



Fall 2023 *A newsletter for
De La Salle Institute and
Lourdes High School Alumni*

Dear De La Salle and Lourdes High School alumni,

We're well into the 2023-2024 school year at the "D". Academics, extracurriculars and athletics have all commenced and as we forge ahead into the Fall season here's a look at what's been going on:

RECENT EVENTS

Alumni Weekend

Our Alumni Weekend took place on Friday, September 22 and Saturday, September 23. Over the course of two days, we welcomed alumni and friends "back to campus" to enjoy a pregame tailgate, tours of campus, mini-classes taught by current and past faculty members, brunch and ceremonies celebrating our Sports Hall of Fame, Honor Key, Outstanding Young Alumni, 50th Anniversary and 25th Anniversary classes. Through the generosity of our special anniversary class planning committees, generous alumni and attendees at the events, we were able to raise over \$11,000 in scholarship funds

During halftime of the Varsity Football game, we introduced the newest class of the De La Salle Athletic Hall of Fame: Jenna Bruno '06, James Buss '12, Rob Greer '82, Shedrick Mossman '03 and Derek Needham '09.



Left to right: Rob Greer '82, Jenna Bruno '06, Shedrick Mossman '03, James Buss '12 and Tom White

The Alumni Association and President Anne Marie Tirpak had the pleasure of presenting the 2023 De La Salle Institute Honor Key to Mr. Anthony Brooks '75 at this year's Alumni Weekend Brunch. The Honor Key is presented to graduates and/or current or former De La Salle educators who have distinguished themselves by their achievements at De La Salle and by their civic, commercial or humanitarian success. It is the highest honor bestowed to an individual by De La Salle Institute.

After graduating from De La Salle, Tony considered pursuing law but his mother and grandmother talked him into political science and finance. He graduated from Northern Illinois University with his B.A. in Political Science. He later accepted a position at Goldman Sachs where he spent 30 years, retiring from his fulltime job in 2016. A generous supporter of De La Salle, Tony continues to serve others in the Lasallian tradition he learned in school. Three times a week Tony spends time with Venezuelan migrants who are currently being housed at 51st and Wentworth in the city.



Also on Saturday, we had the opportunity to present the first Outstanding Young Alumni Award to Marcus Carter '13. Immediately following his receiving the award, Marcus left to attend the wedding of two DLS alumni, so he was not able to give his accepting remarks, but is happy to share them here, with the entire alumni community:

"I am overwhelmed with gratitude to have been the first recipient of the De La Salle Young Alumni Award. I'm extremely honored to have my journey recognized by De La Salle Institute in this way. It feels surreal to have my hard work acknowledged by such a prestigious institution.

For more images from this memorable event click [here](#). If you weren't able to attend any of this year's festivities and you're experiencing a case of FOMO, please know that we'll be hosting this event next year and we hope to add even more unique experiences for our alumni community!

SCOREBOARD DEDICATION

At halftime of this year's homecoming football game, we officially announced the dedication of the Wagner & Class of '67 Scoreboard and welcomed Mike Wagner and several of his classmates onto the field. Mr. Wagner was also invited to perform the pregame coin-toss. Thanks to Mike Wagner and the Class of '67 for your generosity and continued support.



Left: Mike Wagner presides over the official coin toss
Right: several members of the Class of '67 cheer from the sidelines

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trivia Night

Date: 1/25/24 (Thursday)

Time: 6pm-8pm

Location: Bansley Alumni Hall

Registration info: COMING SOON

If you're interested in helping plan this event as an alumni member of the planning committee, please contact Lindsey Naughton at naughtonl@dls.org

WE'RE RECRUITING

The DLS Alumni Association is revamping its membership and looking to recruit new members. If you're interested in helping to plan events for the school and can dedicate some of your time, in order to help us raise funds for scholarships, please contact Lindsey Naughton at naughtonl@dls.org. There's no age requirement for membership and all alumni will be considered.

CAMPUS VISITS

Want to take a walk down memory lane? We love it when our alumni come back to campus! To make sure our team is meeting your expectations and goals, we ask that alumni please reach out to Lindsey Naughton at naughtonl@dls.org to schedule a visit. Campus tours are generally available on M-F from 9am-3pm. Those wishing to talk to teachers are best advised to plan for a 2:45 arrival time, right before our students are released for the day. Please note that on Wednesdays the school follows a special schedule and conditions may not be ideal for such visits. Anyone entering campus will be required to check-in at the security desk and provide a valid I.D. for entry during school hours.

HELPFUL LINKS

[Get involved](#). Stay connected with the [Alumni Update Form](#). Make a financial contribution and [donate to DLS](#). Notify the school about [members of the community who have passed](#). Check out our [employment opportunities](#). Submit a [prayer request](#).

DLS Social Accounts: [Facebook](#) [LinkedIn](#) [Instagram](#) [Youtube](#) [Flickr](#)

IN MEMORIAM

We remember the following deceased alumni who died between August 1, 2023-September 30, 2023:

Michael Bozich '73
David Haraburda '54
Lawrence King '68
John Kwilos '94
Frank Nardi '67
Marvellers Rubin Jr. '08



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