



WELCOME TO THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL
AMBASSADORS' CLUB DINNER

THE THIRTIETH OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN
CROATIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

Program

- 6:00 PM.....**Reception**
Harpist Alanna O'Neill '19
- 7:00 PM**Welcome**
Lorcan Barnes, President
- Invocation**
Br. Dan Morgan, FSC
- Dinner**
- 7:40 PM.....**President's Remarks**
Lorcan P. Barnes
- Principal's Remarks**
Chris Orr
- 8:00 PM.....**Ambassadors of the Year Award**
Steve '69 and Kathleen Mahaney
- 8:15 PM.....**Special Announcement**
Willie Nolan '69

*A special thank you to the volunteers and students who helped in
making this a memorable evening.*



October 30, 2017

Dear Ambassadors and Friends of Christian Brothers:

Welcome to the 33rd annual Ambassadors' Club Dinner. On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Christian Brothers High School, thank you for your commitment to the students of today, and your generous dedication to advancing our Lasallian Catholic mission into the future. We look forward to honoring Steve '69 and Kathleen Mahaney as our 2017 Ambassadors of the Year and to sharing some exciting news with you tonight regarding the future of our school.

While much has changed in our 142 years in Sacramento, we hold steadfast to the tradition of our Founder, St. John Baptist de La Salle, and his insistence on finding and fostering the gifts unique to every student. We have outstanding programs in academics, the arts, athletics and Christian service. With your help, we lead the region in providing \$2.7 million of need-based tuition assistance to 423 deserving young men and women. The Class of 2017 matriculated to college, having gained admission to many of the nation's most respected colleges and universities, including 18 states and two foreign countries.

Today, CB is the largest Catholic high school in the region and at its largest enrollment in school history with 1,166 students joining us from 74 zip codes and five foreign countries. The academic programs have never been stronger as evidenced by five consecutive years on the *Washington Post's* list of "America's Most Challenging High Schools."

It is heartening to know that we have dedicated partners in our Ambassadors' Club supporting us along the way. Your generosity directly impacts and improves the Christian Brothers High School experience and we are profoundly grateful for all that you do to support us in our ministry of Lasallian Catholic education.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lorcan P. Barnes".

Lorcan P. Barnes
President

2017 AMBASSADORS OF THE YEAR

Steve '69 and Kathleen Mahaney

"I graduated in 1969," says Steve. "Back then, the Brothers had a big influence on my life. I was not an exceptional student, and I certainly blossomed later. The Brothers, however, conveyed a powerful message that has stayed with me my entire life and that was to live my life as a Christian, a true Christian, to treat others with respect and be inclusive. Because of that, I always wanted to give back. Early on, I wasn't in a position to do much. Back then, I was busy building a business and raising my family. Today, I feel excited about the contributions I can make on the board, financially, and now, as the co-chair of the Advance Gifts Committee and chair of the Steering Committee for the *Securing the Future Campaign*."

"Education is key and it is one of the best gifts you can give," says Kathleen. "High school is a difficult time for kids. Society has changed and young people really need an environment where they feel welcome and secure. They really feel that and can thrive at Christian Brothers." "I remember when our kids were attending Catholic colleges," said Steve. "I was having a conversation with my mother about the amount of money I was spending. She looked at me and said, 'Can you think of a better way to spend it?' She was right, there isn't a better way to spend it."

"We really believe in the mission of Christian Brothers and the opportunities it provides change lives," says Kathleen.

"Steve and Kathleen are very generous people," says President Lorcan Barnes. "Steve generously gives of his time as a member of the Board of Trustees. And, for the last 18-plus months, he has served as chair of the Steering Committee and participated in numerous meetings with potential benefactors as a co-chair of the Advance Gifts Committee for our "Securing the Future Campaign." Together, Steve and Kathleen have financially supported current and past capital campaigns, and give generously in support of tuition assistance."

"This school is such a special place," says Steve. "In order for it to thrive and continue to welcome and embrace the marginalized, we all need to step forward and make a gift. When I agreed to co-chair the Advance Gifts Committee and chair the Steering Committee, I didn't really know what I was getting into. But, I have really enjoyed it. I have to say, I don't really feel comfortable asking for money, but I strongly believe in this mission and it has been so rewarding. Also, the phenomenal people I have been working with, the co-chairs on the Advance Gifts Committee, Lon '73 and Mary Ann Burford, and other members of the Steering Committee, John Nunan and Carrie Vellutini, have been so much fun."

"Steve and Kathleen's generosity over many years has been a blessing," says Barnes. "Their ongoing support of tuition assistance has made it possible for children to attend CB who would otherwise not have that opportunity. They have such an enthusiastic appreciation for our mission and I am forever grateful for Steve's leadership of the *Securing the Future Campaign*. We proudly congratulate Steve '69 and Kathleen Mahaney as *Ambassadors of the Year*."

"We really don't feel comfortable being recognized in this way," says Kathleen. "But, it is such an honor."

"We really are more behind the scenes people," says Steve. "Never in my wildest dreams did I think we would be named Ambassadors of the Year. But, I feel so excited about making the contributions that we can make and it is really fulfilling work to draw in support for this wonderful institution."



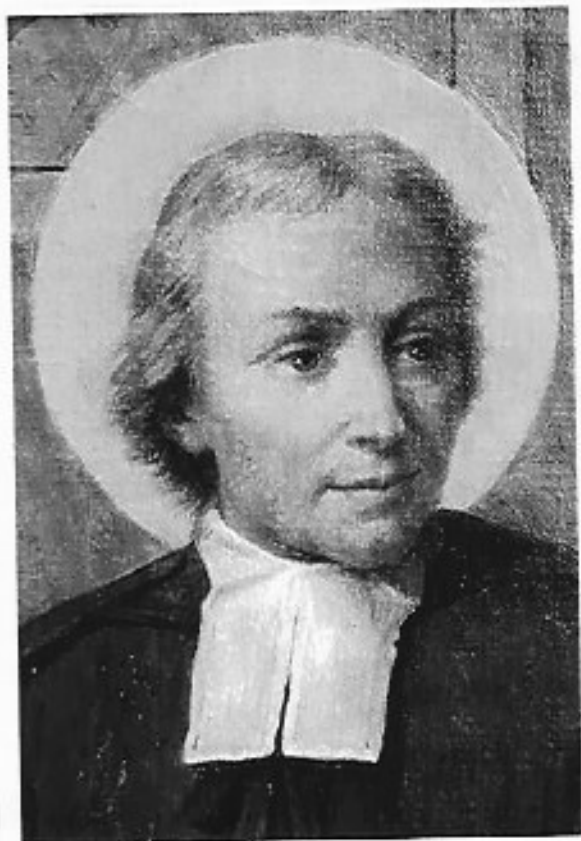
Ambassador of the Year Recipients

- 1988 Richard Carlson '47†
1989 John Jackson, Jr. '68
Leo "Butch" Schuering, Jr. '60
Charles Sylva '65
1990 Ron Carissimi '51
Msgr. Richard Dwyer '32†
James Mulhern
Manuel Perry, Jr.
Frank Ramos
1991 Br. Bertram Coleman, FSC†
Jean Lahey
Norm Montgomery†
Dwight "Dinty" Moore† (posthumously)
Robert Roche '44
Steve Scully '66†
1992 James Dunphy, Jr. '41†
1993 Robert Massa
1994 Kassis Brothers (Frank†, Lewis†, Edward†, Walter†, Dr. John†)
1995 Msgr. Edward Kavanagh
1996 Dr. Donald Gillott
1997 Frank '71 and Carrie Vellutini
1998 John, Sr. and Claudine† Jackson
1999 Bob '48 and Mercedes Slakey
2000 Sisters of Mercy, Auburn Regional Community
2001 Bishop William K. Weigand, D.D.
2002 The Brothers of the Christian Schools
2003 C. Stanley Gilliam '41†
2004 Sal "Chado" Vasquez '52
2005 Thea Stidum
2006 Lon '73 and Mary Ann Burford
2007 Bill '68 and Elaine '68 Schaedler
2008 Al '39† and Denise Franzoia
2009 Asa Whetstone '51
2010 George Cunningham '40
2011 Richard and Connie Koppes
2012 Bill '73 and Helen Pierson
2013 The La Salle Club
2014 Leo '55 and Gayle Granucci, Bob '55 and Carolyn '57 Granucci, Ken '54
and Marolyn '57 Harris
2015 Dr. Francis J. Silvey, III '54†
2016 Willie '69 and Sheila Nolan
2017 Steve '69 and Kathleen Mahaney



**Thank you,
Ambassadors,
for all that you do!**





"You are Ambassadors and Ministers of Jesus Christ."

-St. John Baptist de La Salle