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COVER PHOTO: Ahna Peterson '22 strikes a celebratory pose after the Class of 2022 graduated on June 4 at Rolling Hills Community Church. Photo by Kitta Bodmer Photography.

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WRITING OUR NEXT CHAPTER



We hear time and time again about the transformational nature a Lasallian education has upon its students. While I agree wholeheartedly with this statement, it is the transformational nature that Lasallian education has upon parents, staff, alumni, benefactors, and the community that has drawn me back to working full-time with the Christian Brothers and La Salle Prep.

Twenty years ago, I had the incredible opportunity to help open and grow De La Salle North Catholic High School. I quickly realized then that there was something special and unique about the Lasallian approach to teaching, learning, and life.

During my 14 years spent leading public schools, I often turned to our Lasallian approaches to help deepen student relationships and learning and build cultures that were focused on service to others and the joy that creates.

I return to Lasallian education with a fresh set of eyes and a greater appreciation for what we have. I am excited to help La Salle write its next chapter and continue to evolve into the finest school and community there is.

In the coming weeks and months I will be reaching out to many of you to hear what you love most about our community and identify the opportunities we have in front of us to take our school and community to the next level. I look forward to getting to know you and could not be more excited to be returning home to Lasallian education!

Sincerely,

John Huelskamp
President



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celebrating *together*

In the first full in-person academic year since the start of the pandemic, the community gathered on campus for a variety of celebrations, events and traditional community-building activities that help make La Salle so special. The student body gathered to celebrate Easter Mass in the Brick Oven, to select next year's class representatives with an elections assembly, and to let loose at the favorite St. La Salle Day carnival and talent show.

Students served local communities during class service days, hosted a student-curated art sale, and demonstrated learning at

the Academic Showcase. An all-school food truck celebration rewarded students for their success in the Better Together fundraiser event, which raised more than \$115,000, and Student Ambassadors helped host future Falcons on campus for the Class of 2026 Forecasting Night, with over 180 freshmen having enrolled for the 2022-23 school year.

After the anxious uncertainty of the pandemic and a lot of time isolated from the community, La Salle students and faculty spent the year back where they belong – together!







GET TO KNOW JOHN HUELSKAMP, NEW PRESIDENT

John Huelskamp formally joins the ranks of La Salle Prep this summer as the fifth president since the Christian Brothers opened the school in 1966. Huelskamp, who succeeds Andrew Kuffner, has most recently served as principal at Sunset High School, bringing 28 years of experience in education.

In a Q&A with the La Salle Prep Review, Huelskamp shares a behind-the-curtains introduction, discussing his work, faith, family, and goals.

Q: Tell us about your family

A: My wife, Avi, and I have raised four children. Our two oldest are twin daughters, Audrey and Isabel, both college graduates currently based in New York City and one moving to graduate school at Georgetown. Our third daughter, Lucy, is entering her junior year at Princeton, and our youngest, Tom, will be entering his senior year at Sunset High School in the fall. Avi teaches fourth grade at Rock Creek Elementary.

Q: Where did you attend school?

A: I received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in history and minor in philosophy from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, earned my master's in teaching from Southern Oregon University, and completed administrative licensure programs at Lewis & Clark College and University of Portland.

Q: Describe your career in education

A: This past June marks 28 years of working in education. My first teaching position was at Valley Catholic, where I also served as Campus Minister, and then I was tapped to be the Principal of St. John Fisher in Southwest Portland. Twenty years ago, Matt Powell '79 recruited me to serve as the founding principal of De La Salle North Catholic High School in Portland, where I served for six years. In 2008, I joined the Beaverton School District, where I was principal of Terra Linda Elementary for 3 years, then principal of Sunset High School for the past 13 years.

Q: What changes have you seen since your initial Lasallian Catholic education experience?

A: What drew me back is how the Lasallian charism still resonates. It gets into the core of who you are and how you live out the Lasallian core values. I believe La Salle approaches with the Lasallian mindset — it is relationship based. It reflects how I am and how I think schooling should be done. It is not limited to Catholic education; it lives out in many roles. To me, this opportunity to return to Lasallian education is very exciting. I can bring my full sense into the role. It's energizing.

Q: What is the most underrated virtue?

A: Gratitude. Of the 12 Catholic virtues, it doesn't get quite the press of others. True happiness comes out of gratitude.

Q: What talent would you most like to have?

A: Musical talent. Voice or instrument.

Q: What do you consider your greatest achievement?

A: My family.

Q: What is your marked characteristic?

A: I've been told I have a very strong work ethic.

Q: What do you value in your friends?

A: This is a fun [question] – wisdom and joy. The older I get, the more I appreciate friends that can go beyond the surface, [and have] quality conversation and the opportunity to talk through challenges we all face in life. Share life and a beverage or two. Friends who do not take themselves too seriously.

Q: Which historical figure do you most identify with?

A: I find two real life figures who are real life heroes: U.S. Supreme Court Justices Earl Warren and Thurgood Marshall. In brief, Warren was selected by President Eisenhower as a “safe” justice. Warren did the exact opposite. Thurgood established how we move forward in fundamental ways and how we make meaningful change. Both were thoughtful and considerate. They argued the most significant cases of our time. They are both groundbreaking individuals who were not afraid to question.

Q: What is your motto?

A: There is a writing on my office wall; the motto will come with me: “If the horse you're riding dies, get off.” This is a favorite for many reasons; I take it as a challenge. Too often we are spending time and energy on things that are a dead horse. We can mourn — or even have a funeral — but we can use that to reconsider and find a new way.

Q: What Lasallian banner resonates most for you?

A: Respect for all persons. It captures what St. John Baptist de La Salle says: “Touch the heart before you can touch the mind.” This is who we are as Lasallians.

Q: Which living person do you admire most?

A: My wife, Avi. We have four wonderful children. It is all due to her and the sacrifices she made — a selfless, very genuine person.

Q: What is your favorite meal?

A: Bulgogi. I'm a big fan of Korean food.

Q: What is one of your favorite travel experiences?

A: A family trip to Glacier. We enjoyed hiking. We also did a similar trip to Whistler in British Columbia, Canada where my son and I went mountain biking — fun, but gave me constant reminders of age.

Q: What is one personal goal of yours?

A: Not to sound too corny, but I want to be the best president I can be. This is the right time, and though there is a learning curve, it is exciting and offers the importance of connecting with the community.

Q: What is something we may be surprised to know about you?

A: Don't be surprised if you see me with a paintbrush in hand on campus. Growing up, my father wanted each of his children to not only get a good education but also learn a trade. In that expectation, I became skilled in woodworking and even made my own cabinets for our home. For me, it's a way to rewind and remove from a different way of thinking in my work and my workday.

“I want to be the best president I can be. This is the right time, and though there is a learning curve, it is exciting and offers the importance of connecting with the community.”

-John Huelskamp

Q: What do you like to read?

A: I'm a voracious reader. I read across different fields. Among them, writers Tony Wagner and Daniel Pink, more on the business and education side. St. Paul's writings — I reflect on those often for spiritual reflection. For enjoyment, I'm a bit of a history buff — I read Isabel Wilkerson (Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents). I appreciate that she writes with scholarship and personal empathy. Guilty pleasure: Michael Crichton.

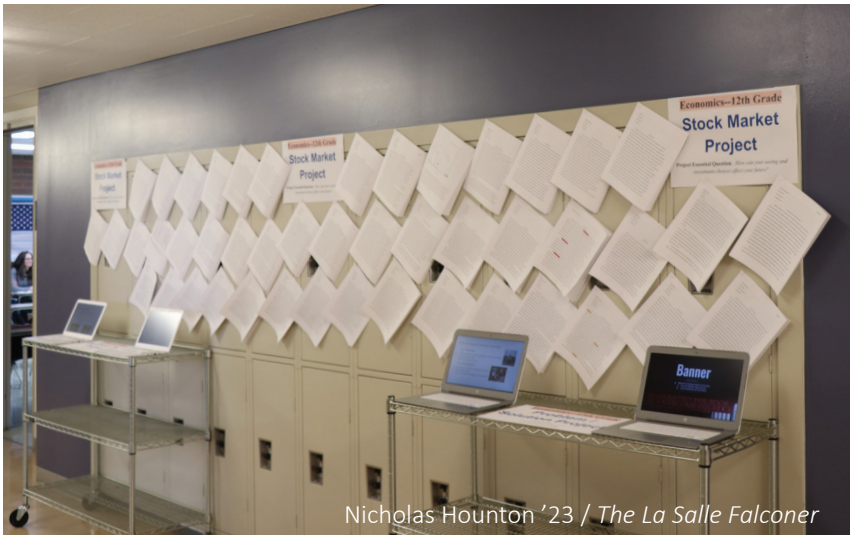




Mamma Mia! brings joy and hope

This past spring, the La Salle Theater Department had the gift of presenting *Mamma Mia!* for the spring musical. This was a monumental production — with over 75 students, dozens of parent volunteers, and a whole team of professional theater artists involved, the department jumped all in on making a return from our pandemic hiatus with a bang.

Mamma Mia! marked the first musical inside the La Salle Theater since *Beauty and the Beast* in spring of 2019, welcoming audiences back into the theater to be together in community and celebrate who we are, what we've come through these past two years, and to look with hope to our future.



Nicholas Hounton '23 / *The La Salle Falconer*

Highlighting student learning

This spring, La Salle returned to an in-person, on-campus Academic Showcase, an evening to celebrate the year's learning by our student body. Departments collaborated to showcase student work in a variety of formats: gallery walks, student presentations, digital portfolios, and a choir and guitar concert. In addition, the counseling staff distributed certificates for students who earned awards of departmental academic commendation and other honors. The faculty and staff appreciated the opportunity to welcome La Salle families to campus to recognize the accomplishments of the year.



Community exceeds fundraising goal

Through this year's Better Together student fundraiser, the La Salle community raised more than \$115,000 for tuition and programming assistance, earning an all-school food truck lunchtime celebration for exceeding the fundraising goal. During this student-led fundraiser, students participated in fun-filled community building activities while reflecting on their La Salle experience with gratitude and raising funds to support one another. Students found a variety of ways to raise money toward their \$150 per student fundraising commitment, such as participating in a Phone-a-thon, bake sales, and selling Christmas wreaths this past fall.





BENEFACTOR RECEPTION HONORS CONTRIBUTIONS

The annual Benefactor Reception returned to an in-person gathering on Thursday, June 16 at Waverley Country Club. The event honored longtime supporters and annual lead benefactors for helping the school fulfill its mission to deliver a quality Lasallian, Catholic education to its students.

Director of Athletics Chris George '97 bestowed the 2022 Volunteer of the Year Award upon boys soccer coach David Leslie '10 and baseball coach Lonnie Beach (*pictured above*) for their significant contributions to our athletic programs as volunteer coaches. George noted, "When it came time to choose this year's Outstanding Volunteers of the Year, the decision was obvious. La Salle is the giving and nurturing community we all benefit from because of the remarkable generosity and big heartedness of [these two remarkable men]."

Principal Alanna O'Brien recognized Lasallian Educator of the Year Cha Lakshmi Asokan for her leadership role in the expansion and elevation of La Salle's art program, noting how she connects with her students while promoting equity and inclusion in the community.

The evening concluded by celebrating President Andrew Kuffner for his 26 years of extraordinary leadership and service to La Salle. Kuffner will leave the helm of the school on June 30. The Andrew Kuffner Scholarship Fund in the La Salle Foundation was established this past spring to celebrate and honor Kuffner's legacy at La Salle. Gifts to the fund exceed \$150,000 and will provide need-based tuition assistance to worthy students for years to come.

In the state-of-the-school address, Kuffner said gifts to La Salle enabled the school to award \$2.8 million in financial assistance to 62% of the student body in 2021-22. For the third consecutive year, annual fundraising efforts exceeded budget, this year generating \$1.74 million in tuition and programming assistance.

"It is you, your heart for the mission, your desire to give back to this community, and your selfless generosity that is the foundation upon which our school community continues to thrive", Kuffner said to the benefactors.



Feltz planned gift provides 'beyond a mere lifetime'



This past winter, we learned alumni parents and longtime La Salle supporters Gene and Betty Feltz left a bequest to La Salle of just over \$1 million dollars. The majority of this gift has been directed to the La Salle Foundation to provide need-based tuition assistance to students in perpetuity. The Feltz bequest is the second largest gift dedicated to the La Salle Foundation.

During a toast to Gene and Betty at the annual Benefactor Reception, COO/CFO Matt Winningham said, "We knew Gene and Betty's commitment to La Salle would last a lifetime. What we didn't know is they would set their sights well beyond a mere lifetime."

If you would like to learn more about becoming a member of the La Salle Legacy Society by including the La Salle Foundation in your estate plans, please contact Vice President of Advancement Andrea Burns '97 at (503) 353-1424 or aburns@lsprep.org.

graduating *leaders*



“ What you imagine will shape how you act, and how you act will shape the world. Learn to look with compassion, to have the courage to talk about what isn't there, and to build. Then we can live in a masterpiece that you had a hand in painting”

-Greg Larson '08, teacher, speaking to the Class of 2022



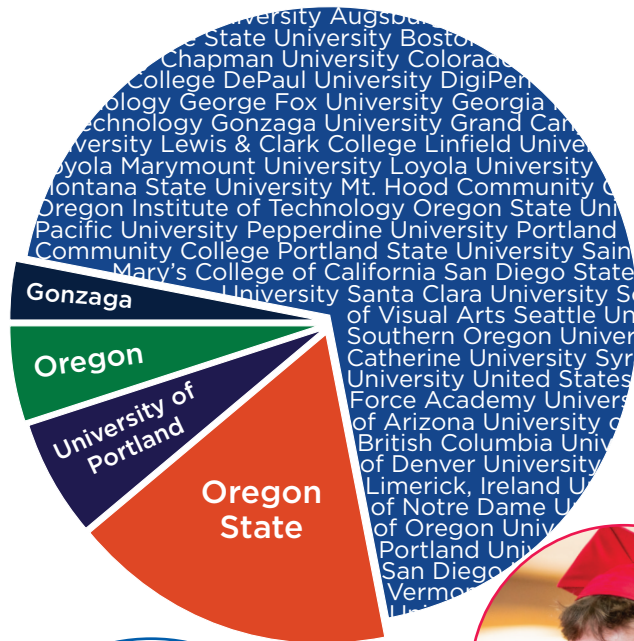
oh, the places they'll go

Here's where the Class of 2022 is headed:

- Arizona State University
- Augsburg University
- Beloit College
- Boise State University
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Chapman University
- Colorado School of Mines
- Cornell College
- DePaul University
- DigiPen Institute of Technology
- George Fox University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gonzaga University
- Grand Canyon University
- Lewis & Clark College
- Linfield University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Loyola University Chicago
- Montana State University
- Mt. Hood Community College
- Oregon Institute of Technology
- Oregon State University
- Pacific University
- Pepperdine University
- Portland Community College
- Portland State University
- Saint Mary's College of California
- San Diego State University
- Santa Clara University
- School of Visual Arts
- Seattle University
- Southern Oregon University
- St. Catherine University
- Syracuse University
- United States Air Force Academy
- University of Arizona
- University of British Columbia
- University of Denver
- University of Limerick, Ireland
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Oregon
- University of Portland
- University of San Diego
- University of Vermont
- Washington State University
- West Virginia University
- Willamette University

grads by the numbers

Here's what's next for the Class of 2022:



93%
attending college
this fall, 7% chose a
gap year or entering
trades or military

\$15m
total offered
to graduates in
scholarships

21%
bound for
Catholic
universities

39%
of students
attending college
are headed out
of state





IN THEIR BIG MOMENT, GRADS REFLECT ON THE 'LITTLE THINGS'

As she addressed her peers at the La Salle graduation ceremony on June 4 at Rolling Hills Community Church, Mary Loeb '22, one of five valedictorians, noted the undeniable effect of the way in which the pandemic “shuttered our world, drawing the blinds on connections with others, and boarding up many opportunities for learning and growth.”

But, “there was some light coming through the cracks of our shuttered world,” Loeb added. “Seeping through the gaps of the shades, and maybe indiscernible to us at the time, today we would like to highlight the growth that occurred from through these small intervening spaces, these interstices.”

In the ensuing speech, Loeb and her fellow valedictorians — Reuben De Souza '22, Aidan O'Brien '22, Nyah Torbert '22, and Seth Wobig '22 — went on to applaud the Class of 2022 for not just their resilience through the pandemic, but also for their excellence in spite of it.

“We might have thought that the pandemic was pressing pause on our lives,” Torbert said, “but it was really creating opportunities and experiences that we wouldn't have had otherwise.”

When things began creeping back towards some sense of normalcy, after months away from school and from each other, the Class of 2022 returned to campus with a newfound appreciation for the little moments that make high school meaningful — the moments they had taken for granted before COVID took it all away.

“Before COVID, there were so many small things, which I could do any day, that seemed like no big deal,” Wobig said. “But now I appreciate these small moments [and] value all events where I can be together with others.”

With a heightened zeal for those little moments of interaction, the members of the Class of 2022 made the most of their senior year together.

“The amount of little interactions that we have in school are probably far greater and more impactful than anyone imagines,” De Souza said. “It's one of those things you never really know you need, until you suddenly don't have it.”

And now, O'Brien added, those small interactions are the ones the class will remember most fondly as they embark on the next stages of their lives. They are “super lucky,” he said, “to have gained this awareness of the little things around us.”

“As we all go our separate ways, whatever they may be, hold on to these little slivers of life,” O'Brien said. “There is no doubt that we are all going to face new challenges as we grow up, but if we, the Class of 2022, can appreciate the cracks of light that shine through the shades in these moments, we will continue to improve ourselves a little bit at a time and support each other in making the world a better place.”



awards

VALEDICTORIAN

Reuben De Souza
Mary Loeb
Aidan O'Brien
Nyah Torbert
Seth Wobig

SALUTATORIAN

Dominic Burkhart
Jonathan Hortaleza
Emma Olson

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Ella Gach

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD

Amanda Rivera
Avery Rush
Aaron Leonard-Graham

FAITH, SERVICE & COMMUNITY AWARD

Amanda Rivera

MICHAEL GLODEN AWARD

Ella Gach

DE LA SALLE AWARD

Nyah Torbert
Natalie Fuchs

ZACH DAVIDSON BIG BROTHER/SISTER AWARD

Aidan O'Brien

DOROTHY DAY HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Mia Kritzer
Hannah Reddick

FALCON DETERMINATION AWARD

Jessica Martinez

leaving *legacies*

ON TO HIS NEXT CHAPTER, LARRY SWANSON RETIRES

By Lucy MacNeela '23

This article is an edited and condensed version of its original, which appeared in *The La Salle Falconer*, La Salle's student news site, on June 1, 2022



Fia Cooper '23 / *The La Salle Falconer*

After 43 years of teaching, and eight years at La Salle, math teacher Larry Swanson is retiring.

For many, La Salle will not be the same without Swanson. Aside from teaching math skills and concepts, he has given countless pieces of advice to students, making lasting connections along the way.

"You carry students around in your heart all the time," Swanson said. "It has been such a blessing to be [at La Salle]. I've gotten to know people that I will be friends with forever, in contact with forever."

'Doing what God wants me to do'

Swanson found his calling for teaching in 1977, when his pastor gave him a personality quiz. While Swanson was unsure of what he wanted to do with the engineering degree he earned, the results of the quiz made it clear to the pastor that Swanson had all the qualities of a teacher.

"God got me into the job, because it wasn't something I thought about at all," Swanson said.

Since that day, he has committed himself to teaching, finding his vocation in education. "[Faith] is something that, for me, is always evolving, always changing," he said. "And this has been one thing that I've been very consistent about. I'm convinced that I'm doing what God wants me to do, and I'm teaching, and that's been super rewarding."

Leaving an impact

For Swanson, teaching is less about the content and more about the connections. What makes the job special is "never the math," he said. "It's always the kids."

"At first, I really thought it was all about just lessons and teaching," Swanson said. But then, he realized that "It's the relationship that you build... and the trust that you have between the students and the teacher that makes the education possible."

Swanson strives to always lead with compassion. "It's much more important to just know the kids and love the kids than it is to try to teach cold," he said.

"I have compassion for this suffering that people go through in high school," he said. "I was not a happy student. I was a good student, but I hated being told what to do. And I hated repeating stuff that I already knew how to do."

In his classroom, Swanson creates a collaborative learning environment, with his teaching style being like a "conversation," he said. He never forces students to raise their hands, refusing to call on people who aren't willing to respond.

In addition, he puts his classes into small groups, or "math families," at the beginning of the year in an effort to simulate the real world. "So much of what we do in life, you just can't do it by yourself," he said. "That idea of working together is really important."

'Put on love'

Although Swanson is unsure of what his future holds for him, he currently enjoys doing things he loves, like cooking, kayaking, camping, and traveling. "I'm not saying no to teaching, I'm just saying yes to whatever is next," he said. "I'm going to take a year off and try not to put pressure on myself."

In his parting words to the La Salle community, Swanson said, "be kind, be generous, and be patient... But above all those things, put on love."



GARY HORTSCH STARTS HIS NEXT JOURNEY



When Dr. Gary Hortsch attended a parish retreat as a high school student, it “changed the trajectory of [my] life,” he said, guiding him to find purpose and setting him on the pathway to becoming a teacher.

Now, Hortsch is closing his 16-year tenure at La Salle, during which he served as a religious studies teacher and the Director of Faith.

Hortsch rediscovered the power of spiritual retreats when he attended La Salle’s 36th Journey retreat as a staff member in 2006. Four years and several more retreats later, Hortsch then

began leading the program after moving into the Director of Faith position, facilitating Journey retreats each year from Journey 51 to Journey 84.

“I really enjoyed the entire process of leading the Journey retreat,” Hortsch said. “I enjoyed hearing about [students’] stories, and seeing them really transform the way that they see and view the world around them, becoming more aware. And gaining that awareness, really becoming better citizens, better Lasallians, better Falcons.”

As a retreat leader, Hortsch saw his role as “guiding people into seeing themselves as to how God sees them,” he said. “I just love the name ‘Journey,’ because I felt like while I was on retreat with the students, it was just that... accompanying young people on making their own discoveries.”

Now, Hortsch will embark on his own new journey, as he departs from La Salle to continue teaching religious studies at Eastside Catholic School in Seattle. Each Journey retreat he led will continue to hold a “special place in my heart,” Hortsch said. “Each occasion had stand-out memories that I cherish.”



BRIAN DEVINE BEGINS A 'NEW ADVENTURE'



Brian Devine was no stranger to Lasallian education before he was hired 17 years ago, first as an English teacher and Director of Campus Ministry, later becoming Vice Principal of Student Life.

As a teen he attended La Salle High School in Philadelphia, where his dad worked for 40 years. “I was just immersed in that culture of the Lasallian

community,” Devine said — which is why, when he joined La Salle’s staff in 2005, “it really did feel like a homecoming.”

As he departs from La Salle, Devine begins a “new adventure,” he said. He will pursue a master’s degree in social work from

Portland State University, planning to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and start his own private counseling practice.

Although the Vice Principal of Student Life position is typically viewed as the enforcer of school policies, Devine wanted to take a more empathy-based approach to disciplinary situations. “I really wanted it to feel like student voice was important, that students had some input and influence in how policies and practices were created,” he said.

This approach includes a “restorative process” in response to student infractions, which focuses more on healing, accountability, and reparation of harm, and less on disciplinary consequences. Devine saw this restorative model, and his administrative role, as a way to not only ensure students’ safety and wellbeing, but also to help them to learn and grow from mistakes.

“A restorative process allows for reconciliation to happen,” he said. “I think that lines up really well with St. John Baptist de La Salle’s model of education, and the Catholic Church’s strong belief in the opportunity of reconciliation.”



red & blue review

baseball

Team GPA 3.30
3rd Place in NWOC
5A State Tournament Quarterfinalist

equestrian

Team GPA 3.67
1st Place Academic All State
5A State Tournament participant

golf

Boys - Team GPA 3.74
NWOC District Champions
5A State Tournament 3rd Place
Will Koch '23 – State Champion (Individual)

Girls - Team GPA 3.77
2nd Place in NWOC
5A State Tournament 3rd Place
Sydney Anderson '24 – 5th Place in State

softball

Team GPA 3.57
4th Place in NWOC
5A State Tournament Participant

tennis

Boys - Team GPA 3.58
2nd Place in NWOC
5A State Tournament 2nd Place
Aiden McBride '24 – State Champion (Singles)

Girls - Team GPA 3.73
NWOC District Champions
5A State Tournament 2nd Place
Kennedy Harris '25 – State Champion (Singles)

track & field

Boys - Team GPA 3.66
6th Place in NWOC
5A State Tournament Participant
Seth Wobig '22 – 8th in State (110 High Hurdles)
Tobias Schenk '22 – 13th in State (Javelin)

Girls - Team GPA 3.74
4th Place in NWOC
5A State Tournament Participant
Madeline Obuchowski '23 – 3rd in State (Pole Vault)
Emma Gall '23 – 4th in State (Pole Vault)
Jasmine McIntosh '24 – 5th in State (100 Meter Dash)
and 6th in State (200 Meter Dash)
Katherine Sunderland '23 – 8th in State (Pole Vault)





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Fia Cooper '23 / The La Salle Falconer



Lukas Werner '22 / The La Salle Falconer



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Golden Falcon Reunion

On Founder's Day, a day when Lasallians across the world remember our patron saint, La Salle welcomed back to campus those who were initially impacted by De La Salle's mission here in Milwaukee: our classes of 1970, 1971 and 1972. Delayed by two years, this inaugural celebration honored La Salle's Golden Falcons, the first graduates to reach their 50th year since graduation.

A time to remember, revisit, and reconnect, the gathering was held at La Salle so they could see the school in action. The day began with Mass in the chapel, which occupies the space that had served as the library when these alumni attended, led by students from our Lasallian Ministry class.

During school tours led by student ambassadors, the former Falcons could see how physical spaces had changed, visit with

current students, and view student work displayed in the hallways, while witnessing how our core Lasallian charism remains strong five decades later. "After helping plan and then canceling our 50th reunion, twice, due to the pandemic, it was nice to finally be able to meet up with some of our classmates. [We] really enjoyed seeing how much the school has grown and improved over the years," said Rob Classen '70.

The alumni enjoyed a catered lunch in the library, where President Andrew Kuffner talked about De La Salle and his Heroic Vow, which led to the establishment of the Lasallian educational mission. After recommitting themselves to "Entering to Learn, Leaving to Serve," Golden Falcons received a new diploma and a Falcon pin, and the morning wrapped up with some photos. We look forward to hosting each new Golden Falcon class annually!

Mark your calendar for the next alumni event, the Falcon Fan Tailgate, September 16, 2022



Forever Falcons Campaign

La Salle alumni and alumni parents celebrated the two weeks between Founder's Day and St. La Salle Day with our second annual Forever Falcons campaign. During this time, alumni and alumni parents were invited to reflect on the significant benefits of a Lasallian education — faith, service, community, exceptional academics, transformational opportunities, and inspiring core values — and to share this gift with current and future Falcons through a 24-hour FalconsGive Day on May 26.

Video remembrances from former students, staff, and coaches, including Elise Christoferson '12, Michael Cormack, Jr. '99, Greg Stiff, and Romila Kim '92 were collected on a special Forever Falcons website, highlighting what makes the gifts of a Lasallian education and community so impactful and special.

The goals? Participation from 150 alumni and alumni parents, and \$35,000 to be matched dollar-for-dollar by a gift from the OCF Joseph E. Weston Foundation. Together, we exceeded those objectives on FalconsGive Day, raising over \$72,300 with 166 gifts.

Alumni from all over the country flocked in, and the friendly competition resulted in victory for the Class of 1979 (a repeat from last year). However, our young alumni were close behind; 32 young alums participated, and the Class of 2021 had the second-highest number of gifts.

Lori Bosnjak Pimental '81, who lives in Hawaii, said, "I really like the Forever Falcons campaign and the FalconsGive Day that's been established. It creates a community feeling and focal point and, in the process, rallies everyone toward a common goal. That's meaningful to those of us who are not near the school's orbit."

Because of the efforts of our alumni community, young people will continue to be transformed by a Lasallian education, with quality educators and strong preparation for college and life, for years to come. Together we soar, Forever Falcons!

Visit www.foreverfalcons.org to see the stats and videos.





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October 16, 1-4 pm

Celebrating 50 years of the Michael Gloden '74 Award

Michael Gloden, a member of the class of 1974, was struck and killed by a distracted driver late in the evening of February 8, 1972 while walking home on Fuller Road after a basketball practice.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Michael Gloden Award, established by the class of 1974 to honor a graduate based on integrity, character, citizenship, and generous service to the class. This award is unique in that it is the school's only accolade in which the recipient is selected exclusively by the graduating class.

When describing this year's recipient, Ella Gach '22, senior class president Avery Rush '22 said, "No matter who you are, no matter how familiar you are with her, she will communicate with you as if you are somebody whom she has loved for years." It is clear that Michael's legacy continues to impact the school, providing a moment to recognize and reflect on a life, and what is now a 50-year Lasallian tradition.



Recent grad returns as guest editor

Maddie Khaw '21 returned to La Salle this summer to serve as the Guest Editor of this edition of The La Salle Prep Review. Maddie is currently attending Emerson College in Boston, majoring in journalism. Thank you, Maddie, for your exceptional contributions!



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in memoriam

Please remember in your prayers the families and loved ones of these La Salle community members who have passed away:

- Jerry Bitz
- Patrick Bell '84
- Lisa Gilbert Cleary '83
- Eugene Comfort
- Audrey Delegato
- Maria Rivelli Erland '79
- Pat Gavin
- Terrence Gavin '79
- Wayne Hamersly
- Frances Keagbine
- Elaine Moyer
- Dorothy Nichols
- Richard Sears
- Lance Staab
- Frank Sunseri '79

Thank you for sharing news of community members who have passed away. Please send information to alumni@Isprep.org

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