



Winter 2024 *A newsletter for
De La Salle Institute and
Lourdes High School Alumni*

Dear De La Salle and Lourdes High School alumni,

Even though the days are short and the nights are longer during this winter season, there are still a lot of things going on at De La Salle! We hope this latest edition of the alumni newsletter allows you a chance to get caught up and informed about everything going on within the Meteor community. Please enjoy and Go Meteors!

RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Chicago Trivia Night

On the evening of January 25th, the Advancement Team and the DLS Parent's Association hosted Chicago Trivia Night, in Bansley Alumni Hall. The event drew teams that consisted of a mix of alum, parents, students, and faculty members. Teams competed in 8 rounds of trivia while enjoying classic Chicago fare and prizes were awarded to our top three teams. The winning team, "Respect Your Elders", was composed of none other than our distinguished faculty members Dan Dowling, Carlos Nunez, Richard Mooney '06, and Steven Hopkins.



Left: participants look on as emcee Tony Englert presents Chicago-themed trivia questions
Center: Jonathan Davis '12 and Bruce Davis
Right: members of "Respect Your Elders" and Annie Tirpak

DLS Super Raffle

Drawing: 4/8/24 (Monday) at the D-Final Event

Purchase tickets: <https://www.dls.org/event/super-raffle/>

participants do not need to attend the D-Final event to be eligible to win

D-Final

Save-the-Date: 4/8/24 (Monday)

Time: doors open at 6pm

Location: Hillton Commons

Registration info: be on the lookout for more information coming soon...

Great Futures Soiree for Scholarships

Date: 5/2/24 (Thursday)

Time: 6pm-9:30pm

Location: The Ivy Room; 12 E Ohio St. Chicago, IL 60611

Ticket, Sponsorship and Ad Purchase info: <https://www.dls.org/event/great-futures/>

L'72 Celebrates LHS' 70th Birthday

Date: 6/21/24 (Friday)

Time: 7pm-11:30pm

Location: 115 Bourbon Street; 3359 W 115th St., Merrionette Park, IL 60803

Cost: \$70/person

Contact: email: LHS72turns70@aol.com for more info

WE'RE RECRUITING

De La Salle is in great need of more alumni to serve as Class Representatives and assist with the following:

- Help collect data and update our database with accurate contact information for your classmates
- Act as a liaison for promoting upcoming special events
- Gather exciting professional information about your fellow alum to add as content for these newsletters
- Notify our office of any memorial/funeral arrangements for fellow class members

Thanks to those reps who are currently working with our office: James Chaloupka '65, Marvin Orr '68, Anthony Rappold '79 and Francis "Joe" Carrington '80. If you'd like to be added to this growing list please contact our Director of Events and Alumni Engagement, Lindsey Naughton at naughtonl@dls.org. Help us get connected to more Meteors!

CAMPUS VISITS

We love it when our alumni come back to campus! Please reach out to Lindsey Naughton at naughtonl@dls.org to schedule your visit. Campus tours are usually available M-F from 9am-3pm. Those wishing to talk to teachers are best advised to plan for a 2:45 arrival time, and after 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 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.



Far Left: Ali Brist and Phillip Hunter w/ Dan Dowling

Left Center: Christine Stephenson L'73 w/ Iris Gist Cochran

Right Center: La Rue Martin '68 w/ Annie Tirpak & Iris Gist Cochran

Right: Donald "Sonny" Smith '93 w/ Iris Gist Cochran

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

After 320 broadcasts, 29 years and 37 Emmy's, HBO Max aired its final episode of "Real Sports" with Bryant Gumbel '66 in December of 2023. Congratulations to Mr. Gumbel on an amazing career and the Meteor community wishes you nothing but success in your next venture!



Bryant Gumbel '66 at the National Academy of Television Arts & Science's Emmy Awards

On December 23, 2023, NIU Assistant Coach DJ Bland '10 led the Huskies to victory in the Cammelia Bowl, in Montgomery Alabama. The Husky football team ended their season with a 7-6 record and placed 2nd, overall in the MAC West.



DJ Bland '10; assistant/cornerback coach of the NIU Huskies

Mia Nunez '23, a freshman and journalism major at University of Southern California, published her first article with USC's Annenberg Media. To read the article click [here](#). We're sure to hear about more amazing accomplishments from this former City of De Mayor!



Mia Nunez '23; freshman at USC

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 December 1, 2023-January 31, 2024:

Gerald Hennelly '53
William Jensen '62
Brian Kyle '87
Lester Laskowski '64
Elmer Ludwig '67
John Lopez '72
Louis Phillips '73
James Ramirez '86



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