

Hello Wave Brothers,

Winter has come to the northeast and with it, we gathered fellow class reps for the Winter Class Rep Dinner at the Madison Hotel on January 23. Here's my update for those far flung.

Another strong turnout, about 80 came to hear fascinating stories of today and yesterday, and to meet several new faces from the class of 2019. You may have noticed that the senior class of 2019 has been on-boarded to the alumni website, growing our Green Wave community online to near 1,400. These men are already reaching out to alumni at their future colleges and setting up summer internships, too.

Father Michael Tidd shared news of the school during his first season as headmaster. Many of you have met Fr. Michael as he has toured practically every alumni gathering, from the Sizzler, Notre Dame tailgates, weddings, regional alumni events and more. He invests his boundless energy to his commitment to the school and to the alumni community. He is the force behind the recent publishing of Delbarton/St. Mary's Abbey financial statement, allowing us all (particularly us curious reps and parents) to see the fiscal facts (found in the last issue of Delbarton Today). And Fr. Michael shared the latest update on new capital campaign: Since July, the campaign has raised more than \$8 million, including the largest gifts in school history!

Dr. David Donovan reported on another successful admissions season; letters had just gone out. New this year, in an effort to be more competitive for every top candidate and versus every private school, the acceptance letters were mailed together with details of financial aid offered. And financial aid grants reached the highest ever—over \$3.2 million.

Steve Block '71 of the Class Rep and Annual Fund committee commented on the growth and utilization of the alumni website, delbartonalumni.org, and encouraged reps to communicate in the next month to their classes. The Annual Fund is on pace for participation (11%) and ahead in dollars. We always expect the reps to step up and participate early. Critically, The Annual Fund represents just over one-third of financial aid. Maria Van Kirk has posted on the alumni site a list of all year-to-date donors by class, and will continue to update via the site. Look for a March Madness Bracket Challenge contest soon.

Joe Colangelo '03 of the Mentorship and Networking Committee reminded us of the DeLEX program, an opportunity for all junior year students to sit in for a week at a business every spring. He's looking for us to consider hosting, and again, the school uses our online networking site to help find willing alumni. The entire class is offered and most are placed, from Wall Street, to law firms, and from family businesses to media and the arts. Anyone interested in participating can connect with Matt Campbell '08 or Joe here on the alumni site.

Ted Lawless '03 of Ora et Labora Committee--work and prayer group engaging in alumni service and spirituality--announced the newly appointed Alumni Chaplain, Father Ed Seton '82. He will be available to us for masses, confessions, retreats and more; for example, a recent class reunion mass that honored their alumni who had passed.

Last but not least, two deserving alumni, Ken Heaton '78 and Jim Gallombardo '81, received this year's Joseph R. McDonough '68 Leadership and Initiative Award. The award recognizes alumni whose contributions over the prior year advanced the cause and development of the Alumni Association through leadership, initiative and active membership in the Association. Several prior winners were in attendance including John Tonzola '95, Dave Lewis '78, AJ Papetti '82 and Steve Block '71. Click [here](#) to read about Ken Heaton '78 and Jim Gallombardo '78.

I encourage you all to open and read the attachments to this note, and in particular, the accomplishments of Kenny and Jim. We are also attaching information on DeLEX, an overview of the "Brotherhood" Campaign and the calendar of upcoming events [here](#). Share the news with your classmates.

I hope to see many of you in NYC at the NYAC reception on February 21.

Let's Go Green Wave!



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