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IB Juniors Vince Compton, Ian Earle, Joe Pierce, Andrew Grewette, Alex Scotta, Athanase Kanon, and Kevin Kathawa in Montana in September 2017. The students spent time at the DLS Blackfeet School, tutoring students, and then at Glacier National Park, doing scientific research. Full story on page 4.
Dear Reader,

We selected the cover photo for *The Collegiate* several weeks ago, as the International Baccalaureate Program has now completed a full, four-year cycle, with the first cohort writing their IB Exams last May. The lead story details two of their most recent service trips, to Montana and New Orleans, as well as work with local non-profits.

In this issue, we also spotlight two of De La Salle Collegiate’s rather famous alumni - brothers Frank and Sam Viviano. Frank has written extensively for *National Geographic* and been a foreign correspondent; Sam, “the guy who could draw,” retires at the end of the year as Art Director for *Mad Magazine*. Interestingly, in separate interviews a few months apart, both praised their De La Salle education as “rigorous” - a description of academics at De La Salle that applies today.

The hallways are abuzz as we prepare to send *The Collegiate* to print. A football state championship, the second one for De La Salle, capped off the Fall Sports season. Second-year coach Mike Giannone was named the Detroit Lions High School Coach of the Year. A full recap of the Fall Sports Season is on pages 20 - 27.

But athletics is just one piece of life here at 14600 Common.

This fall, a group of dedicated students are preparing weekly news videos, and their interviewing and video editing skills have steadily improved. Our Student Broadcast Team has lugged equipment to nearly every football game, and also did the broadcasts of several soccer games. Alumni all over the country tuned in to hear their reports at www.dlsbroadcast.com. The boys will be back “on the air” during most basketball and hockey games.

Musicians have qualified for college and area Honors Bands. The WAMS put on a great comedy this past weekend, directed by two alumni. And just after the final curtain fell on Sunday, dance auditions began for the spring musical, *The Wiz*, scheduled for February 22 through 24.

Academically, the boys are preparing for semester exams in a few weeks. Mike Szatkowski and his team have worked with students who need that extra bit of academic support - and the results are amazing. The data shows that boys who had a tough time with a subject, such as Algebra or Biology, are now in Honors Classes.

Most heartwarming of all, has been the fantastic spirit of giving our student body has displayed. We can really see “*Builders of Boys, Makers of Men*” in action as the boys acquire the Lasallian spirit of giving to others, particularly to those less fortunate. Whether it was a collection of rice during “Rice Week,” or donations for local food pantries, our Pilots stepped up. They have a sense of “Brotherhood,” the same spirit that drives alumni to remain committed to De La Salle.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Happy and Holy Christmas.

*St. John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us. Live, Jesus, in our hearts forever.*

Mrs. Vicki Granger
Editor of *The Collegiate*
Focus On International

Students Journey Out of State to Help Others, Learn

Montana - September 2017

Nine members of the International Baccalaureate Program (IB) Class of 2019 - Vince Compton, Ian Earle, Andrew Grewette, Kevin Kathawa, Athanase Konon, Jacob Kujawa, Joe Pierce, Alex Scotta, and Anthony Stull - along with teachers Brent Castine, Brad Cusumano, Stephanie Howay, and Catherine Leix spent September 10-16, 2017, in Montana. The trip was part of the CAS portion of the IB Curriculum (see page 7).

After arriving on Sunday, the group had dinner at the Brothers’ residence (at the DLS Blackfeet School in Browning, MT), immediately endearing themselves to a few members of the staff (who live with the Brothers) and the resident dogs.

On Monday through Wednesday, the boys spent their days working - tutoring, helping, assisting, etc. - at De La Salle Blackfeet School. DLS Blackfeet is a San Miguel school housing approximately 75 students grades 4-8.

After a half day at DLS Blackfeet on Wednesday, the group traveled to Glacier National Park and got their first taste of the raw beauty of the mountains during their hike to St. Mary and Virginia Falls.

The group hiked 22 miles over two days to Iceberg Lake and Cracker Lake.

Due to wildfires in Glacier National Park, the group was not able to spend Wednesday through Friday nights in Apgar as originally planned, but did get to spend Friday night in the historic Many Glacier Hotel on the east side of Glacier National Park.

This is the third trip to Montana that the IB program has taken since its inception. Other trips were in May 2016 and September 2016.

New Orleans - April 2017

After Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana in 2005, many New Orleans residents were displaced. One such resident was Mr. Theo Watson: his family home, on the street where he and his four brothers were raised, was lifted off the ground and moved across the street. The area, known as St. Bernard Parish, was rendered 100% uninhabitable.

Mr. Watson tried to rebuild his home, but after months of construction, he was no longer able to afford the rebuilding effort. He reached out to the St. Bernard Project (SBP). Founded in 2006, SBP’s

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“My experience at De La Salle Blackfeet was absolutely outstanding. The fifth graders were an amazingly talented group of kids that I enjoyed working with. I can’t wait to see what they do in the future and would like to go back one day.”

- Andrew Grewette

“I did not want to leave the school because I wanted to make sure that the kids at the school didn’t get into trouble and received a good education. I wanted to see them succeed in the future.”

- Jacob Kujawa

“I felt extremely sad when we left the Blackfeet School because I made an amazing connection with my sixth graders and didn’t want to leave them so soon. If given the chance, I would go back to Montana in a heartbeat to see and help my class once again!”

- Kevin Kathawa
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Students Help Others and Learn

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goal is to shrink the time between disaster and recovery.

The DLS IB Class of 2018 worked in New Orleans from April 2 - 7, at the direction of SBP, to rebuild the Watson home. The group included students Patrick Sciortino, Andy Yeiser, Adam Ross, Nathan Jarski, Majeed Mokhtari, Michael Jones, Andrew Connell, and Ben Iacona, and faculty members Brad Cusumano, Stephanie Howay, and Mike Shortt.

Over the course of the week at Mr. Watson’s home, students measured and cut pieces of siding, put siding on the house, caulked the siding, primed the wood for the porch, and painted the home’s exterior. One of the most exciting parts of the project was that students were trusted to use power tools, including a power saw and nail gun. Students also attached hurricane braces under the house, and used their strength to dig a hole as a foundation for porch steps.

Mr. Watson visited the house and spoke with students twice over the course of the week and said the difference between a house and home was that the house was something physical, while “a home is any place you feel welcome.”

During the week, the students got to experience New Orleans culture, including the French Quarter’s Jazz Festival. The students also toured a swamp, learning about the basic biological functions of alligators and each held an alligator. Students used down time to socialize and get to know each other better.

Nine members of the 2019 IB Class will travel to New Orleans again in March 2018 to volunteer with the SBP.
IB Students Serve Local Non-Profits

Students in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program don't just travel out of state to fulfill the CAS (Creative, Activity, Service) component of their curriculum. Each month, students spend a day volunteering, living out the Lasallian mission within our Metro Detroit community. Service during the 2016-2017 school year was varied; this is a brief sampling.

In February 2017, 15 students manned the Project Healthy Community mobile food pantry, which they had helped stock during January. They spent the morning “shopping” with residents in Northwest Detroit, helping to distribute more than 20,000 pounds of food, loading groceries into carts, and then unloading into carts. During the afternoon they discussed food choices within communities with the Repair the World Organization. The boys discussed ideal meals, and whether their ideal meal would be possible given the food distributed that morning. For example, one students’ ideal meal was a grilled cheese sandwich - but bread, cheese, and butter were not distributed that morning.

During March 2-17, the IB Class of 2018 traveled to a middle school in Hamtramck, partnering with a group of Michigan State University Students to facilitate an enrichment activity. The students led small groups of middle schoolers in discussing what their career choices were, and mapped out the kinds of classes they should take, and suggested activities during high school.

Both IB groups - the Class of 2018 and the Class of 2019 spent time volunteering during the Summer of 2017 with Summer in the City (SITC). The SITC mission is to improve and expand community service through the three P’s - Paint, Plant, and Play. The group has over 200 volunteers a day creating murals, building and maintaining urban gardens, and running youth enrichment programs. By bringing young people together to invest their energy in Detroit, SITC aims to address the immediate needs of city neighborhoods and foster a regional mindset. De La Salle students spent time playing with kids at a day camp at the Northwest Activity Center, putting the final touches on a hoop house and community garden on Clark Street in Southwest Detroit, playing and crafting at Clark Park in Southwest Detroit, cleaning up the canals of Belle Isle while in a kayak, gardening with “Keep Growing Detroit,” and getting their “history on” with kids at Greenfield Village.

What is "Creative, Activity, Service"?

The Creative, Activity, Service (CAS) portion of the IB curriculum has a specific purpose: Creativity is to explore and extend ideas leading to an original or interpretive product or performance, Activity is physical exertion contributing to a healthy lifestyle, and Service is a collaborative and reciprocal engagement with the community in authentic need.

Brad Cusumano has arranged monthly service projects, and extended trips to Montana and New Orleans. “I am incredibly proud of our IB students. They have really embraced CAS and strived to live out our LaSallian mission by serving the poor and disadvantaged on a monthly basis. I am excited to follow them in their journey of success.”
Six Graduates Earn International Baccalaureate Diploma

The first group or “cohort” of International Baccalaureate (IB) Program students has now graduated, and six of the 11 students earned the IB Diploma. This is the first group of students to complete IB studies at De La Salle Collegiate since DLS was approved as an IB school in September 2013.

Earning the IB Diploma were Mike DeDecker, Jason Kathawa, Paul Manuszak, Jacob Mears, Jon Pierre Nofar, and Akhil Sekar.

DLS students, along with approximately 150,000 other students worldwide, wrote the May 2017 IB Exams. Subject areas included Literature, History, Mathematics, the Sciences, Music/Arts, and Business.

Stephanie Howay, who coordinates the IB Program, said, “I couldn’t be more proud of our first IB cohort and of our IB teachers as the past four years was a learning experience for students and teachers alike! Now that we have some concrete data to back-up our program and practices, I cannot wait to see what the future holds for the IB Diploma Program at De La Salle!”

The IB Program expands the academic program at De La Salle which includes College Preparatory and Honors classes, and 14 Advanced Placement Courses.

Principal Steve Stewart said, “Fantastic achievement! This rigorous program helps challenge students while maintaining a strong service component in line with our school’s mission. Over half of our students enrolled in the Diploma Program achieved the coveted diploma. All of the IB students succeeded in accepting the rigorous challenges associated with the IB program. They are that much more prepared for college and probably saved themselves some time and money with being able to skip some entry level courses (and tuition) toward earning their college diploma. Mrs. Howay (IB Coordinator) and the IB teachers worked very diligently to best prepare our students. Well done! Each year the cohort for the program grows! Exciting times!”

The Class of 2018 currently has 16 students in the IB Cohort, and the Class of 2019 has 18. Stephanie Howay said 46 current sophomores are in the IB track, completing prerequisite courses.

“The International Baccalaureate Program is another component of strengthening our relationships with students through the curriculum, said Chris Dean, Assistant Principal for Academics. “When students are involved and engaged with the material, as they are in the IB Program, they have developed important life-long learning skills. They are learning to ask questions, to find answers, to challenge reasons, to consider alternatives, to evaluate evidence, and to solve problems. The acquisition of those skills is enhanced further with constructive feedback from our teachers. Students leave these kinds of learning experiences, not just knowing the content, but equipped to learn more on their own and for themselves.”

Current teachers include: AnnMarie Michol (Literature), Nicole Cuello (Spanish), Aaron Wladischkin (History), Aarran Meier (Business), Jackie Van Thomme (Biology), Rob Black (Chemistry), Mike Niedballa (Physics), Shaun Legato (Math), Catherine Leix (Math), Mike Szczegielniak (Music), John Hicks (Visual Arts). Howay handles the Theory of Knowledge and Extended Essay portions of the curriculum. Assistant Principal Brad Cusumano is the Creative, Activity, Service (CAS) Coordinator.
Student’s Inspiration Leads to Life-changing Opportunity

Noah Dudus, son of DLS Faculty Member Dave Dudus, is a Junior Member of the Board of the Ronald J. Woods Charitable Trust. The 11-year old fifth-grader at St. Joan of Arc heard about the annual International Baccalaureate students service trip to Montana, and began researching. He found that there was a real need at the De La Salle Blackfeet School, and inquired at the Board if there could be funds provided to help the students.

After several months of discussion between De La Salle Collegiate and the DLS Blackfeet administration, a plan was hatched to bring two students to Michigan to attend DLS for four years. The two students are freshmen Beau Valenzuela and Mark Devereaux.

Philanthropy Makes DLS Great

The grant from the Woods Charitable Trust (above) and the Cracchiolo Endowment (below) are two great examples of how charitable giving makes extraordinary things possible for DLS students. Gifts of all amounts make a difference and the year end is a perfect time to show your support.

Gifts of appreciated stock and gifts made directly from your IRA are two strategies that can potentially make sense for some donors. Please consult your financial advisor or DLS Advancement to learn more.

Cracchiolo Endowed Scholarship Awarded

Members of the Cracchiolo and DeMars families gathered to meet the first recipient of the Cracchiolo Endowed Scholarship, Matteo Tolic, ‘18. The Cracchiolo Scholarship was established in 2015 by the grandchildren of the late Peter and Connie Cracchiolo to honor their grandparents and their love and commitment to Catholic education.
The President’s Reception for top donors was held at the end of October at De La Salle.

Susan and Jerry '75 Zaccardelli, with Grace and Dr. Richard Herbert.

Carla and Onorio D’Agostini.

Lasallian Fund Committee Members
Brian and Shelly Alore.

Leslie and Jamie '83 Sciturro.

Greg DeMars, Hank Hughes '66 and Dr. Ray Skowronski '74.

Ben, SJ '49 and Nancy Evola.
Two Pilots Named National Merit Commended

Congratulations to seniors Nathan Jarski and Adam Ross! Both have been named Commended Students in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The National Merit Scholarship is based on the PSAT test (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test or pre-SAT), which both students took in October 2016. Over 1.6 million students nationwide took the same test; 50,000 were identified as high performers - including Nathan and Adam. Of those 50,000, 16,000 were recently designated Semifinalists on a state representational basis. Only Semifinalists have the opportunity to continue in the Merit Scholarship competition and advance to Finalist standing by meeting a number of additional requirements. The remaining 34,000 - like Nathan and Adam - are named Commended Students without regard to state distribution.

Principal Steve Stewart commented, “Nathan and Adam are prime examples of what a ‘Pilot’ can achieve through hard work and diligence! They not only strive for excellence, but achieve it! I expect we will hear great things from these fine two young men in the days to come! Great job, gentlemen!!!”

Both Nathan and Adam are in the International Baccalaureate Program here at De La Salle. Nathan is interested in majoring in Materials Engineering at either Virginia Tech or the University of Michigan; Adam is interested in the Sciences at either the University of Notre Dame, the University of Chicago, or Columbia University.

College Placement Profile

The 2017 College Placement Profile is available for viewing on the De La Salle Collegiate website at delasallehs.com/current-pilots/academics/

The data summarized includes results of International Baccalaureate Program and Advanced Placement exams, GPA distribution, and ACT composite scores.

During the 2016-2017 school year, Michigan saw a 74% reduction in the number of students taking the ACT test; this is due to the state’s switch to the SAT. Despite the state switch, all of the colleges to which our students apply accept the ACT and SAT scores.

The College Placement Profile also lists all the colleges to which graduates have been accepted from 2014-2017.

The Class of 2017 has earned in excess of $19.3 million in scholarships.
While De La Salle Collegiate has always had a “Library,” the space here at 14600 Common has evolved into two distinct areas - a Quiet Study Room, established with a generous donation by the Christian Brothers’ Auxiliary, and an area with tables, tablet computers, printers, and more. For the last few years, that space was called the Digital Resource Center or DRC. Recognizing that the DRC was more than just a place with computers, Principal Steve Stewart encouraged the De La Salle Collegiate Student Council to conduct a name search and rebrand the space. They conducted a poll, and the winning name is TARMAC - Tutor, Activity, Relax, Meet, and Collaborate. In keeping with the school’s “Pilot” theme, TARMAC seems the most fitting. The school’s newspaper, also presented electronically, is called the “Co-Pilot.” The school’s bookstore is “The Pilot Hangar.” Although the word TARMAC is actually the name for a construction material that covers concrete surfaces, it does imply an area where you can “land.” In the De La Salle TARMAC, students
• Explore personal interests (makerspace, colleges, careers)
• Socialize with peers
• Temporarily unwind and relax
• Find a place for quiet study
• Hold study groups
• Interact with others
• Hold large class instruction and school meetings
• Conduct peer-to-peer tutoring
• Utilize technology

Process Involved All
Student Council President Jared LaRue was careful to involve all students, as well as the Student Council representatives, in the process. He began with an email to all students, soliciting name suggestions on the “whiteboard” in the Quiet Study Room. From the approximately one dozen suggestions over a few weeks’ period in September, the Student Council representatives narrowed the selections to four: The Tarmac, Flight Deck, The Terminal, Pilot Activities Center. Then the Student Council sent an email poll to all students, and TARMAC was the preferred name.

“This was a great process involving students,” said Jared. “I’m happy it all worked.”

Welcome to the TARMAC
Three decades of Pilots were students in John Nicoloff’s Social Studies classes, including Government, and two classes he developed: Constitutional Law and U.S. after 1945.

Nicoloff began his teaching career in the Detroit Public Schools at Northern High School, and had experience substitute teaching for four years in Dearborn. He attended Fordson High School, and after graduation attended Wayne State University. During his college years, he was a medic from 1966-1972 with the U.S. Army Reserves. “I was often on active duty, which affected my ability to take classes, so it took a little longer to get through college. When I wasn’t on active duty, I would work for UPS gassing and washing trucks to cover my tuition.”

In addition to teaching at De La Salle Collegiate, Nicoloff also served as the Tennis Coach and Cross-Country Coach. “I wasn’t really coaching,” he says. “The Athletic Director asked if any faculty member wanted to help and drive. You didn’t have to know how to coach. I was happy to do that.”

Nicoloff has had a lifelong passion for photography, and during the 80’s, he took pictures of student athletes in action at every sport. At one point, the photos were all displayed in large frames in the Athletic Hallway next to the gym. He displayed the photo of Allen Jefferson, ’86, at the finish line in a track event, in his classroom.

He has also had a lifelong interest in the space program, and has witnessed several space launches at Cape Kennedy. Some of his launch photos have appeared in print.

In retirement, Nicoloff remains friends with fellow teachers Evo Alberti, John Schmid, Rich McMullen, and Rich Dobrzynski. He also attends some Pilot sporting events, and was at the Hockey State Championship game in March 2017. He lives in Harper Woods, and his neighbor, Jim Murphy, ’73, “is a huge help.”

He has fond memories of his teaching days. “Those 30 guys would walk in the room, the door would close, and I would be energized. At times, I’d talk about something, and you could hear a pin drop, and I knew I was getting through to them. I met some great kids, and I enjoyed meeting parents at parent conferences.”

His arthritis started in 1970, and John credits his faith to being able to work through its challenges. “I thank God for my teaching career.”

Alumni are welcome to contact Mr. Nicoloff at jnn7@comcast.net.
DLS Students were particularly generous with their time and talent this Fall. Their service ranged from helping gradeschoolers and the homeless, donating food, and raising money for cancer research. Our young men have truly been “Making a Difference.”

Members of the varsity football team joined the St. Lawrence second-grade football team for practice one day, thrilling the future Pilots - many of them sons of alumni - and providing positive role models during their time together.
Making A Difference

Three students - Nick Brillati, Tom Landa and Lorenzo Izzi - joined fifth grade campers at Holy Family Regional School in Rochester, their grade school alma mater - working as camp counselors for the three-day outing.

De La Salle students donated more than 3,000 pounds of rice during “Rice Week,” the week leading up to the annual football match up with Brother Rice.

The entire student body participated in fundraising for The Believe Foundation, purchasing purple rally towels, and generating nearly $4,400.
Admissions News

Admissions Anticipates Great Class of 2022

The Admissions Office is happy to report that all signs are pointing to another great class for the Fall of 2018. The enthusiasm has been infectious from the students, and the results are evident.

- The brand new High School Placement Test (HSPT) Prep Course sold out nearly two weeks before the first session. This year, we offered the class not only at De La Salle, but also at St. Lawrence in Utica. We’re in the early stages of planning a session in the spring for eager seventh-graders.
- Summer Camps broke their own enrollment record with nearly 750 students attending 22 camps that ranged from academics to athletics to technology to the fine arts. The Summer Camps Expo is scheduled for Sunday, May 6, 2018. Information on the 2018 Camps will be available online in early January.
- Open House had a great turnout with over 260 students registering for the event.

We remind all prospective families that it is never too early to attend an Admissions Event and we have some great ones scheduled for the Winter and Spring. Specifically, we invite parents to attend a “Coffee Talk” at De La Salle Collegiate on January 10, February 7, March 7, April 11, or May 2.

How to Get Your Son To DLS Everyday

Yes, you can get your son to De La Salle Collegiate each day for school and we are going to help you! Each year, we encounter parents who want to send their sons to De La Salle Collegiate, but are concerned about the logistics of HOW to get him to school each day. As a commuter school, we understand this fear but we know how to remedy it.

We currently pull students from all over Metro Detroit: we have students from Port Huron to Detroit to Novi, and everywhere in between. The positive part of this is that no matter where a family is coming from, there is someone who can help.

We partner with families to help get students to and from school in the following ways:
1. Busing
2. Carpooling
3. Building Hours

The first instinct for many families to facilitate getting their sons to De La Salle Collegiate is the bus. We are happy to report that we partner with Regina to offer busing to and from school each day. The bus drops students off at school each day 10 minutes before school begins and departs 10 minutes after it ends.

The bus routes are established at the beginning of each year based upon demand. This means the bus routes we currently run started with a wide geographic footprint, and then condensed based on families’ needs.

For example, every year we commit to offering a bus stop at Holy Family Regional School - even if only
one student needs it. However, many families find the carpools are more effective. The carpool network at De La Salle Collegiate is the best friend of families in need, and the number one way families get their sons to school each day. In the summer of each year, the school solicits all of our families for their interest in being included in the carpool list. Once everyone responds, we then send out the list to all of the families in need.

To put it in perspective, we have included the graphic on page 16 that shows the number of families who currently drive into DLS each day from some outlying areas.

Finally, we keep the building open and accessible for families over a much wider span of time than the academic school day. The building opens at 6 a.m. and stays open until 8 p.m. each night. This way if parents need to drop their sons off on the way to work, or pick them up after work, it is not a problem. Unlike many schools, there is no supervision fee for this. We want the student here where they are safe and monitored by an adult.

If you still have concerns about the transportation for your son, please contact us. We would be happy to discuss your unique situation and work with you to arrive at a solution that makes it possible for your son to be a De La Salle Collegiate Pilot!

We can be reached at admissions@delasallehs.com or 586.541.6220.

Bill Burkhardt, ‘03, Director of Admissions
We are deeply grateful to all of our supporters, and we can’t say it often enough: Thank You to all of the donors and volunteers who help to make De La Salle the exceptional school that it is.
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**SCRIP**

To help reduce the cost of tuition, DLS participates in the SCRIP program. SCRIP is “substitute money” and is just like a “gift card.” DLS purchases a variety of SCRIP cards from a variety of vendors at a discounted rate, and 75% of that discount, which varies per vendor, is credited to a family’s tuition account.

If you are not a current DLS parent, you may still participate in SCRIP, designating the Tuition Assistance Fund as the recipient of your discounted dollars. SCRIP may be used the same as cash to purchase anything from groceries, fuel, clothing, electronics, or household services. SCRIP may be used at hundreds of local stores such as Kroger’s, Nino’s, Sam’s, Kmart, JC Penney’s, Walmart, Sunoco, Speedway, CVS, and more.

Contact Sr. Pat Eeckhout in the DLS Business Office at 586.541.6277 or peeckhout@delasallehs.com for more information.

**Kroger Rewards Card**

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Zachary “Zack” Issa (’09) has been named De La Salle’s Head Lacrosse Coach. He takes over from Matt Lorio, ’89, who resigned after the 2017 season due to increased work commitments.

Although Issa will transition to the head coach role, he certainly is familiar with the Pilots’ program. He served as an offensive assistant under Coach Lorio in 2015. Not only did he work with varsity offensive players, but regularly worked to develop players at the JV and freshmen levels of the program as well.

In 2016, Issa led the Utica Eisenhower JV-A squad along with alumnus George Saigh, ’09. The Eagles went on to an undefeated Macomb Area Conference (MAC) record and a Red Division title. From 2015-17, Issa led the Utica Hawks club organization and grew the program from 16 players on one squad to over 35 players comprising two squads.

In 2017, Issa and Saigh rejoined the staff at the Collegiate and helped Coach Lorio lead the Pilots to an outstanding 2017 campaign. Under offensive coordinator Issa, the Pilots improved in goals per game from 7.79 in 2016 to 10.90 in 2017. In addition, the team scored a total of 316 goals on the season, an outstanding 68 goal improvement over the previous season.

The offensive explosion in 2017 was one of the reasons the Pilots won the program’s fourth MHSAA Regional championship before falling to Detroit Country Day in the state quarterfinal. To date, Issa has coached eight student-athletes who are currently playing at the NCAA or NAIA level.

As a student-athlete at the Collegiate, Issa was a four-year lacrosse player for the Pilots and a student Kairos leader. As a midfielder, Zack was named to the all-region team in 2009 when De La Salle earned a regional finals appearance.

Issa attended Oakland University after graduation where he was a freshman starter on the Grizzlies’ club lacrosse team. Issa later attended Central Michigan University before co-founding Baby Beast, an American-made children’s wear brand with fiancé Taylor. The Baby Beast brand is featured in over 55 stores in six countries and is a popular clothing choice for the children of a number of prominent celebrities. Issa has been named as one of Hour Detroit’s “Brightest Homegrown Talents” in the magazine’s “Designed by Detroit” issue in 2016.

"I'm incredibly blessed and grateful for the opportunity to lead the De La Salle Collegiate Lacrosse Program,” Issa said. “We will continue to build the program as a great representation of De La Salle not only on the field, but in the classroom and in our community as well."

The Pilots begin the 2018 season on March 12. Their first contest is scheduled for March 21 vs. Hartland High School.
Zelmanski Named Baseball Coach

Dave Zelmanski, Class of 1974, is the new head baseball coach of the Pilots. Athletic Director Mike Watson selected Zelmanski following the June 2017 departure of Matt Cook to Grandville High School in western Michigan.

A native of Detroit, Zelmanski was a four-year starter for the Pilots. An outstanding hitter for average and power, Zelmanski earned all-Catholic League Central honors as a junior and later earned All-Catholic League Central honors, All-Catholic League and All-State in 1974 as a senior. He ended his career at De La Salle winning a total of six letters in baseball and basketball. He was inducted to the DLS Athletics Hall of Fame in 2001.

Zelmanski continued to make his mark on the diamond at Wayne State University as a member of the Tartars baseball squad where he was also a four-year starter for head coach Christ Petrouleas. During his career with Wayne State from 1975-1978, Zelmanski set three single-season and eight career batting records. At his time of induction to the WSU Athletics Hall of Fame, Zelmanski still held records for most single-season and career triples. His nine triples in 1978 led the country. Zelmanski remains 12th on the WSU career batting list. After his junior and senior seasons, Zelmanski earned All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) first-team honors. As a senior, he earned NCAA All-District IV All-American Second Team Accolades.

Combining a rare mix of speed and power, Zelmanski’s career in baseball extended past the intercollegiate level. After earning a degree in education in 1979 from Wayne State, he had tryouts with the California Angels and Cincinnati Reds before enjoying a 10-year career with Troy Jet Box, a Class A amateur baseball club managed by legendary skipper, Jim Corte. Zelmanski was inducted into the National Semi-Pro Baseball Hall of Fame in 2013. Ever an athlete, Dave even played competitive flag football for 13 years and was inducted as a charter member of the United States Flag and Touch Football Hall of Fame.

Zelmanski’s coaching career extends to 1979 when he became a graduate assistant baseball coach at Wayne State before coaching football at Grosse Pointe North and was the varsity baseball coach at St. Clement High School in the early 1980’s. Dave has also coached competitive fast-pitch softball and basketball at the CYO level. A 29-year veteran MHSAA basketball official, Zelmanski has also served as a MHSAA football finals administrator.

Community involvement has always been important to Zelmanski as well. He is a former president of the Eisenhower Athletic Booster Club and was a member of the Board of Directors for the Utica Community Schools Foundation for Excellence. He has been a chairperson for Fiesta Hispana at the Detroit MGM Grand (2013) and Emcee of the Ric Gonzalez Memorial Fundraiser.

“De La Salle is a very special place and it takes exceptional student-athletes to compete in the Central Division,” Zelmanski said. “I am truly honored and excited, yet humbled to have this opportunity at the greatest all-boys' school on the planet!”

“Dave Zelmanski represents a connection between De La Salle Collegiate’s past and its present,” Director of Athletics Mike Watson said. “Dave's charisma, excitement for De La Salle, and his willingness to maintain our baseball program as one of the best in Michigan will be on display for all to see.”

Zelmanski resides in Shelby Township with his wife Linda. They have three adult daughters.
Congratulations - State Champions!

Go Pilots!

2014 Champs

Brother Pat McNally FSC SJ 55, Mike Renaud '85 and John Renaud.

Tony Lamerato '02 and his daughter

Family Fun at Ford Field
Under second-year head coach Mike Giannone, the Pilots captured the school’s second state football championship, beating Livonia Franklin 41-6 to win the MHSAA Division 2 Championship at Ford Field on November 24.

The game marked the Pilots’ fourth trip to the Championship game. Under Hall of Fame coach Paul Verska, De La Salle fell to Muskegon in 2006 and 2008 before capturing the MHSAA Division 2 trophy in 2014 by beating Muskegon Mona Shores, 44-8.

The team bounced back from a rocky 2016 season, where the Pilots finished 4-5 and missed the playoffs for the first time since 2012.

A sluggish start combined with new players at several key positions led to a deflating 36-6 loss to a very good Lowell team in the Prep Kickoff Classic at Wayne State University’s Tom Adams Field to open the season.

The Pilots bounced back in equally convincing fashion, shutting out the state-ranked Grandville Bulldogs on the road, 31-0.

Following a 58-7 win at home against St. Thomas Aquinas (London, ONT) in week three, De La Salle avenged a 10-point loss to CHSL Central-rival Brother Rice by beating the Warriors 36-14 on the road.

With three consecutive wins under their belt, a confident Pilots’ squad took care of St. Mary’s on their homecoming night, nearly shutting the Eaglets out and winning 26-7.

In Week 6, A 5-0 and state-ranked Divine Child squad that had advanced to the MHSAA WHICH DIVISION Semifinal in 2016 invaded Tom Adams Field. The Falcons featured several players committed to NCAA Division 1 universities, but the team was no match for the Pilots who were victorious by a 52-14 score.

On Future Pilot Appreciation Night, De La Salle hosted national powerhouse Cathedral Prep from Erie, Pennsylvania. Ranked in the top five nationally among Catholic School football programs with recruits headed to Notre Dame, Penn State, Iowa and Ohio, the Ramblers outlasted the Pilots 33-23.

Although the loss to Cathedral was difficult, the Pilots knew they could compete with anyone in Michigan and went on a seven-game winning streak that included back-to-back wins against CHSL juggernaut Detroit Catholic Central to close the regular season. De La Salle took down the Shamrocks on senior Night at Tom Adams Field, 20-6 to win the Central Division for the first time since 2008. The victory set up a rematch at Ford Field with Catholic Central for the CHSL A-B Title. The Shamrocks again fell to the surging Pilots, this time

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by a 35-14 score. At 7-2 entering the MHSAA Playoffs, De La Salle was considered a legitimate contender for the Division 2 crown, and was ranked 6th in the Michigan AP rankings. If detractors had questions about the strength of the De La Salle team, the first two games of the playoffs removed all doubt. The Pilots defeated 8-1 Ferndale, 46-0 in the rain in the opening round and demolished MAC Gold Division Champion, Port Huron Northern (9-1), by a 50-0 score for the MHSAA District title.

Although the Pilots returned to the familiar confines of Tom Adams Field for the Regional Title game, the game was far from comfortable. The thermometer read 15 degrees at kickoff, but neither team showed signs they were affected by the elements. In a see-saw affair, the Pilots struck first but failed to convert a 2-pt conversion after a Knights’ offsides penalty. Oak Park struck back late in the contest to take a 7-6 lead. The Pilots mounted a momentous drive that resulted in a touchdown with under 2:00 remaining. This time, the 2-pt conversion was successful and the defense stood tall for a shocking 14-7 Regional Championship victory.

The task grew taller in the semifinal round hosted by Hazel Park High School. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School, winners of the previous two MHSAA Division 2 Championships came into the game ranked in the top spot again. With the Crusaders only loss coming to Toledo Central Catholic early in the season, King was on a 10-game win streak. De La Salle led 7-0 at halftime after a 45-yd TD pass, but King responded with a touchdown of their own and seemingly tie the contest, but a botched PAT attempt allowed De La Salle to escape with a thrilling 14-13 victory and a berth in the D2 Final at Ford Field.

The State Championship game would prove not to have the same drama of the previous two rounds. The Pilots scored on a Livonia Franklin fumble on the first play from scrimmage and never looked back. De La Salle turned three Patriots turnovers into 21 points and took a 38-0 lead into the locker room. Although Franklin scored late in the game to erase the impending shutout, every player on the 70-man roster played in the contest and De La Salle claimed its second state title in four years by a 41-6 margin.

For head coach Mike Giannone, the season resulted in his third state championship victory. Giannone captured back-to-back MHSAA Division 1 championships as head coach at Macomb Dakota in 2006 and 2007. Giannone earned the Catholic League and Detroit Free Press Metro East Coach of the Year Awards. In addition, Coach Giannone was selected as the Detroit Lions Coach of the Year winner and is a candidate for the NFL High School Coach of the Year award.

As The Collegiate goes to print, post-season accolades are rolling in for the Pilots. Check the website at www.delasallehs.com for the full summary of honors.

Mike Watson
Athletic Director
Four De La Salle Collegiate senior athletes signed national letters during November, committed to extending their athletic careers at the college level.

They include Bryce Bush, committed to play baseball at Mississippi State University; Anthony Comito, committed to play golf at Oakland University, Kyle Jones, committed to play baseball at the University of Toledo; and Justin Fischer, committed to play basketball at Lake Superior State University.

All four are accomplished athletes for De La Salle. Bryce Bush (3B, 1B, OF) is currently ranked as the 44th best player in the USA (Perfect Game). He is a two team All-State selection, as well as a Dream Team selection. He holds the school’s single season home run record (16). He was selected to participate in the MLB High School Home Run Derby as part of the 2017 MLB All-Star game events.

Anthony Comito is a three-time state finalist, with a 77.5 18-hole average. He has been named First Team All County three times, and also picked up All Catholic League and All Central Division honors.

Kyle Jones (P, OF) has earned All Catholic and All Central Division, Macomb County First Team, and MHSAA All District and All Regional Honors. Prep Baseball Report named Kyle the 2017 Player of the Fall.

Justin Fischer (point guard) is rated as one of the best passers in the state. He had a broken ankle during his sophomore season, but recovered to earn All CHSL Central Honors as a junior. Justin is the second Pilot to attend LSSU as a basketball scholarship player. The first was Mark DeSmet, ’78.
Fall Sports Highlights - Cross Country

Cross Country had 44 team members this season; eight earned their varsity letter by running on the varsity squad, running under 18.0, or being a four-year member of the team.

Coach Sandy Buchanan says, “We had great captains, and have an excellent core group of runners from each grade who run year-round and lead the team by example.”

The team had two successful charity projects this season: replacing the roof on the coach’s cabin at the summer running camp held at Loon Lake Lutheran Retreat Center, and administering the Macomb Middle School Cross Country Championship which hosts over 700 runners from local youth running clubs and middle school teams.

The team had a new assistant coach this season: Nathan Schneider, a senior at Oakland University studying Occupational and Physical Therapy, and a runner in the Red Cedar Running Club - Oakland Chapter.

The Varsity Cross Country team participated in numerous invitationalis, as well as the CHSL league schedule. The team took first place in the First Annual Mayor’s Cup 5K Race, and second in the Autumn Classic. Varsity also took fourth at the Macomb County and CHSL Championships.

Individually senior Nathan Jarski had an outstanding season with a first place at the Autumn Classic, 8th place at the County meet, and 7th place at the CHSL meet for First Team All Catholic. Nathan was also 7th at the Region 8 meet, qualifying for the MHSAA State meet, finishing 114 of 245 runners at 16.41. Nathan, who is also a National Merit Commended student (see page 11) is an All-State Academic Qualifier.

Senior Joe Davey took 20th place at the CHSL meet.

Both Nathan and Joe, along with sophomores Zachary Jarski and Nicholas Schmidt were Macomb County All-Academic Winners.

Be sure to join us at some of our Winter Sports games and meets.

The Hockey Team is the defending Division 3 State Champions. The Swim Team will be not only defending its Macomb County Championship, but also preparing for yet another trip to the state finals. Our Bowling Team, coached by Jay Lang, ’92, had a great 2016-2017 season, winning the CHSL Championship. Wrestling looks to continue its success in dual meets and invitationalis. And the Basketball Team, with nine seniors, expects to be a force in the League and playoffs.

For all the Winter Sports schedules, check the website at www.delasallehs.com/athletics.
Fall Sports Highlights - Tennis and Soccer

**Tennis**

Coach Jacob Jones said, “The 2017 season for the Pilots was one of our strongest in some time. The overall record was 5-4 with a tough schedule, but the team also had success in several tournaments finishing first or second in every single tournament they played in.”

Those top finishes included the Armada Quad, the L’Anse Creuse Quad, the Cousino Quad, and the Lancer Tournament.

The team also took second in the Regional Tournament, qualifying for the State Finals.

De La Salle was named Macomb County Team of the Year (Division II, III, and IV), and Coach Jones was named Coach of the Year. Junior Andrew Meldrum, sophomore Paul Didio, and junior Robert Smith were named First Team All County.

The team also earned MHSAA All-State Academic honors with a combined 3.70 GPA.

Earning CHSL Honors were seniors Matt Merrick, Mike Jones, and Adam Ross, and junior Nicholas Binno.

Coach Jones said, “The number in the program have increased over the past several years, and this has helped create a fun, competitive environment. The culture has changed and guys have shown a commitment to improving by working more than ever in the offseason. The team is still young, and they seem motivated to build on their success going forward.”

The team also participated in the Tennis for Troops Tournament.

**Soccer**

The varsity soccer team finished the season 7-8-6 (CHSL 2-2-2). The team lost to Grosse Pointe South in a shoot-out for the District Championship.

Significantly, the Pilots beat Catholic Central 1-0, and later tied CC 0-0; Catholic Central won the Division 1 Championship, against Walled Lake Western, another team on the Pilots’ schedule.
Brothers Frank and Sam Viviano both attended De La Salle Collegiate, both attended the University of Michigan, and both have fulfilled childhood dreams. Frank’s dream began as a 10-year old, with a subscription to *National Geographic*. He wanted “to grow up and travel all over the world, and write about people in foreign countries.” Younger brother Sam loved comic books, and aimed to be a cartoonist for *Mad* magazine.

**Frank Viviano**

Frank says his parents believed in Catholic education and wanted their sons to attend De La Salle. “They wanted us to go to a school that would make demands. They took seriously the motto *Builders of Boys, Makers of Men*."

Frank also noted the role of De La Salle in educating the children and grandchildren of immigrants. “In the 1960’s, we were almost all first or second generation. We were often the first in our families to go to college. DLS gave these working class children an opportunity to become part of the middle and professional class and to have meaningful careers.”

Frank graduated from the University of Michigan in 1969, and completed a Ph.D. in American Studies in 1977, also at Michigan.

His career in journalism and as a foreign correspondent began in 1977. He has been a witness to some of the most important historical events in our lifetimes: the overthrow of the dictator Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines in 1986; the protests in Tiananmen Square, Beijing in 1989; the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. He has seen war in the Middle East and the Balkans.

His work has appeared in more than 200 newspapers and magazines, and he is an 9-time Pulitzer Prize nominee. “I haven’t won, but would love to have that.” He is most proud of his work tracking human trafficking from China to Europe. “It is such a heinous crime. I was trying to unlock their methods and their financing and how they pulled it off. If those articles helped law enforcement authorities look for these guys or somehow brought people to their senses in those countries where young women and children are trafficked - that would be my greatest accomplishment.”

And he is an author with seven books published in 14 countries.

But war has wearied him. “The war in Iraq was tough. I needed some time off. I thought I’d do travel writing for a while, but even that got me kidnapped. I was kidnapped in Guatemala by the drug mafia. In 2012, I was kidnapped by angry tribesmen in western Burma. Trying to get away from war was not as easy as I thought.” It was getting away from war that led Frank to Italy. “I was in Bosnia, and to get away, I’d hitch a ride on a tank and spend a little time in Italy.” These days, Frank lives in northern Italy, where until recently he owned a 900-year old, 17-room former convent in
Tuscany, renting rooms to tourists. Although his family has Sicilian roots, he has many connections in northern Europe, and found the location more convenient for travel.

Two years ago, National Geographic asked him if he would be interested in doing archaeology. “I fell in love with National Geographic in 1957, reading about Egyptian mummies and Mayan pyramids. I am doing exactly what I wanted to do when I was a ten-year old boy.”

His article on Pompeii, the ancient Italian city covered by a volcano in 79 A.D., appeared in the April 2016 National Geographic. His most recent National Geographic article appeared in September 2017, a piece on sustainable farming in the Netherlands. His January 2006 article on the Kurds remains one of his most popular pieces.

Frank bemoans the proliferation of unchecked news sources. “Today the United States has only two newspapers with reporters overseas, The Washington Post and The New York Times.” Frank himself was once the Paris Bureau Chief for the San Francisco Chronicle. “The three major TV networks have no bureaus overseas.”

Several Christian Brothers stood out to Frank, particularly his Latin teachers Brother Brendan and Brother Cyril. “If you learn Latin well, you learn how other languages function. It becomes an instinctive skill to apply to other languages, even if they are not Romance languages.”

Frank now speaks several languages. He is fluent in French and Italian, and “gets by” in Mandarin, Cantonese, German, Spanish, and Portuguese. He doesn’t speak Arabic. “All of the Arabic-speaking countries are formerly part of the French or British Empires. You can always get by with English or French.”

Frank particularly remembers his sophomore year. “You learned to express yourself articulately and eloquently from Day 1. We had 10 to 20 page essays to write, and it was rigorous. When I went to Ann Arbor, I was the best writer in the class.”

Frank also remembers the students’ attitudes toward academics. “I had friends in other Catholic and public high schools where the most important thing was to be a good athlete. At DLS, the top students academically were really respected by the other guys in the class.”

“That classical education was a great strength. It built up your ability to learn and master ideas. De La Salle continues that today, partnering with parents, giving young men the chance to accomplish some things in life. The school gives you a belief in yourself and possibilities.”

Sam Viviano

Although De La Salle didn’t offer Art classes during his high school years, Sam found other ways to pursue his artistic interests. He had a reputation in his class as “the guy who could draw,” and contributed to the school paper and yearbook. He was actively involved in extracurriculars. He appeared in WAMS productions of The Caine Mutiny Court Martial and No Time for Sergeants, and played the role of Oscar in The Odd Couple. He was on the football team three of his four years, and reminisced that “Coach Al Baumgart could have cut me, but I think he and Offensive Coach Chet Pilate thought I was entertaining.”

And sometime, during his junior year, someone asked him or he thought of it, he redesigned the school logo into the iconic DLS logo still in use today.

“The picture in the 1970 yearbook was staged. I’m in a shirt and tie, and kneeling on the floor of the gym in the old school, paint brush in hand, looking down at a finished product!”

Although not chronicled in the yearbook, Sam’s father
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painted the football schedule on the Brother Gerge Field sign for several years, and Sam assisted.

Sam describes some of his high school teachers as demanding and rigorous, particularly Brother Gabriel Fagan, who taught English, specifically junior English - a survey of British literature.

In 1968, Sam flew to New York, and visited DC Comics, and returned a year later, courtesy of a ride from Brother Gabe, and Brother Patrick McNally, who were heading to Lincroft, New Jersey. On this trip, DC Comics Editor Dick Giordano looked at Sam's stuff and said “You should be drawing funny.”

Sam knew that he was not destined to be a comic book artist, but was heading into the world of caricature and humorous illustration.

The Class of 1971 Salutatorian, Sam only applied to two schools - Columbia in New York City, and the University of Michigan. He was accepted at both, but even with a scholarship, Columbia wasn't affordable. His first year was in the LS&A, and he transferred to the art school his sophomore year. He earned a BFA and graduated summa cum laude. He designed, type-set, illustrated, and did the final production on posters for the Theatre Department, and edited a booklet called How Thick Do You Slice the Baloney Here? for the Orientation Department.

After graduation, he headed to New York City. He rebuilt his portfolio and got a job with a textile company, realizing, “becoming a rich and famous illustrator would take some time. In the year I worked as a textile designer, I revamped my portfolio, and then got freelance work in children’s books and other areas.”

Sam got a break when he started working for Scholastic Magazines, particularly Dynamite, geared to 4th-5th graders, and Bananas, for slightly older readers.

And he hoped to work for MAD.

Sam describes MAD as a closed shop at the time, with about a dozen artists. He says that Mad’s primary cover artist died in 1980, and he got a call, out of the blue, from the editor, asking him if he would like to do a cover. That June 1981 cover - the “Who Shot J.R.?” cliff-hanger cover - “actually hit the stands in April, in true MAD fashion.”

MAD didn't come calling again for four years, when new co-editors took over, and his MAD career began.

He became Art Director in 1999, and supervised a staff of 5.

Fast forward to 2017.

MAD is now published by DC Comics, headquartered in Burbank, CA, and part of the Warner Brothers’ portfolio in the “vast Time-Warner empire.” One young artist on the staff headed there in September. No one else on the staff is going, and MAD’s offices in New York City, close at the end of December.

He isn't concerned about his future. “I've had a great career, and I've got time to decide what else I'd like to do.”

Sam’s career has been notable. He received a Silver Reuben Award for Magazine Illustration from the National Cartoonists Society in 2009, and was installed in the Media Industry News Editorial & Design Hall of Fame in 2014.

He is proud of his participation in six USO tours with other members of the National Cartoonists Society to entertain troops in the Middle East.

Over the years Sam has spoken extensively about MAD and his career throughout the country and beyond, most notably at a high-level NATO conference in Latvia this past summer.

Sam has been married for nearly 30 years to Diane Bloomfield, a physician who is Medical Director of the pediatric clinic at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx. Their daughter Alicia, 23, is a student at Mercy College in New York.

As for his future, Sam’s philosophy is like MAD’s iconic Alfred E. Newman: “What - Me Worry?”
Mickey Davey, ‘15, has continued his outstanding cross-country career at the United States Air Force Academy. At the NCAA Division 1 Men's Championships in November, Mickey led the USAF team to a 15th place finish. Mickey ran the 10K race for only the second time, finishing 18th, and garnering All-American honors.

Anthony Ficarra, ‘16, was named to the 2016-2017 Dean's List at Wayne State University. He is a Computer Science major.


Lanny Larcinese, ‘62, lives in Philadelphia, and is an active writer. He writes, “I am thrilled to announce that my crime novel, I Detest All My Sins, has been purchased by Intrigue Publications and due out summer 2018. I have had other fiction and non-fiction published in various magazines and taken first prizes at the Philadelphia Writers Conference and other contests. I am currently working on a sequel to I Detest, tentatively titled, Dear Dad, They're Dead. I have been privileged to share panels at writing conferences with brilliant, best-selling novelists and am very active in the writing community. Following rewarding business endeavors since leaving school, expressing aesthetic creativity has been a true grace.”

Larry Lavigne, ‘89, lives in the Nashville area, and owns several fast-food franchises. He and his family were at the DLS Homecoming Game. Larry is pictured below with one of his children, daughter Ava, whom he coaches in basketball.

Luke Lorio, ‘15, was named to the 2016-2017 Dean's List at Wayne State University. He is a Computer and Electrical Engineering Major.

Bud Mann, ‘43, hopes to finish his third book by year's end. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Navy, and later attended Northwestern University. He was a research project engineer for Chrysler from 1950 until his retirement in 1951. In retirement he writes historical fiction. His books, which are based on his great-grandfather’s journey from New York to Michigan in the 1830’s, are available on Amazon. His author name is L. Broas Mann, Jr., and the books are entitled The Journey of Levi Broas.

Jacob Mattia, ‘16, is now playing soccer for Northwood University. He transferred from the University of Findlay, where he received a soccer scholarship.

Grant Mattia, ‘13, graduated this past fall with a degree from the University of Michigan. He attended on a soccer scholarship and was goalkeeper for the Michigan Soccer team, and was also chosen to travel to Vietnam to represent Michigan and the Athletic Program.

Jack Manquen, ‘11, graduated from Albion College in 2015. Jack received a research grant at Baylor University in the summer of 2015, and started medical school at the Oklahoma State University School of Medicine in August 2016.

Matt Molinaro, ‘14, took 61st place at the NCAA Division 3 Men’s Championship with a time of 25.12.28. Matt is a senior at Ohio Northern.

Adam Soldan, ‘98, is the executive chef for a new San Francisco area restaurant called “The Boardroom,” scheduled to open in January 2018 in North Beach. Adam has lived and worked in northern California for the past seven years. Adam is pictured here with Elaine Gagnon during a recent visit to DLS.
Frank Thomas, ’88, lives in the Boston area. His daughter Samantha attends Villanova, his daughter Ashley is committed to attend Holy Cross on a track scholarship, and his son Adam is planning to attend Michigan State University.

Michael Thomas, ’09, graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2013, with a major in Finance and Spanish Literature.

He spent four years in Chicago, working in investment banking with Morgan Stanley, and later with Madison Dearborn Partners, a private investment firm. He is finishing his first semester of the two-year MBA Program at Harvard Business School.

Trevor Thompson, ’99, lives in Warren, and shared this news. “I just celebrated the one-year anniversary of Brotherhood Sports, a custom sports apparel company specializing in sublimated jerseys. Turning a recreational passion of slow pitch softball into a business, I heavily credit my time at De La Salle as the inspiration behind the naming of my company. I recently partnered with Detroit’s Own Apparel to expand into the Westside and Downriver areas; our shop is located in Dearborn, with all of our products being made on-site and crafted entirely in the USA. We’ve outfitted many of the Macomb County school sports teams, ranging from bowling to baseball, wrestling, and everything in-between. Though I wasn’t the most successful student, I praise alumnus Dr. Ray Skowronski for not only my time at DLS, but always pushing me to follow my dream – hard work, integrity, a belief, and giving our customers a quality product at a good price and honest turnaround are the keys to success…just as he always taught me.”

Patrick Vaughn, ’09, earned his degree in Chemistry from Case Western University (2013), and his DMD (Dental Medical Doctor) from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine (May 2017). In June, he began a six-year residency at the Mayo Clinic in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. While at Mayo, Patrick will also attend the Mayo Medical School and receive his MD.

Alex Wang, ’13, will graduate with a Master of Science in Industrial Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in May 2018. Alex has spent the fall at the Tesla Factory in Fremont, CA, working as a process engineering intern.

Matt Wyszczelski ‘90, above, and his son Max, a fourth grader at St.Joan of Arc, at a district soccer game. Matt is a lieutenant with the Hamtramck Fire Department, and an active parent at St. Joan of Arc.

Andrew Yeiser, ’18, above, with his brother Alex Yeiser, ’16. Alex was Salutatorian of the Class of 2016, and is now a sophomore at the United States Naval Academy, majoring in Systems Engineering.
Alumni Events


**Christian Brothers’ Dinner** - Thursday, April 26, at Penna’s of Sterling 38400 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights.

**De La Salle Class 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**

**De La Salle Class of 1973 Reunion** on Saturday, August 4, 2018, at the Polish Century Club, Sterling Heights. Contact John Bentley at johnkevinbentley@yahoo.com or 313.218.3759.

**De La Salle Events**

**Alumni Legacy Mass and Ring Blessings** on Friday, February 2, 2018, in the DLS Gymnasium. Mass starts at 9:30 am.


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

For further information, contact the Advancement Office at 586-778-3356.

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**The John C. Monigold Scholarship Fund**

*Many members of our De La Salle Family have been asking about a Retirement Party for John Monigold, Director of Alumni. John has decided that he would like everyone who wishes him well to donate to a new Scholarship Fund in his name - to help more boys attend De La Salle and receive the educational benefits that he and his family have enjoyed.*

To donate to the John C. Monigold Endowed Scholarship Fund - send it in the envelope provided in this Collegiate, at [www.ThePilotHangar.com/Support De La Salle](http://www.ThePilotHangar.com/Support De La Salle), or call us at 586-778-3356.