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Faithful *Leaders*

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THE SECRET TO LASALLIAN LEADERSHIP



Our founder, St. John Baptist de la Salle, encouraged the early Christian Brothers to cultivate authentic relationships with their students as a way to touch their hearts, leading to developing their minds.

The more time I serve as a leader and learn from great leaders, the more I am convinced that leadership is also about nurturing and investing in relationships.

Consider some of the leaders we have profiled in this magazine: longtime faithful supporter and alumni parent Gene Feltz and former La Salle Principal Brother Michael Saggau. Their leadership here at La Salle was based on where and who they were called to serve.

Their personalities shined through because they invested themselves into La Salle and the relationships they built. We look back and marvel at the institutional impact they made, but I would bet it was the moments in the principal's office shepherding a student through a challenge where Brother Michael did his best leading, or meals around the Feltz family table with a few Christian Brothers where Gene's leadership truly shined.

All of this is to say: The skills of developing positive relationships, nurtured and modeled here at La Salle by teachers, staff, parents, and benefactors alike, all serve our students well as they prepare for a world that needs them and their leadership.

Live, Jesus, in our hearts,

Andrew Kuffner



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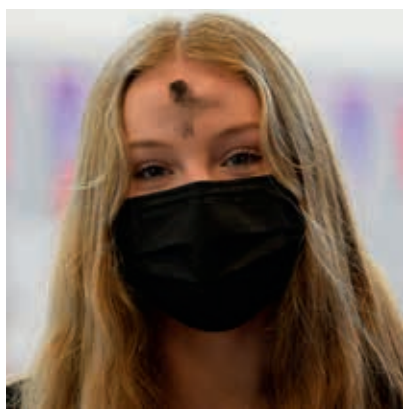
Colin Maulding '94

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Anna Parker '08

Kody Betonte Thomas '02



campus notes



Senior directs, produces, stars in show

In addition to directing and producing La Salle's winter show, "Gifted," a play by Tommy Lee Johnston about six gifted students and how they were bullied, Aaron Leonard-Graham '22 found himself having to step into one of the lead roles just weeks before opening night.

"I had an actor to play (Mr.) Jenks, but because of how big the role is, they decided to step back from it," explained Aaron. "I filled the role with another actor but around the middle of dead week, they told me they need to step back from the role due to personal reasons."

"We didn't have anyone else that was experienced enough to pick up a major role within three weeks, so then enters me. It's been such a fun process and I'm really glad I've been able to do all three aspects. It's been a learning process."

As if that weren't enough, Aaron is also researching the issue of bullying as part of his senior capstone. "It's a topic that is hard to talk about," he said. "But when it's talked about, it's healing."



Student wins congressman's app challenge

Lukas Werner '22 has won U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader's 2021 Congressional App Challenge.

Lukas' winning app — called CloudPC — makes it possible for iPad and Chromebook users to run desktop applications on their devices.

"It's putting your PC in the cloud so that it can be accessed from anywhere," he said.

Lukas was inspired to create the app, in part, by his need to run computer design software at school.

Lukas' app is one of four selected by Oregon representatives in the 2021 challenge. Winners are invited to demonstrate their apps to the U.S. Congress during the national science fair called #HouseOfCode in April.



Diners boost athletics at Steak & Seafood

Once again, diners and donors made the Booster Club's Annual Steak & Seafood and Microbrew Tasting a success.

Alumni, players, coaches and parents served grilled steak, salmon, shrimp, and cheesy potatoes to diners in the Saalfeld Athletic Center as well as those who ordered ahead to take the treats home.

The event, which is the Booster Club's biggest fundraiser of the year, raised more than \$54,000 for La Salle athletics and activities. Funds will go toward uniforms, financial assistance for athletic and activity expenses, and more.

In addition, the Boosters are gearing up to outfit the Saalfeld Athletic Center with new and improved training equipment.

On behalf of Falcon players, coaches, and moderators, thank you for your support.



Students pack lunch bags full of donated snacks and fruits for the Backpack Buddies program.

LA SALLE COLLECTS AND GIVES AWAY FOOD - EVERY WEEK OF THE YEAR

Since the start of the school year, Falcons have been bringing bags and boxes of oranges, apples, pears, onions, potatoes, garlic, avocados, bananas, and other snacks to school. The food is then taken to Lot Whitcomb Elementary School where it is distributed to children in need.

The effort is the manifestation of La Salle's commitment to provide food to Lot Whitcomb families every week school is in session during the 2021-22 academic year.

"It's important we do it year-round," said Mia Kritzer '22, La Salle's Officer of Service. "We are just trying to help people because we know they are struggling."

The need is great. According to a recent study from the School of Public Policy at Oregon State University, more Oregonians than ever don't have enough to eat.

At Lot Whitcomb, nearly 90 percent of students qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. Initially, La Salle was providing food for the families of 85 children; the need has since grown to 94.

"Our school community is so grateful to have this wonderful support so that our students get the food they need to thrive at home and in school," said Brianna Rosen-Fischer, who coordinates Backpack Buddies distribution at Lot Whitcomb.

La Salle's school groups and teams take turns bringing in donations. For example, juniors bring in donations of fruit one week, seniors bring in packages of oatmeal another. La Salle staff also pitch in on designated weeks.

The effort is not limited to current students and staff; alumni regularly contribute. In addition, past Falcons and alumni parents have provided the needed food for two different weeks, a beautiful example of "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve."

Romila Tandingan Kim '92 — a La Salle graduate and the mother of Gavin Kim '25 — likes that the campaign is ongoing.

"It keeps it in the forefront that there are always people in need," she said, "not just once a year."

living our mission

A MANIFESTATION OF OUR MISSION: LA SALLE EQUITY STATEMENT

As a Catholic Lasallian school, we are called to remember we are always in the holy presence of God. This call is an invitation to humble ourselves, be open and curious, and freely share our gifts, bringing them into the service of others.

In this way, we are grateful for and encouraged by the work of the La Salle Inclusion Committee and the Equity Statement that has been developed by this team of school leaders, staff, parents, students, and alumni.

In development for the past year and a half, our statement is a manifestation of our mission in that it drives us to see Christ as present in everyone and to recognize the dignity, value, and worth of all. It defines a place where everyone who joins this community can share their unique gifts and grow in the ways God calls them to.

While this statement is a living document that reflects the voices of our community, it has also been affirmed by the Board of Trustees and the Lasallian District of San Francisco/New Orleans. With the completion of this statement, the Inclusion Committee will now develop an equity lens that will support the school in living up to and animating our full mission as decisions are made, programs are deployed, and policies are created and implemented.

Copies of this statement are posted throughout La Salle.



LA SALLE PREP

EQUITY STATEMENT

Guided by our Lasallian Catholic mission and core belief in God's presence in all things, La Salle Catholic College Preparatory commits to equity, inclusion, diversity, and justice.

We embrace the gospel call to create and sustain a diverse, equitable, and inclusive world for the good of all.

We foster a barrier-free learning environment that honors the dignity of all in our community.

We celebrate identity, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, family economics, mobility, language, marital status, sexual orientation, ability, and religion.

We denounce prejudice, racism, and injustice in any form and interrupt these when they occur.

We champion our students' efforts to create greater justice locally and globally.

We create opportunities for everyone at La Salle Prep to connect with others, contend with their biases, grow through learning, develop cultural intelligence, and engage in courageous conversations.

We acknowledge that we may make mistakes that cause harm, so we examine our curricula, policies, and procedures continually through an equity lens and transform ourselves accordingly.

BELOVED BROTHER DIES AT 85



When Brother Michael Saggau, FSC, passed away just shy of his 86th birthday in California, on Jan. 12, 2022, he left behind a deep and wide imprint at several schools, including La Salle Prep.

Former students and coworkers say Brother Michael embodied Lasallian values in how he mentored students, guided fellow educators, and treated everyone with respect and kindness.

“He was one of my life’s mentors,” said John Bernard ‘73. “He is the first person in my life that spoke to me as an adult, his way of calling you to your responsibility.”

Born in rural Iowa, the future Lasallian graduated from Cathedral High School in Los Angeles, earned a Bachelor’s of Arts in Education from Saint Mary’s College in Moraga, Calif., and a Master’s in English from Loyola University in Los Angeles. He entered the Novitiate in 1954, and took his final vows in 1961.

In addition to his time at La Salle, Milwaukie, Brother Michael worked as a teacher, athletics director, and administrator at several Lasallian institutions, such as Saint Mary’s College, Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep, De La Salle, and Justin-Siena high schools in California until retiring in 2018 to Holy Family Community on Mont La Salle in Napa.

He arrived at La Salle in 1972. Over the next eight years, he served as a dean, vice principal, and principal. La Salle colleagues and brothers recall Brother Michael’s down-to-earth spirit, and sincerity.

“Brother Michael was an authentic person for others no matter the situation,” said former La Salle Principal Bill George. “He was there for his fellow educators, the parents, the alums, and the young people entrusted to his care.”

George still values the advice he received from Brother Michael.

“He suggested to me the best way to foster relationships with your students is to treat them like adults but expect them to act like kids,” he said. “He knew the one thing young people crave most of all is to be treated with dignity and respect.”

John Bernard ‘73 was among those young adults craving dignity and respect. Brother Michael, he said, gave it to him.

“The world,” said Bernard, “is a better place because of him.”

Alum establishes fund honoring Brother

When he was a student at La Salle in the 1970s, Dan Blaufaus ‘76 met Brother Michael Saggau.

The friendly Brother, said Blaufaus, was a patient man dedicated to celebrating every individual and making students feel seen and loved.

“He once listened to me for two hours when I was spun up about something,” said Blaufaus. “All he did was ask another question when I ran out of words, and he helped me guide myself to the right conclusion. You could say he listened me off the ledge.”

Even after graduating from La Salle, Blaufaus leaned on the lessons he learned from Brother Michael. The brother gave Blaufaus his first job out of college, hiring him to teach English and coach at La Salle.

Blaufaus decided he wanted to give back to La Salle and honor the Brother who made such a difference in his life by creating a scholarship in Brother Michael’s name. Once the scholarship fund matures, it will provide need-based tuition assistance for a student to attend La Salle.

“It was my hope to do a bit to increase access through a scholarship fund,” said Blaufaus.

He also wanted the school community “to remember the impact this holy man had at La Salle,” said Blaufaus.

“He was a man of deep faith, generous spirit, and he was content in his lifelong mission to help young men and women become the best version of themselves,” he said. “I’m grateful he was part of my life.”

If you would like to make a gift in memory of Brother Michael Saggau, FSC, visit lsprep.org/saggau/ or contact Vice President of Advancement Andrea Burns ‘97 at (503) 353-1424 or aburns@lsprep.org.

Years of Service at La Salle

1972-73 - Dean of Studies

1973-74 - Vice Principal

1977-81 - Principal



leaving a *legacy*

'WHAT WILL IT TAKE?' A FAITHFUL FELTZ



In the early 1990s, La Salle's future looked bleak.

Enrollment was falling. The Christian Brothers had been assigned to teach elsewhere. The school was running out of money and heading toward closure.

It stepped Gene Feltz, a Portland attorney, La Salle board member, father of nine, and early supporter of the school after it opened in 1966. He went to the Archbishop and implored him to keep La Salle open. "What will it take?" Feltz asked.

It was Feltz's faith in the school, said former La Salle President Greg VanderZanden, that helped save it.

"He [stood] in the gap," said VanderZanden, "placed there by God."

Feltz's contribution, those of others, plus a new agreement with the Christian Brothers kept La Salle open that year, giving it enough time to turn its fortunes and enrollment around.

Though Feltz died last year and his wife, Betty Feltz, died in 2018, the two continue to support La Salle through their bequest, most of which will be directed to the La Salle Educational Foundation for need-based financial assistance.

Their gift illustrates their Catholic faith, their belief in La Salle, and their commitment to its mission.

A never-ending faith

Gene Feltz's affinity for Catholic education stemmed from his upbringing in the church and his own experience in parochial schools. Born in Portland, he attended Sacred Heart

Grade School, Columbia Prep High School, the University of Portland, and Santa Clara University School of Law.

He and his wife, Betty – herself a graduate of All Saints Grade School, St Mary's Academy, and Marylhurst College – had fond memories of their schools and friends.

Gene Feltz, said daughter Marianne Feltz Gunderson '75, felt especially connected to his classmates from Columbia Prep, a small high school run by Holy Cross priests on the campus of the University of Portland. Though Columbia Prep offered rigorous academics, competitive sports, and brotherly ties, it was forced to close when it ran out of money.

"I think that failure was devastating to our dad and I think he did not want that kind of fate for La Salle," said Gunderson. "He wanted to see it succeed, flourish, and be there for many generations."

Gene and Betty Feltz got involved with La Salle after their oldest child, Dan Feltz '71, enrolled in the late 1960s. They stayed involved throughout his high school career as well as the high school careers of his brothers and sisters Joe Feltz '72, Steve Feltz '73, Marianne Feltz Gunderson '75, Sharon Feltz Schlechter '77, Carol Feltz Bluhm '80, Laura Feltz '81, Maureen Feltz Cortopassi '84, and Diane Feltz Slaughter '86.

Over the years, one or both of the Feltz parents served as parent leaders, and members of the Board of Regents and the Board of Trustees. The two gave leadership gifts in every major fundraising campaign. Every fall, Betty Feltz would help make hundreds of the savory meatballs traditionally served at Yulefest.

The two got to know other families in the La Salle community. They grew close to the Christian Brothers assigned to the school; Brother Thomas Levi, who served as La Salle's second principal, was often a guest at the family's Eastmoreland home.



“Mom and Dad genuinely loved the Christian Brothers,” said Gunderson. “They appreciated their teaching philosophy and their joyful approach. They presented a ‘new way’ when they arrived in Portland and my parents found that refreshing and exciting. Supporting La Salle made them feel a part of something new and fresh and groundbreaking for their community.”

Despite working as an estate planning and general law attorney, serving as a founding member of Blanchet House of Hospitality, and volunteering at Holy Family, where he attended Mass daily toward the end of his life, Gene Feltz always made time for La Salle.

As teenagers, the Feltz children felt as if their parents were at school as much as they were.

“Honestly, it was embarrassing sometimes to have Dad so involved,” said Steve Feltz ‘73. “Often, when we would meet a new teacher or faculty member, the first question we’d get wasn’t ‘Are you so-and-so’s brother/sister?’ But instead it was ‘Are you related to Gene Feltz?’”

As the years went by, however, he and his brothers and sisters grew proud of their parents.

“It instilled in us as parents and alumni the importance and value of relationships and of giving back,” he said. “The rewards of these life-long relationships and association with La Salle are special.”

A legacy spanning generations

Long after their last child graduated from La Salle in 1986, Gene and Betty Feltz continued to support the school. They gave when asked. They attended Believe and Yulefest.

“Gene (and Betty) distinguished themselves as benefactors who never left,” said former La Salle President Denise Jones. “Gene had the wonderful capacity to stay fully engaged.”

The couple’s children have grown into La Salle supporters themselves. Three of them sent their own kids to La Salle: Dan’s son Tony ‘01, Steve’s daughter Angela ‘17, and Sharon’s daughters Andrea ‘06, Allison ‘09, and Natalie ‘13. The Feltz name appears often on lists of La Salle board members and donors.

“Knowing how much our parents - and all parents who prioritize Catholic education - sacrificed to ensure that we and those who followed could benefit from a Lasallian education is humbling,” said Sharon Feltz Schlechter ‘77. “It helps prioritize our own lives and instill a desire to give back to our wonderful Lasallian community so that it may benefit generations to come.”

The lives of Gene and Betty, said La Salle President Andrew Kuffner, are a testament to the power of faith.

Leading with engagement and service, he said, “invites us to follow the example of Gene and Betty Feltz.”



**ACCEPT EVERYONE
RESPECT ALL PERSONS**

**REMEMBER THE
PRESENCE OF GOD**

**KNOW YOUR LIMITS
PREPARE FOR LIFE**

**RESPOND TO THE POOR
OVERCOME INJUSTICE**

**WALK WITH
WISDOM**



KUFFNER MOVES ON TO LASALLIAN DISTRICT

After more than 26 years serving La Salle Prep, President Andrew Kuffner is stepping down from the helm of the school. His last day at La Salle will be June 30.

The time seems right, he said. He's filled nearly every senior role at the school, including Principal and President. His daughters Emma '18 and Mollie '20 are away at college. A few weeks ago, he earned his doctorate in education from the University of Portland.

"Being given the opportunity to lead this great organization has been the privilege of my life," he said. "I tried to always remember that my job was to serve the mission, not the other way around."

On July 1, Kuffner will start a new job as the Director of Formation for Mission for the Lasallian District of San Francisco-New Orleans. The job will take him all over the District to share the mission of St. John Baptist de La Salle to educate youth.

Kuffner leaves behind a high school that is more rigorous and inclusive than it was when he arrived.

"His legacy is his passion for the mission and his care for the hearts of our students," said Principal Alanna O'Brien, who started working at La Salle the same year Kuffner did. "He sees the good in all people — always assuming positive intent — and is rarely rattled by the pressures of the job or the frenzy of high school life."

An unexpected path

The third of five children who grew up attending Catholic schools in North Portland, Kuffner planned to go into mechanical engineering. That was no surprise to his family, who had watched him relish logistical challenges such as wedging the entire clan's luggage into the trunk of the car. But two summers of working at Camp Howard led Kuffner toward a different career.

As a counselor, he found he could corral a cabin full of kids with wit, music, and humor. "I realized, 'I'm a dork, but these kids think I'm cool,'" he said. "I like that."

A summer job that had him crunching numbers indoors



reinforced his decision to work with people. "I thought, 'When was I happiest?' he recalled. "It was when I was at Camp Howard. Well, teaching is like that."

Becoming a Falcon

Kuffner started at La Salle in August 1996, just a few months after earning his bachelor's degree in education with endorsements in physics and math from the University of Portland.

Though Kuffner graduated from Central Catholic High School in Portland, La Salle's core values — faith, inclusivity, education, respect for all, and concern for the poor — resonated with him.

"We have this responsibility to remain true to what our mission is calling us to," he said. "It's realized within the hearts and minds of the young people entrusted to our care."

Looking like a high schooler himself, Kuffner brought enthusiasm and creativity to his lessons. In one, he had students compete, game-show style, to see whose homemade truss could withstand the most pressure. "COME ON DOWN!" he'd yell, inviting students to demonstrate the strength of their creations in front of the class. In another lesson, he had them make clouds of chalk so they could see how many times they could get a laser to bounce off of a mirror.

"I love teaching physics because it's the basis of everything," he said. "I always appreciated that we get to talk in physics about why things happen the way they do."



Mr. Andrew Kuffner, Physics, Algebra II, and Conceptual Physics

"In an elevator in Athens, Greece, a group of us crammed more than the allotted number of people allowed in. The elevator started to go up, but then it started to go down, really fast! Luckily, we only fell two floors and were not injured, but we were stuck there for three-and-a-half hours, listening to Greek elevator music before they got us out!"

--Andrew Kuffner





Kuffner tried to make learning relevant by keeping in mind lessons he picked up from longtime educators who told him learning stems from reflecting on every lesson by saying “Here’s what. So what? Now what? How can we take that experience and apply it?”

“If you don’t ever do the ‘So what?’ and ‘Now what?’ and stick to the ‘Here’s what,’ all you do is vapid,” said Kuffner. “That’s what life education should be about. Don’t stop at the ‘Here’s what.’”

Kuffner – known to many of his students as “Kuff Daddy” or simply “Kuff” – also brought to La Salle his passion for retreats. His self-confidence and empathy for others had grown during his high school retreat. He wanted to provide La Salle students the chance to grow, too.

Soon after he arrived at the campus on Fuller Road, Kuffner and a few other staffers developed Journey, an overnighter designed to help juniors and seniors learn to accept themselves and one another through reflection, forgiveness, and prayer.

“I believe – as a person of faith – that we were created and put on this planet to love each other, ourselves, and God,” said Kuffner. “So I always think the lesson of Journey is: If you can see that love, that divine spark in yourself, great. If you can see that in your small group, even better. If you can see that in the entire retreat, wonderful. But if you can see that in every person for the rest of your life, then you are transformed.”

Kuffner carried that belief with him as he moved up the ranks at La Salle, serving as Dean of Students, Vice Principal for Academics, Principal, and, ultimately, President. Along the way, faculty and staff voted him as the school’s 2012 Lasallian Educator of the Year.

“Leadership is a gift, an opportunity, a blessing, and also a responsibility,” he said. “I know I have had to make difficult decisions; ones that weren’t always understood, or were disappointing to some. I have always tried to understand, question, investigate, and choose a path rooted in the virtues we aspire to as Lasallians.”

Growth and change

Under Kuffner’s leadership as Principal and President, La Salle grew in size and reputation. The school added AP and Honors classes, expanded offerings in STEM, and built a makerspace formally known as the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust Innovation and Design Center. La Salle also created Signum Fidei, a program designed to meet the needs of students with learning differences.

During the pandemic, the school built the Saalfeld Athletic Center. To give students a glimpse of what was going on while they studied at home, Kuffner put on a hard hat and walked around the construction site taking videos aired on social media.

Kuffner also led his staff on schoolwide explorations of issues such as identity and empathy. He gave the green light to providing equity and inclusion training for every member of the faculty and staff.



In early 2017 — long before the pandemic forced schools to put lessons online — Kuffner set into motion La Salle’s first Digital Learning Day, a day designated for students to stay home and learn via online lessons and assignments. Kuffner and his staff had developed this “DLD” as a way students could learn even when foul weather kept them from campus. The breakthrough made local headlines, as did the pandemic-inspired 2020

drive-thru graduation ceremony held on the bricks in front of the school.

Despite La Salle's successes and growth to more than 700 students, Kuffner resisted comparisons to other schools. Instead of striving for exclusivity, he leaned into De La Salle's 300-year-old mission to bring out the best in every student.

"The core message of De La Salle is 'Be good people, graduate good people, form good people,'" he said. Putting a spin on Yoda's wisdom, he added "Do good, or do not. There is no try."

For Kuffner, doing good meant connecting with students in a variety of ways. He often stood at the front door in the mornings to hold the door open for students scurrying to class. He stopped in the lobby to talk to kids about the next show. Many nights, he'd be on the sidelines of a game, match, or meet, cheering for the Falcons.

Kuffner went a little further. He sang in three school musicals, including as a member of a barbershop quartet in "The Music Man." He dressed as Darth Vader on Halloween. He often played his ukulele during school assemblies.

One year, Kuffner made a deal with the students: If they brought in at least 300 cans of food for the hungry, he'd sleep outside the school in a tent overnight. Next thing you know, he was setting up camp.

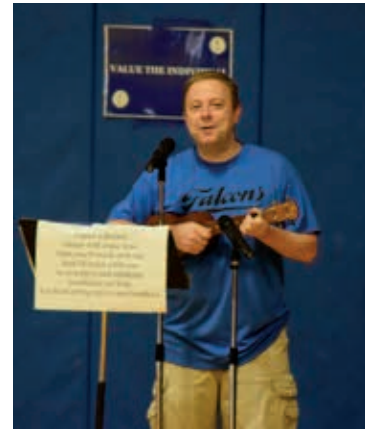


Ella Gach '22 said it meant a lot to her that Kuffner got so involved at the school.

"He sees every student and he acknowledges everyone," she said. "Having my principal know who I am and what I want to accomplish in life was so impactful...because I didn't know he knew the kids."

Kuffner also took time to encourage the adults around him.

"Andy is the kind of leader who wants to be available in any way possible," said choir and guitar teacher Otto Wild. "As a teacher, principal, or president, Andy wants to help. Even for tasks like setting up for an athletic event or putting away chairs after a Mass, Andy is there."



Science teacher Matt Owen '10, said Kuffner's positive approach made it possible for him to get a job as a teacher, despite only having tutoring experience.

"Andy sees the good in people and what they can bring to the community," said Owen.

Next steps

Kuffner starts his new job with the district on July 1, His work will take him all over the district to celebrate and share the Lasallian mission.

"I am honored to have this opportunity to continue to serve this Lasallian mission that I love so much," he said.

As a former faculty member and father of two La Salle graduates, Kuffner promises to stay connected to the school and live a life guided by Lasallian principles.

"The future is best served by remembering that we are in the Holy presence of God," he said. "And that recognition invites us to be in relationship with each other as the hands, feet, voice, and manifestation of Christ in our world."



red & blue review

alpine ski

State Competition Finalists:

Elias Kean '23 (9th Place Boys Slalom & Western Regional Competition team member: 3rd place team combined Slalom & Giant Slalom, 27th place individual Slalom)

Ryder McCoy-Hansen '24 (30th Place Boys Slalom, 52nd Place Boys Giant Slalom, 24th Place Combined Boys Giant Slalom & Slalom)

Erin McGinnis '22 (21st place Girls Slalom)

boys basketball

Team GPA 3.42

3rd Place in NWOC, 11-3 conference record

5A State Tournament Participant

Nick Robertson '23 - NWOC Player of the Year

boys swimming

Team GPA 3.67

1st Place Academic All State

5A State Tournament participant

girls basketball

Team GPA 3.69

3rd Place in NWOC, 10-4 conference record

5A State Tournament Participant

dance

Team GPA 3.79

11th Place State Competition, "Excellent" Rating

5th Place Academic All State

girls swimming

Team GPA 3.41

1st Place NWOC

11th Place State Competition

snowboarding (not pictured)

11th Place in Team Banked Slalom

State Competition Finalists:

Ryieke Stromer '22 (53rd place in Slopestyle, 32nd place in Banked Slalom)

Owen Nichols '23 (22nd place in Boardercross, 22nd place in Banked Slalom)

Many thanks to Norm Hersom for the boys and girls basketball and swimming photos, Anne Kean for the ski photo, and Lisa Daniels for the dance photo.





falcons in flight

ALUMNI, PARENTS, AND FRIENDS HELP STUDENTS PONDER PROFESSIONAL POSSIBILITIES



Sophomores, juniors, and seniors considered their potential professions during an on-campus Career Day and Fair in February.

The events, sponsored by La Salle's Alumni Association, were intended to give students a chance to explore careers, discover professions they might not have considered, learn about institutions that align with their interests, and connect with adults who work in fields that interest them.

Dr. Michael Cormack Jr. '99 – now the deputy superintendent of Jackson Public Schools in Mississippi – kicked off the day with a keynote speech in the gym. During his talk, he encouraged students to pursue a vocation that is both fulfilling and fun.

"Do you get a kick out of it?" he asked. "Are you any good at it? Does anyone want you to do it?"

Cormack also stressed that how one does a job is as important as the job itself. To illustrate his point, he quoted poet Maya Angelou: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

After the keynote, students fanned out to classrooms where 50 adults – a mix of alumni, parents, and Falcon friends – discussed in person or via Zoom what they do.

The guest speakers, who work in medicine, engineering, law, design, architecture, technology, security, service, the military, the arts, and other arenas – described steps students could take to enter their respective fields. They spoke about their responsibilities and what they love about their jobs. They discussed how they got where they are and described jobs similar to theirs. Several mentioned the importance of

maintaining a healthy work-life balance; a few shared that they changed careers until they found the one that resonated with them.

Physical therapist Jason Vila '92 explained what he does by demonstrating what he does. First, he stood in the front of Room 112 and held up a plastic replica of a human spine. Then, he examined a student's spine as if he were a patient.

Students also got a chance to question about a dozen professionals staffing tables in the gym. What does it take to be a pilot? A speech pathologist? An engineer? How do I pursue a career in photography?

Darnell Valentine, a former NBA player and now corporate director of employee advancement at Precision Castparts Corp., said his company participated in La Salle's Career Day and Fair because industries need to encourage the next generation.

"We have to grow our youth," he said. "If we don't grow them now, what is our future?"

Career Day, held annually prior to the pandemic, returned at the request of the Alumni Association, which provided food, volunteers, and supplies for the event. Students in the new Leadership class helped out by running a raffle to encourage participation, and creating a "passport" with questions students could ask, such as "What do you like and dislike about your job?"

Students also used their passports to reflect on what they learned. "Today, I learned that being a software engineer goes beyond just knowing how to code, but also collaborating to fulfill client needs and creating and designing innovative patterns," wrote one.

"It's neat how topics I'm interested in could be completely unexpected job opportunities," said another.

By the end of the day, students said they appreciated the chance to discover different careers. "It helped me understand what I want to do in the future, and what I don't want to do," said Riley Johnson '24. "It helped me realize all the things that are possible."



OEY EARNS HALL OF FAME SELECTION

Math teacher, alum, and former Falcon cheerleader Linus Oey '87 has been selected for 2022 induction into the Oregon Cheerleading Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

"We appreciate and are so thankful for all the exceptional amounts of time and energy you put in over the years to help build and grow cheerleading in Oregon," association vice president Christine Langley said in a note congratulating Oey, who will be the 34th person inducted into the Hall of Fame.

"He was a teacher first, a coach second, and always a mentor," said Michelle Ricca Reid '01, who learned algebra, geometry, and cheerleading from Oey. "Oey asked the best of you and always made you feel capable and confident. He accepted nothing less than you giving everything you had to grow into the person he knew you could be."

Oey, she said, "taught me to trust. To trust in myself and the people that surrounded me in my life. I am forever grateful for my Lasallian experience as a whole, but Mr. Oey was my rock, my hero, my cheerleader. He deserves this honor and many more for the young students and athletes he has helped find the best versions of themselves."

Oey started cheering while a student at La Salle in the 1980s. Encouraged by Brother Warren Stewart, FSC, he and several other male athletes joined the rally squad to perform stunts.

Some opponents laughed when Oey and his buddies showed up to cheer. The heckling stopped, however, as soon as the boys



started tossing teammates into the air.

After the Falcons won the state cheer title for 3A schools with large squads in 1987, Oey cheered for Oregon State. Then he coached La Salle cheerleaders who won another state cheer title in 1998. Eventually, Oey went pro as the Portland Trail Blazers' stunt coach — a title he still holds today.

Oey likes cheering because he likes to build stunts. He said he hopes all students discover pastimes they enjoy. "They just have to find what their heart sets them on," he said, "then pursue it with passion."



Alum staff coaches receive Carol Feltz Bluhm '80 award

La Salle alumni Linus Oey '87 and Mikel Rathmann '05 received this year's Carol Feltz Bluhm '80 Award, an honor that recognizes educators who go above and beyond while coaching or moderating an OSAA-sanctioned activity. The award was created in memory of Bluhm, who was an athlete at La Salle.

Mikel Rathmann '05, who works as La Salle's campus health and safety monitor, has been coaching the cross country and track and field teams for 13 years- seven as head coach. He also coached swimming for five years- four as head coach.

Math teacher Linus Oey '87 has served as an assistant coach for boys soccer, football, and track and field, as well as head coach for cheer. These days, he coaches high jump.

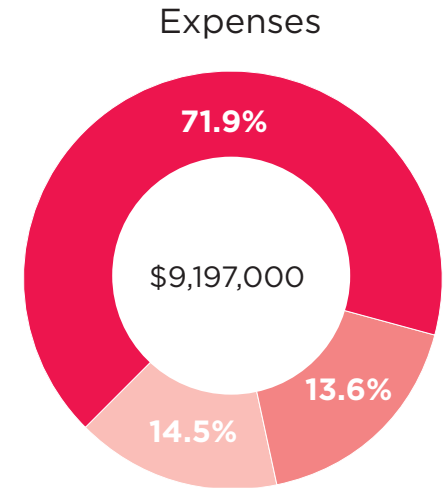
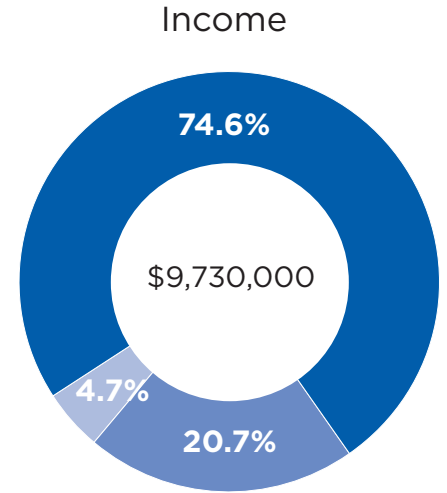
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2020-21 FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY (JULY 1 - JUNE 30)

A commitment to providing access to education is at the heart of the Lasallian mission. For more than 300 years, Lasallians worldwide have pledged to serve the needs of those who need it most through education and opportunity. Teachers and staff at La Salle Prep work diligently to provide qualified students access to an excellent college preparatory education, regardless of their ability to pay. Through fundraising activities and in partnership with generous foundations and benefactors, La Salle Prep provided need-based tuition assistance to 63% of the student body for a total of over \$3.05 million in 2020-21.

- Tuition & Fees \$7,263,000
- Fundraising & Contributions \$2,012,000
- Student Services/Other \$455,000
- Compensation \$6,610,000
- Program Support \$1,257,000
- Facilities & Operations \$1,330,000

Change in Net Assets \$533,000



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TRENDS

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Financial Assistance	\$2,269,000	\$2,455,000	\$2,776,000	\$3,000,000
Students Receiving Aid	399	397	413	416
Average Grant	\$5,690	\$6,180	\$6,722	\$7,224

2020-21 LA SALLE FOUNDATION SUMMARY

Incorporated in 1996, the La Salle Educational Foundation exists exclusively for the benefit of La Salle Catholic College Preparatory. Its purpose is to ensure the financial sustainability and permanence of the mission to provide a Catholic college preparatory education to the young, especially the poor.

The total net asset balance in the La Salle Foundation as of December 31, 2021, was \$6.5 million. The annual distribution from the Foundation for the 2020-21 school year was \$264,000 with a growth rate of 52% in 5 years. There are 38 active named funds and 6 developing named funds in the Foundation which provided scholarship assistance to 46 students. The La Salle Legacy Society — a group of benefactors who wish to leave a legacy for future generations of La Salle students through provisions for La Salle in their estate plans — has grown to 48 members.

The annual report for La Salle's 2020-21 fiscal year, including the Honor Roll of Donors, Alumni Giving, Named Endowed Funds, and Legacy Society Members, is available online at lsprep.org/LSPR/



MEMORIES OF SISTER ANN MARIE LUSTIG, AFSC

Reflection by Bill George, AFSC



Sister Ann Marie was a Lasallian at her core. She experienced the Brothers as a high school student at Garcias Memorial in Bakersfield, CA. She learned first-hand that the truest way to develop relationships with young people is through the heart and then the mind. We were blessed to have her with us in Milwaukie where she excelled in Religious Studies, Campus Ministry, student retreats and later as the Dean of Studies. She always kept the students at the center of what she

was doing, and she won them over with an empathy and concern for where they were in their lives as well as a wonderful sense of humor.

Her classroom was a safe and nurturing oasis for every young person that came through her door. She lectured very little and instead used small group work, class discussions and interesting resources to guide her students through the course material. She knew that religion and spirituality was an intensely personal process and she let that work out in her classroom with the young people entrusted to her care.

We were blessed that the Dominican Sisters of Tacoma allowed her to work in our District for almost her entire professional life. And I know that the capstone educational experience for her was being chosen to be part of the founding faculty of La Salle High School in Yakima, WA. She jumped at the chance to be a part of a new school in an underserved area distinctly focused on serving the needs of the poor families of the Yakima Valley. I was lucky enough to visit her many times during her service there and it was immediately evident that she was where she needed to be and wanted to be.

in memoriam

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

Dore Altenhofen Jaeger '81
 Dorothy Baker
 Tiffany Ann Elliott Fenton '89
 Joan Gilbertz
 Ted Havlicek
 Larry Jundt
 Sr. Ann Marie Lustig, AFSC
 Peggy Michieli
 Robert Petros
 Frank Portash
 Mike DeSousa '80
 Br. Michael Saggau, FSC
 Marilyn Serio
 Jackie Sweet
 Shakaila Weber '10

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

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