

**Minutes for DLS Parent Association Meeting**  
**Recording Minutes – Patricia Pon**  
**November 3, 2025**

**Michelle Anderson, President of the Parent Association, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**7:01pm - Opening prayer:** Patricia Pon, Secretary for the Parent Association

**Welcome and Introductions:** Spencer Shively, Vice President for Mission and Student Life

**15 Minute Speaker:** Mr. Rashad Nichols, Dean of Students

Mr. Nichols introduced himself and his background, including his previous roles in special education mental health. He explained his current role, the responsibilities of the Dean of Students, and the importance of building relationships with students.

Role and Responsibilities of the Dean of Students

- Mr. Nichols described the role of the Dean of Students, emphasizing the importance of preparing students to come to school dressed appropriately and on time.
- He explained the need for interventions when students face challenges that disrupt their education.
- Mr. Nichols highlighted the importance of accountability and building relationships with students to prevent repeated mistakes.
- He discussed the office's role in monitoring attendance and the introduction of an email feature to streamline communication with parents.

Challenges and Strategies in Student Management

- Mr. Nichols talked about the challenges of managing student behavior and the importance of consistency in enforcing policies.
- He mentioned the use of technology, such as vape detectors, to monitor student behavior.
- Mr. Nichols discussed the impact of the House System on fostering relationships and accountability among students.
- He addressed concerns about drug use and the importance of parental vigilance in monitoring their children's activities.

Parental Concerns and School Policies

- Asked about drug use among students, Mr. Nichols explained the school's policies on drug use and the role of the Deans in addressing these issues.
- Asked about instances of questionable dress observed for Carondelet students, Mr. Nichols discussed the importance of consistent enforcement of dress code policies and the challenges of doing so.

House System and Student Engagement

- Mr. Nichols explained the House System and its role in fostering relationships and competition among students.

- He mentioned the involvement of student leaders in generating topics for discussions within the House System.
- Mr. Nichols discussed the challenges of managing the House System and the need for continuous improvement.
- He highlighted the importance of parental involvement in supporting the House System and its goals.

Parental Involvement and Communication

- Mr. Nichols emphasized the importance of parental involvement in supporting the school's policies and initiatives.
- He encouraged parents to communicate with the Deans and other school staff to address any concerns they may have.
- Mr. Nichols discussed the use of email and other communication tools to keep parents informed about their children's activities and behavior.
- He highlighted the importance of creating a supportive and collaborative environment between parents and the school.

**Spartan Updates:** Michelle Anderson, President of the Parents Association

- 2025 Giving Week - raised \$665,604 against the \$600,000 goal
- 11/7 - Faculty/Staff Professional Development Day - No Classes
- 11/10 - Observance of Veteran's Day holiday - No Classes
- 11/13 - California Scholarship Federation has a fundraiser at Panda Express - Order and get a receipt, which you can email to Mrs. Bryne (CSF Moderator).
- 11/13-11/16, 11/20-11/22 - DLS/Carondelet Company Fall Production of *The Crucible*
- 11/19 - 2026 De La Salle Auction (May 2) Committee Kick Off meeting

**President of the Parent Association:** Michelle Anderson

**Parent Association Board – Chair Reports**

**Expense Report:** Jennifer Accardo, Parent Association Expense Administrator. Thanks to everyone who has been submitting their reimbursements timely!

**Volunteer Coordinators:** Yesenia Feustel & Lisa Borba - No updates.

**Frosh Parent Reps:** Janet Wright, Khatera Tamplen, Tanja Fabel, Tavoria Wilson-Morton – Freshman Football is 9-0 for the season thus far!

**Sophomore Parent Reps:** Ariana Marbley, Tara Preston, Jemisse Hurd – No updates.

**Junior Parent Reps:** Betzy Lesser, Lolo O'Keefe, Winn Acle, Patricia Pon – No updates until next year, closer to the Senior Mom & Son Brunch.

**Senior Parent Reps:** Michelle Anderson, Jen Accardo – Successfully held the Junior Ring Unity Mass & Ring Ceremony - thanks to all for their support of the event.

**Carondelet High School Representative:** Offline update sent by Gwenn Ertz - Carondelet's Junior Ring Ceremony was held on 10/25. Carondelet hosted the Monument Crisis Center kids on 10/29 for Halloween activities, costumes, and trick or treating. Fathers Guild meeting will be 11/12. Visions of Christmas - the ParTea (tea party) and Holiday Market at the Jean Hofmann Center for Innovation (also called the I-Center) is 11/19. Next Parents Guild meeting is 12/17.

**Hospitality:** Winn Acle, Joni Dupont, Jody Muñoz, Patricia Pon, Jill Steele, Jemisse Hurd, Ariana Marbley – The Open House on Sunday 11/2 was a big success - thanks to everyone for your support of this event. Welcome to the Hospitality co-leads, Jennifer Flowers and Marissa Velasco-Castillo.

**Special Events:** Noel Hughes, Angelica Nathan, Patricia Pon, Lolo O'Keefe, Valerie Wright, Shirley Valero, Rena Cota, Anna Febiana – We invite you to place online orders for Thanksgiving Pie (an apple crisp) from the Danville Bakery thru 11/19. The link was sent in the 11/2 Week at a Glance email. The pies will be distributed to the faculty and staff on Friday 11/21.

**Community Outreach:** Angelica Nathan, Ariana Marbley, Tara Preston, Jemisse Hurd – Our next Parent Coffee is Friday 11/14. The Cereal Drive collected 2,148 boxes of Cereal (exceeding the goal of 2000 boxes), and \$2300. Reedley won the Cereal Drive competition by the Houses. The Cereal will be donated to the Monument Crisis Center and our Juniors will have the opportunity to give them out as part of their Immersion activities with Monument Crisis Center.

**Crab Feed:** Patricia Pon, Betzy Lesser, Tavoria Wilson-Morton – Event is January 24, 2026 and tickets go on sale 11/19 at 10am. Thank you to following who have taken on lead roles (Janet Wright - Friday Back of House, Tavoria Wilson-Morton - Saturday Back of House, Betzy Lesser - Front of House, Tara Preston - Setup and Decoration, Lori and DeWayne Williams - Student Support, Quenette McNorton - Bar, and Grant Shaffer - Cleanup. There are still plenty of opportunities to volunteer - especially Saturday morning for Crab Tray assembly, and Saturday evening for Back of House, Bar, and Cleanup! A SignUpGenius followup will be sent out shortly.

**Dad's Club:** Alex Esparza, Michael Nathan, David Brumley, Nic Anca, Larry Morton Jr, Jesse Tamplen – No updates.

**Reminders:**

- Next Parent Coffee is Friday, November 14th
- Next PA meeting is Monday, January 12th, 2026

**Closing Prayer:** Patricia Pon, Secretary to the Parent Association

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**