



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Friends of the Brothers:

This summer, I was blessed to spend a week in Ireland with my son, Jack '15. We enjoyed time with family members and were pretty much on the go morning 'til night. As we walked the streets of Dublin, we passed the Christian Brothers school that my father attended in the 1940s. I couldn't help but think about how proud he would be of the legacy that lives on in his grandson who is now a graduate of both a Christian Brothers high school and college. I am so grateful for the profound impact that these dedicated, faith-filled educators (both the Irish Christian Brothers and the De La Salle Christian Brothers) had on my father and son, and I am honored to serve the mission of the De La Salle Christian Brothers.

This year marks my sixteenth summer at Christian Brothers High School. Having shared with the Board of Trustees that 2019-20 will be my final year at the school, I find myself looking back on these past summers with great satisfaction. I absolutely loved the blare of jackhammers signaling the launch of construction of the Jack Witry Field House back in 2007. Watching the walls go up on the George Cunningham '40 Performing Arts Center in 2013 was a sight to behold. The summer of 2014 brought us the first of two engineering labs, and seeing the sky open on the St. Joseph Chapel as it took shape in 2015 was a true celebration!

So many amazing moments, yet, the real fulfillment came when the athletes hit the weight room, the curtain rose on the show, the 3-D printer sparked to life and the familiar call of "Let us Remember" affirmed that we are always in the Holy Presence of God. Buildings are just buildings, but, when our phenomenal teachers, staff members, coaches and students bring them to life, the magic really happens.

And so, with an "amen" in place of an "abracadabra," our 144th year of Lasallian Catholic education is off to a fantastic start with strong enrollment, energized teachers and staff, a fresh new parking lot and the joyful sound of earth movers permeating the campus as our new stadium takes shape. Yes, you read that right; our new parking lot is complete and the stadium is well underway!

I'm also thrilled to share that earlier this month, Peter Bollinger '57, pledged a remarkable \$1.5 million to the *Securing the Future Campaign*. This is the largest single contribution to the campaign and brings us closer to our \$11.8 million goal! As we celebrate this transformative pledge, the work outside continues at a rapid pace. Thanks to the generosity of many, we are close to making this dream a reality for our students without taking on any long-term debt.

I recognize that some of you may not be familiar with this endeavor. Six years ago, school leaders began the process of creating a new 15-year campus master plan. After consulting with community stakeholders, architects and building professionals, the following immediate priorities were identified:

- **Improved outdoor athletic facilities** - Education at Christian Brothers extends beyond the classrooms into the athletic arena providing life lessons in leadership, teamwork and perseverance – all skills crucial to success in college and the workplace. Each year, approximately 700 student-athletes participate in one or more of our 27

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sports. Unfortunately, our athletic fields did not meet the needs of our physical education classes and student-athletes, nor were they comparable to facilities at other schools.

- **Growing the endowment** - An essential component of our Lasallian mission is our insistence on education for all, regardless of their ability to pay. The Lasallian District of San Francisco New Orleans places a priority on service to the poor and emphasizes outreach to the most socioeconomically disadvantaged in our community. CB proudly leads the region in tuition assistance. More than 7 percent of our families live below the federal poverty level. Last year, 405 students received \$2.7 million in need-based financial aid. Of that amount, approximately \$425,000 comes from endowment earnings. Growing the endowment allows for continued support and growth in the tuition assistance program.
- **Infrastructure improvements** - As enrollment has grown to just over 1,150 students, so has the need for improved parking. Programs like Junior Falcons Football & Cheer, Diocesan and middle school events help strengthen community outreach and long-term enrollment, but also place extra demands on limited parking facilities. CB's new parking lot and reconfigured entry/exit will help ensure a more efficient traffic flow. When construction is finished we will also see increased parking capacity. Further, from a safety and good-neighbor perspective, ensuring that students and visitors have adequate on-campus parking alleviates a need for parking on the surrounding streets.

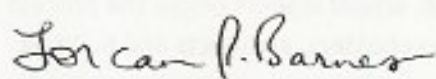
The Place to Be: CB is clearly *the place to be* for our 1,157 young men and women. With a freshman class of 303 students, CB is again the largest of the area Catholic high schools and we are grateful for the opportunity to partner with all our families in preparing these young people to succeed in college and beyond.

Lasallian Educator of the Year: Congratulations to longtime Spanish teacher, Tomas Capogreco '86, who was selected as CB's 2018-19 Lasallian Educator of the Year. This award is presented at our annual St. La Salle Liturgy and is a much-anticipated part of this annual celebration of the Founder. Tomas has been a member of the CB community for 25 years and is beloved by faculty, staff, students and alumni for his dedicated efforts.

Leave to Serve: Clara Johnson '13 has accepted her calling to religious life, joining the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus convent this summer with formation in Hamden, Connecticut. Gabriel Neal '15 is pursuing the priesthood with the Redemptorist Missionaries, attending seminary at St. Patrick's College in Maynooth, Ireland. Three members of the CB Class of 2015, who also graduated from St. Mary's College of California in the Class of 2019, will be serving as Lasallian Volunteers this coming year. AnnaMarie Carmazzi '15 will be serving at the Christian Brothers Academy in Albany, New York. Daniel Walton '15 will be serving at San Miguel School in Chicago, Illinois. And, Madison Wynn '15 will be serving in the Dominican Republic. My son, Jack, also CB Class of 2015 and a St. Mary's College of California Class of 2019 graduate, will be serving as a Jesuit Volunteer in Cleveland, Ohio. They each exemplify our mission and I am certain that they will impact these communities in countless meaningful ways as they build Christ's kingdom on Earth.

Gratitude: As we embark upon our 144th year, we are grateful for all that you do to ensure that the legacy of Lasallian Catholic education lives on in Sacramento. We look forward to celebrating with all of you in early 2020 as we cut the ribbon and open the gates to the Peter Bollinger '57 Stadium!

Live Jesus in our hearts.



Lorcan P. Barnes
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