



De La Salle High School

Athletic
Hall of Fame

2011



Induction Ceremony





Inductees



June 5, 2011



Frank Tamony

Bernie Stenson '70

Scott Molina '78

Mark Panella '85

Patrick Walsh '93

Adin Brown '96

1991 Cross Country Team

De La Salle High School
Kenneth H. Hofmann Student Center
1130 Winton Drive
Concord, California

A Message from the President

As the President of this school, and an alumnus, I feel a special regard for the men we honor today. When they were young, they took on the challenge of Spartan athletics, the challenge of being not just good and skilled, but of being responsible to teammates, accountable to coaches, integrating sports into the whole process of their education, and becoming true members of the Spartan brotherhood. In addition, one of the men we honor today was not a student, but an adult, who as teacher, coach, and dean, helped students to learn the values and build the character that would stand them in good stead in athletics and in life.

We say that Spartans are men of faith, integrity, and scholarship. Tonight we also recognize that they are men of sportsmanship. We welcome these inductees, who thrilled us with their athletic accomplishments in years past, and who truly honor us with their presence today. We are privileged to enshrine them in our Hall of Fame.



Mark DeMarco '78
President

Special thanks to:

The Hall of Fame Committee, Pyramid Brewing Company,
Sean Farnham '96.

Master of Ceremonies Sean Farnham '96 was captain of the Spartan basketball team that won the school's first NorCal title. He played four years of basketball for the UCLA Bruins and was a team captain in 2000. Since 2001 Sean has been a radio and TV analyst covering college and professional basketball, and currently broadcasts for ESPN.

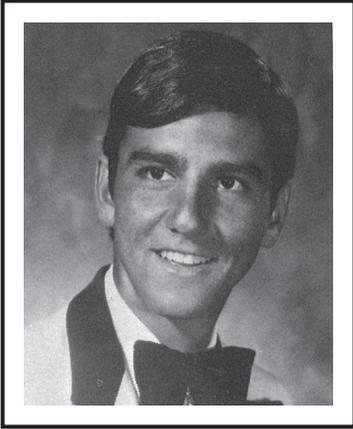
The 1991 Cross Country Team



The 1991 cross country team was a young but fearless squad that fought its way to the school's first-ever state title in the sport. On the varsity roster were Jason Chuderewicz, Chris Coats, Proinsias Fitzpatrick, John Kelly, Rob Koller, Matt McCoy, Mike Prindiville, Ty Walker, Jim Zachary. The photo shows the runners and coaches with the championship plaque. The cross country team title is challenging to win, as five runners need to score, and a team is only as strong as its fifth runner. The 1991 team ran the second fastest time on the course in school history: the team time of 80:39 is an average of 16:08 (or 5:22 per mile) for 3.1 miles on dirt and over hills. Jim Zachary and Mike Prindiville earned first-team All NorCal honors, with Mike named "Junior of the Year" for NorCal runners. Ty Walker and John Kelly were named second-team All NorCal runners, and John Kelly was the second-fastest NorCal sophomore in the race that day.

The 1991 Cross Country Team is presented by John Pelster '87, English instructor and cross country head coach at De La Salle High School.

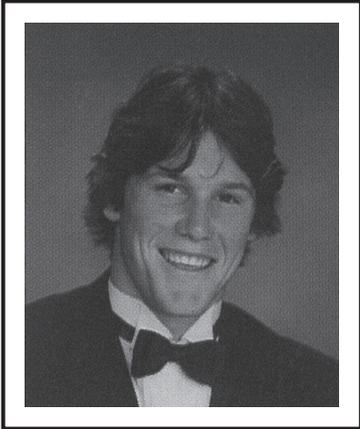
Scott Molina '78



Scott was a member of the Spartan cross country and track teams for four years (he also was on the swim team as a freshman). His talent was remarkable and so was his capacity for training. He became a marathon runner at age 17 and went on in college and after to develop into a master of the new discipline of triathlons (swimming, biking, and running). During the 1980s and 1990s he was consistently one of the best triathletes in the world, with 106 professional victories, six U.S. championships, and many podium finishes in the world's biggest races. His wins included the Ironman, the Ultraman, and the World's Toughest Triathlon. Scott's professional career later came to focus on teaching and coaching, and his business is training younger athletes, including high school age, for fitness, health, and skills. Scott's motto is: "The first rule of being a great teacher is to keep being a student." Scott currently lives and trains athletes in New Zealand.

Scott Molina is presented by Mark DeMarco '78, the president of De La Salle High School.

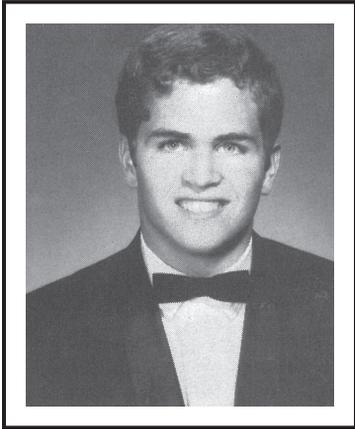
Adin Brown '96



Whether the goal is on land or water, Adin Brown is the guy you want in front of it when the other team is shooting. Adin played goalie in both water polo and soccer at De La Salle, and his accomplishments were extraordinary. In the tank, he was a two-year starter and in senior year was first team all-league and second team NCS. On the grass, he was team MVP three years running, and in senior year allowed only three goals all season, recording twenty shut-outs. At the College of William and Mary, Adin was an All-American soccer player and a member of the U.S. National Team, and in 2000 was a high pick in the Major League Soccer draft. Today he is in his 12th season of professional soccer, playing for the Portland Timbers.

Adin Brown is presented by Brother Robert Wickman, FSC, principal of De La Salle High School 1994-1998, and Scott Hirsch '82, math instructor and water polo coach at De La Salle High School.

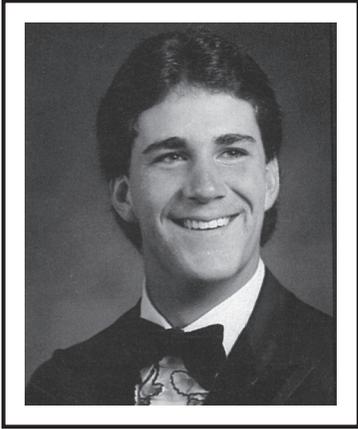
Bernie Stenson '70



Bernie was not only the fastest guy in the water but one of the nicest guys on campus, an outstanding student, a willing volunteer in good causes, a help to other students, and a leader by example. His selfless attitude and hard work led to incredible accomplishments: He was all-league for four years, all-state for three years, a high school All-American (De La Salle's first ever) for three years, and won a swimming scholarship to UCLA. He was the Spartan Athlete of the Year as a senior, and set many school records. He also played soccer. As a senior he was a captain of both the swim team and the soccer team, and he was named all-league in soccer as a goalkeeper. Bernie was "a coach's delight," and later did some aquatic coaching himself at UC Santa Barbara.

Bernie Stenson is presented by Gregg Wilson, the head coach of the swimming and diving team at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

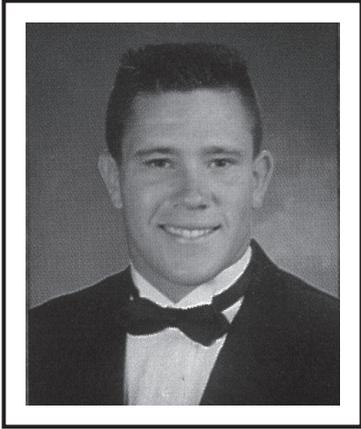
Mark Panella '85



Mark displayed legendary football and baseball skills, was a leader on and off the field, and today is an assistant coach with the Spartan football team. His 1984 season was one of the best by any quarterback in De La Salle's history, as he led the team to the school's second-ever North Coast Section title. In baseball he was East Bay Player of the Year and led the squad to its first NCS title. Not only did Mark's accomplishments on the field set a standard, but his years of service to this school have created a legacy that is a model for the alumni coaches that have followed him.

Mark Panella is presented by Bob Ladouceur, religious studies instructor and head football coach at De La Salle High School, and Bill Ross, a De La Salle High School freshman baseball coach.

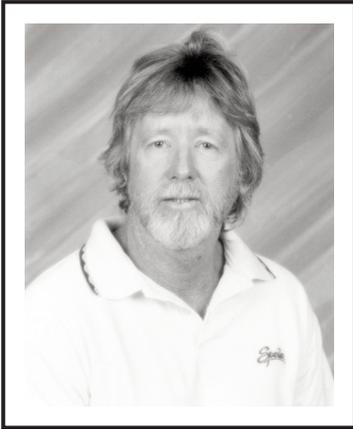
Patrick Walsh '93



Patrick might be the ultimate Spartan: Tough, gritty, and passionate, he was an undersized running back with great heart and surprising power, who set school rushing and scoring records that stood for years. He set a school record with 68 career TDs, and he was named State Player of the Year as a senior. Pat was also a superb baseball player for the Spartans and was a team captain in both sports. At graduation in 1993, he was the class valedictorian. Pat later returned to De La Salle as an assistant football coach before becoming head football coach at Serra High School, where he has guided the Padres to two WCAC titles.

Patrick Walsh is presented by Bob Ladouceur, religious studies instructor and head football coach at De La Salle High School.

Frank Tamony



Frank was a longtime teacher, baseball coach, Dean of Students, and mentor to generations of DLS students. In the course of his many years of service to our students, Frank became a true De La Salle institution. A great coach, a wise and careful Dean, he never gave up on a student – even on those who had given up on themselves – and he never wanted the limelight for himself. He helped to make all-league, all-state, and all-American players, but his greatest accomplishment, and his real purpose as a follower of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, was to build character, instill confidence, teach skills, and offer guidance. Frank has been described as “sartorially challenged,” and it is said that the car he drove was like an equipment shed on wheels. But he was a role model for young men who were growing up, and for the faculty and staff who were privileged to work with him.

Frank Tamony is presented by Terry Eidson, religious studies instructor and assistant football coach at De La Salle High School.

DLS Hall of Fame Members



The De La Salle Athletic Hall of Fame seeks to mirror the whole history of the growth and maturation of sport at De La Salle by selecting the best of the best from all decades of the school's existence. Eligible for nomination are athletes, coaches, teams, members of the athletic staff, and supporters of De La Salle athletics.

Today's inductees join this distinguished roster of Hall of Fame members:

Students: Richard Kimball '74 (long distance running), Matt Castello '80 (baseball), Erik Johnson '83 (baseball), Jason Clark '85 (diving), Mike Vontoure '86 (track, baseball, basketball), Jon Barry '87 (basketball), Brent Barry '90 (basketball), Aaron Taylor '90 (football), Amani Toomer '92 (football);

Coaches: Perry "PK" Kelly (teacher and coach), Joe Stocking (cross country, track, and soccer);

Teams: The 1982 varsity football team; the 1985 varsity baseball team.

Spartan Sports 2010-2011

A recap of the year's accomplishments by our
Hall-of-Famers-in-training:

Cross Country

EBAL Champions
NCS Champions

Football

EBAL Champions
NCS Champions
State Open Division Champions

Water Polo

EBAL 2nd Place
NCS Semi-finalist

Basketball

EBAL Champions
NCS Championship Finalist
NorCal Champions
State Championship Finalist

Soccer

EBAL 4th Place
NCS Champions

Wrestling

EBAL Champions
NCS Champions
State Championship 4th Place

Baseball

EBAL 2nd Place
NCS to come

Lacrosse

EBAL Champions
NCS to come

Golf

EBAL 2nd Place
NCS 2nd Place
NorCal Champions
State Meet June 8

Rugby

Single School Champions (BVC)
NorCal Division Semi-finalist
(Pacific Coast Rugby Union)

Swimming and Diving

EBAL 4th Place
NCS 6th Place
NCS Individual Dive Champion

Tennis

EBAL 5th Place

Track and Field

EBAL Champions
NCS Champions
State to come

Volleyball

EBAL Champions
NCS Champions

Badminton

NCS Championship Participant