole Foods, The Gazette, Alderman Pat Dowell, Windy City Linens, Jewell Event Catering, Hall’s Rental, PepsiCo Americas, The Metropolitan Club, Entertainment Cruises/Navy Pier, Adler Planetarium, Ringling Bros., Chicago Blackhawks, Million Dollar Quartet, Home Depot and Deep Dish Productions/The Steve Harvey Show for helping make this event a success.

De La Salle would like to thank the event committee co-chairs, Estelle Seals and Felicia Jackson, for planning such a wonderful event. Special thanks to the event committee of Cassandra Abram, LaTonya Boone, Mona Edwards, Zalina Jones, Angela Nardi-Quigley, Maria Mena, Gina Raiford, Christine Scalise and Cindi Webber for its time, hard work, and commitment to De La Salle and our students.

For more information about the Parent Association, please contact De La Salle’s Lee Ann Eiland at (312) 842-7355 ext. 154 or eilandl@dls.org.
The Fall sports season at De La Salle was highlighted by the appearance and success of two student-athletes from the Lourdes Hall Campus in the Illinois High School Association’s state competition.

In girls tennis, Khalia Powell ’14 advanced to the IHSA state finals where she placed 12th individually before losing in the consolation quarterfinals. Powell, who was 5-2 in the state finals, enabled the Meteors to finish in a seven-way tie for 26th place as a team.

At the St. Ignatius Sectional, Powell placed second at No. 1 singles, while the Meteors placed fourth as a team.

In the regular season, Powell was 9-0 in Girls Catholic Athletic Conference competition at No. 1 singles for the Meteors. Also excelling in singles play during the regular season was Blaze Bonko ’16, who won six times against GCAC opponents.

As a team, De La Salle defeated GCAC foes Trinity, Queen of Peace, Mount Assisi and Resurrection.

On the golf course, Emily Brown ’14 was the medalist in the Class AA St. Ignatius Regional with a round of 79. Brown was one of 10 individuals advancing to sectional play. At the Class AA Homewood-Flossmoor Sectional, Brown shot a 78 to advance to the IHSA state finals held at Hickory Point Golf Course in Forsyth, IL.

At the state finals, Brown carded rounds of 79 and 82 for a score of 161, tying her for 33rd place.

Brown also finished in first place at the GCAC Golf Tournament held at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club in Lemont, IL.

Brown carded a round of 3-over-par 74 playing on Cog Hill’s No. 1 Course. In addition to finishing first at the GCAC Golf Tournament, Brown also garnered the distinction of being chosen the GCAC’s 2013 Player of the Year.

Brown, who was a medalist five times this season while competing with De La Salle’s boys golf team in the Chicago Catholic League (CCL), placed second in the GCAC Tournament in 2012.

De La Salle’s boys team was ninth in the Illinois High School Association’s Class 2A St. Ignatius Regional.

Congratulations to Khalia, Emily, head girls tennis coach Rolando Danzine, head boys & girls golf coach Steve Hopkins and everyone associated with the girls tennis and boys & girls golf programs.

Great job, Meteors!
Football

The Meteors began the season by winning five of their first six games, defeating Phillips (at Soldier Field), St. Ignatius, St. Joseph, Hales Franciscan and St. Laurence. De La Salle finished the regular season with an overall record of 5-4 and advanced to the IHSA Class 6A state playoffs for the first time since 2009.

Running back Mikale Wilbon ’14 became the leading rusher in school history with 3,605 yards and 41 touchdowns as of press time. Wilbon, who will attend Vanderbilt, also was named the SouthtownStar’s Player of the Week for the period ending Oct. 6.

Teammate Jamarco Jones ’14 was chosen to participate in the 2014 Under Armour All-America High School Football Game. The game will be played on January 2, 2014 at 3 pm at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, FL and will be televised on ESPN. Jones will attend Ohio State University.

Fellow offensive lineman Aaron Roberts ’14 became the third Meteor to orally commit to a Division I program as he chose Syracuse University.

Girls Swimming

As the Meteor girls swimming program enters its fifth season, according to head coach Tina Grunauer, the interest and talent levels are both increasing noticeably.

“As each week of the season goes by, the girls are pushing each other to be the best they can be,” Grunauer said. “I’m really looking forward to the many more accomplishments the girls are going to achieve.”

This season, many Meteors set personal-best times and earned medals, many of which came at the Evergreen Park Invitational. Erin Hughes ’16 set a personal best of 1 minute flat in the 100-yard freestyle while placing second. Meghan Hughes ’14 set a new personal best in the 500 freestyle and finished fourth. Mia Hayford ’16 was fifth in the 50 freestyle and Clara Tello ’17 was sixth in the 100 butterfly.

The 400 free relay team of Hayford, Jazmin Garcia ’17, Erin Hughes and Meghan Hughes set a new personal relay time by dropping 20 seconds off their original time and placing 4th.

Boys Soccer

The top performers for the Meteors this season were forward Simon Aldama ’14, who as of press time had 16 goals and three assists and had 57 goals and 20 assists in his four-year career

as a starter, forward Sal Garcia ’16 (7 goals, 2 assists), center midfielder David Dominguez ’15 (6 goals, 6 assists), midfielder Oscar Martinez ’14 (8 goals, 6 assists for his career) and defender Argenis Razon ’14, who like Martinez was a three-year starter and two-year captain.

De La Salle’s varsity edged Catholic League rivals St. Rita (2-1), Gordon Tech (3-2) and St. Laurence (3-1). In nonconference action, the Meteors defeated both Northside Prep (5-1) and Lincoln-Way North (1-0).

Aldama, Martinez and Razon all were named to the 2013 All-Chicago Catholic League North Division Team. Additionally, Martinez was voted to the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association’s All-Sectional Team, while Aldama was afforded All-Sectional Honorable Mention status.

Volleyball

Playing against Girls Catholic Athletic Conference Red competition, the Meteors defeated Mount Assisi, Queen of Peace, Resurrection, Regina Dominican and Trinity. De La Salle also fared well in tournament play as it placed third at Chicago Christian, third at Maine East, second at Elk Grove and first at De La Salle.

Setter Natalie Arredia ’15 was chosen the Most Valuable Player at the De La Salle Tournament with outside hitter Mary Kate Byrnes ’15, outside hitter Carleigh Barringer ’15 and middle hitter Kyra White ’15 also garnering All-Tournament accolades as the Meteors defeated Jones in the championship match.

Libero Julianna Townsend ’14, right side Maura McCabe ’15, middle hitter Jessica Hermele ’14 and libero Dominique Arcieri ’16 were also among the contributors during the season for the Meteors.

De La Salle concluded the regular season with an overall record of 26-7 and a mark of 5-3 in the GCAC Red, finishing in fourth place.

Boys and Girls Cross Country

In dual competitions, the boys team defeated Rich South 19-43, while the girls team also won by a score of 20-39. The Meteors also competed at the Bremen Invitational with the boys team placing 8th and the girls team 11th. At the Muchin Prep
Invitational, the girls team finished first, while the boys team was second.

At the IHSA’s Class 2A De La Salle Regional, the Meteor boys team placed fourth as a team to advance to sectional competition. Pat Schiller ’14 led De La Salle as he finished fifth as an individual. The Meteor girls team was second in regional competition to advance to the sectional. Individually, Catherine Nowaczyk ’15 paced De La Salle as she was seventh.

John Wallin to Lead Revival of Meteor Hockey

When the De La Salle administration decided to add hockey to the group of sports offered to its students, it wanted someone with a great deal of knowledge and passion to guide the program.

The Meteors have found that person in John Wallin, who has been named the new varsity head coach. De La Salle will have a varsity hockey team beginning in the fall of 2014.

“This is an outstanding college preparatory school,” Wallin said. “We want to build a great college preparatory high school hockey program.

“We will start with a varsity program and eventually have JV (junior-varsity) and varsity programs. We want to build one of the premier and consistent programs over time.”

Wallin, who has been coaching since 1970, has coached high school hockey (winning a state championship at New Trier East in 1981) as well as collegiately (at Kent State and Chicago State). He also has worked with USA Hockey in its development camps, worked with the Can/Am Hockey Schools as its United States and Canadian Director as well as with USA Hockey Coaches as a master clinic instructor.

Wallin added that there is a possibility of having a hockey school for interested students next summer.

“What we want to develop at De La Salle is a high-level speed game like the University of Notre Dame, the University of Minnesota and the Chicago Blackhawks,” Wallin said. “Their programs are built upon skill, speed and total commitment to the team. This philosophy reflects the Lasallian value proposition.”

“Our plan is to reach out to alumni and friends of De La Salle and to the Chicagoland hockey club communities to offer an opportunity to aspiring student-athletes whose goal is to compete at a high level and prepare to play in college.”

Welcome, Coach Wallin!

John Smith ’94 Named New Girls Basketball Head Coach

De La Salle proudly announces that John Smith ’94 has been named the new girls varsity head basketball coach.

Smith has spent the last seven seasons as the head coach of the sophomore boys basketball team at De La Salle. Under Smith’s tutelage, the Meteors were Chicago Catholic League champions in four of the seven seasons, going undefeated in the 2009-10 campaign.

Prior to his seven seasons as the sophomore coach, Smith spent three seasons as De La Salle’s freshman boys basketball coach. Smith led the Meteors to a pair of CCL championships during his tenure with the freshman program.

“Everyone at De La Salle is very pleased that John has chosen to accept this opportunity,” athletic director Tom White said. “John is an excellent coach with a great knowledge, understanding and passion for the game. He also relates very well to our student-athletes and we felt that was a very important characteristic in building a successful program.”

Smith’s daughter, JaVonna, graduated from De La Salle in 2012 and is one of the top players in Meteor girls basketball history.

“I’m definitely excited to have the opportunity to take over the girls basketball program,” John Smith said. “I want to get the program going in the right direction and win a state title here.”

Congratulations and best of luck, Coach Smith!
JOIN US FOR THE GREAT FUTURES GALA CELEBRATING DE LA SALLE’S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Join us on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at the Chicago Hilton as we kick off the 125th anniversary of the founding of De La Salle Institute. This will be the first event of many special occasions happening throughout the year that will celebrate this momentous milestone in De La Salle history.

The planning is just getting underway and we already have a night of dinner and dancing in store for you. If you are interested in serving on the 125th Anniversary Committee, please contact Mandi Kasper, Special Events Manager, at 312-842-7355 or via email at kasperm@dls.org. We look forward to seeing you there!
Joseph E. Kaye ‘49, a dear friend and longtime supporter of the Institute, designated De La Salle as a beneficiary of his will when he became a member of the school’s Legacy Circle many years ago.

His goal was to restrict the bequest so that he could help future generations at De La Salle. Mr. Kaye was extremely grateful for his education and very fond of Brother John Michael.

“If it wasn’t for Brother John’s typing and business classes, I may have been stuck in combat rather than in a desk job with the military,” Mr. Kaye said.

After graduation, Mr. Kaye worked for most of his life in the banking industry.

Through his generosity, the Joseph E. Kaye ‘49 Endowed Scholarship at De La Salle was established in 2009. Since that time, the school has received several gifts from his estate to support the endowed scholarship, thus creating a culture of philanthropy that continues today.

We remain deeply grateful to Mr. Kaye for his thoughtfulness and his life-changing gift to De La Salle for our current and future students.

Membership in the Legacy Circle is reserved exclusively for those who make De La Salle Institute a beneficiary of their will or other estate-planning means. Membership is permanent; that is, it continues indefinitely as long as the qualified planned estate gift is in effect.

All you need to do to become a member of the Legacy Circle is to inform us of the provision you have made for De La Salle.

While De La Salle greatly appreciates all outright gifts, “planned gifts” offer additional ways to support the Institute financially and to continue forever your legacy of providing Lasallian educational opportunities for our Meteors.

If you would like more information, please contact Iris Gist Cochran, Director of Development, at 312.842.7355 ext 152 or by email at cochrani@dls.org.

### In Memoriam

De La Salle Institute extends its deepest sympathies to the families of the following De La Salle and Lourdes alumni and friends who have recently passed away:

- John J. Allen ‘43
- William C. Arndt ‘53
- Eva Balas ‘L72
- Ernest M. Barboka ‘39
- David S. Bartock ‘66
- Bernard J. Benard ‘48
- William J. Bingham ‘43
- John F. Capparelli ’53
- John W. Daw ‘43
- John J. Elsen ‘48
- Richard J. Gallagher ‘55
- Thomas W. Kienzle ‘48
- Robert T. Kmiecik ‘48
- John L. Lane ‘63
- Joseph P. McManus ‘48
- Gerald G. Michuda ‘48
- Francis P. Moran ‘48
- Edward P. Moriarty ‘50
- Donald G. Olson ‘48
- Christopher J. Reynoso ‘79
- Daniel L. Shallow ‘48
- Donna G. Wilkinson
- Joseph T. Wilkinson ‘43

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

St. John Baptist De La Salle, pray for us. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.
Live Jesus in our hearts, forever.
Alumni Updates

1963
Lawrence Dyjak works in the insurance and financial planning industry in sales. He lives in Lemont, IL and may be contacted at larry@dyjakassociates.com.

1965
James Chaloupka retired in 2012 after 42 years of service to the Chicago Public Schools. He is married and resides in Berwyn, IL. Chaloupka may be contacted at jchaloupka@ameritech.net

1967
Bob Andrzejewski is retired and living in McKinney, TX. He retired from JC Penney in 2009 after 34½ years of service. Andrzejewski’s email address is bandb@tx.rr.com.

Anthony Stanek is a senior director and resides with his wife in Argyle, TX. His email address is Tony.kc@verizon.net.

In the summer of 2013, Mike Wagner recorded the first hole-in-one of his life on the 18th hole at Lincolnshire Country Club. Congrats, Mike!

1968
Albert Balcer is retired and lives in Chicago.
Michael McDonough is retired and resides with his wife in Las Vegas, NV. McDonough may be emailed at mmcdonou@comcast.net.

1970
Bill Finucane is a transportation manager for Northern Illinois University and resides in DeKalb, IL. His email address is bfinucane@yahoo.com.

1971
Chester Klovas is a general merchandise manager in the events industry. He is a Chicago resident and his email address is Chektlovas@gmail.com.
Paul Kossart is the proud grandfather of five and lives in Peru, IL. He is retired and he and his wife, Celine, have two daughters. Kossart’s email address is misterkozy@yahoo.com.

1980
Roger William Brown is a teacher and athletic director, having spent the last 25 years in teaching and coaching. He resides in Las Vegas, NV and his email address is bcb4u22@yahoo.com.

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Philip Caputo is a sergeant for the Cook County Dept. of Corrections. He is married and resides with his family in Stickney, IL.

1993
Gary Morris is a service manager for Fletcher-Jones Mercedes-Benz in Las Vegas, NV. He also resides in Las Vegas and his email address is TWIN_TWINE2@yahoo.com.

2000
James Flamm works in the field of higher learning for Robert Morris University. He lives in Chicago and his email address is jamesflamm@robertmorris.edu.

Timothy Sage is a technical recruiter in the information technology field and is married with one daughter. Sage and his family reside in Crestwood, IL. His email address is timsage55@yahoo.com and his website is www.disys.com.

2002
William Gallo is a stationary engineer and resides in Chicago with his wife. His email address is bgallo62@gmail.com.

2003
Walter Graham is a program specialist and resides in Homewood, IL. Contact him at waltg37@icloud.com.

Amenzee Omofonmwan is an early childhood educator and calls Durham, NC home. She received a Bachelor of Science in Child Development and Family Life from Indiana State University in May 2007. Omofonmwan also received a Master of Science in Health Administration from Central Michigan University in 2009. Her email address is amenzeeo@yahoo.com.

Michael Suide Jr. is employed in the food industry. He lives in Woodridge, IL and his email address is suider24@gmail.com.

2004
Drake Henderson is employed by the United States Government and lives in San Antonio, TX. His email address is henn1842@yahoo.com.

2007
Christopher Jordan works in the retail banking industry as an assistant vice president of MB Financial Bank. He lives in Chicago and his email address is cmjordan7@gmail.com.

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2009
Joseph Nieciak is currently pursuing a Master of Science Degree in Transportation Engineering at New York University’s School of Engineering on a full scholarship. He also works as a municipal analyst for Azavar Audit Solutions helping to recover lost revenues and create future savings for local governments across the United States. Nieciak resides in Brooklyn, NY and his email address is jnieciak91@hotmail.com.

Victor Trujillo was named the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference’s Offensive Player of the Week in men’s soccer for the timeframe ending Sept. 8. A senior forward playing for the University of St. Francis in Joliet, IL, Trujillo scored all three goals as the Saints defeated two-time defending National Christian College Athletic Association champion Moody Bible Institute 3-0 in USF’s home debut on Sept. 5. The CCAC weekly award was Trujillo’s first this season and fourth of his career.

Congratulations, Victor!

2010
Anthony Abraham is a member of the United States Air Force. In addition, he also was married on April 20, 2013 to Mrs. Deliza Abraham. After completing basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX, Abraham entered technical training school at Fort Lee, VA. Abraham can be contacted at Anthony.abraham92@gmail.com. Congratulations and best wishes, Anthony and Deliza!

Jonathan Rosario is a college student and lives in Chicago. His email address is jrosario10@hotmail.com.

2013
Joshua Boddie is attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is majoring in journalism. His email address is classof2013josh@gmail.com.

Lourdes Alumnae Updates

1995
Veronica (Lopez) Aguinaga resides with her husband in Plainfield, IL. She is employed as a recruiter/membership specialist and may be emailed at panchrock1@hotmail.com.

1999
Elizabeth (De La Cruz) Toledo is married with two children and lives in Chicago. Her email address is eliza_toledo@hotmail.com.

Welcome Back, Marcus Carter ‘13!

De La Salle is pleased to welcome Marcus Carter ‘13 as our new Social Media Intern on a part-time basis. Carter will maintain the school’s media accounts as well as the Social Media Club.

Carter is currently attending Columbia College Chicago and majoring in Radio Broadcast. He also is working as a Disk Jockey/Entertainer for Mary Monica Music Inc. (Entertainment Cruises – Chicago) on cruises and provides the entertainment portion throughout the cruise on the Spirit of Chicago, Odyssey and Mystic Blue cruise vessels at Navy Pier.

Congratulations, Marcus!
De La Salle Institute hosted the 118th Annual Alumni Banquet on Friday, October 4, 2013 at the Institute Campus for Young Men. It was the second year in a row having the banquet at the Institute Campus and our 200 guests could not have been happier to be home.

The evening opened with a Mass in the school’s chapel where guests celebrated their milestones along with remembering those classmates who have passed before us. After Mass, the networking reception officially began where attendees were able to enjoy the great food and drinks, while catching up with their classmates. Throughout the evening, current students were on hand and provided campus tours to showcase how the school has changed in the past 124 years. With some attendees having not been back to the campus in over 30 years, you can imagine the questions they had!

Honored at a special reception was the Golden Jubilee Class of 1963, celebrating its 50th Anniversary along with the Silver Jubilee Class of 1988, celebrating its 25th Anniversary. Congratulations to both the Classes of 1963 and 1988!

During the dinner, the Alumni Association presented the Honor Key Award to a graduate who has distinguished himself by his achievements at De La Salle and his civic commercial success.

This year’s recipient, The Honorable Michael Chmiel ’83, was elated to receive the award while accepting in front of his family and friends.

De La Salle wishes to extend its heartfelt appreciation to all of the anniversary classes who raised more than $32,766 for their anniversary class gift scholarship funds. The money raised will help support the student financial assistance program. For more information about supporting your class gift scholarship fund, please contact De La Salle’s Director of Development, Iris Gist Cochran, at 312.842.7355 ext. 152 or cochrani@dls.org.

1. The Class of 1963 gathers for a group shot as they celebrate their Golden Anniversary.
2. De La Salle president Fr. Paul Novak, OSM, presents a diploma to Terry Patch ’63 in honor of his class’ 50th Anniversary.
3. Michael Chmiel ’83 offers his heartfelt thanks during his acceptance speech after receiving the Honor Key.
4. Michael Taffe ’63 shares a smile with Fr. Paul at the special reception for the Class of 1963 at the 118th Annual Alumni Banquet.
As De La Salle prepares for its 125th anniversary, we would like to honor the men and women who have graduated from the Institute over the years by the inclusion of alumni profiles in D Magazine.

In this issue, we are profiling Dr. Michael A. Robinson ‘78 and Mike Pratapas ‘81.

If you are interested in being profiled in a future issue, please contact Mike Walsh at walshm@dls.org or 312.842.7355 x145.

The following is the profile of Dr. Michael A. Robinson, a member of De La Salle’s Class of 1978. Dr. Robinson earned his Bachelor’s Degree from DePaul University in 1988 before earning a Master’s Degree in Marriage & Family Therapy and Social Work from the University of Louisville in 2006. Dr. Robinson earned his PhD from the University of Louisville in 2010. Dr. Robinson is an assistant professor in East Carolina University’s College of Human Ecology in Greenville, NC. He resides in Bath, NC and Tuscaloosa, AL.

Here is Dr. Robinson’s reflection as to the impact that De La Salle has had on his life:

“Upon entering the hallowed halls of De La Salle Institute in 1974, I had no idea what I was in for or the transformation that would take place over the next four years of my life. I came to De La Salle as a young boy and as a young boy I brought my childish ways with me. However, I was immediately taught that this was not going to cut it at De La Salle or in life.

“I believe I owe this (lesson) to Brother Justin who taught me to be a man, accept responsibility for my actions, and not always shift the blame to others for my misfortunes. This was a process that took several years for me to grasp until I had that “aha moment”, and then I knew what I had to do to succeed at ‘D’.

“Brother Justin also instilled in me self-discipline, taught me to be a leader and not a follower, and he also insisted upon accountability.

“While matriculating through ‘D’, I was on the wrestling team under the guidance of Coach Blakely, who instilled in us sportsmanship, teamwork, and humility. He wanted us to win, but more importantly, Coach Blakely wanted us to win like men and show respect for and to our opponents.

“Brother Peter and Mr. Chet Bulger are the two men who I use as models for my teaching style. Brother Peter used humor to reach students and Mr. Bulger was very open and honest with his students.

“Overall, the experience at ‘D’ was life-changing and because of this experience, I owe De La Salle a debt of gratitude. Through the years, I have visited Chicago on numerous occasions. When close, I always drive by ‘D’ and a smile comes across my face as I think of all the friendships garnered there and how I was transformed in four short years from a boy to a man.

“Thanks ‘D’.”
Here is Mike Pratapas’ ‘81 reflection on the positive impact that De La Salle had on his life:

“Throughout life we encounter people, and experience things, that shape us as individuals. Often, we are well removed from those individuals and experiences before we recognize their impact on our lives.

“I would imagine that for many, who now call themselves De La Salle alumni, this may well be the case. While I loved every minute of my time at De La Salle and knew then that I was being provided a great opportunity by being a student there, it has taken having kids of my own in high school to realize what a special place the campus on 35th Street really is. The lessons learned from incredibly dedicated teachers and coaches who cared about my growth as a student, athlete and young man continue to influence me today.

“I am forever grateful to teachers and coaches like Messrs. Sheehan, Muting, Khazen, Radecki, Sebuck, Doherty, Prunty, Tracy and Tokars to name a few, who challenged me to not only do my best, but also be my best. And to friends like Paul Wendt, Ken Pruddock, Dennis Sheehan, John Stecyna, Jai Thomas and others who were like brothers on and off the field.

“Today, I live in Snoqualmie, WA, just outside of Seattle, with my wife, Nicole. We have five children, Carly (23), Madi (19), Luke (14), Jack (9) and Jimmy (5). After spending 15 years working as a college athletic administrator at Wake Forest University, Rice University and the University of Pittsburgh, I spent four years as a State Farm agent in North Carolina.

“I currently work as a Philanthropic Gifts Advisor at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, raising money for lifesaving cancer research. Each day, the influences of my experiences at De La Salle help me with the challenges of balancing my faith, family and career.

“Go Meteors!”

Go Michael! Go Irish!

If you are watching a Notre Dame football game this season and one of the band members looks familiar, that’s because he’s a De La Salle graduate.

Michael Fuchs ‘13 – the valedictorian at the Institute Campus for Young Men for the Class of 2013 – has been chosen for membership in the University of Notre Dame’s marching band.

Fuchs, who plays trumpet, was in uniform and performed with the rest of the Fighting Irish band when Notre Dame opened the 2013 football season at home against Temple on Aug. 31. In addition, Fuchs and the Fighting Irish band had or will have the opportunity to play at home games at Notre Dame Stadium this season against Michigan State, Oklahoma, USC, Navy and BYU.

Congratulations and best of luck, Michael!
In the fall of 2013, Daniel DeBonnett ’05 was able finally to make one of his dreams come true.

All it took was some tenacity, a bit of luck and the willingness to travel nearly 5,300 miles from Chicago to Brazil. Since he was a young man, DeBonnett has wanted to play professional football. Thanks to the six-team Liga Brasileira de Futebol Americano (LFA), DeBonnett is being given the opportunity.

DeBonnett was scheduled to fly to Sao Paulo in early October for a combine and player draft. After that, he would report to the team that had chosen him, play a shortened season through December and then return to Chicago.

After a couple of months at home, DeBonnett again will board a plane for Brazil to play a full season in the LFA from February through May of 2014.

DeBonnett, who graduated from Concordia University in River Forest, IL in 2013, majored in communications and minored in sociology. He also played three years of football for the Cougars, attaining All-Northern Athletics Conference accolades in 2012 as an outside linebacker. He also helped Concordia win back-to-back conference championships in 2011 and 2012. It was at Concordia that the process of fulfilling DeBonnett’s dream of playing professionally began.

“One of the GAs (graduate assistants) at the school played down there (in Brazil) a couple of years ago,” DeBonnett said. “He asked me if I would be interested in playing there. I sent out my film and (representatives of the LFA) called me back and said they were interested in me. I signed my contract April 4.

“When I first got the contract, I was speechless. It happened so fast. Within three hours of sending my film, they said they were interested and I had a professional contract. It’s great that I can continue to play football and also develop the sport down there.”

Not only will DeBonnett and his teammates have an opportunity to make an impact on the field in places like Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, they also hope to do so off the field as they provide insight to the Brazilians about American football.

“We’ll be teaching them stuff that we learned when we were 10 or 11 years old,” DeBonnett said. “We’ll also be working with the kids down there and teaching them the game.

“What they know about American football is from watching YouTube and we can teach them more about the game. Football has gained popularity down there. There is a big fan base.”

For DeBonnett, who was a member of the Windy City Hitmen of the Alliance Indoor Football League last December, traveling the winding road from the football fields of the Chicago Catholic League to the Northern Athletics Conference to the Liga Brasileira de Futebol Americano has proven worthwhile.

“Being a pro is every kid’s dream once you step on a football field,” DeBonnett said. “This has been a long route, but I’ve gotten all I wanted out of the game. We made history at Concordia, now I get to go to Brazil and make history down there, too.

“Football never leaves anyone who plays the game. I’ve been blessed to be able to continue to play. I take this challenge for all the people at De La Salle and Concordia.

“It’s not about me; I want to open doors for people from De La Salle and Concordia so they can make it to the next level.”
Parents: If this is addressed to your son or daughter and he or she no longer resides there, please contact De La Salle’s Office for Advancement by phone or with the enclosed envelope so that we may update our records.

JOIN US FOR THE HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

December 14, 2013
De La Salle Institute
Hilton Commons, Institute Campus
9 am - 2 pm

Hosted by the Alumni Association and the Parent Association

FEATURING:
Pancake breakfast, pictures with Santa and holiday shopping with vendors. Would you like to showcase your craft or sell your product at our Holiday Festival? Vendor spaces are still available and start at $75 per space. For more information, please contact the Parent Association at dlsparentassoc@gmail.com.

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23RD ANNUAL D-FINAL EVENT

Monday, April 7, 2014
De La Salle Institute
Doors Open: 6 p.m.