n the cover of this issue of De La Salle Magazine is a picture from our Spring Honors Night, featuring the members inducted into the Brother J. Richard Rush, FSC Chapter of the National Honor Society. Membership in the NHS is for those students who have not only made achievements in academics, but also have been involved in the life of the school by participating in extracurricular activities and giving service to their community.

In a society and a media mesmerized by celebrities and pro athletes, the Spring Honors Night is a welcome event honoring those students who have made the 'A' and 'B' Honor Rolls. They are doing the job that is expected of them by both their parents and their teachers. These students exemplify one of the distinctive dimensions of Lasallian education; it's not fancy, it's not flashy; just get the job done and get it done well.

One of the four characteristics of the NHS is leadership. It is our hope that our graduates will be leaders in their chosen fields. But leadership comes in various sizes and various degrees. What would we say are the characteristics of good leaders? Who would we say are examples of good leaders?

We often think of leadership as reserved for the political arena and are quite often disappointed. But leadership can happen at work, in your neighborhood, at your church, in your household. Sometimes it means looking beyond yourself and the immediate moment to plan for a greater good. Sometimes it means assessing a situation and taking action - even if the action taken is not popular.

The world lost a leader - perhaps one of the greatest of the modern age - when Pope John Paul II died in April. The late pontiff had a long reign, was a global traveler, spoke out for those who could not speak for themselves, and was a steady voice for international peace and justice. Near the end of his life, many pundits were calling upon him to retire because of his deteriorating physical condition, but maybe it was in these latter years that he exhibited one of his leadership qualities.

For those of us old enough, we remember the vibrant Polish Pope skiing and hiking and electrifying crowds around the world. However, today's young people saw a man riddled with debilitating disease at the end of his life. The courage he exemplified in facing disease and life's end with dignity is a lesson for all of us. It is also an example many - especially the young - do not see.

Pope John Paul II showed us that the qualities of leadership can be exemplified by anyone, in any condition, at any time. The late Pope, like our founder St. John Baptist de La Salle, was answering God's call; he was responding to God's will in regard to his mortal life.

As De La Salle answered God's call to establish the Christian Schools, Karol Wojtyla answered God's call to lead the Roman Catholic Church. We are confident God will inspire young people to be leaders. Let us all pray that they will answer the call with the courage exemplified by Pope John Paul II.
I am in my sixth year at De La Salle and am still excited to go to work. "D" is the school that never sleeps. As I often say, if you want something to do before, during and after school, you came to the right place. "D" offers students many opportunities to be successful. I am impressed by the diversity and depth of our student body. In fact, I still have the poster from the first year of our Lourdes Hall campus that reads, "One school…One mission…Two campuses." If you want to be involved, there is a place for you at "D."

For many students, "D" is a safe zone to explore new things. They can let their guard down and enter into relationships and experiences they may not otherwise be exposed to. They can express their faith here. My students learn that how they achieve something is more important than just getting it. Things are happening so quickly in society that oftentimes we only get fragments of a story rather than an accurate picture. As a result, some people get stuck and only see one perspective.

The classroom acts as a filter. The students can break it down, slow it down, and process ideas. As a result, some people get stuck and only see one perspective.

The trick is to bring a concept to the student's level without sacrificing the integrity of the lesson and lowering your expectations. I want students to be successful in their endeavors - in and out of the classroom - and definitely in their futures. I stress that the choices of today create the character of tomorrow. As the De La Salle 100th Anniversary banner in my room states, "De La Salle is where great futures begin."

I teach at "D" because I enjoy the sense of community with the emphasis on being a more innovative and complete professional. Students and faculty alike are lifelong learners. I feel we are not merely teachers, coaches, and moderators - we are role models, as well.

As we update ourselves, we can help ease the students’ transition into their futures, whether college or the job market. I also admire the students’ commitment to the Lasallian mission and values to be young men and women of faith, service and commitment.

The student's persona in the desk can sometimes be misleading. The desk is not the only place to learn. You also can learn a lot about someone when you see them at a school function, so when you see them again in the desk, there is a better understanding.

If it makes any sense to say, I find out more about what is said and done in Room 204 when I am not in there. I guess students feel more comfortable talking about things on a neutral ground such as the Commons, Activity Center or walking to and from soccer practice. In my experiences, sometimes the students who learn more are the ones staring at their shoes in class and not at me. I wouldn't have known that had I not interacted with them.

As the students sit in front of me each day, I wonder if they are absorbing what I try to impart to them. As I have been telling students for more than 20 years, "You see me for 50 minutes within a 24-hour day; I doubt I dent any of you. Come back in five years and tell me if I know anything."

De La Salle has taught me many things. I have learned that adolescents love to test the safe limits of the world around them, but also want someone to understand them. I have found that knowledge of a subject is about 30 percent of what you must know to teach adolescents.

To quote St. John Baptist de La Salle: "One of the main concerns for those who instruct others is to be able to understand their students and to discern the right way to guide them…this guidance requires understanding and discernment of spirits, qualities you should frequently and earnestly ask of God, for they are most necessary for you in the guidance of those placed in your care."

Teaching at Catholic high schools has been Tom Dufficy's avocation since 1982. After spending four years at the now-closed St. Joseph High School in the Back of the Yards neighborhood and 11 years at Queen of Peace, "Coach Duff" came to De La Salle six years ago. At the Institute, Dufficy teaches Religion II, Honors Religion II, World Religions and Intro to Psychology. Outside the classroom, Dufficy serves as the varsity head coach in both boys and girls soccer.

Here in Dufficy's own words is what teaching at De La Salle means to him.
Icons of the Institute bid farewell
George Jaros ‘64, Tom Hunt and John Sullivan retire from De La Salle after more than 100 years of combined service to the school

On April 17, two longtime educators at De La Salle were among those honored during the Lasallian Awards ceremony held at Saint Joseph High School in Westchester, Ill. Representing the Institute were George Jaros ‘64 and John Sullivan. De La Salle congratulates both gentlemen and thanks them for their contributions to our school.

Additionally, Jaros, Sullivan and Tom Hunt all have decided to retire from De La Salle upon completion of the 2004-05 school year. Of the three veteran teachers, Sullivan possesses the longest tenure, working at the Institute since August 1966. Jaros returned to his alma mater in August 1969, while Hunt arrived at “D” in August 1973.

Here in Jaros’ words is what teaching at De La Salle means to him.

"Looking back over the past 36 years of my life, I realize how fortunate I was when I was offered and accepted the position of electronics teacher here at De La Salle. I really had never planned to become a teacher, but I fell in love with the job right away. And here I am 36 years later.

"I truly value the friendships I have made, the thousands of students who have contributed to my life and the positive professional growth I have experienced.

"I will miss all these things and more."

On behalf of everyone at De La Salle, we thank George, John and Tom for their dedication and excellence in the classroom. With more than 100 years of teaching experience among them, they have touched the lives of many Meteors over the years and will be greatly missed!
Teachers in NU summer program
Session includes developing curriculum and engaging in research

While Evanston, Illinois may not seem like the perfect place to spend part of a vacation, George Dzuricsko and Patrick Guide will be more than happy to visit the North Shore suburb this summer.

Dzuricsko and Guide, two teachers at De La Salle's Main Campus, will be participating in the Research Experience for Teachers (RET) Program at Northwestern University. Guide teaches Physics & Environmental Science at De La Salle, while Dzuricsko instructs in Algebra, Trigonometry and Technical Math.

For the first four weeks of the RET program, participants engage in hands-on nanotechnology-related research at the Nanoscale Science and Engineering Center at Northwestern. The remaining four weeks of the program are dedicated to the development of effective curriculum projects introducing nanotechnology concepts to pre-college students. A presentation at the closing symposium and a written report are required.

De La Salle congratulates both gentlemen and wishes them every success in this prestigious, enriching program.

Women's History Month Celebrated
Special presentation on America's First Ladies at DLS West Campus

As part of the celebration of Women's History Month in April 2005, De La Salle's West Campus welcomed Barbara Wynn Bansley who offered a presentation entitled "The Wit of America's First Ladies." Mrs. Bansley's presentation featured such historic First Ladies as Louisa Adams, Mary Lincoln and Jacqueline Kennedy. The students were able to share the First Ladies' moments of individual pain, suffering, tolerance, selfishness, humor and intelligence.

(L to R): Mrs. Bansley, De La Salle Associate Principal for Academics - West Campus Ms. Diane Brown, Mrs. Geri Doherty, Meghan Maroney '08, Kim Maroney '08.

DLS hosts spring NHS inductions

On April 13, 2005, De La Salle Institute inducted 11 students into the Br. J. Richard Rush, FSC, Chapter of the National Honor Society in a ceremony held in the Parmer Activity Center. Lauded for their academic achievements were: (Row 1 L to R) Desmond Owusu '06, Richard Fern '06, Michael Owcarz '06; (Row 2 L to R) Dana Ragazinskas '05, Ashley Korzen '06; (Row 3 L to R) David Wisniewski '06, Emrhan Slaton '06, Adrian Gonzalez '05; and (Row 4 L to R) Christopher Isabelle '06, Christopher Dancy '06 and Brandon Driver '06. In all, there are now 64 students from De La Salle's Main and West Campuses who are members of the National Honor Society.
Scholars Named

Memorial Scholarship Fund honors Melanie Solis '05

In consideration of her warm and caring spirit, De La Salle Institute’s Class of 2005 established a memorial scholarship fund to honor their classmate and friend, Melanie Solis, who passed away in June 2004.

The response to the scholarship appeal was tremendous. Many students, teachers, family members and friends made generous contributions, raising more than $2,700 toward this important memorial scholarship fund in Melanie’s honor. With the fund at this level, four De La Salle students were named Solis Scholars for the 2004-2005 academic year. The awardees were Delilah Villasenor ’07, Lauren Casares ’08, Brittany Joelson ’08 and Cristina Perez ’08. Each of these deserving students received a grant toward her tuition with the selections based upon financial need.

Melanie Solis was an outstanding student, a City of De La Salle officer and a National Honor Society member. In addition, Melanie served as a volunteer for numerous organizations throughout the city because she truly believed in helping others. The Melanie Solis Scholarship Fund continues her legacy of care and commitment to others and is a fitting tribute to her memory.

Anyone interested in contributing to this scholarship fund may direct their gift to the Melanie Solis Memorial Scholarship Fund. Please make checks payable to De La Salle Institute. Thank you.

Golden Apple Scholar Named

De La Salle senior Martin Palamore ’05 has been named a Golden Apple Scholar by the Golden Apple Foundation, which is the largest pre-service teacher-support program in the nation. Palamore was one of 100 students in Illinois chosen who will be preparing for a career in teaching.

Along with other stipulations, Golden Apple Scholars must agree to teach for five years in an Illinois school that serves low-income students or has below-par test scores. There are now more than 900 Golden Apple Scholars teaching or on their way to teaching in challenging schools throughout Illinois.

The Golden Apple Scholars were honored at a reception at the Field Museum in Chicago on April 9, 2005.

IHSA Honors DLS Student-Athlete

De La Salle Institute is proud to announce that Michael Podlasek ’05 has been named to the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Honorable Mention All-State Academic Team. There were approximately 500 high school students from across the state of Illinois nominated for this honor and Podlasek was one of 50 students selected by the evaluation committee for Honorable Mention recognition.

At De La Salle, Podlasek participated in the Meteor athletic program as a member of both the golf and bowling teams. He also excelled in the classroom, holding a 4.9 grade-point average and ranking No. 3 in the 179-member Class of 2005.
During the winter sports season, several athletes and teams added to the rich legacy of De La Salle Meteor athletics. Here are some of the noteworthy achievements:

- In boys basketball, the Meteors finished the 2004-05 season with an overall record of 17-10 and a mark of 8-6 in the Catholic League North. In the postseason, De La Salle defeated Phillips in the opening round of the IHSA Class AA Crane Regional before losing to Crane in the regional final. Sophomore guard Josh Parker '07 earned a place on the All-Chicago Catholic League team, as did senior forward Cory Norman '05. Parker led De La Salle this season in scoring (13.3 ppg), assists (3.4 apg) and steals (2.37 spg). He was second in 3-pointers (35) and third in rebounding (3.2 rpg). Norman was fourth in scoring (7.9 ppg) and led De La Salle in 3-pointers with 39. The Meteors freshman team won the Catholic League North and posted an overall record of 19-1.

- In girls basketball, one of the primary highlights this season for the Meteors was the play of junior center Megan Spreadbury '06, who was named to the All-Girls Catholic Athletic Conference Blue team. Spreadbury also earned honorable mention accolades from the Daily Southtown newspaper. As a team, the Meteors posted impressive wins over St. Gregory, Josephininum and Holy Trinity in conference play.

- In wrestling, four Meteors competed in the Illinois High School Association's Individual Wrestling State Tournament at the University of Illinois' Assembly Hall in Champaign. Representing De La Salle were seniors Tim Golden '05 and Anthony Volanti '05, junior Nick Spataro '06 and sophomore Anthony Antonietti '07. Golden, who competed at 171 pounds, finished the 2004-05 season with a record of 32-3 and prevailed in a match downstate. For Golden, it was his second career appearance downstate, having wrestled at 152 last season. Spataro, who wrestled at 112, also posted a win downstate this season, concluding his campaign with 24 victories. At 189 pounds, Volanti recorded 26 wins on the season, while Antonietti competed downstate for the second consecutive season and won 17 matches at 119 pounds after competing at 103 in the 2003-04 campaign.

- In bowling, under the tutelage of Ray Garcia, the Meteors won the St. Ignatius Sectional, finishing with a pinfall of 5,404. De La Salle then advanced to the IHSA state meet where it placed 14th with a total of 6,038 pins. Individually, senior Brian Ginger '05 took 23rd place, while classmate Wesley Buckles '05 was 24th. Other members of the varsity bowling team this season were senior Mike Podlasek '05, juniors Matt Beattie '06 and Ramses Clements '06 and sophomore Anthony Solofra '07.
Friend of the Tolton Adult Literacy Center and St. Giles Parish community member Ave Zuccarino has a dream of building community through gardening and bringing the beauty and spirituality of gardens to the West Side of Chicago. With the help of Tolton instructor Mary Ellen Lesniak, this dream is sprouting this spring in the group, Soul Gardens.

Soul Gardens pairs dedicated, experienced gardeners with Tolton/Legler Branch students to assist in maintaining existing West Side neighborhood gardens and helping to create new gardens in their own yards. On May 5, Soul Gardens helped Tolton student Ann Davis with an already-existing vegetable garden. Ann's garden provides her and her immediate neighbors with fresh greens and other vegetables throughout the summer.

On May 7, students helped Rose McNutt in her Peace Garden. Several years ago, Rose, a former Tolton/Legler student, accomplished her dream of turning an empty lot filled with glass and debris into a place where neighbors can sit and talk among beautiful flowers.

Rose and her Peace Garden were featured on Channel 7's "Someone You Should Know." It is the hope of Ave and the Tolton community to multiply the beauty and bounty of these two gardens many times over.

Excited about their work in Ann Davis' garden, Annie Johnson and Margo Pierce took extra plants home to begin their own garden. Other students have expressed interest in having Soul Garden come to their homes to help them start a garden. St. Giles community members provide plants and gardening supplies to Soul Gardens.

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**Tolton newsflash**

- Lawrence Blakley '83, De La Salle's Associate Vice President of Community Affairs, has been appointed by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White to serve on the Literacy Advisory Board for the Illinois State Public Library.
- Susan Perez, Tolton/Legler's Program Director, presented "Reading Basics," a three-day training program that brought reading research-based principles and practices to Illinois adult educators. "Reading Basics" is offered through the Adult Learning Resource Center.
- Carolyn Weaver, Tolton/Legler Assistant Director, recently completed a distance-learning project pilot for GED Illinois online.
- Shira Slack, Tolton/Legler Instructor, is serving on the Illinois Adult Education Standards Committee. This group is entrusted with the task of determining standards for adult education in Illinois. The creation of standards to document student progress is mandated by the federal government.
- Tolton/Legler students Ann Pickens and Andre Evans received letters of congratulations from Secretary of State Jesse White upon their nomination for the Spotlight on Achievement Awards that recognize 10 outstanding adult learners in Illinois.

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**Tolton rallies on**

On April 27, 2005, Tolton staffers Lindaann Taylor and Brock Bolton, along with two adult learners, James Lewis and Annie Morris, joined their voices with thousands of others across Illinois in helping bring awareness regarding the importance of adult education.

Sponsored by the Illinois Adult Continuing Education Association (IACEA), the voice of adult education in Illinois, the rally took place in the rotunda of the Capitol Building in Springfield. Several students had the opportunity to share just how important adult education has been in their lives and the need for our state senators and representatives to fight for literacy in their respective districts.

For Lewis, this was his third trip to "Awareness Day." However, he felt this one was more meaningful because the students were given more responsibility in their roles as adult learners. For Morris, this was her first trip to Springfield. She said that she had never participated in such an event where there were so many people shouting the phrase "Illinois Adult Education and Literacy Works." Morris is looking ahead to next year's rally.

Adult education and literacy does work even in a time when we are facing unparalleled funding challenges. It was critical that we came together to proclaim to all who would listen that "Illinois Adult Education and Literacy WORKS." Tolton East was proud to be part of this statewide rally.
Dear Friends:

As we conclude another successful academic year, we are sincerely grateful for and appreciative of all our friends and benefactors who have become involved and who have joined us as stewards in the mission of De La Salle Institute.

Today, more than ever, we have seen the significance of philanthropy and active participation in many important charitable organizations and social agencies. For these other worthy institutions, it has meant the preservation of mission and valued service in areas of education, religion, arts & culture, health, and human services. De La Salle Institute, as one of Chicago’s oldest and best-known secondary academic institutions, is certainly included.

Your generous giving of time and money provides the Institute with the necessary practical encouragement so that its young men and women will have an exceptional educational opportunity with a positive ripple effect into families, communities, the Church, the corporate, the non-profit and the government sector as well. It is truly inspiring to know that so many of our parents, graduates and community members value our mission and welcome the opportunity to give back - to preserve and enhance the experience that began over 116 years ago.

In the more than 15 years that I have worked in development, I have seen the value of sharing - on both ends. I have found through my relationships with countless friends and benefactors that truly it is in giving that we receive; that selfless giving does as much - often even more - for the donor as it does for the people and worthwhile causes supported. Stewardship is to care, to have concern, and to give thanks by giving of what has been given to us. Whether your involvement is financial, or as a volunteer, or wisdom-based, your treasures have an incredible impact on human lives.

We pray that through your thoughtful association with De La Salle Institute, your relationship with your own faith and personal sense of mission may grow and strengthen.

For all you do, you have our heartfelt thanks. Have a safe, restful, and peace-filled summer!

Sincerely,

Anthony C. Chimera ’83
Vice President for Advancement
De La Salle Institute
Nearly $60,000 raised at D-Final Event
More than 600 people attend the school’s NCAA championship festivities

On April 4, 2005, more than 600 alumni, friends and staff members of De La Salle Institute gathered in the Parmer Activity Center for the school’s 14th Annual D-Final Event and watched North Carolina defeat Illinois for the NCAA men’s basketball championship.

Under the leadership of assistant athletic director Mike Boehm ’92 and athletic director and head varsity boys basketball coach Tom White, who served as the 14th Annual D-Final Event’s co-chairmen, more than $59,000 was raised for the benefit of the young women and men of De La Salle.

Guests watched the game on giant TV screens and multiple smaller screens throughout the gym. With a state team in the tournament, the evening held special appeal to many attendees who rooted on their Fighting Illini to the bitter end.

De La Salle would like to thank everyone who attended the 14th Annual D-Final Event, as well as all of the parents and volunteers without whose help the evening would not have been as successful.

Just a reminder that the 15th Annual D-Final Event will be held on April 3, 2006, in the Parmer Activity Center. See you then!

SEND US YOUR HONOR KEY NOMINATIONS

The De La Salle Institute Alumni Association is currently accepting nominations for the 2005 Honor Key Award. The Honor Key is awarded to graduates, and/or former faculty and staff members of De La Salle Institute who have distinguished themselves by their achievements at De La Salle and/or by their civic or commercial success.

Nominations are received by the Honor Key Committee, who makes recommendations to the Directors of the Alumni Association for their review and final approval. The committee welcomes any and all nominations. Please forward your nomination to: De La Salle Institute, Alumni Relations Office, 3455 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL, 60616, Attn: Honor Key Committee.

Nominations must be received no later than August 31, 2005 for consideration in the 2005 campaign.
DLS hosts first Lourdes all-class reunion

Hundreds of women from the classes of 1939 to 2000 attend the event

On March 18, 2005, the Lourdes All-Class Reunion was held at Gaelic Park in Oak Forest, Ill. Approximately 360 people were in attendance with the oldest Lourdes graduate representing the Class of 1939 and the youngest from the Class of 2000.

It was a wonderful evening filled with reminiscing and camaraderie. The event was so successful that the date for the next Lourdes All-Class Reunion has been set for February 16, 2006 at Gaelic Park.

For more information, please contact De La Salle’s Director of Alumni Relations, Dawn Zayas, at (312) 842-7355 ext. 146. See you then!

Anyone interested in supporting De La Salle football is invited to attend the Chet Bulger Society’s Fourth Annual Blue-Gold Benefit Football Game. Along with the intrasquad game featuring the 2005 Meteor football team, there will be food, refreshments and a raffle.

Winners of the Blue-Gold raffle will be drawn with first prize being $2,000 and second through fifth prizes being $500 each. Only 500 tickets will be sold with proceeds benefiting De La Salle football. In addition, former De La Salle football coach Chet Bulger will be in attendance for those who wish to meet the legendary leader of the Meteors.

Admission tickets are $10 per person and grade school students are free.

For more information, contact De La Salle’s Director of Public Relations, Mike Walsh at (312) 842-7355 ext. 145 or by e-mail at walshm@dls.org. For raffle ticket information, please contact varsity football coach Scott Baum at spb12@aol.com.
1937 Andrew Troller passed away in Huber Heights, Ohio on January 21, 2005. Mr. Troller is survived by his wife of 56 years, Rose, and their family. Mr. Troller also was a United States Navy veteran of World War II.

1938 Bob Kennedy passed away on April 7, 2005 in Mesa, Ariz. Mr. Kennedy was 84. Mr. Kennedy played professional baseball for 16 seasons, hitting .254 with 63 home runs and 514 RBIs, wearing the uniforms of the White Sox, Cleveland, Baltimore, Detroit and Brooklyn. Following his playing career, Mr. Kennedy managed the Cubs from 1963-65, posting a career record of 182-198. He also spent four seasons as the Cubs’ general manager.

1943 Evelyn Kuntz (Pietraszewski) is retired and living in Florida. Kuntz’s e-mail address is eapiet@aol.com.

1954 Mary Jean Turk (Malek) has been with Second Federal Savings for 38 years and is an assistant vice president. She has five children and three grandchildren. Her e-mail addresses are ggturk@ameritech.net and mjturk@secondfederal.com.

1956 Patricia Rice is a project manager for Evanston Northwestern Healthcare in Evanston, Ill. Her e-mail address is pelainerice@aol.com.

1957 Arlene Kamptner (Buhring) resides in Titusville, Fla. She’s been married since 1967 and has four children and 12 grandchildren. Her e-mail address is arl3967@aol.com.

1962 Beverly Czachor has been involved in real estate sales since 1982. She currently resides in Bonita Springs, Fla. Her e-mail addresses are bczachor@johnr-wood.com and bczachor@comcast.net. Her website is www.bevczachor.com.

1963 Donna Leonhardt (Pascucci) resides in Warrenville, Ill. Her e-mail address is IMlhvinfun@aol.com.

1965 Carol Alexander (Schulok) is an office manager for Mulcahy, Pauritsch & Salvador in Burr Ridge, Ill. Alexander has been married for 36 years to Coy and they have

AlumniProfile: John E. (Jack) Daliege ’43

John E. (Jack) Daliege ’43 attended the same elementary school (Everett) as his father, and was fortunate to have had an outstanding teacher there, Mrs. Teske, whose faith and trust in Jack gave him the self-confidence he has enjoyed throughout his life. After a disappointing freshman year at Harrison H.S., he entered De La Salle as a sophomore, three months after his brother, Robert W. Daliege ’40, graduated. At the Institute, Jack continued to have great and understanding teachers, like Brothers Paul and Daniel, as he kept a tight schedule through his sophomore, junior and senior years, working after school and weekends in his family’s construction business.

After graduation, Jack continued full-time in the family business until the day before his 18th birthday, when he enlisted in the Navy’s V-5 aviation program. After TARMAC duty at Glenview, Jack was transferred to the V-12 program at Central College, Missouri, and further transferred to Naval ROTC at Notre Dame, linking up there with fellow classmates Joe Rosner ’43 and Tom Lyons ’43. With the war over, Jack remained in the Reserve for four years and missed duty in Korea by only one week. Rejoining the family business, Jack partnered several companies over the course of his working career including Central Cement Construction Co., Kuenkel Blacktop Co., Daliege Builders, Daliege and Associates, and Daliege Snow Removal Co.

In 1949, Jack and Dorothy M. Cowdrey were married and settled in Worth, Illinois, where they raised their family. Jack’s energy and drive took him beyond conducting his own business and caring for his family, and in 1965, he was elected to the School Board in District 230, which included Sandburg, Stagg and Andrew High Schools, serving as president the last four of his 12 years therein. Later, he helped form the Illinois Council of Large School Districts, chairing its by-laws committee. Jack and Dorothy relocated from Worth to Florida in 1998, and derive great pleasure in their retirement lifestyle, and, no surprise, Jack became vice-president of their local Homeowners’ Association.

His own words sum up his experiences beautifully: “Looking back, which I have just lately started doing, I realize how very good God has been to me and mine. Never a great disappointment, never a tragedy, I married the girl I wanted - still do - and have three fine sons and a lovely daughter. My health is great and my only complaint - retirement.”

Jack’s reading interests went from fiction to history and poetry. He and Dorothy have visited many Civil War Battlefields together, and Jack enjoys quoting from the bards, to wit:

Alas, that Spring should vanish with the rose!
That youth’s sweet manuscript should close!
The nightingale that in the bushes sang!
Ah, whence and whither flown again, who knows.

Jack and Dorothy are in residence at 8 Emerald Bay Drive, Oldsmar, Florida 34677-5000. Their phone number is (813) 855-7678.
two children (Karen and Bob) and two grandchildren (A.J. and Anna). They reside in Crestwood, Ill. and can be reached at carolalexander1@comcast.net.

**Corinne Drew (Lipa)** is currently teaching Spanish and French at Twin Groves Middle School in Buffalo Grove, Ill. Her e-mail addresses are corinne48@aol.com and edrew@district96.k12.il.us. Her website is senordrewwebpage.tripod.com. Drew holds degrees from Southern Illinois University and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

**Nancy Vysoky (Radtke)** has been married 39 years and has three daughters and nine grandchildren. She is a registered nurse at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison, Wis. Her e-mail address is nan4035@aol.com.

**1966 Joanne (Jody) Lerman (Wiemeyer)** is currently residing in London, England and working for Alea Group, an insurance and reinsurance company with American underpinnings. Their website is www.aleagroup.com. Lerman's e-mail addresses are jody.lerman@btinternet.com and elucidate@hotmail.co.uk.

**Donna Macino (Noto)** has been married to Jim for 34 years and has three children. She works for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South as an Associate Director of Catechesis, working with Catholic school teachers and adults in the diocese. Macino teaches, plans events, does research and many other things. She holds a Masters of Arts in Theology from the University of Dayton. E-mail her at dmacino@macino.com and dmacino@fw.diocesefwsb.org.

**1968 Christine Carsten (Zgliczynski)** has been married for 32 years to William and they have two sons, William III and Kevin. Carsten, a clinical nurse educator for Perioperative Services at MacNeal Hospital, received a Master of Science degree in Health Services Administration from the University of St. Francis in May 2004. Her e-mail address is criscarz10@aol.com.

**1969 Terri Mrozek (Renner)** is an obstetrics nurse at Hinsdale Hospital. She has been married for 34 years to John and they have three daughters (Jennifer, Rebecca and Christina) and two grandchildren (Brittany and Brianna). The family resides in Chicago. E-mail her at TerriM51@sbcglobal.net.


**Ray Francis** is a doctoral candidate at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Francis resides in Dumfries, Va. His e-mail address is rfran77527@aol.com.

**1972 Kristine Beaudette (Kuna)** has been married to Bob since 1980 and has three sons (Kevin, Brian and Jeff). She has been a speech language pathologist since 1977 and works for Schaumburg (Ill.) Elementary School District 54. The Beaudette family resides in Palatine, Ill. Beaudette would "love to hear from my Lourdes classmates!" Her e-mail address is krisbeau@comcast.net.

**1974 Daniel Borowski** resides in Hales Corners, Wisc., with "two daughters, one dog, one cat, one wife." He can be reached at gnhc32756@aol.com or danb@hituchomes.com.

**1975 Maryann Lawlor (Jarosz)** is currently working as a journalist for an association magazine in the Washington, D.C. area. She has been married to Jim for 24 years and they have sons Jimmy and Jon. The family resides in Centreville, Va. Her e-mail address is lawlorm@cox.net.

**1976 Ann Marjorie Palermo (Renner)** has been living in Salem, Wisconsin since 1996. Her e-mail address is lawlorm@cox.net.

**1977 Cynthia Chiappori (Janusek)** has been living in Salem, Wisconsin since 1996. Her e-mail address is chiappoc@mymailstation.com.

**Barbara Heath (Bielawski)** is the Sales Director for Roche Diagnostics. She resides with her husband, Mike, and their daughter, Lauren, in Atlanta. E-mail her at barbara.heath@roche.com.

**1978 Bob Arthurs** recently graduated from the United States Postal Service Advanced Leadership Program, one of 1,000 graduates of the program. The postmaster general presented Arthurs with an award for completing this program, as well as informing him that a brick with Arthurs' name is housed at the William Bolger Center for Leadership in Washington, D.C. Arthurs holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and has been employed by the USPS for 17 years. He is currently a sales performance analyst for headquartered sales. Arthurs, his wife, Sandy, and their son, Steven, live in Tinley Park, Ill.

**Carol Tasciotti** has spent the last 26 years working in the insurance industry. She is currently an account underwriter for St. Paul Travelers. Her e-mail address is ctasciot@spt.com.

**1980 Steve Perez** spent 20 years on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. Perez retired from the USMC in November 2000. He is currently employed by the City of Phoenix (Ariz.) as logistics supervisor in the Aviation Department.

**Lisa Jane Ryckbosch (Kasprowicz)** is the head women's basketball coach at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Ryckbosch, who recently completed her third season at the helm, guided the Flames to a 14-15 overall mark in the 2004-05 campaign.

**1981 Karen Ann Radaszewski (Ottomanelli)** was a manager at Sears, Roebuck & Co. before leaving to become a stay-at-home mom of three children. Radaszewski, her husband, Gary, and their family reside in Huntley, Ill. Radaszewski's e-mail address is zeltomajeanne@aol.com.

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**On May 5, 2005, De La Salle's Br. Eamon Gavin, FSC '42 was presented the Chicago Catholic League's Man of the Year Award for his contributions to the Catholic League at the 45th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner.**

Whether it’s a Meteor baseball, football, basketball or volleyball game, Br. Eamon is there rooting on his beloved Meteors. On behalf of De La Salle, we would like to thank Br. Eamon for his many years of ardent support for Meteor athletics. Congratulations, Brother Eamon!!!
Patrick Girondi ’75

As you would expect from someone who grew up on Chicago’s South Side, Patrick Girondi ’75 likes a good fight. In this case, however, Girondi’s opponent isn’t another person, but rather, orphan diseases - specifically, thalassemia and sickle cell anemia.

In 1983, Girondi founded the Robin Hood Orphan Disease Association to support worthy causes and put money back into the community. The Robin Hood Orphan Disease Association continues today with the same spirit of giving back. It is a nonprofit organization founded to inspire awareness in communities and to make a difference in the cure of orphan diseases through financial generosity and volunteer commitment.

Over the past 13 years, Girondi has been fighting orphan diseases, which have a patient base of less than 200,000 people. The research Girondi has supported has been in thalassemia and sickle cell anemia and through his efforts over $20 million in research has been done in an effort to find cures for the two diseases. One of the primary benefits of the research that has been done is that in 18 months, the clinical trials for the genetic cure of thalassemia will begin with sickle cell anemia the next target. The researchers with whom Girondi has been working comprise a staff of international scientists from the leading universities and research institutes in the United States and Europe.

Girondi credits his education at De La Salle - both in and out of the classroom - with providing him an intense desire to help others.

“I came to De La Salle at the end of my sophomore year,” Girondi said. “The warmth and guidance I found from people like Mr. (Kamaal) Khazen, Mr. (John) Sullivan and Mr. (Dennis) Sheehan and the Christian Brothers instilled in me a concern and a feeling of caring for the underdog, for the little guy.”

“Patients with orphan diseases are underdogs because no pharmaceutical company will do research for their disease because it’s not economically viable. So I’ve in a certain sense taken up the banner for orphan diseases and designed a company I consider an orphan disease boutique.

“When I was at De La Salle, I was surrounded by teachers who did their best even when I wasn’t an easy student to deal with. Because of them, I learned to do my best.”

Another of the ways in which Girondi practices his philanthropy is through music. He has performed in Italy and been on Italian television. Girondi is a professional singer who has two of his compact discs available for purchase on his website, www.patgirondi.com. Girondi’s latest CD, which was released in 2005, is entitled “Orphan’s Soul.” All of the proceeds from Girondi’s CDs go toward the research of orphan’s diseases. Girondi is also hoping to perform this July at Joe’s on Weed Street, an establishment on Chicago’s Near North Side.

“The reason why my CD is called “Orphan’s Soul” is because of the work I’ve done with orphan's diseases, I found out who I am,” Girondi said. “That brought out the soul in me, so that's why it's called "Orphan's Soul."

For more information on Girondi’s charitable efforts or his music, please visit his website at www.patgirondi.com.
She is married to John Wetterholt and they are the proud parents of Elizabeth and Michael. Her e-mail address is cjgibson@owc.net. Her website is www.bairdwarner.com/carla.gibson.

1999  Jodi Talley is the Director of Development at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Her e-mail address is jtalley@uic.edu.

1995  Eric Aponte recently completed his apprenticeship program from IBEW-NECA and graduated as a journeyman wireman. On Sept. 14, 2004, Eric and his family welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Maya Idalis, who joined her four-year-old brother, Eric Jr. Eric can be contacted at sparks18@earth-link.net. Congratulations to the entire Aponte family!!!

Chu Galloway is currently working as a currency broker and trader and residing in Chicago. His e-mail addresses are cgalloway@pfmail.com and cgway@yahoo.com.

John Paul Matthews has been discharged from the United States Army. He is currently going to college and residing in Oak Forest, Ill. Matthews’ e-mail address is jpmatthews1977@yahoo.com. Congratulations and thank you for serving our country!!

1996  Lisa Marie Banos-Cruz has been married to Richard for 4½ years and is the proud mom of Antonio. She is currently working as a music teacher at Central Junior High in Evergreen Park, Illinois. Banos-Cruz also is the associate director of Flutes Unlimited!, a community-based flute ensemble. E-mail her at lisabanoscruz@comcast.net.

1997  Ashley Brown graduated from the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign in 2002 and is now working for Cingular Wireless. He resides in Chicago. He can be reached by e-mail at: barramore@yahoo.com.

1998  Eric Vrablic has been promoted to first officer for Mesaba Airlines, which is based in Eagan, Minn. Mesaba Airlines operates as a Northwest Airlink affiliate under a code-sharing agreement with Northwest Airlines. Mesaba is the fifth-largest regional airline in the United States and provides service to American and Canadian cities from Minneapolis/St. Paul, Detroit and Memphis.

2001  Paloma Orozco is a production assistant at Chicago’s Wfmt radio station. E-mail her at paloma_oroz@hotmail.com.

Brian Packer is finishing up work on his Bachelor of Arts in Administration & Marketing at Morehouse College in Atlanta. Packer can be reached at BPacker@students.morehouse.edu or B_Wilder2@hotmail.com.

Vanessa Puentes is the mother of a beautiful boy and a fourth-year student at DePaul University, majoring in Secondary Education-English Literature. E-mail her at mexiricandiva@hotmail.com and vpuentes17@hotmail.com.

2003  Ray Garcia is a sophomore at Northwestern University, majoring in broadcast journalism. Garcia also serves as a radio announcer for Wildcat athletics on the campus radio station, WNUR - 89.3 FM. E-mail him at r-garcia4@northwestern.edu or yar510851@aol.com.

Michael Suide is currently attending South Suburban College in South Holland, Illinois where he is pursuing an associate’s degree in communications. E-mail him at uwile2@sbeglobal.net.

2004  Curtis Robinson is currently a student at the University of San Diego. His e-mail address is curtis_allstar@hotmail.com.

Christopher Zelis received the rank of Eagle Scout from the Boy Scout Troup 465 of Five Holy Martyrs Parish in Chicago. Zelis was feted at a recognition dinner on April 9, 2005. Congrats!!

Alumni Newsnotes

De La Salle Institute and Lourdes High School graduates are invited to send newsnotes to: De La Salle Institute, Attn: De La Salle Magazine - newsnotes, 3455 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL 60616. You can also call Mike Walsh at 312.842.7355 ext. 145 or e-mail him at walshm@dls.org. Thank you.

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Address: ________________________________
Note: ___________________________________

In memoriam

Our deepest sympathy to the families of the following De La Salle and Lourdes alumni and friends of whose deaths we have been notified.

Jerome J. Crane ’28
Thomas W. Deasy ’30
Harold W. Shean ’30
Carmen A. Monacella ’33
Robert D. Kennedy ’38
Thomas O’Keefe ’39
Theodore J. Mayer ’41
John P. Forde ’46
Salvatore J. Scifo ’50
Charles T. Winters ’50
Kenneth A. Stellmach ’53
David Nolan ’54
Michael P. Roche ’55
Jerome A. Szajek ’55

John F. Tully ’55
John F. Carmody ’56
Edward M. Lorden ’57
William A. Jones ’58
Theodore H. Drew ’60
Michael W. Franjecic ’60
John J. Hankes ’60
William E. Rake ’60
John E. Smucinski ’64
Brendan Hartford ’65
Ronald J. Sheehan ’67
John P. Malabarba ’69
Richard J. Mazarka ’70
Joseph V. Vilimas ’70
Willie T. Thomas ’78
Daniel B. Smith ’80
Darrin C. Scott ’84
R. Martin ’90
Bridge Porte
Mary D. Murphy
Madeline Shean
As numbers for Catholic schools continue to decline, De La Salle is part of the “elite posse” testing more students than it can accept, as coined by Maudlyne Ihejirika in her article in the Chicago Sun-Times on February 20, 2005, “Fewer taking Catholic high school entrance exam.”

De La Salle ranked third-highest among the Catholic high schools in demand, showing that De La Salle is still one of the most sought-after Catholic high schools in the Chicagoland area.

For more information, contact the Admissions Office at 312.842.7355 ext. 150.

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