



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

Dear De La Salle and Lourdes High School alumni,

As we roll into another school year at the “D”, we would like to take a moment to highlight all of the happenings that took place over the summer. Between the months of May-August, things were in full swing on campus. Here’s a look at what’s been going on:

SUMMER AT D

This year’s Summer at D camps featured subjects of chess, cheer, gaming, psychology, mock trial, football, algebra, track & field and robotics, just to name a few! We had over 200 students, ranging from 2nd-8th grade, attend 17 different academic and sports camps on campus.



NEW DIRECTOR OF EVENTS AND ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

DLS is pleased to announce Lindsey Naughton as the new Director of Events and Alumni Engagement. In addition to overseeing the Office of Advancement’s fundraising events, Lindsey will be working closely with the Alumni Association to create alumni events that aim to incorporate a more inclusive approach to the planning process and appeal to a wide variety of graduating class years.



Lindsey Naughton, Director of Events and Alumni Engagement

If you'd like to find out more about how to get involved, please contact Lindsey at naughtonl@dls.org or just drop a line to say "hi"!

RECENT EVENTS

Golf Classic

On Thursday, July 20, DLS hosted its annual Golf Classic at Silver Lake Country Club. With a full roster of 144 golfers, the fundraiser was a huge success and drew people from all over the Meteor community, including several members of the Classes of '64, '67, '84, '86, '91, and '02; just to name a few. With almost \$60k raised in net revenue, this year marked the school's most successful Golf Classic, in recent history, all thanks to our amazing Planning Committee:

Charles "Chuck" Bartucci '91
Steve Burrows (Chair) '91
Vincent Correa
Josie Cruz L'77
Brian Hickey '76
Joe Liberti '91
Vince Pavilionis '98
John Posluszny '91
Brendan Walsh '07



Left: Members of the DLS Golf Team
Center: Josie Cruz L'77 and Chuck Bartucci '91
Right: Teacher and golf team coach Vince Correa, teacher Dan Dowling and teacher and lacrosse coach Rich Barnotes '10

Blue & Gold Fall Sports Preview

The 2023 Fall Sports Preview took place on Friday, August 18th. This year's event drew a crowd of over 550 members of the DLS community and featured demonstrations from all of our fall athletic teams. The event also hosted several food trucks and a beer tent, where many DLS alumni were able to socialize throughout the evening. The night concluded with a 50/50 drawing and this year's winner was none other than Director of Facilities Gino Bruno '77. Congrats Gino!



Left: Teacher and alumni parent Chris Wood and two parent volunteers
Right: Victor Chavarria '69 and Alumni Board Co-Chair Kevin Thompson '92

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2023 BACK TO CAMPUS!

The De La Salle Alumni Association cordially invites you to join us for Alumni Weekend 2023 and share in two days of celebrating De La Salle Institute!

Friday, September 22 ***Back to the Game!***

5:00 PM Pre-game Tailgate Party

The east parking lot on Michigan Avenue will be open for alumni to tailgate with family and friends on a **first come first serve basis**. You can set up your grill, bring your favorite tailgate food and drinks and enjoy time with friends and family before the game. Dessert will be provided by De La Salle Institute. We are limited to approximately 45 parking spots and the lot will open at 4:30 PM.

7:00 PM Meteors vs. Benet Academy Football Game

Come to the game and watch your Meteors as they take on the Benet Academy Redwings. Admission to the game is \$7 payable at the gate. There will be a special gathering area for alumni to meet and greet one another as well as chat with DLS administration and Alumni Association leadership. We will also be inducting the 2023 Sports Hall of Fame members; Jenna Bruno '06, James Buss '12, Rob Greer '82, Shedrick Mossman '03 and Derek Needham '09.

Saturday, September 23 *Back to Class!*

9:15 AM Roam the Halls/Registration

Come back to campus and roam the halls with tours led by De La Salle Student Ambassadors! See the new Parente Field and Wagner Scoreboard from the second floor Multi-Purpose Room, some of your former classrooms and the Parmer Activity Center.

10:00 AM Mini-Classes

Here is your chance to return to the classroom for three 20-minute “mini-classes” with some of your favorite teachers! We have been blessed to have these teachers agree to share their knowledge with you once again. Please see the RSVP card or scan the QR code to choose your three classes. We will do our best to accommodate your requested schedule based on when you RSVP. This is a rare opportunity to get back to class and see what you remember! You will be able to choose from classes with these teachers:

Dr. Diane Brown
Mark Jackowiak '88
Richard Radecki

Br. Kevin Fitzgerald, FSC
Kamaal Khazen
Larry Wenshutonis '60

Steve Hopkins
Anna Marassa
Chris Wood

11:15 AM Prayer Service

Join your fellow Meteors in a prayer service in honor of St. John Baptist de La Salle and deceased alumni, educators and friends of De La Salle Institute.

11:30 AM Alumni Brunch, Keynote Address and Awards Presentation

A wonderful brunch awaits you accompanied by a Mimosa and Bloody Mary bar. During the brunch, you will hear a motivational talk by **Larry Wenshutonis '60**, reminiscent of the talks many of you remember! We will be bestowing the Honor Key Award, De La Salle Institute's highest honor to **Anthony (Tony) Brooks '75**. We will also be presenting the inaugural De La Salle Institute Outstanding Young Alumni Award to **Marcus Carter '13**.



Left: Tony Brooks '75; recipient of the 2023 Honor Key Award
Right: Marcus Carter '13; recipient of the 2023 Outstanding Young Alumni Award

1:00 PM Post-Event Athletics

After the brunch, feel free to stay for some pickup basketball and volleyball games in the Parmer Activity Center! Maybe we can even get you on the court to try for a three-pointer or spike one over the net!

To register for Saturday's Alumni Weekend events, click [here](#).

Tickets are \$75 each (\$25 of each ticket will directly support scholarships at De La Salle)

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.



Mr. Yan (Simon) Sun '18 with Ms. Iris Cochran-Gist

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

La Rue Martin, Jr. '68 had the honor of tossing the first disc at the Chicago Union Ultimate Frisbee home game on July 16, 2023. To catch a Chicago Union game on their home turf at DLS's Parente Field, check out their schedule at <https://theaudl.com/union/about>



La Rue Martin, Jr. '68 with members of the Chicago Union Board

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 May 1, 2023-July 31, 2023:

John J. Bober '54
Perry L. Boyd '81
James J. Cull '58
Charles J. Harris '55
Michael J. Hughes '65
Kevin D. Washington '86

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