“It's A Great Day To Be A Pilot!”
On The Cover
While our Advancement Department usually has lengthy conversations about the cover and what image or images to use, this issue required no debate. When John announced this past summer he was going to semi-retire and become part-time (see page 4), we all agreed that his photo should be on the cover. Thanks to Mr. Patrick Buschmole and Patrick Studios for providing this “head shot.”

Collegiate Correction
In the Spring 2017 Collegiate, the husband of the late Carol Bardelline, a past President of the CBA, was incorrectly identified in the article “Historical Monstrance Restored.” He is Mr. James Bardelline, not Steve.
Dear De La Salle Family,

Just yesterday I told my younger daughter that Christmas was only three months away. I am not sure what prompted me to tell her that; perhaps it was a simple glance at the date or perhaps it was the unusual heat that has gripped the Metro area recently that had me thinking of colder temps and Christmas. Whatever the reason for my comment, the reality of time passing so quickly has once again come to mind as I sit down to write this letter to you. Where did summer go? Where has September gone? Oh my…

Perhaps, too, I have been wondering about the passage of time as we have begun celebrating John Monigold and the many years of dedicated service John has given to De La Salle Collegiate. To a countless number of you, John has been the consistent, guiding presence in the life of our beloved school for the past thirty plus years. To many of you, John is a classmate, friend and colleague. And for all of us at De La Salle Collegiate, John is an outstanding example of what it means to be a Lasallian. Whether it is the innumerable number of hours that John has devoted to the Christian Brothers’ Dinner, our annual student raffle and the many reunions and lunches he attends each year, John is always present with a kind smile, a warm and generous heart, and a deep devotion to De La Salle Collegiate.

John is not leaving De La Salle Collegiate but simply transitioning to an “emeritus status” in our Advancement Office. Come the new year, John will be our “Director Emeritus of Alumni Relations.” John will be spearheading the student raffle and our Christian Brothers’ Dinner. Although John may not be as present for every hour of every day once the new year begins, his presence will be felt in ways too numerous to count. For certain whenever one proclaims “It’s a great day to be a Pilot,” we will automatically think of John with a smile and thank him for all he has done and will continue to do for our community.

Thank you, John Monigold, on behalf of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, the Board of Trustees, our Administration, Faculty, Staff, and the Students we are blessed to serve, and the many, many dedicated members of our alumni for the gift you are to De La Salle Collegiate. It is indeed a great day to be a Pilot, and it is an even better day to be a Pilot when we are blessed to be in your company. May God continue to keep you and your loved ones close to His sacred heart.

Live, Jesus, in our hearts, forever!

John M. Knight
President
Monigold Announces Retirement Plans

De La Salle Collegiate President John M. Knight announced in early July that John Monigold, ‘66, will become Alumni Relations Director Emeritus effective, January 1, 2018. Although John has thought of retiring, he has chosen to transition to part-time status, and will continue to be involved with De La Salle in many ways, including attending alumni events and reunions, and assisting with the Annual Raffle and the Christian Brothers’ Dinner.

President Knight said, “John Monigold is a valuable member of our De La Salle community, and I am so pleased that rather than outright retirement, he has chosen to continue to remain involved. John’s Lasallian ‘charism’ comes through in all that he does.”

Since 2006, John has served in the Advancement Department as Alumni Relations Director. A long-time volunteer, he began working at De La Salle in 1987 as Advancement Director, and has been involved with the Christian Brothers’ Dinner since its inception in 1982. He was the Dinner Honoree in 2011, and in 2015, he was named a Benefactor of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (BFSC).

John reflected, “A wise person once said, ‘Do something that you like and you won’t have to work a day in your life.’ That has truly been the case with me as I have been fortunate to have attended De La Salle Collegiate, and served as a volunteer and employee of the school for approximately fifty years. A long time indeed, but I have not regretted even one day. Although I will not be working as a full-time employee, I will still be involved. De La Salle will always be in my heart. Go Pilots!”

Director of Advancement Chris Czarnik said, “John Monigold wanted to make this happen, and the result is a great situation for him and for De La Salle. He will have the flexibility and time to enjoy the benefits he has earned from a lifetime of service to his alma mater. And yet he will continue to contribute in ways that have made him such a valuable part of De La Salle’s mission, most importantly building and maintaining lasting, sincere relationships. John Monigold and De La Salle just go together. I am so happy for John, and know our colleagues share that sentiment.”
“De La Salle will always be in my heart. 
Go Pilots!”

Top Left: John Monigold in the 1966 DLS yearbook. 
Above: Brother Robert Carnaghi and John at a recent DLS Football game. 
Left: From the 1965 DLS yearbook - Ralph Guthat, John Monigold and Ed Bertrand at a track meet.
## Congratulations to the Class of 2017

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K Phi Beta Kappa
Q Michigan Competitive Scholarship qualifier
N National Honor Society
I International Baccalaureate Candidate
C Cum Laude
M Magna Cum Laude
S Summa Cum Laude
Congratulations to the Class of 2017

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Valedictorian
Jason Kathawa

Salutatorian
Baozheng Hu

Note: Valedictorian and Salutatorian are determined by the 7th semester grades. Final class rankings and superior academic recognition (Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude) are tentatively based on the 7th semester and ultimately determined by a student’s final grades.

Business
First in Merit .............................................................. Jason Kathawa
Second in Merit ...................................................... Dominic Sciturro

Drama
Performance
First in Merit ....................................................... Austin Piontkowski
Second in Merit ......................................................... John Asman IV

Technical
First in Merit .......................................................... Tyler Pischel
Second in Merit ......................................................... Alexander Schienke

Engineering
First in Merit .......................................................... Nathaniel Maniaci
Second in Merit ........................................................ Jack Kloka

English
First in Merit .............................................................. Jason Kathawa
Second in Merit ............................................................ Jacob Mears

Fine Arts
First in Merit ............................................................ Joseph Decker
Second in Merit ........................................................ Joseph Castiglia

Foreign Language
Spanish
First in Merit .............................................................. Jason Kathawa
Second in Merit ........................................................ Zachary Lilla

French
First in Merit ........................................................ Zachary Breininger
Second in Merit ......................................................... Rene Demers

Journalism and Yearbook
First in Merit ........................................................ Andrew Lemanski
Second in Merit .......................................................... Kevin Lee

Mathematics
First in Merit ................................................................................. Baozheng Hu
Second in Merit  ........................................................................ Brendan Sukowski

Music
Instrumental
First in Merit ........................................................................ Christopher Motowski
Second in Merit ................................................................... John Paul DeKeyzer

Vocal
First in Merit ........................................................................ Matthew Isopi
Second in Merit ................................................................ Matthew Crisher

Religion
First in Merit ........................................................................ Brendan Sukowski
Second in Merit ................................................................ Jason Kathawa

Science
AP Chemistry
First in Merit ........................................................................ Baozheng Hu

IB Chemistry
First in Merit ........................................................................ Jason Kathawa

AP Physics
First in Merit ........................................................................ Baozheng Hu
Second in Merit ................................................................... Adam Migliore

AP Biology
First in Merit ........................................................................ Zachary Breininger
Second in Merit ................................................................ Nathaniel Maniaci

IB Biology
First in Merit ........................................................................ Jacob Mears

Social Studies
First in Merit ........................................................................ Zachary Breininger
Second in Merit ................................................................ Jason Kathawa

Perfect Attendance all 4 years ........................................... Nicholas Romund
The Class of 2017, with 184 graduates, earned more than $19.2 million in academic scholarships through June 2017. The total does not include scholarships students received for financial aid or for athletics.

Counselor Mr. Anthony Albani notes this is the highest scholarship amount for De La Salle Collegiate graduates since the Counseling Department began tracking scholarships in 2006. Mr. Albani said, “73% of the graduates have received at least one scholarship.”

President John M. Knight said, “The scholarship dollars earned by graduates of the Class of 2017 indicate to me that De La Salle Collegiate is doing an outstanding job of preparing our students for college and beyond. One of the hallmarks of a Lasallian secondary education is academic rigor. Clearly, our college preparatory curriculum at De La Salle Collegiate is in line with what the top colleges and universities in our nation are looking for in qualified applicants. I want to applaud not only our graduates from the Class of 2017, but our administration, faculty and staff for their outstanding work. Congratulations one and all!”

“Scholarships are out there for every student, regardless of financial need and academic ability. It’s a matter of working with the counselors and paying attention to all the opportunities that are offered. A lot of material is posted, and it is important students meet deadlines because there are so many scholarships and each one has different paperwork requirements.”

For the Class of 2018, the process begins in October, now that the FAFSA (the Financial Aid form) uses the previous year’s tax information. For the Class of 2017, which began the FAFSA process in October 2016, the 2015 tax returns were used.

“The FAFSA change has really made the process easier. Previously, it was a crunch to get the tax information pulled together in January. With this ‘breathing room,’ everyone can get the FAFSA form completed in a timely manner,” says Mr. Albani.

Affordability is also a factor, says Mr. Albani. “Kids want to look at ‘brand name’ colleges, but may not be able to afford the college – even with scholarships and financial aid. Consequently, students are applying to institutions that may not have been explored in the past.”

One scholarship source – “Raise Me” – generated $406,000 for 12 students. “Raise Me” is a scholarship set up by the Bill and Melissa Gates Foundation; awards are based on grades, test scores, activities, and honors. Mr. Albani expects that the Class of 2018 will qualify for over $2 million in “Raise Me” funds.

Mr. Albani notes that the scholarship opportunities are also posted on the Counseling website, and included in regular emails to classes, as well as to parents.

Mr. Albani says students have been applying to multiple colleges, and consequently received multiple offers. “Robert Ahrens received over $200,000 in scholarship offers,” said Mr. Albani. “Even students with a B- GPA and an average ACT score received multiple offers. The Counselors assisted students with applications to numerous colleges to maximize their opportunities.”

The scholarship total includes the three students who received military academy appointments, an education valued at approximately $500,000 for four years.

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- John Knight

Around De La Salle
Around De La Salle

Advanced Placement Testing Brings Academic Honors to DLS Students

Congratulations to our De La Salle Collegiate Classes of 2017 and 2018 on their outstanding achievements on the spring Advanced Placement exams.

In May 2017, 195 students wrote 361 Advanced Placement Exams in 15 subject areas; 32 students earned Advanced Placement Awards recognizing college-level achievement.

The Class of 2017 Salutatorian, Russell Hu, was named a National AP Scholar, an honor awarded to students who receive an average score of 4 on all AP exams, and scores of 4 or higher on five or more of these exams. Russell took nine exams and earned 4’s and 5’s on all of his exams. He is now attending the University of Michigan.

Of the 32 earning honors, 6 students are AP Scholars with Distinction, 5 students are AP Scholars with Honor, and 21 students are AP Scholars.

**AP Scholars with Distinction:** students who received an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.
- Zachary Breininger
- Andrew Davis
- Russell Hu
- Adam Migliore
- Alexander Schienke
- Brendan Sulkowski

**AP Scholar with Honor:** students who received an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.
- Brendan DeSantis
- Alexander Dulemba (2018)
- Michael Kaly
- Emmanuel Meram (2018)
- Tanner Myers (2018)

**AP Scholars:** Students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.
- Zenon Chovich
- Matthew Dahn
- Rene Demers
- Mason Erskine
- Jordan Hertel
- Ian Hollowaty
- Trevor Hudas
- Nathaniel Maniaci
- Jacob Merrick (2018)
- Matteo Munaco
- Benjamin Nicol
- Andrew Piasecki
- Gregory Pine
- Tyler Pischel
- Nickolas Presley (2018)
- Adam Ross (2018)
- Matthew Schienke
- Armaan Sison
- Cole Tobola (2018)
- Ethan Tucker

Rice Week at De La Salle

During “Rice Week,” DLS students donated more than 3,000 pounds of rice, distributed to the St. Jude (Detroit) Food Pantry and to Gleaners. The friendly class competition counts for Spirit Week points! DLS football beat Brother Rice at the end of Rice Week, 36-14.
Grads Take on Directing Duties

Two De La Salle Collegiate alumni return “home” this Fall to direct the Fall Drama Production, “Moon Over Buffalo,” scheduled for performances December 1 and 2.

They are John Forlini (’89) and Dominic Aldini (’12). John will be Lead Director, and Dominic will serve as Assistant. Both participated in the De La Salle Collegiate Wig and Mask Society (WAMS), and both are graduates of Michigan State University.

John owns Che Cosa, a coffee house and roasting company in Mt. Clemens. He started the Box Theatre in a space adjacent to the Coffee House, and has extensive directing and production experience, as well as performance credits. At MSU, where he earned his degree in Advertising, he performed in West Side Story, and post-graduation, performed at Meadowbrook Theatre and at the Lexington Music Theatre. He’s had roles in plays from Evita to Miss Saigon. His directing credits are extensive, including Chicago, On Golden Pond, and Driving Miss Daisy. He began teaching Marketing this Fall at Fraser High School.

Dominic participated in the De La Salle Marching Band, and was a two-year member of the Spartan Marching Band. He also played in the Spartan Brass Band for five years. He graduated in May 2017 from MSU with a degree in Media and Information, with a secondary major in History.

Alumnus Dave Kirck Named Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Mr. Dave Kirck, De La Salle Collegiate Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017.

Mr. Kirck was selected by his teaching colleagues for the prestigious honor; he was recognized for his achievement at a June 5, 2017 dinner sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit Schools.

A 1983 graduate of De La Salle, Mr. Kirck has taught at De La Salle since 1990. His teaching responsibilities include College Prep Freshman English, Advanced Placement European History, and Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition. He also headed the school’s English Department for eleven years.

Principal Steve Stewart praised Mr. Kirck’s teaching. “Dave is a great example of an effective teacher with a passion for his subject, creativity in his lessons, and making connections with his students. We are very proud and grateful to have him as part of our community.”

Paul Jozefczyk, ’83, noted, “Dave was a great classmate and an even better teacher for my twin sons. Congratulations Mr. Kirck!!”

“I am very fortunate to be surrounded by such a gifted and supportive faculty, staff, and administration,” says Mr. Kirck.
Board of Trustees Names New Chair

Mr. Gregory J. DeMars takes on the Chairman position on the De La Salle Board of Trustees for the 2017-2018 school year. He has served on the Board since July 2015.

Greg replaces Dr. John Moore (‘75) who served on the Board for six years, the last three as Chair. John oversaw the transition of the School Presidency from a Christian Brother, Brother Thomas Lackey, ‘65, to a layperson, Mr. John Knight, and was also instrumental in the Strategic Planning process.

Now a retired partner from the firm of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn, Greg is an adjunct professor at the University of Detroit Mercy Law School. The Wayne State University Law School sponsored Greg, and in March 2017 he was admitted to practice at the U.S. Supreme Court.

Greg is honored to be the first chair who is not a De La Salle graduate. He says that the three issues facing the board are working to make sure there are sufficient funds for the school’s operations, working to increase enrollment, and working with the administration to ensure the school is aligned with its mission of teaching young men in the spirit of St. John Baptist de La Salle.

Although Greg is a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, his son, Greg DeMars (‘00), and nephews Dr. Peter Cracchiolo, DDS (‘03), Matthew Cracchiolo (‘05), Andrew Cracchiolo (‘07), and Mark Cracchiolo (‘10) are all graduates of De La Salle Collegiate. His daughters Sara (‘03) and Bethany (‘07) are graduates of Regina High School, where he served on the Board of Trustees, including President, from 2012-2014. At Regina he was also involved with the school’s capital campaign.

Greg grew up in Lincoln Park, and attended St. Henry. His family moved to St. Clair Shores, where he graduated from St. Isaac Jogues. He moved to Grosse Pointe Woods in his teen years. Greg attended Wayne State University (WSU), on a football scholarship, and earned his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice, and Master’s in Public Administration. He taught Criminal Justice before starting Law School at WSU. Greg clerked for Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice G. Mennen Williams. Currently, he volunteers at the Archdiocese of Detroit, assisting petitioners in preparing documents for the Marriage Tribunal.

He and his wife wife of 37 years, Phyllis, a retired teacher at Our Lady Star of the Sea School, are big supporters of Catholic education at all levels. “Both Regina and De La Salle have wonderful values, and I like that both have diverse socioeconomic populations. De La Salle did great things for my son and this is my way of giving back,” he says.

Also joining the Board are:

Brother Michael Andrejko is currently Director of the Brothers Community at Pittsburgh Central Catholic, his high school alma mater. Brother Michael is Director of College Contacts for the District of Eastern North America (DENA), replacing Brother Richard Galvin (a former teacher at De La Salle Collegiate) who is now Auxiliary Visitor for DENA, headquartered in Lincroft, NJ.

An experienced educator, Brother Michael was Principal at St. John’s, in Washington D.C for six years, and Vice-Principal at Philadelphia West Catholic for seven. He has also served on the Board of Trustees at Calvert Hall in Baltimore.

Brother Michael says, “I have been to De La Salle a few times, and the kids are very friendly. The school has a great reputation.”

Brother Joseph Jozwiak, ‘65 is now in his third year as President at CBA Syracuse, after serving as the school’s Principal since 2009. He is a past faculty
Mr. Tony Lamerato, ’02 is Director of Sales at WXYZ-TV and WMYD-TV20. He has served on the Christian Brothers’ Dinner Committee, and for the last year, on the Board’s Marketing Committee. He was named one of the 2015 DBusiness Magazine’s 30 in Their Thirties, and was also one of 40 named by Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson for 2015’s 40 Under 40 Class.

Tony is pleased to join the Board. He says, “I’m looking forward to playing a role in making sure De La Salle is around for the next 50 years and able to make a difference in a young man’s life like it did for me, while instilling Lasallian values that last a lifetime.”

He lives in Northville with his wife, Jenna, and two daughters.

President John M. Knight said, “De La Salle Collegiate is blessed to welcome our new trustees. Each one of our new trustees brings a deep commitment to Lasallian education. On behalf of our entire school community, I want to offer my heartfelt gratitude to John Moore for his exemplary service to our school. Thank you, John, for all you have done to strengthen our mission! Thank you, too, to Brothers Chris and Fran for their service to our school. You will be missed!”

Leaving the board are Brother Christopher Belleman (’77) and Brother Francis Eells.

### Visiting Michigan Colleges

The Advancement Department will be visiting colleges throughout Michigan this Fall, to reconnect, reengage, and revitalize relationships with our young alumni, as well as any DLS or SJ alumni in the area. Details on locations and times will be posted on the website, as well as provided in alumni emails, posted on the Alumni Facebook page, and on the DLS Alumni Twitter account at @DLSPilotsAlumni. Contact John Monigold at jmonigold@delasallehs.com or 586.541.6212 if you would like to attend.

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Pilot Hangar Receives Major Facelift

The Pilot Hangar - the “brick and mortar” school store - had a major “facelift” this summer.

Established in 2004, the Pilot Hangar carries various sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, and more for purchase online or in the store.

But after 13 years, Mrs. Anne Wiles, Vice President of Finance and Operations at De La Salle Collegiate, decided that it was time for a fresh look.

Mr. Richard Artymovich (’95), owner of EA Graphics, and his crew made layout suggestions and provided “sweat equity” in transforming the Pilot Hangar into a more inviting space.

The Pilot Hangar is open mornings and afternoons and anyone may purchase clothing items online 24/7 at thepilothangar.com.

Staffing the store are Mrs. Joann VanderPutten and Mrs. Christy Lietzow, assisted by students.

In the 2016-2017 school year, three students volunteered to assist in the store. This year, students from Mrs. Aarran Meier’s Marketing/Pilot Hangar class, a new piece of the Business curriculum, are learning the retail business in a more formalized setting.

Mrs. Wiles plans to have the Pilot Hangar become the central spot for all types of sales transactions within the school, such as tickets for Homecoming and Prom.
Annual Freshmen-Grandparents Day

The Bill Fox Gymnasium was filled with freshmen and their grandparents at the Annual Freshmen-Grandparents Day in May 2017. The afternoon includes lunch for the students and their grandparents, a gift for each grandparent, and then a tour of the school. At the event, a professional photographer takes pictures of each student and his grandparents, and the photos are made available online for families.

New Chaplain at De La Salle

Welcome to our new De La Salle Collegiate Chaplain, Father Michael Suhy. Currently he is full-time pastor at St. Louise Parish in Warren.

Father Michael was born in East Detroit, and is one of seven children. He was raised in Canton, and attended Catholic Central. He began college at the University of Michigan, but felt the vocational call.

He transferred to Magdalen College in New Hampshire, and was invited to start a new Benedictine community in Rome, Italy. He made his first vows for the new community in 2000. That same year, the young monastery moved to the birthplace of Saints Benedict and Scholastica in Nursia, Italy. He was ordained to the priesthood on February 10, 2005, the feast of St. Scholastica.

In 2007, Father Michael became the pastor of a small Italian parish in the mountains that covered 18 villages and 75 churches. The passing of his mother in 2010 prompted Father Michael to return to Detroit and begin a new chapter in his life. In April 2011, he began work in the Archdiocese of Detroit at Immaculate Conception (Lapeer), and began the process of becoming a priest in the Archdiocese. He served a year as Associate pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel (Plymouth) before taking over the pastoral responsibilities at St. Louise in 2014.

Father Michael will be saying Mass in the De La Salle Chapel on Wednesday mornings at 7:20 a.m., as well as conducting the monthly liturgies.
In late May 2017 De La Salle Collegiate Campus Minister Brian Barker and Brother Ken Kalinowski visited Haiti. This is Brother Ken's account of their visit.

I arrived in Haiti, with a group of eight Lasallian teachers from Eastern North America (two from Toronto, two from Baltimore, and two from Philadelphia) expecting the worst due to the reputation of the country, but not really realizing what we would see.

We left Metro Detroit with temperatures in the mid-50’s, and arrived in Haiti in mid-90’s heat and humidity. At the airport in Haiti, hundreds of people are waiting for each plane, looking for relatives, or hoping to help visitors to a car with the bags – expecting money to help them survive. One US dollar is worth 65 Haitian dollars, and everywhere we went – the preference was for American money.

We traveled down so-called roads, filled with sewage and smells that are indescribable. We arrived at the school, which is a fortress, and the outside of the school was shocking. However, once the main gate opened, we landed into a beautiful school courtyard filled with hundreds of children. The St. John Baptiste de la Salle School was built with donations from Lasallian schools in the United States and Ireland, after the terrible earthquake that hit the country. There are currently 550 students K-8, and a high school will open this Fall. The school is staffed by six Brothers: the oldest brother is 42 and four are in their 20’s. There are also lay partners who serve from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day.

The school asks each family to contribute what they are able for tuition; no child is turned away due to lack of funds once admitted. Space is limited, and classrooms are large. I walked into the 3rd grade classroom that had one teacher for 55 students!

In the afternoon, we visited an orphanage with about 160 children, about a 1/2 mile away. Many of the orphans came after the earthquake; some are simply abandoned children. Close to 1/3 of the children in the orphanage are mentally or physically challenged. Their parents, unable to care for them, left them at the gate; government services do not exist in Haiti. In the nursery, one woman was caring for 16 children under the age of 2. I was mobbed...
In addition to visiting Cuba with his traveling baseball team this past summer, senior Tom Maxey spent a week in late June-July in Haiti with the HART team.

HART - Haiti and Africa Relief Team (www.h-a-r-t.org), founded in 2009, is a group of dedicated medical professionals and others who make regular mission trips to Haiti and to Africa. Those involved are from St. Paul on the Lake (Grosse Pointe), St. Isidore, St. Philomena, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. The group seeks to feed, clothe, build, educate, repair, organize, and provide medical services during their week-long visits to needy areas.

Tom said, “This was an incredibly eye-opening trip. My brother John (‘14) had gone two years ago, and told me I needed to go. I’m glad I did. John and my mother (Fran) and I were all part of the group. I learned a lot about medical care, but more importantly, I was really able to help people who are in need.”

There are great needs, too many to fathom – but if we won’t help – then who will?

You may wonder, why did we go? It is our hope to bring our students there next year, as a Mission trip, for a few days of service and to see a world that is unlike our own – only an hour and a half plane ride from Florida’s shores. A Lasallian school is called, “to touch hearts” – their impact on our group was certainly that. Having spent years in Papua New Guinea, I thought I had seen it all. Believe me. Haiti was another eye opener.

Let us pray for the people who suffer so greater than ourselves, and may “Jesus, Live in Our Hearts, forever!”
When John Maronto came to De La Salle Collegiate in 1974, he took over a football program that hadn’t had a winning season in many years. The St. Joe’s Class of 1960 graduate played college football at California State Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo, and turned the DLS football program around. Several of his players went on to play college football, several in Division 1 programs, and the Pilots earned national recognition.

After the 1984 season, John was recruited by the Massillon High School (Ohio) program, a legendary powerhouse. John’s mentors, the late Bo Schembechler, coach at the University of Michigan, and George Perles, coach at Michigan State University, both urged him to at least go through the interview, which they saw as a stepping stone in John’s fulfillment of a dream to coach at the college level.

John spent three years at Massillon, which became the first high school in the nation to win 600 games. He then moved to Florida, fulfilling his dream of coaching at the college level, serving as defensive coordinator at Bethune-Cookman University under Hall of Famer Larry Little. He returned to the high school ranks, turning around programs at New Smyrna and Mainland High Schools.

He underwent double bypass surgery in 2008, and within four months was back to coaching full-time. John decided to educate and inspire a broad audience of coaches and players and created a series of inspirational DVD’s, available through Amazon.

Now retired, John continues to be involved with football, and has been a motivational speaker at camps conducted by Alabama coach Nick Saban and Ohio State’s Urban Meyer. He also scouted for the Oakland Raiders for six years, and is a player consultant.

He and his wife Addie, whom he met in college, have five children, a son John (‘83), and four daughters, and eight grandchildren. The Marontos live in Daytona Beach Shores, and spend time traveling and visiting. They recently spent time in Detroit. John met with several classmates, former coaches and players, and other friends at a niece’s restaurant in Mt. Clemens just before Labor Day.

John has many memories of his time at De La Salle, particularly the team that beat Brother Rice in 1984 which had won 28 straight games. “Every team knew they were at De La Salle for an education. My best memories are of how they conducted themselves when they won, and when they got defeated, but most importantly their dedication. I am proud of who they are.”

Gary Buslepp, who is now on the DLS Faculty part-time in the Academic Support program, has fond memories of John.

“I came to De La Salle in the Fall of 1977, when Austin High School closed, the same year as Mike Szatkowski, who was fresh out of college. We both worked in the football program and I recall John’s tireless work ethic in preparing our teams for games. No one outworked him. As a football staff, we burned the midnight oil preparing for each game. I must admit that I dozed off during a couple of film sessions around 1 a.m. with classes the next day. I recall John saying ‘Becoming the best at anything in life does not happen by accident: I thoroughly enjoyed learning from John. His relentless approach to being the best rubbed off on all the players he coached and the coaches he mentored.’ases the next day. I recall John saying ‘Becoming the best at anything in life does not happen by accident: I thoroughly enjoyed learning from John. His relentless approach to being the best rubbed off on all the players he coached and the coaches he mentored.’
Summer Camps Hit Another Milestone!

This summer we continued to break our own records. We had over 700 students participate in our summer camps. This is nearly 100 kids more than the previous year. It is another great example of the great demand for a Lasallian education here in Metro Detroit.

Mr. Kevin Fitzhenry, Associate Director of Admissions and Summer Camps Coordinator, believes that next summer we will continue to break records with even more exciting camps and opportunities for young people to stay involved at De La Salle Collegiate over the summer months.

To that end, we are really excited about some upcoming opportunities that are featured throughout this edition of The Collegiate. They are:

- **Future Pilot Appreciation Night** - October 6th
- **Open House** - November 5th

- **Coffee Talks** - The first Wednesday of each month
- **Pilot for a Day Visits** - Any day school is in session
- **School Tours** - any day school is in session

We believe the best way for a family to learn about the value of a De La Salle Collegiate education is by visiting campus and exploring if for themselves. All of the events listed are completely free and open to any prospective families. The only exception is the Pilot for a Day visit where students do need to be in 7th or 8th grade.

If families have any questions, we encourage them to contact the Admissions Office. Bill Burkhardt, Kevin Fitzhenry, and Andrea Mason, are eager to help families with any questions they have. We can be reached at 586-541-6220 or admissions@delasallehs.com.

Welcome - Class of 2021
FALL ACTIVITIES NIGHT
Wednesday, September 20th
6:00 pm
Prospective Students compete as teams in various mental / physical challenges while parents meet with DLS staff to discuss the value of a Lasallian Education. Register online at www.delasallehs.com.

FUTURE PILOT APPRECIATION NIGHT
Friday, October 6th
6:00 pm
Varsity Football Game vs. Cathedral Prep @ Wayne State
Visit with DLS faculty and staff and cheer on the Pilots during a varsity football game! Register online at www.delasallehs.com.

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, November 5th
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Take a tour with a current student to learn more about De La Salle Collegiate. All DLS teachers, administrators, coaches, and moderators will be on hand to answer your questions. Register online at www.delasallehs.com.

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST
Saturday, November 18th or Saturday, December 2nd
8:00 am - $40 Testing Fee
Register for the HSPT online at www.delasallehs.com.

SUMMER CAMP EXPO
Sunday, May 6th
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Boys and girls can participate in hands-on activities while learning about the 2018 Summer Camps. Register online at www.delasallehs.com.

PILOT FOR A DAY
Any 7th or 8th grade student can visit for the day with a current student and attend class. Register online at www.delasallehs.com.

COFFEE TALKS
Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 10, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, Apr. 11, May 2
9:30 am
Any prospective parent is invited to observe daily student life and talk with DLS staff over a hot cup of coffee. Register online at www.delasallehs.com.

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Spring Sports Highlights

Baseball
- The Varsity Baseball Team finished 27-12 (13-6 CHSL Central), and captured the District Title.
- The team was named an Academic All-State Team with a 3.64 GPA.
- Individual All-State Academic Honors went to Hunter Broski ('18), Ben Hyndman ('18), Kyle Jones ('18), and Michael Karam ('17).
- Now playing baseball at the college level are Michael Karam (Northwood University), Keegan Kresevich (Saginaw Valley State University), and Brett Sandora (Madonna University).
- Bryce Bush ('18) set the DLS single season home run record with 16, and the batting average record at .541. He is committed to Mississippi State University.
- The JV Baseball team finished 16-8 (12-6 CHSL Central, first place).
- The Freshmen team finished 19-10-2 (9-5-1 CHSL Central, third place).

Golf
- Won the Macomb County Championship for the fourth consecutive year.
- Team finished two shots out of placing for the MHSAA State Finals.
- Anthony Comito ('18) qualified for the MHSAA finals. He was also Honorable Mention All-State. He is committed to Oakland University on an athletic scholarship.
- Won the Dearborn Elite Tournament (24 teams).
- Placed in the top ten in 7 of 9 tournaments.
- The team qualified for the All State Academic Team for the sixth year in a row.
- Nick Rutkowski ('17) received All-State All Academic Honors.
- JV Golf had a top ten finish in 5 of 8 tournaments.

Lacrosse
- The Varsity team finished 10-10.
- Won the Regional Championship for the first time since 2010.
- Paul Manuszak ('17) named an All-American, All-Academic. He also received All Catholic honors, and was All County First Team.
- JV Lacrosse made it to the CHSL playoffs, and beat Bro. Rice.

Verska Inducted into HOF

Congratulations to former De La Salle Collegiate Football Coach Paul Verska, inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches (MHSCA) Hall of Fame on September 17. The event was held on the campus of Central Michigan University where Verska is a Special Assistant on the school's football staff.

Verska coached at De La Salle from 2002 - 2015; he took the Pilots to 11 Playoff appearances, and to the State Finals three times, before winning the school's first football championship, the Division 2 title, in 2014. He compiled a 106-53 record, and is the school's winningest coach.

“Coach Verska is well-respected in the coaching community and made an incredible difference in the lives of so many young men that he coached, especially here at De La Salle,” stated Mike Watson, Director of Athletics. “To be included with the greatest coaches in state history is an honor to Paul’s accomplishments and a testament to LaSallian education.”
Spring Sports Highlights

**Track**
- CHSL A-B Team Championship, first time since 1996.
- MHSAA Regional Championship, third title in four years.
- MHSAA Finals, 14th of 55 teams.
- Allen Stritzinger ('17) was CHSL Champion and Regional champion in 110m and 300m hurdles. At the MHSAA State Finals, he finished third in the 110m., and second in the 300 m., earning All State honors. He broke the school record in the 110m at the state meet, at 14.57, and broke the 300m at the Midwest Meet of Champions at 38.06.
- Kevin Lee ('17) was CHSL Champion in the 100m and 200m, and MHSAA Regional Champion in the 200m.
- Brendan Sulkowski ('17) was CHSL Champion in the 400m.
- Joe Lietzow ('17) was a state qualifier in the high jump, and All-Macomb County Third Team.
- The 400m relay team of Kevin Lee ('17), Allen Stritzinger ('17), Josh DeBerry ('19), and Zach Kendall ('18) won championships at the CHSL, Macomb County, and Regionals.
- The 1600m relay team of Brendan Sulkowski ('17), Allen Stritzinger ('17), Robert Kroll ('18), and Semaj Shelton ('18) won the CHSL Championship and was a state qualifier.

**Pilots Capture CHSL Honors**

Congratulations to the following Class of 2017 De La Salle Collegiate graduates who were honored at the CHSL Scholar-Athlete Banquet on June 5. Four Pilots captured League Honors, including Greg Pine (Hockey), Paul Manuszak (Lacrosse), Jacob Huttenlocher (Swimming), and Brendan Sulkowski (Track).
Athletic News

New Coach for Hockey

De La Salle Collegiate is pleased to announce the hiring of Sean Clark as the next leader of the Pilots’ ice hockey program. Clark takes over from Craig Staskowski, who resigned in March after leading the Pilots to a MHSAA Division 3 state championship in his first year.

Over the past three seasons, Clark has been an associate coach for the Oakland Junior Grizzlies, most recently at the U18 AAA level. In a way, Clark will be returning to De La Salle. In 2013, he coached several De La Salle students to a fall league championship as part of the Eastside Pilots organization.

A graduate of Brother Rice High School (’99), Sean is a native of Royal Oak. He played a season for the Warriors before moving on to play college hockey for the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire where he was a four-year starter and was twice named team captain of the BluGolds. In addition to being named All-WIAC Academic three times, Clark earned a bachelor’s degree in Operations and Material Management with a certificate in Leadership.

After graduation, Clark had a short stint with the Bakersfield (CA) Condors of the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL). Since retiring from professional hockey, Sean has worked as a successful coach, general manager and director of player development in the North American Hockey League (NAHL). In addition, Clark has held posts as the director of scouting for the Omaha Lancers (USHL) and was the assistant director of central scouting for the USHL for two years. As a coach of the Michigan Jaguars (NAHL), his team captured the U18 Tier II National Championship.

In his time with the Oakland Junior Grizzlies, Sean has a proven track record of effectively teaching situational hockey, developing individual skills and evaluation of talent. In fact, his U18 team this year finished ranked 3rd nationally. During his tenure with the Grizzlies, ten players earned NCAA Division 1 scholarships.

“Sean not only understands the game from a tactical standpoint and will move our program forward, but his work in scouting and talent development will give our players a clear roadmap to understanding what it takes to succeed at the next level. Most of all, his background in Catholic education closely aligns with the mission and values of the Collegiate,” stated Mike Watson, Director of Athletics.

Coach McKay Inducted to Macomb HOF

Congratulations to De La Salle Collegiate Varsity Golf Coach Doug McKay, inducted in May 2017 to the Macomb County Coaches Hall of Fame.

McKay has previously been inducted into the CHSL Hall of Fame (2012).

McKay began his career at De La Salle in 1994. His teams have dominated the Macomb County Championships, and he has sent teams or individuals to the state finals nearly every year.

While McKay has a lengthy record of wins, his most memorable moments are “when I run into players from past years who want to talk about how much DLS golf meant to them and how they have taken what they have learned into their current professions.”
Congratulations to the following graduates of the Class of 2017 on being named recipients of these special athletic awards: (all quotes from Director of Athletics Mr. Mike Watson).

"Several schools may say that selecting their award winners is difficult. However, I've never been a part of a school with more outstanding student-athletes as De La Salle Collegiate. Being an outstanding athlete, student or leader is not a surprise, but a byproduct of work, dedication, and commitment here. Our special award winners set the pace for our underclassmen each year, and 2017 was no different. I look forward to watching the Class of 2018 and beyond compete to attempt to fill the shoes of those who preceded them."

**Br. Kevin Gilhooly Athlete of the Year Award: Allen Stritzinger**

Presented to a student-athlete who has excelled in one or more sports.

"A two-way performer in football, Allen is known for his versatility and athleticism. He can play running back or wideout, safety, corner or specialist. Allen's football skill earned him a scholarship to Syracuse, but I was most impressed with his desire to simply be the best athlete he could be. He became a respected contributor on the varsity basketball team because of his tenacity and desire. He rounded out his senior campaign by being one of the most dominant hurdlers in Michigan, earning all-state honors in both the low and high hurdles."

**Tony DeSantis Man of the Year Award: Jacob Huttenlocher**

Presented to a student who is an all-around student, and who has worked hard in and out of the classroom.

"The ideals that defined Coach DeSantis are alive in Jake Huttenlocher today. It's easy to see that Jake is one of the finest swimmers in school history. He's earned all-state status five times and was the Macomb County swimmer of the year this past season. As a captain, he helped lead the Pilots to a top-five state finish and was a contributing member of the 2016 state runner-up squad. What many may not see is that this Eagle Scout did all this and maintained a GPA over 4.0 while going through rigorous two-a-day practices."

**Brother Robert Carnaghi Lasallian Spirit Award: Brendan Kraiza**

Present to a student who is a dedicated supporter of his fellow Pilots.

"If you are looking for a student who exudes DLS pride and spirit, look no further than Brendan Kraiza. You can't miss him in the Bro-Zone not just because of his size, but because he's the loudest and most-spirited as well. You could see the same support at football, hockey, and basketball games as well as swim meets and baseball games. If the Pilots were competing, Brendan Kraiza was there."

**DLS Scholar Athlete Award: Brendan Sulkowski**

Presented to a student-athlete who has excelled in the classroom and in his sport.

"I can't think of anyone better to receive the scholar-athlete award than Brendan Sulkowski. Brendan is clearly one of the most outstanding students in the school academically. He is an outstanding track athlete in addition to his outstanding work in Campus Ministry."

**DLS Distinguished Athlete Award: Gregory Pine**

Presented to a student athlete who has excelled in his sport.

"Greg Pine epitomizes what it means to be a Pilot. Not only did he extend his leadership to the ice to help the varsity win a state championship, he also helped lead the lacrosse team to a Regional title, scoring multiple goals in the championship. Beyond his athletic prowess and leadership abilities, Greg is an absolute standout in the classroom. I look forward to following his career."

Coaches and staff members nominate young men for each award; a committee of administrators, staff, and coaches then reviews the nominations.
Bob Maxey, Class of 1985

Bob Maxey, ‘85, had a summer to remember. He spent a week in Havana, Cuba, with his family, watching his son Tom play baseball, and visiting historical sites in the area.

The trip was first proposed last winter by Bob’s brother-in-law, who coaches the travel team Bob has managed for several years. Some American teams have visited Cuba in the last year or two, but none from Michigan. The two began checking the possibilities, contacting travel agents, the state’s United States Senators, the U.S. State Department. The entire team and their families met at the Maxey home in Grosse Pointe Woods in March - boys from De La Salle Collegiate, University of Detroit High School, and Grosse Pointe South. All the families wanted to go.

So, on August 1, the group flew to Miami, and then on to Cuba for a cultural visit. They brought luggage - and several pieces of baseball equipment - mitts, bats, helmets - items that would be left behind for the Cuban Baseball Federation officials to distribute after the Americans departed.

Bob is no stranger to baseball teams traveling. In 2013, his son Tom, now a senior at De La Salle, was part of the Grosse Pointe Woods Shores Little League team that won the Great Lakes Regional Championship and headed to Williamsport, PA. In fact, he’s managed or coached baseball and hockey with his sons for years.

All four of his sons have attended De La Salle. Rob graduated in 2012, attended Michigan State University, and is now working in Las Vegas. Bob says the experience is good training for Bob in employee management skills. John (’14) is majoring in Computer Engineering at the University of Michigan, while Scott (’15) is at Michigan State studying Mechanical Engineering. Tom is a current senior. And daughter Sydney is a freshman at Regina. All of the Maxey children attended Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Bob himself also attended Catholic schools, graduating from St. Anne in Warren, and then spending his freshman year at Bishop Foley, where his older sister Sherry was already a student. When De La Salle moved from Detroit to Warren in 1982, however, Bob transferred, graduating in 1985. He then headed to the University of Michigan to major in Economics.

Although Bob’s father started his Lincoln dealership on Mack near Cadieux in Detroit in 1972, Bob says there was never any pressure to join the family business. He spent summers working at the dealership - washing cars, sweeping floors, learning how to change oil. But after college, he became a salesman at the Detroit dealership.

The dealership has grown, and in 2003, Bob opened a downtown Detroit location, aiming to service cars for downtown workers, providing shuttle service and loaners to customers. In 2014, a dealer in Howell offered them the opportunity to take over his business. Bob, along with his brother Mike, ’90 and sister Sherry, mother of Matthew Held ’16, decided that Howell offered the opportunity to expand into a growing area.

With his knowledge of cars, Bob enjoyed Havana, seeing the old cars, but notes that Havana, despite its two million plus population, has no traffic jams. He says the buildings are old, but well-maintained.

But most of all, Bob was impressed with the friendliness of the Cubans they encountered on the streets and in restaurants, and of the boys they met - an All-Star team in Havana.
of 15 year olds. “They practice six hours a day,” says Bob. “And they have incredible skills. But they don’t have equipment - they had two bats for the whole team. Their helmets have no padding. It broke my heart that we couldn’t give them the equipment right away.”

The teams played each day, and met with Cuban stars - the “Derek Jeters, and the Justin Verlanders of Cuba.” Bob says the boys knew about American baseball from ESPN. The teens showed each other pictures on their phones, and the American teens encountered the reality of internet access in Cuba - limited to five minutes, expensive, and slow. “Our boys really learned that they have it so much better at home in the United States,” says Bob. The trip included a visit to the Presidential Palace, now a museum, where the bullet holes from the 1959 Revolution are still in the walls.

He estimates that the people under age 60, who have no recollection of the way Cuba was before Castro’s revolution in 1959, are eager for more involvement with the United States. “I understand the appeal of Castro at the time. 75% of the land was owned by 8% of the population, and they were eager for change.” Bob has no plans to open a dealership in Cuba, however. “All dealerships are owned by the government.”

He would like to return to Cuba, and says its people are ready for tourism. “The average Cuban makes only $40-$50 a month. But Cuba has free education and more than 40 colleges and universities. Its people are highly literate. Cab drivers are making ten times more than a doctor, and can speak English. A lot has to happen for tourism to work. There are no drugstores. No department stores. Only a few restaurants are owner-operated. The 1948 cars are worth $30,000. Everything is expensive.”

Bob has been supportive of De La Salle, and recognizes its impact on his life, and the lives of his sons. “I was extremely well-prepared for college. But De La Salle does more than that. You learn to do what is right, to look out for others, to have compassion for people.”

Although the local public high school is a stone’s throw from his home, Bob and his wife of 24 years have chosen to send their children to Catholic schools. “I wanted the boys to be in a Christian environment. De La Salle gives you something that the public schools don’t give - a sense of brotherhood with other boys. I didn’t realize it when I was in high school how the motto ‘Builders of Boys, Makers of Men’ is carried out. My sons would come home and talk about how they would walk by a Brother, and if one of the boys didn’t say hello, he would be called out. It’s important for young men to learn how to act with other people and be professional. I don’t think they’d get that elsewhere. I believe in what De La Salle is doing. I believe in the discipline. The structure. The regimen.”

To his fellow alumni Bob says, “De La Salle gives the best academic experience. The best. There is a personal and faith experience that they can get out of the school - whether Catholic or Christian or any religion.”
PLANNING A REUNION?

Planning a reunion starts with a call to the DLS Alumni Office. John Monigold will work with class representatives to provide class lists and contact information, suggest a venue for the reunion, and provide any support services he can.

Call 586-541-6212 or email jmonigold@delasallehs.com

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**Alumni News**

**Michael Glasgow**, '94. In June, Michael conducted the New York premiere of his Requiem at Carnegie Hall. Since 1998, Michael has been Minister of Music at North Raleigh United Methodist Church. Read more online at www.delasallehs.com

**Joe Hagen**, SJ ‘53, recently retired from his part-time job driving a tour bus for Blue Lakes Charter Tours.

**Matt Loria**, '95 was featured in an article in the May 21, 2017 Detroit Free Press, entitled “Cyber Pirates ransoming small businesses’ data.” Matt is co-owner and CEO of Auxiom, a computer security business. He expects to have 15 employees at the Madison Heights based company, and revenues of $1.5 - $2 million. Matt says they have small and medium-sized clients, with anywhere from 15 to 250 computers, and ask as everything from the “help desk to chief information officer.”

**Joe Hagen**, SJ ‘53, recently retired from his part-time job driving a tour bus for Blue Lakes Charter Tours.

**Donald Miriani**, SJ ‘52, recently celebrated his 61st wedding anniversary. Donald and his wife Marilyn make their home in St. Clair Shores, and have five children and 12 grandchildren.

**Josh Sinagoga**, '09, is a graduate assistant for the Central Michigan University football program. Josh attended Northwood, where he earned a degree in Sports Management, as well as an MBA. He quarterbacked the Northwood team, and spent time on staff as a graduate assistant before joining the CMU staff. Josh says, “The job is everything from film breakdown to scouting reports to warming units up before a game. It’s paying your dues as a young coach, and trying to make the head coach’s job as easy as possible.”

Josh acknowledges his De La Salle experience. “The DLS tradition prepared me for coaching. It was a very smooth transition. You don’t realize it at the time how important it was at DLS to be a part of a community, and how much DLS prepares you for the rest of your life.”

Also at CMU is former DLS Head Coach Paul Verska (see page 42) who is a Special Assistant on the Chippewas Football Staff, working with high school recruits. On the CMU roster this fall are Shane Morris ('13), Josh Cox ('13), and Mike Danna ('15).

**Connor Tava** ’12, was inducted into the CHSL Hall of Fame in a June 2017 ceremony. While at De La Salle, he led the basketball team to three CHSL Championships, and earned Detroit Free Press Dream Team and All-State Honors.

Connar began his college career at Western Michigan University, and helped the team win the 2013 MAC Tournament and advance to the NCAA Tournament. His eligibility at Western expired, Connar transferred to Boston College for the 2016-2017 season and was the second leading rebounder on the team.

**Brother Luke (John) Van Berkum** ('12) professed his first vows as a Dominican Friar in Cincinnati on August 15. Also at the ceremony was Brother Luke's older sibling, Brother Anthony (Benedict) Van Berkum ('10). Brother Luke graduated from the University of Notre Dame, while Brother Anthony is a Stanford graduate. This fall, both are studying theology at the Dominican Academic House in Washington DC, adjacent to Catholic University of America.

**Dan Zolik**, '64, says he’s loving northern Michigan and that “lots of retired Pilots are up here.”
The Class of 1987 Reunion

The Class of 1987 recently gathered for its 30th Reunion, organized by Andy Guzik, and held at Danny J’s Brick Tavern in Utica, owned by Dan Jaraczeski.

De La Salle Honors Veterans and Servicemen

De La Salle Collegiate is proud to recognize and commemorate those alumni and staff who have honorably served our nation in the United States Armed Forces: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force. A memorial wall display is prominently located in the school’s main hallway, next to the main office, honoring qualified individuals. The memorial wall was established by DLS Principal, Mr. Steve Stewart, himself a U.S. Army veteran. There are two eligibility categories:

- Honorably Discharged Veterans will have their names permanently added to the wall.
- Currently serving service members, both active and reserve components, will have their names added to the wall for one year, renewable upon annual notification.

Veterans (or family members who identify their relationship to the nominee for record keeping purposes) should provide the following information to Mrs. Anita Griffin at 586.541.6201 or agriffin@delasallehs.com

- First and Last Name
- Graduation Year from DLS
- Highest Rank
- Branch of Service
- Service Years (i.e., 1995 – 1999)
- Duty Locations (state and/or country)
- Service awards and decorations (optional)

Veterans may also supply additional information such as quotes, service anecdotes, or pictures. All submitted materials become the property of De La Salle and cannot be returned. The board is updated quarterly.
In Memoriam

1930’s

1940’s

1950’s
Philip LaFata, ’50, passed away on August 22, 2017.

1960’s

1970’s
Michael Belletini, ’76. April 19, 2017. Brother of the late Steven Belletini (’73) and Greg Belletini (’77).
Thomas Migan, ’74. October 14, 2016.

1980’s

Extended Family
Rosanne DeRaedt. March 29, 2017. Mother of Steven DeRaedt (’76) and Leo DeRaedt (’81).
In Memoriam


Dominic Giannone. September 3, 2017. Father of Mike Giannone, current Faculty member and Football Coach.


Frank Krolczyk. July 20, 2017. Father of Daniel Krolczyk (’97) and Steven Krolczyk (’00).

Thomas “Tom” Lilla. July 1, 2017. Father of Mike Lilla (’86), Joe Lilla (’89), Paul Lilla (’93), and Chris Lilla (’98). Grandfather of Zachary Lilla (’17). Husband of Noreen Lilla, an active member of the Christian Brothers’ Auxiliary for many years. Tom was a member of the “chain gang” for all home football games for several years, and also was in charge of the Dads’ Club Father/Son Bowling League.


Donald Peters. July 23, 2017. Father of David Peters (’82), Ken Peters (’71), and Keith Peters (’78). For many years in the late ’70s and early ’80s, Don was the “Voice” of the Pilots’ football games.


Joe Wojcik. July 2, 2017. Father of Mark Wojcik (’69) and Gerard (’72). Grandfather of Josh Wojcik (’13). Joe was involved with the DLS Dads’ Club while his sons attended school, and for many years after they graduated. Joe may best be remembered as the bus driver for the sports teams. In later years, Joe could always be found supporting the Pilots at many sports activities.


This list represents notifications received through September 8, 2017. If you know of an alumnus or family member who has passed, please contact John Monigold in the DLS Alumni Office at 586.541.6212.
Alumni Events

Alumni Town Hall Meeting - Tuesday, October 10, 6-8:00 pm at De La Salle.

Senior Alumni Christmas Luncheon - Tuesday, Dec. 5, at noon, Barrister Gardens, St. Clair Shores. For all DLS Classes 1929-1968, and all St. Joe's graduates.

Christian Brothers’ Dinner - Thursday, April 26, at Penna’s of Sterling.

Alumni Bowling - Second Thursday of each month, at 6-8 pm, Detroit Bowling and Skills Center, 7023 E. 14 Mile Rd., Sterling Heights. Join us!

Luncheons

Class of 1941 meets the third Thursday of the month, 12 pm, at Wave’s Restaurant, 24223 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores.

Class of 1947 meets on the first Thursday of every month, 12 pm, at Charlie’s Restaurant, 22315 Harper Avenue in St. Clair Shores.

Class of 1958 meets on the third Tuesday of every month, 11:30 am, at American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road, Troy.

Class of 1963 meets on the third Thursday of the month, 9:30 am at Country Inn, 35756 Van Dyke Avenue Sterling Heights.

Reunions

Class of 1982 35 Year reunion. Saturday, September 30, 6-10 pm. Fifth Avenue Royal Oak, 215 West Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. Contact Paul Fox 248-894-8365 or Ron Stano 596-703-9570.

De La Salle Events

CBA Pilot Football Excursion - An Adventure of Shopping, Dinner, and Pilot Football, Saturday, Oct. 13. Before the game, we will visit Canfield Street in Midtown for dinner and shopping at hot stores like Shinola, Filson, Third Man Records, and City Bird. The bus will leave DLS at 3:30 pm, returning after the game.

De La Salle Collegiate Open House - Sunday, November 5, noon to 3 pm at DLS.

CBA Sip & Shop - Friday, November 17 • 6 pm at DLS. Tickets are limited, so purchase them in advance!

CBA Holiday Arts & Crafts Show - Saturday, Nov 18 • 9 am – 4 pm at DLS.

De La Salle Fall Drama "Moon Over Buffalo" - Dec. 1 and 2 at DLS.

CBA Spring Fantasy Fashion Show - Wednesday, March 21, 2018 • 6 pm at Penna’s of Sterling.
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