Dear Friends:

Change is good.

I personally have undergone a major career change, returning to De La Salle as the Institute’s new president.

From 1994–2003, I was the campus minister at De La Salle, before leaving for posts as the Assistant Provincial and Provincial for the Order of Friar Servants of Mary.

While I make my transition back to calling “D” home, we are also in the midst of some other noticeable changes at the Institute, as evidenced by the banner on the cover of this issue of De La Salle Magazine, as well as an interesting story inside.

As the new school year begins, De La Salle is undergoing an impressive imaging and marketing initiative complete with a brand-new logo and typeface. These crisp, innovative images will appear on everything from letterhead to athletic apparel, coffee mugs to the homepage of our revamped website.

Two things that have remained constant, however, are that we’re still Meteors and our colors are still royal blue and gold.

Be assured that while our look might be different, De La Salle will continue offering a quality education in a co-institutional environment and providing our students an education that lasts a lifetime. We eagerly anticipate our future as we deepen our roots at our young men’s Institute Campus in the South Loop and our young women’s Lourdes Hall Campus in Bridgeport.

As I begin my presidency, I do so knowing that while some things have changed at De La Salle, the Institute at its core is still a thriving, exceptional Lasallian high school providing a quality Catholic education to our students. For this, I am thankful for your support.

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**Sr. Josita’s 50th Anniversary**

In August 2008, De La Salle faculty member Sr. Josita Krzeminski celebrated her 50th anniversary as a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph – Third Order of St. Francis.

Sr. Josita serves the Institute as the Campus Minister at its Lourdes Hall Campus, as well as teaching senior religion classes at De La Salle’s young women’s campus. In addition, Sr. Josita, who has been at De La Salle since 2002, was formerly the principal at Lourdes High School in Chicago.

A native of Chicago’s Bridgeport neighborhood, Sr. Josita graduated from St. Barbara’s Elementary and High Schools.

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**Touch of Class**

“I remember that guy! He sat next to me in Wensh’s class!”

“Oh, man! I can’t believe my hair looked like that!”

“Now, here’s a picture of Grandpa…and there’s one of your uncle…”

Thanks to the efforts of Beth Colletti, the Technology Resource Center Manager at the Lourdes Hall Campus, and Nick Colletti, De La Salle’s assistant principal, the aforementioned phrases may soon be heard in the hallways of De La Salle’s Institute and Lourdes Hall Campuses.

This summer, the father-daughter duo undertook the project of digitalizing all of the class pictures that have hung in the hallway and the foyer of the Clarke Building. It seems that over the years, some of the photos have faded or been damaged and the Collettis wanted to do their part to preserve some of the Institute’s rich legacy.

“It’s fun and cool to be a part of the history and see all the different class sizes throughout the ages,” Beth Colletti said. “When I was a kid, I always looked at the pictures. I think it’ll be very cool to have it all digital.”

Over the summer, Beth carefully removed all of the class composites from the broken frames (some were damaged due to leaking water in the old library where they used to be housed). She then documented each picture and took a digital picture of each photo as a temporary archive.

After developing the PowerPoint template, Beth used the digital images to create the prototype. However, because of the problems she’s run into with scanning the class photos, she is going to continue to use the digital pictures from her camera to complete the PowerPoint presentation for the time being.

“Things are progressing, but at a slower rate than we hoped,” Beth said. “We are still pursuing different scanning options, but are not finding much luck.”

When the process is completed, alumni and friends will be able to view their respective class pictures at several locations on both De La Salle campuses.

“We could have a touch screen either in the (Toth) Foyer or where the class pictures were by Chris Wood’s classroom (in the Clarke Building hallway),” Beth said. “We’d like to have a permanent display and a portable one and also have one at the Lourdes Hall Campus.”

“Soon, we will order the flat screen TVs and external touch pads, so they can be mounted as soon as possible.”

Class pictures are missing for the following years: 1898; 1900; 1901; 1911; 1918; 1920; 1921; 1923; 1924; 1942; 1965; 1968 and 2004. The class photos that are damaged are: 1903; 1912; 1939 and 1940.

If anyone has a class picture from the years listed above, please contact either Beth or Nick Colletti at (312) 842-7355 or by e-mail at collettie@dls.org or collettin@dls.org.

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**Sr. Josita’s 50th Anniversary**

A Mass celebrating Sr. Josita’s 50th anniversary was held at St. Mary of Perpetual Help Parish in Chicago.

De La Salle thanks Sr. Josita for her caring and commitment to our students.

**Congratulations, Sr. Josita!**
De La Salle’s New Identity

Identity is an exceptional value. It is what makes us unique and also what qualifies us for inclusion. All people put value on their identity; on the way they look, how they feel and on the way others perceive them. Our identity then really is our brand. Our looks, values, ideals and personality make up our own personal brand. From time to time, we need to reevaluate ourselves and make sure we’re presenting our personal brand the best way we can.

The identity of an organization is much the same. Our brand is summed up by not only our logo, tagline and symbols, but also by the values and promises associated with our brand. De La Salle Institute is entering its 119th year of serving young men and now young women by providing an excellent education rooted in the tradition of St. John Baptist De La Salle.

Our mission has changed only slightly to adjust to the ever-changing society in which we live over the past 118 years. Our look, however, has varied through the years. When the administration at De La Salle reevaluated its look in 2007, it was clear that we weren’t doing the best we could to present the De La Salle brand, and the promises that come with it, to our students, parents, alumni, community partners and the students and parents yet to enter our halls. Our logos were not consistent, our typography was varied, our website was becoming obsolete and we often deviated from our official colors.

It was a call to action then to embark on a Branding Initiative for De La Salle Institute. The Branding Initiative began by partnering with Polaris Creative Partners, a marketing and communications firm located in Chicago. De La Salle found Polaris to be a great fit based upon its portfolio and experience with brand identity development programs for national corporations and also for local parishes and Lasallian high schools.

Polaris Creative Partners teamed up with De La Salle and conducted market research to learn more about the values embodied in De La Salle. In focus group sessions with students, staff and faculty, words and phrases like tradition, history, excellence in education, moral foundation, teachers who care, pride, college preparatory, something for everyone and community were frequently heard. When speaking with our alumni, those words and phrases were often repeated.

From the market research and focus group sessions, De La Salle’s core values and ideas developed into clear statements. De La Salle remains the place where parents entrust us with their children. Our outstanding faculty prepares our students for college and the real world. De La Salle offers a variety of athletic programs and clubs in which our students learn to work together and win together. De La Salle connects our students to a greater sense of community and provides an education rooted in faith, service and community. For the past 118 years, De La Salle has been, and we’re proud to say is still, the place where great futures begin.

Out of a process that included focus groups with students, staff, faculty and alumni, our new identity system was developed. It includes an official school logo, an official Meteors athletic logo, standard colors and standard typography. The 1889 seal of De La Salle Institute containing the Signum Fidei of the Christian Brothers also will remain in use. We’re proud to have a new look that is reflective of and true to De La Salle Institute. We’re also proud that our students, staff and alumni were a part of developing the identity.

The new logo that is being introduced to you today is the outward look of De La Salle. It is strong, academic and classic — just like De La Salle — and much like the school’s future, it looks bright and promising. Behind the logo is the promise to our students of an excellent education provided by teachers who care. It also brings the promise of preparing our students for college and providing a well-rounded education with access to winning athletic teams and a variety of school programs. Behind our new logo is a community of students, staff, faculty and alumni who are proud to wear the blue and gold and proud to be a part of the place Where Great Futures Begin.
Scholarship Opportunities

Funding a scholarship is very important to us at De La Salle Institute, and particularly important to our young men and women who stand to benefit. After teachers’ salaries, student financial aid is our second-largest expense. Every student, regardless of their financial or academic status, is eligible for the John Walter Clarke ’12 Scholarship that provides a 20-percent discount to all families. Altogether, more than $3.3 million in student financial assistance is awarded to De La Salle families each year.

De La Salle’s scholarships fall under two basic categories: annual and endowed. Annual scholarship funds are established on a yearly basis at the request of the donor with a gift of $1,500 or more. Endowed scholarship funds are designated to be held in perpetuity with investment income only to be paid out as a scholarship award. Endowments can be established with a minimum commitment of $25,000. This amount can be paid in one lump sum or paid in annual installments for up to five years (i.e. $5,000 per year).

For more information about funding a scholarship, please contact Iris Gist Cochran, Director of Development, at 312.842.7355 ext. 152 or cochrani@dls.org.

Heerey Foundation Renews Scholarship Program Grant for De La Salle Families

De La Salle Institute received a renewed grant of $210,000 from the Bernard Heerey Family Foundation to provide financial support to families with multiple children attending De La Salle during the 2008–2009 academic year. Forty-eight students will be awarded scholarships of $4,000 each. We remain grateful to the Foundation for its continued generosity and investment in the students at De La Salle.

The students at De La Salle’s Lourdes Hall Campus who have been chosen as Bernard Heerey Family Foundation Scholars are: Madeline Abraham (not pictured); Jessica Bowen; Chanel Causey (not pictured); Katherine Cline; Kathleen Crowley; Tiffani Fells; Lilia Garcia; Jacqueline Martinez; Lesley Martinez; Alison McBroom; Bianca Narvaez; Alyssa Ramirez; Cassandra Rosario; MaryKate Rowland; Reyna Salazar; Christina Sanchez; Herlinda Sanchez; Kiersten Shilney; Stacey Velasquez; Alexia Watkins and Marquita Wiggins.

Chosen as Bernard Heerey Family Foundation Scholars from De La Salle’s Institute Campus are: Nathaniel Bowman; Jose Chavez II; Terry Clancy; Kevin Crowley (not pictured); Tim Crowley; Alejandro Estrada; Maxamillion Fisher; Osmar Garcia (not pictured); Jorge Gonzalez (not pictured); Michael Hillock (not pictured); Jude Janvier; Michael Joyce; Joseph Lazzaro; Thomas Markham; Kyle McFarlane (not pictured); Gerardo Medina Jr. (not pictured); Guillermo Moreno; Anthony O’Brien; Zach Paluch; Gage Philp; Mark Ponce; Daniel Popp; Anthony Schaeflein; Paul Spalla; Devin Stewart; Anthony Tremore and Mario Vega.
On May 21, 2008, the 89 young women comprising the Class of 2008 at De La Salle’s Lourdes Hall Campus were presented their diplomas by De La Salle interim president Diane Brown and De La Salle -Lourdes Hall interim principal Sr. Rosemarie Morowczynski, SSJ-TOSF at the baccalaureate Mass held at Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica.

The following evening, the 113th baccalaureate Mass for De La Salle’s Institute Campus was held at Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica as 186 young men received their De La Salle diplomas from Diane Brown and De La Salle – Institute Campus principal James Krygier. Celebrating both graduation Masses was De La Salle president Fr. Paul E. Novak, OSM.

Congratulations and best wishes to the 275 young women and young men who comprise De La Salle’s Class of 2008!
The following is a listing of 28 of the colleges and universities at which members of the Class of 2008 at De La Salle’s Institute and Lourdes Hall Campuses will continue their education:

Arizona State University
Boston University
Bradley University
Carthage College
Colgate University
Cornell College
DePaul University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois State University
Illinois Wesleyan University
Lewis University
Loyola University – Chicago
Marquette University
Northern Illinois University

Saint Louis University
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Stanford University
Tennessee State University
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of Chicago
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Washington University
Yale University
Great Futures for De La Salle Valedictorians

Chris Bandemier attended St. Daniel the Prophet Elementary School in Chicago and is also from St. Daniel the Prophet Parish. Chris, who will attend the University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign, finished with a 4.957 grade-point average in De La Salle’s Honors Program.

Here is Chris’ reflection on what being one of three valedictorians in the Class of 2008 at De La Salle’s Institute Campus means to him:

It’s amazing that in just four short years, so much can happen. I experienced an amazing high school career. I was able to play sports, get involved, meet new friends, and expand my knowledge. I look back on great memories that I will always cherish. De La Salle has kept me active for four years.

What usually kept me after school during the week was football and baseball. These sports not only got me in tip-top shape, but they helped me to appreciate hard work and dedication. These two values allowed our 2007 football team to win a Catholic League championship and compete in the state playoffs. Baseball has also given me an exciting time at De La Salle. I was able to play at U.S. Cellular Field twice, which was a great experience that I’ll never forget.

De La Salle has not only given me great memories, but it has prepared me for a future with unlimited opportunities. I will be attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign next year, and because of my De La Salle education, I feel confident that I will be able to achieve great success at that establishment. I hope to major in business at the University of Illinois, and I feel I have a great chance to do so because of the foundation that De La Salle has given me.

Therefore, being valedictorian at De La Salle means so much to me. I believe it shows a dedication to academics and hard work to maintain excellence in school. However, De La Salle did not only promote that dedication; they wanted the students to be well-rounded citizens and to get involved in many extracurricular activities. That is a characteristic of De La Salle that I always appreciated. I feel great pride that I graduated high school as valedictorian from De La Salle; it was an honor to become a Meteor through the last four years.

Marissa De Hoyos attended Kinzie Elementary School and is from St. Jane de Chantal Parish in Chicago. Marissa, who will attend Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, graduated with a 4.957 grade-point average in De La Salle’s Honors Program.

Marissa is also the second member of her family to graduate from De La Salle as a valedictorian. Her brother, Wesley, graduated No. 1 in the Class of 2005 at De La Salle’s Institute Campus.

Here is Marissa’s reflection on what being the valedictorian of the Class of 2008 at De La Salle’s Lourdes Hall Campus means to her:

Entering De La Salle four years ago was both a scary and exciting time. I wasn’t sure what to expect, but I shortly learned it was going to be a place I loved.

What I loved most about attending De La Salle were the people inside. Throughout my four years, I was able to make strong friendships with my fellow classmates and teachers. These were the people who encouraged me to get as involved as I did. I was a member of the volleyball team, along with being a member of the National Honor Society, Peer Ministry, and Spanish Club. With these activities, I began to feel a sense of camaraderie with my fellow Meteors. It is the activities I participated in and the friends I made that truly made my experience at De La Salle a memorable one.

Being valedictorian of the Class of 2008 is an honor. It was through hard work and dedication that I was able to achieve this goal. It was not always easy to finish all of my homework after a long volleyball game, and I learned quickly how to manage my time wisely.

Although my time at De La Salle has come to an end, it has prepared me for the future. Next year, I will be attending Southern Illinois University – Carbondale and majoring in mathematics. I know that it will be a long and hard road until I reach my final goal of becoming a high school math teacher, but I feel that if I am able to take all De La Salle has taught me, there is no obstacle I cannot overcome.
Emmanuel Ramirez attended St. Rene Goupil Elementary School in Chicago and is also from St. Rene Goupil Parish. Emmanuel, who will attend Yale University, finished with a 4.957 grade-point average in De La Salle’s Honors Program. Here is Emmanuel’s reflection on what being one of three valedictorians in the Class of 2008 at De La Salle’s Institute Campus means to him:

I arrived at the Institute with pretty big shoes to fill. Not only was my uncle, Jeff Bryk, the valedictorian of the Class of 1989, but also was my brother, Matt Mlinarcik, the valedictorian of the Class of 2006. This motivation, coupled with my diligence and desire to learn, caused four challenging years of success. I can say that I have had the pleasure of going through this with two other respectable students — Emmanuel Ramirez and Chris Bandemier. There were times when it seemed like one of us would lose the distinction of No. 1, but that time never came. To me, that shows the true will and persistence of Meteors. I feel honored to have been a part of such a great class and such a great school.

The four years I experienced at De La Salle were filled with smiling faces and laughter. The dedicated teachers, diverse students, and moral standards of the Institute show why it is truly one of Chicago’s greatest college preparatory schools. Along with a strong education, “D” provides its students with many extracurricular activities and sports.

Personally, I’ve been involved with the baseball team, Billiard Club, French Club, Writing Center, Science Club, and peer mediation; through these activities, teamwork thrived and friendships grew. It was an exciting and humbling experience when our baseball team played at U.S. Cellular Field. Also memorable was our billiard team’s victory in the first Chicago Catholic League tournament. The tutelage of De La Salle’s teachers has prepared my classmates and me for the paths we individually plan to take. Without their dedication, care, and knowledge, the Class of 2008 would not be where it is today. In the fall, I will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to study engineering. Personally, I owe endless thanks and appreciation to my parents — the ones who made my accomplishments possible.

Richard Mlinarcik attended St. Turibius Elementary School and is also from St. Turibius Parish. Richard, who will attend the University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign, graduated with a 4.957 grade-point average in De La Salle’s Honors Program. Richard also comes from a family of De La Salle valedictorians with his uncle (Jeff Bryk, 1989) and brother (Matt Mlinarcik, 2006) also graduating atop their respective classes.

Here is Richard’s reflection on what being one of the valedictorians of the Class of 2008 at De La Salle’s Institute Campus means to him:

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The following article was written by former De La Salle faculty member Grant Gholson. Gholson, who came to the Institute in August 2003, concluded his stint at De La Salle following the 2007-08 school year. During his tenure, Gholson served in the Admissions Office, as well as teaching Latin at the Institute Campus and Religion at the Lourdes Hall Campus. He also was one of the moderators of the Lasallian Youth.

The mission at San Lucas Tolimón, Guatemala has served the local indigenous population for over four hundred and fifty years. Added to its continual and uninterrupted tasks of spreading the Gospel and administering the sacraments, the mission is involved with supporting the local Mayan people in their ongoing struggle for justice within a racially and economically segregated society. Under the direction of native Minnesotan Fr. Gregory Schaeffer, the mission at San Lucas has brought relative prosperity to the area by integrating Western technology and resources in a manner respective of the indigenous culture. Having already constructed several schools, a hospital, a coffee plantation, and a reforestation center, the mission is now focused on improving the local economy by procuring land for local families in order to support their agricultural independence from absentee land owners and large-scale corporate farming operations.

In June of this year, moderators Emily Vogel and Grant Gholson guided a group of 11 members of Lasallian Youth to Guatemala to experience life at the mission. In conversations with Fr. Greg, and by our own witness, we experienced the extremes that characterize the country of Guatemala: the abject poverty of its people despite an abundance of natural resources; an intense, sometimes surreal, natural beauty coupled with rampant environmental degradation; and a resilient, hard-working native population who rarely sees the fruit of its labors rewarded in the global marketplace.

Our trip allowed us to participate in the mission’s work first hand. We helped build a new eye clinic, sorted coffee beans, and planted trees which will be used one day in the construction of houses. We also experienced the slower pace of life: hard work during the day was always rewarded with a relaxing evening around the town square, eating ice cream, and playing soccer with local children under the looming shadow of the Tolimón volcano. Senior Caitlin Kaczmarek said, “We met people who had almost nothing, but were still happy because they valued important things like family and friends, not possessions. I’m also now a lot more thankful for what I have.”

Lasallian Youth is already looking forward to more service trips abroad in the upcoming school year. To donate financial support for these mission trips, please contact Emily Vogel at (312) 842-7355 ext. 126 or vogele@dls.org. For more information on the mission, or to purchase some of its fair-trade coffee, please visit: www.sanlucasmission.org.
Annual Fund Support

The Annual Fund goal this fiscal year is $680,000 (1,200 donors) so that we never deny any student an education at De La Salle strictly for financial reasons.

At a time when charitable giving continues to prove crucial in the accomplishment, advancement and survival of private Catholic schools, the Annual Fund Program remains the very foundation of De La Salle Institute’s entire development effort. It helps to create tradition while working toward a common goal: the betterment of education for the students of De La Salle - the future leaders of our society. Annual giving support enables De La Salle to:

- Offer scholarships so that no family is refused a De La Salle education solely for financial reasons
- Provide technology so that all our students are trained and skilled using the latest cutting-edge equipment
- Make capital improvements so that De La Salle can provide a favorable learning environment for its students
- Promote athletics so that our student-athletes are well prepared to compete at the highest levels

If you need additional information, please contact Iris Gist Cochran, Director of Development, at (312) 842-7355 ext. 152 or cochrani@dls.org.

We remain grateful for your investment in our students!

Matching Gifts Program

By their individual gifts, alumni, parents and friends secure important funds for De La Salle Institute. You can significantly increase your contribution to De La Salle’s Annual Fund if your employer (and/or in some cases, your spouse’s employer) participates in a matching gifts program. Many programs also match gifts made by their retired employees. A matching gift program can double or even triple the amount of your gift.

Last year, matching gifts increased donor contributions by more than $41,000 in additional support to De La Salle. Many companies offer matching gift programs to encourage their employees to contribute to a favorite charity. For more information, please contact your Human Resources department at your or your spouse’s place of employment concerning the availability of a matching gifts program. They will provide you with a form to apply for a matching gift. Fill out your portion of the form and send it to De La Salle with your gift. We will do the rest.

Coming Up Next...

- September 25 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Student Fundraising Drive Begins
- October 10 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Columbus Day – No School
- October 17 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . First Quarter Ends
- October 19 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Junior Ring Mass
- October 22 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Open House (Lourdes Hall Campus) – 6–8 p.m.
- October 30 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Student Fundraising Drive Ends
- November 5 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . National Honor Society Induction (Lourdes Hall Campus) – 7 p.m.
- November 17 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Holiday Giving Drive Begins
- November 19 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Open House (Institute Campus) – 6–8 p.m.
- November 21 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 113th Alumni Banquet (Hyatt Regency McCormick Place) – 6 p.m.
- November 21 & 22 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Drama Festival Weekend (Ayres-Conway Theatre) – 7 p.m.
- November 23 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Open House (Lourdes Hall Campus) – Noon–3 p.m.
- November 27-28 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Thanksgiving Break – No School

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Remember De La Salle in Your Estate Plans

Help yourself, your family and De La Salle Institute by visiting our planned giving website at www.dls.org and clicking on the planned giving page. We welcome all inquiries about planned gifts. While we receive numerous contributions throughout the year, all of which are significant and meaningful, the planned gift has extra special meaning and significance, as it is truly the ultimate expression of confidence and trust in our mission of education.

For additional information, please contact Iris Gist Cochran, Director of Development, at 312.842.7355 ext 152 or cochrani@dls.org.

2008 Endowment Golf Classic

The 2008 De La Salle Endowment Golf Classic was held on June 25 at Gleneagles Country Club in Lemont, IL. There were over 250 golfers in attendance, enjoying a wonderful round on a beautiful golf course, a wide variety of food and drink and the camaraderie of friends and fellow Meteors. As a result of the generosity, commitment and caring of those who participated, over $68,000 was raised to benefit the young women and young men of De La Salle.

Thanks to everyone who attended and we’ll see you next year!

Online Giving Made Simple

Now you can make your gift online. Designed to make things quicker and more convenient, simply visit De La Salle Institute’s website at www.dls.org and look for the gifts processing link found on the Development/Online Giving Tab. Follow the prompts and you are on your way to giving made simple.

De La Salle Establishes Memorial Wall

On May 20, 2008, De La Salle Institute hosted a memorial breakfast to acknowledge family members and friends who have made contributions totaling $1,500 or more to the Institute in memory of De La Salle alumni. During the event, a memorial plaque was unveiled listing the names and class years of these deceased loved ones. The plaque hangs next to the school’s Signum Fidei Chapel at the Institute Campus. The memorial breakfast gave our donors the opportunity to view the plaque.

The idea to create a memorial wall became apparent when the school received a call from Dr. Joseph Chessare, son of De La Salle graduate and dear friend, Joseph J. Chessare ’35, who had passed away. Joe inquired about a memorial display for deceased alumni. It is a meaningful way to remember loved ones. The memorial wall was created at De La Salle earlier this year. Gifts are used to support the school’s student financial assistance program.

If you are interested in adding a loved one who is a graduate of De La Salle to the memorial wall and would like additional information, please contact Iris Gist Cochran, Director of Development, at 312.842.7355 ext 152 or cochrani@dls.org.
De La Salle Institute will be hosting the annual Great Futures Gala on April 24, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the University Club located at 76 East Monroe St. in Chicago. Now’s the time to invite your family and friends to join your table at the Great Futures Gala.

Interested in sponsorship opportunities? Please contact De La Salle’s Special Events Manager, Lisa Andersson, at (312) 842-7355 ext. 146 or anderssonl@dls.org.
Both in the arena of competition and in the classroom, the spring of 2008 was a very successful one for the young men and young women who proudly wear the blue and gold of De La Salle. Congratulations, Meteors!

Here are some of the highlights:

- Thirty-four senior student-athletes from the Institute Campus were chosen to the 2007-08 Chicago Catholic League Academic All-Conference Team for maintaining cumulative grade-point averages of 3.0 or better during their four years.

- Lauded were: Christopher Bandemier; Hiriann Bradley; Ivan Carmona; Michael Coates; Robert Doherty; James Galvin; Alexander Garcia; Krzysztof Goyal; Nicholas Goga; John Grubisch; Adrian Guzman; Thomas Hanes; Andrew Harris; Eric Hetland; Richard Kacznyski; Daniel Kupenas; Brian Koronkowski; EriK Krol and James Lee.

- Also honored were: Jordan Little; Apolinar Martinez; Ricky Mlinarik; Joshua Morris; Jesse Moy; James Muehlman; Michael O'Malley; Salvador Perales; Felipe Ponce; Kevin Popp; Armand Rhone; Marvellers Rubin; Samuel Valdez; Kyle White and Rodriguez Wright.

- Thirteen senior student-athletes from the Lourdes Hall Campus garnered places on the 2008 All-Girls Catholic Athletic Conference Academic Team. Honored for their achievements in the classroom were Laura Alva; Erin Boulanger; Corinne Coates; Marissa De Hoyos; Jessica Fann; Kimberley Harrington; Gabrielle Humphrey; Jacqueline Martinez; Victoria Rios; Briana Steffenhagen; Bianca Tobar; Stephanie Van Hook and Jamie Young.

- Armand Rhone, a member of the Institute Campus’ Class of 2008, was chosen as the Tony Lawless Award Winner in track & field. The award is emblematic of the most valuable player/athlete in each respective sport in the Chicago Catholic League.

- Rhone, whose dad, Ray, is a member of the Class of 1977, earned the distinction by excelling at the Chicago Catholic League Conference Meet where he placed first in the 200-and-400-meter dashes, and took second in the 100-meter dash, as well as participating on the 400-meter relay team that placed second. Rhone was the lone competitor to garner two first-place finishes.

- In addition to his excellence in the athletic arena, Rhone also thrived in the classroom, posting a 3.236 grade-point average and ranking No. 64 in the 186-member Class of 2008 at De La Salle’s Institute Campus.

- Christopher Bandemier and Corinne Coates were chosen as the Br. I. Austin Award winners for 2008. The award is given to the graduating seniors who display excellence in the fields of academics and athletics.

- Bandemier graduated as one of three valedictorians in the 186-member Class of 2008 at the Institute Campus. Bandemier maintained a 4.957 grade-point average and played both football and baseball at De La Salle. He’ll attend the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign in the fall.

- Coates was ranked No. 3 in the 89-member Class of 2008 at the Lourdes Hall Campus. Coates, who achieved a 4.870 GPA, played both volleyball and softball at De La Salle. She’ll attend Stanford University in the fall.

- The boys tennis program completed a successful season. Junior Kris Powell finished in third place in the Chicago – University High Sectional in singles play, placed third in the Chicago Catholic League tournament and tied for first place at No. 1 singles during the course of the Catholic League’s regular season. At the Illinois High School Association state finals, Powell prevailed in three of his five matches, losing in the fifth round of the consolation bracket.

- The No. 1 doubles tandem of London Walther and William Lee also advanced to the IHSA state meet after placing fourth in the Chicago – University High Sectional. Walther and Lee lost both of their matches at the state finals.

- Senior student-athlete Elliott Brown signed a national letter-of-intent to continue his athletic career at Missouri State University. Brown, a two-sport performer for the Meteors, will play both football and basketball for the Bears.

- In his football career at De La Salle, Brown carried 101 times for 728 yards and 13 TDs, caught 65 passes for 922 yards and 10 TDs and returned 30 kickoffs for 859 yards and 3 TDs. Brown tallied 3,005 all-purpose yards. Defensively, Brown made 73 tackles and intercepted seven passes.

- In basketball, Brown was a three-year varsity starter for the Meteors, earning the Tony Lawless Award as the MVP of the Catholic League this season, averaging 13.6 points, 3.7 assists and 4.9 rebounds per game. In three seasons of varsity basketball, Brown played in 79 games, totaling 1,152 points (14.6 ppg), 397 rebounds (5 rpg) and 259 assists (3.3 apg). He also made 52 3-pointers.

- Five student-athletes were chosen to the 2008 All-Girls Catholic Athletic Conference White Division Softball Team.

- Launder were senior first baseman Nicole Gorman, sophomore shortstop Alexandra Hanes, sophomore catcher Nicole Ortiz, sophomore pitcher Jackie Sernek and freshman third baseman Jaicie Botica.

- Sernek also was chosen as the GCAC White Player of the Year. On the mound, Sernek was 6-8 with 114 strikeouts and 24 walks allowed in 84 innings pitched. She threw 13 complete games, five shutouts and four no-hitters. At the plate, Sernek batted .566 with six doubles, three triples,
When De La Salle’s varsity baseball team takes the field next spring, it will do so under new leadership as Nick Bridich has been named the Meteors’ head coach.

Bridich, a 1998 graduate of Marquette University High School in Milwaukee, brings an impressive resume to De La Salle. After his high-school playing career, Bridich was a three-year letterwinner at Butler University in Indianapolis from 2000-02, playing the infield for the Bulldogs.

Following the conclusion of his collegiate playing career, Bridich served as an assistant coach at the high-school level at Marquette University High School, Pike High School in Indianapolis, and Marist High School in Chicago.

Bridich also served as an assistant coach at the University of Illinois at Chicago from 2003-05. He also works as a private instructor at the Line Drive Baseball Academy in Bedford Park.

“I think Nick will do an excellent job as the head baseball coach at De La Salle,” Meteors athletic director Tom White said. “Not only does he have an outstanding resume, but he also has a strong desire and commitment to making our baseball program one of the best in the Chicago Catholic League and in the area.”

Welcome, Nick!

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**2008 Varsity Football Schedule**

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<td>Fenwick @Fresh Meadows</td>
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Ronald Chambers is retired and living in Shorewood, IL. He can be reached at ronaldchambers@comcast.net.

Dr. Denis Curran informed us that he has a new e-mail address. Contact him at drdeniscurran@yahoo.com.

James Fitzgerald is retired and living in Tulsa, OK. His e-mail address is JinnfLor1118@att.net.

1959
Frank Coleman is living in Orland Park, IL. His e-mail address is marvin49er@ameritech.net.

Larry Sutter lives in Palm Desert, CA and is retired. He’s also interested in learning about a 50th reunion for the Class of 1959. Sutter’s e-mail address is larrysutter@earthlink.net.

1962
Dennis Raimo is working in sales in the construction industry. He resides in Addison, IL and can be contacted at raimo@att.net.

1963
George Clifton works in the corporate investigations field and lives in Oak Lawn, IL. His e-mail addresses are clifs@ameritech.net and gelifto@transunion.com.

1965
Joe Wargin is employed in the education field as the Director of Guidance at Glenbard South High School in Glen Ellyn, IL. He resides in Glen Ellyn, IL.

1966
Frank Bizon is working in the retail industry as a Director of Financial Operations. He resides in Munster, IN and may be reached at bizon.frank@sbglobal.net.

John Ryan is retired from IBM. He lives in Carol Stream, IL and can be contacted at jryan846@aol.com.

1972
Kevin Navas has retired after 30 years with the Orland Park (IL) Police Department where he served as a Juvenile Investigator, D.A.R.E. Officer, School Resource Officer and Community Relations Officer. He lives in neighboring Tinley Park, IL and can be contacted at Bullzi44@aol.com.

1973
Leon Wright lives in the Detroit, MI area and retired from the United States Air Force on October 7, 2002. Wright, who also earned a degree from the University of Phoenix the same year, has been an executive with the Detroit Metro Youth Day since July 1986. He also has been a Moral Leadership Officer/Chaplain since 2000 with the Michigan Civil Air Patrol. Wright, who also is a minister, can be reached at leonjwright1@yahoo.com.

1974
Raymond Kutz is a piper in the St. Andrew’s Society of Central Illinois Pipes and Drums in Springfield and a Highland Dancer in St. Andrew’s Society Celtic Dancers. For a living, Ray is an electromechanical technician with Danka Office Imaging. He is married with three grown children and lives in Rochester, IL, a town near Springfield. You can e-mail him at sox20@juno.com.

Kenneth Tokarz is an attorney and lives in Chicago. His e-mail address is ktokarz@schultzlaw.com.

1976
Dominic Pacyga teaches history at Columbia College. In May he gave a lecture at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. Dominic can be reached at dpacyga@ameritech.net.

Gilberto Vela is working in the information technology industry and lives in Houston, TX. His e-mail address is gilbertovela@hotmail.com.

1977
Dave Skowronski resides in Naperville, IL. His e-mail address is dskowronski3932@comcast.net.

1978
Donald Herman lives in Chicago and works for United Parcel Service. His e-mail address is hermanfamily@wowway.com.

Elliott Mathews Jr. resides in Chicago and is working in the security industry. His e-mail address is ellito2@aol.com.

1979
Thaddeus Kuziela calls Gilbert, AZ home and works as the co-owner of a remodeling company. Kuziela’s e-mail address is sdsuf98@yahoo.com.

1980
Ralph Johnson is a university administrator and resides in Virginia Beach, VA with his family. His e-mail address is ralphwj06@yahoo.com.

William McManus is a Chicago Fire Department dispatcher and lives in Chicago. His e-mail addresses are cva@ameritech.net and mcmanus@chicagofiredepartment.org. McManus’ homepage is www.canaryvillevets.com.

1981
Kenneth Johnson is a resident of Berwyn, IL and is working in the web development industry as a technical producer. His e-mail address is johnson60402@gmail.com.

1982
Bill Arthurs is a Chief Financial Officer in the manufacturing industry. He lives in Frankfort, IL and can be contacted at barthurs@sbglobal.net.

1983
Edward Bodinet resides in Tinley Park, IL with his family. His e-mail address is edro65@hotmail.com.

Willie Coleman Jr. lives in Alpine, CA with his wife, Sara, and children, Willie III and Carlita. Coleman is working as a benefit analyst and can be contacted at creative4_u@netzero.com.

Timothy J. Daley is a partner in the law firm of Musik, Peeler & Garrett in San Diego, CA. He has been practicing law in San Diego since 1992.

1984
John Mallon has been employed as the Head Band Director at United High School in Laredo, TX for the last 13 years. He and his wife, Debbie, are the proud parents of Katherine and Kristen.

1986
James Buss resides in Chicago.

1987
Tony Khazen calls Chicago home and is working in the finance industry as a risk manager. His e-mail address is tkhaz@yahoo.com.

Norman Morris lives in South Holland, IL. His e-mail address is normanm@mail.com.
Joe Harris works as the Director of Sailing for the city of Lake Forest, IL. He resides in Chicago and may be reached at joeysail@yahoo.com and harrisj@cityoflakeforest.com.

Thomas Hickey resides in Chicago and is working as a truck driver. Hickey’s e-mail address is tombo37@yahoo.com.

Gerald Pulido lives in Plainfield, IL and has been employed as a state trooper by the Illinois State Police for the last eight years.

Ken Dineen resides in Las Vegas, NV. His e-mail addresses are kdineen@motionlabmedia.net and kenakadjmhayhem@aol.com.

Ramon Espada lives in Burbank, CA with his sons and works for JBL Professional in the engineering/research and development fields as a programmer. In addition, he also trains, manages and promotes amateur and professional boxers, as well as serving as the head coach for the University of Southern California’s boxing team. Espada’s e-mail address is prodigoson@yahoo.com.

Mike Ludwig lives in Midlothian, IL with his wife and family and is working for a suburban Chicago hospital and fire department. Ludwig’s e-mail addresses are psyc095239@yahoo.com and psyc095239@sbcglobal.net.

Fernando Ochoa lives in Chicago and is working as an operations manager.

Alfonso Cerna is the Assistant Sales Department Head for Lifetime Fitness in Romeoville, IL. He and his family reside in Orland Park, IL. Cerna’s e-mail address is cernainc@yahoo.com.

Jorge Cuadra is living in Chicago.

Deanna (Pietrzyk) Bender is retired and lives in Mt. Prospect, IL. Her e-mail address is sharknose@att.net.

Jody Lee Olhava wrote to let us know that she “has both endured and enjoyed a 30-year career in acting, directing and producing throughout southern California.” She and her husband, Mario Polanco, most recently produced a “Gone With the Film Festival” and encourage everyone to visit their website, www.irisfilmintl.com.

Anna (Padgham) Barry lives with her family in Burbank, IL. She and her husband, David, have five children. Barry is a homemaker and can be reached at barry557@comcast.net.

Susan (Vlastnik) Heinze is working as a secretary in the education field. She resides in White Hall, AR and can be contacted at heinzes@sbcglobal.net and heinzes@whte.arsc.k12.ar.us.

Paula Kowalkowski is married to John Zimmer and they reside with their daughter in Chicago. Kowalkowski is a teacher and can be e-mailed at pkowalkowski@colum.edu.

Kelly Heeter resides in Chicago and may be contacted at kellyheeter@yahoo.com.

Susan (Simon) Saloga is a pharmacist and mom and resides in Sugar Grove, IL. Her e-mail address is edsalogabuilders@yahoo.com.

Jacqueline (Kraus) Crane lives in Merrillville, IN and is an office manager. Her e-mail address is cquckie2001@yahoo.com.

Tracy (Morek) Filipowicz is a resident of Downers Grove, IL where she lives with her husband, Michael, and daughter. Filipowicz is a resource coordinator and can be reached at TracyFilipowicz@yahoo.com.

Patricia (Sanchez) Glikis lives in Chicago with her husband, Jerry, and son. She is a court clerk and can be reached at rodri-guznancy1@yahoo.com.

Wanda Webber is a student and fulltime mother. She resides in Chicago and may be contacted at DBLDBLU74@yahoo.com.

Cynthia (Negron) Santiago resides in Chicago with her husband, William. Her e-mail address is cchynadoll36@yahoo.com.

Gabriela Tejeda-Rios is an attorney and resides in Willowbrook, IL. Her e-mail address is gtejeda1@yahoo.com.

Maricela Vargas lives in Chicago with her daughter. Vargas works as an executive assistant and may be e-mailed at maricela.vargas@sbcglobal.net.

Sandra (Garcia) Palma is a branch lending manager. She resides in Chicago and can be contacted at spalma1113@yahoo.com.

Dawn (Korman) Graves lives in Chicago Ridge, IL with her husband, Brian. She is a student and may be e-mailed at dawingy21@yahoo.com.

Nancy Rodriguez is a resident of Stickney, IL. Contact her at rodrigueznancyl@yahoo.com.
1993
Dan Hughes is a Chicago resident and is employed as a stationary engineer. His e-mail address is danhughes65@hotmail.com.

Jonathan Martin is an intermodal freight coordinator in the global transportation industry. He lives in Bensenville, IL and may be reached at SirCheckmate@gmail.com.

1995
Rich Blake and his wife, Danielle, are the proud parents of Kylie. The Blakes live in Chicago and can be contacted at reeblake77@yahoo.com.

Elias Figueroa is a Lead 3D Animator for Midway Amusement Games and has been working there for six years. He’s worked on titles such as NBA Ballers, Blitz: The League, Stranglehold; Game Party 2, and now MK vs DCU!! (for the 360, PS3, and the Wii). He currently lives in Lincolnwood, IL. He can be reached at efigueroa@midwaygames.com

1996
Pat Donovan is the Associate Athletic Trainer at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Donovan lives in Chicago and his e-mail address is pdonoc1@uic.edu.

Leonard Laino has been working for The City of Chicago’s Bureau of Forestry since July, 1996. Laino is in Forestry Operations and deals with aldermanic and mayoral specials that need constant monitoring every day. He lives in Chicago and is engaged to be married in May 2009.

Paul Reyes is a firefighter and lives in Orland Park, IL.

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Mr. John L. King ’48
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Mr. John M. McCormack ’50
Mr. John M. McGreevy ’50
Mr. Richard P. Wolfe ’54
Mr. James J. Farrey ’56
Mr. John Callom ’58
Mr. Dennis L. Jirout ’58
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Mr. Frederick F. Master ’58
Mr. John J. Skondill ’58
Mr. John R. Walsh ’59
Mr. Thomas J. Burns ’63
Mr. Earl G. Carone ’63
Mr. Craig J. Eison ’66
Mr. Bryan M. Johnston ’67
Mr. C. M. Mankus ’68
Mr. Christopher Haynes ’81
Mr. Michael P. Montgomery ’85
Mr. Angel Ramirez ’00
Ms. Geraldine Gist
Ms. Rhea Gambel
Mr. Michael J. Hughes
Mr. Thomas Matza
One of the most popular activities held this summer at De La Salle was the Alumni Summer Basketball League. The playoffs and championship game took place in late July in the Parmer Activity Center with the team featuring Meteor alums Henry Wimp ’02, Cory Norman ’05, James Westberry ’05, Maxwell Jackson ’06 and Caleb Harris ’07 winning the championship.

Serving as the league organizers were De La Salle faculty members Tony Maldonado and Tom Wegesin. Thanks to Tony and Tom on a job well done.

Other Meteor alumni who participated were Michael Brown ’01, Carl Pruitt ’01, Eric Vilimas ’02, Aaron Wellington ’02, Andrew Cline ’05, Steve Ochoa ’07, Danny Solis ’07 and Rodriguez Wright ’08.

Plans are already being made for next season’s summer league. De La Salle congratulates all of the participants on a great season.

De La Salle Institute invites all alumni of De La Salle and Lourdes to please keep in touch with our alumni office. If you are interested in attending any alumni events or would like to know what’s new, please contact Lisa Andersson, De La Salle’s Special Events Manager, at (312) 842-7355 ext. 146 or anderssonl@dls.org.

Our doors are always open and we hope you will come and witness the miracles happening on both of our campuses.
The Tolton Adult Literacy Center is an adult-education program that provides employability skills, family literacy and child services in low-income communities in the Chicagoland area, without fee. Serving approximately 800 people a year from various backgrounds, Tolton has been recognized as a leader in adult education at local, state and national levels.

The Tolton strategy is to empower poverty level adults through academic achievement. This strategy recognizes that breaking the illiteracy cycle must begin with the adult who is the center of the family and community structure.

Tolton’s mission is to provide excellent alternative adult education experiences within a caring community where “everyone teaches and everyone learns.” Fr. Augustus Tolton, for whom the Tolton Adult Literacy Center is named, was the first African-American priest in the United States. He overcame many hardships to have a great impact on the lives of many disadvantaged people.

Among the programs the Tolton Adult Literacy Center offers include:

- G.E.D., Pre-G.E.D., Basic Skills and Literacy
- Employability
- Child Services
- Family Literacy
- English as a Second Language (ESL)

Founded by De La Salle Institute in 1991, Tolton has grown over the years. In 1998, a partnership with Chicago Public Libraries led to the development of two Tolton sites: One located on Chicago’s South Side at the Chicago Bee Branch Library, located at 3647 S. State and a second site on Chicago’s West Side at the Henry Loger Library, located at 115 S. Pulaski. A third site is also located on the West Side within the Alain Locke Charter Academy at 3141 W. Jackson. There are also two Tolton sites on the Northwest Side at the Chicago Toman Branch Library at 2708 S. Pulaski and Our Lady of Tepeyac School at 2230 S. Whipple.

For more information about the Tolton Adult Literacy Center, please contact De La Salle Vice President of Community Development & Marketing, Lawrence Blakley ‘83 at (312) 842-7355 ext. 142 or blakleyl@dls.org or De La Salle Director of Adult Education Susan Perez at (312) 746-7744.

One of the recent highlights for the Tolton Center was the recognition of one of its students and one of its instructors by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White.

Tolton student Roshonda Smith was one of 10 students lauded for outstanding achievement in developing and improving their literacy skills. As a result of her success, Smith earned a Spotlight on Achievement Award. Her award was presented at a ceremony at the Illinois State Library in Springfield.

“I am honored to congratulate these outstanding students for their hard work and determination in seeking to obtain lifelong learning skills,” said Secretary White. “And I am equally proud of our ten outstanding tutors for their generosity and encouragement in helping literacy students achieve their utmost potential.”

The ten winners received a $200 check from the Illinois Press Association Foundation, a plaque presented by Secretary White, a personalized Illinois Blue Book and ten books donated by Delta Systems.

Tolton instructor Robert Mathis also was feted by the Illinois Secretary of State as he was chosen as one of 10 instructors to receive a Spotlight on Service Award.

The ten winning tutors received a plaque and personalized Illinois Blue Book from Secretary White, and $200 was donated by the Illinois Press Association Foundation to the literacy program where they serve as volunteer tutors.

“The outstanding men and women are part of an ever-growing commitment in Illinois to making sure our citizens have the skills they need to be outstanding parents, spouses, employees and productive members of their communities,” said White.

Students and tutors are nominated from among the nearly 200 local providers who receive literacy grant funding from the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library Literacy Office.

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Spotlight on Tolton’s Achievement Award Winners

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, Tolton instructor Bob Mathis, Director of the Illinois First Amendment Center Sue Montalvo.

As for Mathis, he is described in his biography as having been invited by his wife, Lynn, a reading teacher at Tolton, to “come and serve.”

So Mathis did and the road as a volunteer has made all the difference in his daily life. He can relate to Tolton’s students since he experienced many of the same challenges they faced in achieving their goals.

Bob is referred to by a colleague at Tolton Center as the “Rock of Tolton” because of his strength and leadership ability. Bob is simply an awesome volunteer tutor with a great sense of humor. He inspires students and staff every day bringing hope for a better future.
In other Tolton news:

The Tolton Center has been chosen to share in more than $2.4 million from the Illinois State Board of Education in family literacy grants awarded to 17 educational partnerships involving school districts, regional offices of education, higher education institutions and community organizations around the state. The Illinois Even Start Family Literacy Program grants are designed to help the state’s earliest learners, as well as their families, improve literacy skills. The Tolton Center is one of 13 entities receiving a continuation grant.

The Even Start grant comes from federal funding as part of No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The focus of the program is to help break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy by improving the educational opportunities of low-income families by offering a unified family literacy program for parents and children, birth through age 7.

The Even Start grant is made for a four-year period dependent upon sufficient funding from the federal government for future years.

Tolton’s English as a Second Language (ESL) staff recently completed the first Illinois ESL Curriculum Institute. The purpose of the Institute was to align adult ESL curriculum to ESL Standards adopted by the Illinois College Continuing Education Board (ICCB) for adult education and family literacy programs in Illinois. ESL instructors Emily Alberghini, Mary Lou Jenks, Mary Ellen Lesniak, and Marie White participated in the three-phased institute during which they wrote a curriculum for Tolton that corresponded to ESL standards and identified materials and resources for teaching the ESL skills of speaking, listening, reading, writing, and grammar for beginning through advanced ESL levels. The Institute’s staff recognized the Tolton team for its excellent work.

“It is always good when Tolton receives outside recognition,” De La Salle Director of Adult Education Susan Perez said. “This team has not only created an excellent curriculum, it also has built an ESL family literacy program that assists hard-working low-income immigrant families in Chicago’s Little Village neighborhood learn English and help their children succeed in school. Thank you Emily, Mary Lou, Mary Ellen, and Marie.”

Another of the key components of the Tolton program is the Family Literacy Initiative. The following information regarding some of the summer programs was written by Mary Ellen Lesniak, one of Tolton’s instructors.

“I am passionate about Family Literacy. Family Literacy programs must offer four components: Adult Education, Early Childhood Education, Parenting and Parent and Child Together Activities. Our summer program has put all those components together by offering weekly field trips where parent and child experience learning together. Parents experiencing learning situations with their children engenders such great enthusiasm and the children get caught up in that enthusiasm. Everyone learns more and has fun doing it.

“Our first field trip was to Navy Pier. The first stop was the Children’s Museum.

“In the Block Party area, the children made ice cream cones and created great pizzas, then served their parents. They also put together the entertainment for the Block Party. Some acted as DJ’s while others took over the drums or electric guitar.

“There was such a variety of activities. Some families bowled, while others played chess. They checked out the safety area and children donned fire outfits. Together, parents and children made safety plans for their house.

“Families loved the construction area. A couple of families with older children chose to work on building a skyscraper. In this area, the family gets photographed while building and at the end of the project, they write a book telling of their experience. For the next 30 days, they can access the book using their family code on the Museum’s website.

“Children under five had their own special area where they could climb a wall using ropes, play store, and even catch fish. These children caught fish and counted their catch.

“We also ate outside and watched the large boats. Then we were able to explore the rest of the Pier and enjoy the beautiful day. Several children had their first ride on a carousel.

“We took tons of pictures (thanks to digital photography) and the next day, the parents and children created their own books of the adventure at Navy Pier.”
All alumni of De La Salle Institute are invited to attend the 113th Annual Alumni Banquet which will be held on November 21, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, 2233 S. King Dr., in Chicago.

There will be a special VIP Reception for the 25th and 50th Anniversary Classes from 5 pm–6 pm. All other Anniversary Classes will have a reception from 6 pm–7 pm. Dinner will begin at 7 pm. The cost is $100 per person.

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