



*Thirty-Fourth Annual
Ambassadors' Club Dinner*

*The Eighteenth of October,
Two Thousand Eighteen*

Croatian American Cultural Center

Program

- 6:00 p.m. Reception
- 6:45 p.m. Welcome
Lorcan P. Barnes, President
- Invocation
Msgr. Al O'Connor, Honorary Alumnus
- Performance from Honors Chorale,
under the direction of Christian Bohm
- Dinner
- 7:45 p.m. President's Remarks
Lorcan P. Barnes, President
- Keynote Speaker
Sam Regalado '07
- Video Presentation
Ben Anin '19, John Duncan '19,
Alberto Mujica '19, Anthony Sweha '19
- 8:15 p.m. Ambassadors of the Year Award —
Carrera-Joffe Foundation
- 8:30 p.m. Closing Remarks
Lorcan P. Barnes, President

A special thank you to the students and volunteers who helped make this a memorable evening!



October 18, 2018

Dear Ambassadors and Friends of Christian Brothers:

Welcome to the 34th 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. We look forward to honoring the Carrera-Joffe Foundation as our 2018 Ambassadors of the Year tonight.

While a lot has changed in our 143 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 405 deserving young men and women. An impressive 99 percent of the Class of 2018 matriculated to college, having gained admission to many of the nation's most respected colleges and universities. They are off to 24 states and two foreign countries.

Today, CB is the largest Catholic high school in the region with an enrollment of 1,156 students who joined us from 72 zip codes and four 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,

Lorcan P. Barnes

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President

2018 Ambassadors of the Year *The Carrera-Joffe Foundation*

"I felt a strong need to give back," says Margaret Carrera, when asked what first brought her to Christian Brothers High School. "I had started my own company and was blessed with success. My parents worked hard to ensure that my siblings and I were all educated. I wanted to do the same for others."

Margaret and her husband, Phillip Joffe, were living in the Auburn area when they were looking for a high school. "We began looking at private schools and really liked Christian Brothers. We were so impressed with the teachers and students. Everyone was enthusiastic, and we really liked the diversity and the fact that the school is coeducational."

The first student whose tuition was paid for by the Carrera-Joffe Foundation was Samuel Regalado '07. "When I look back on my time at Christian Brothers, it was so much more than an academic education," says Regalado, a graduate of UC Berkeley in 2012, who is now enrolled in medical school while also pursuing his PhD in computer science at University of Washington. "What Christian Brothers provided me with, in addition to rigorous college-preparatory academics, was a building of my self-confidence, a formation of my identity, spiritual growth, and a community of supporters and mentors. That would not have been possible without the support of the Carrera-Joffe Foundation. Their generosity has truly been life changing and opened numerous doors of opportunity to me. Their impact lives on in the work I do, and moving ahead, I hope I can pay it forward and make a meaningful impact in the community."

"When our first student is Sam, how can we go wrong?" enthuses Margaret. "Christian Brothers is the perfect fit for us. I really believe that we need to set people up to stand on their own two feet and the best way to do that is through education. And, the earlier we can reach them, the more successful they will be."



"My Christian Brothers education prepared me with rigorous courses, a heavy workload and the ability to engage in high-level problem solving," says Nason Tarver '18, University of the Pacific '22. "If I could be at the Ambassadors' Club Dinner, I would give Ms. Carrera and Mr. Joffe a big hug! Their generosity in providing me with the opportunity to attend CB has given me the foundation to be successful in life. They will forever have my most sincere gratitude."

"I actually live in Oak Park," says Juanita Patlan '12, UC Davis '18. "I grew up going to school next door at Oak Ridge where my teachers told me to make CB the goal. I would see the CB kids in their uniforms and I never imagined that it was a possibility for me. It was totally out of reach because my family was just trying to survive."

Patlan's goal became reality when in 2008, she was offered admission and full tuition assistance. When asked about her sponsors, the Carrera-Joffe Foundation, Patlan becomes emotional. "I don't even know how to say thank you. Thank you for the opportunity of a lifetime! You gave me hope. I found a home. I found family. I met my husband and I found my place with God. Every day was a dream and a privilege."

"Margaret and Philip's passion for education has made it possible for Sam, Juanita, Nason and 14 other students to attend CB who would otherwise not have the opportunity," says CB President Lorcan Barnes. "Among them, we have computer programmers, a medical student, a student attending dental school, a computer scientist, a restaurateur, an accountant and more. To borrow from Margaret's words, they are 'standing on their own two feet' and their lives are forever changed thanks to the Carrera-Joffe Foundation's life-changing gift of education. It is my honor to congratulate them as our 2018 Ambassadors of the Year."



*"You are Ambassadors and
Ministers of Jesus Christ."
— St. John Baptist de La Salle*

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 Veilutini
 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 Franzola
 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 Marilyn '57 Harris
 2015 Dr. Francis J. Silvey, III '54†
 2016 Willie '69 and Sheila Nolan
 2017 Steve '69 and Kathleen Mahaney
 2018 The Carrera-Joffe Foundation



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



Carrera-Joffe Scholarship Recipients



Sam Regalado '07
Enrolled in MD/Ph
medicine and computer
science programs at
University of Washington



Bilawal Mahmood '06
Studying at the UC
Davis School of
Medicine



Michael Rojas '08
Local restaurateur for
Vallejo's Mexican
Restaurant



Luan "Louis" Nguyen '10
Enrolled in computer
science PhD program at
UC Davis



Sara Mahmood '11
Studying at the UC San
Francisco School of
Dentistry



Anh Nguyen '11
Senior Account Officer
at the California Dept. of
Public Health



Juanita Patton '12
Studying biology with an
emphasis on psychology
at UC Davis



Sydney Garcia '14
Studying nursing at
Milikin University



Gigi Lee '16
Attending University
of the Pacific



Emily Simi '16
Attending UC Santa Cruz



Jalen Suwa '17
Studies computer science
at Sacramento City College



Cain Johnson '18
Attending UC Berkeley



Reason Turner '18
Attending University of
the Pacific

*Thank you Carrera-Joffe Foundation
for your generosity and dedication to
our students!*