DE LA SALLE COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL
"BUILDERS OF BOYS, MAKERS OF MEN"
LASALLIAN EDUCATION - TRANSFORMING LIVES SINCE 1680

Class Captains' Meeting
January 16, 2024
6:00 p.m. in person and via Google Meet
Minutes

A. Welcome remarks
    a. Executive Advancement Assistant Vito Chirco, '11, started off the evening with a short prayer. Pizza and pop were provided.
    b. Alumni Relations Director Dennis Koch, '94, delivered the welcome message.
    c. Koch explained the importance of the class captains and the value they hold when it comes to both the short-term and long-term success of De La Salle.
B. Capital campaign
    a. Advancement Director Greg Esler gave an update on the capital campaign.
    b. Esler gave a brief overview of the STEM Center, what's to come with Phase II of the campaign and how the alumni are crucial to the campaign's success.
    c. Phase II video was shown later during the meeting.
C. Reunions
    a. Koch gave the floor to Tony Catullo, '59, to talk about the best practices for organizing reunions.
    b. Catullo talked about his class reunions over the years and the amount of time and effort that's gone into them.
    c. Catullo emphasized the importance of the first reunion (held at the 10-year mark) and getting one's classmates to support DLS through its various yearly fundraisers (i.e. the Christian Brothers' Dinner).
    d. Catullo encouraged Jake O'Donnell, '14, to invite the girlfriends/spouses to the class of 2014's 10-year reunion.
D. Upcoming events
    a. Koch went through a rundown of school's upcoming initiatives and events:
        - 50th Annual Raffle - Tickets go on sale Feb. 2
        - Alumni Basketball Tournament - March 2 at De La Salle
        - March Madness Networking Event - March 21 at Detroit Caucus Club

- 43rd Annual Christian Brothers' Dinner - April 18 at Penna's

E. Admissions update

a. Admissions Director Brendan Johnson, '15, gave an update on the incoming freshman class and the school's overall enrollment.
b. Johnson talked about the impact of the various alumni professional networking groups – the Pilot Bar, Business, Construction and Medical Associations – on the recruitment of students.

F. Final remarks

a. Koch thanked the class captains, both the ones that joined virtually and in person, for attending. Koch and Chirco emphasized that the Advancement department has the capability to produce class lists for each graduating class from DLS.
b. Chirco brought up that Raffle tickets are going on sale Feb. 2.
c. Chirco gave the closing prayer.
d. Group photo was taken.