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WELCOME TO THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL
AMBASSADORS' CLUB DINNER

THE TWENTY-THIRD OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS FIELD HOUSE

Program

- 6:00 PM.....**Reception**
Music by CB Jazz Trio
Travis Maslen, Conductor
- 6:45 PM**Welcome**
Lorcan Barnes, President
- Invocation**
Mary Hesser, Principal
- Dinner**
- 7:45 PM.....**Keynote Speaker**
Mr. Mark Orr '94
Director of Athletics, St. Mary's College of California
- President's Remarks**
Lorcan Barnes, President
- 8:15 PM.....**Ambassadors of the Year Award**
The La Salle Club
- 8:30 PM.....**Closing Remarks**

CB Jazz Trio

Frank Huntington '15
Matthew Reade '14
Joshua Stone '14

Bartenders

Tony Caselli '97
Stephen Achondo '81
John Caselli '70
Mike McCarthy '80

A special thank you to CB's Lasallian Student Ambassadors and student-athletes who helped in making this a memorable evening.



October 23, 2013

Dear Ambassadors and Friends of Christian Brothers:

Welcome to the 29th annual Ambassadors' Club Dinner. Your presence here signals your deep commitment to the students of today, and your dedication to advancing the mission of the Christian Brothers in Sacramento.

While much has changed in our 138 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 are able to provide more than \$2.2 million of tuition assistance to 393 students. The Class of 2013 gained admission to many of the nation's most respected colleges and universities and they are off to 22 states and two foreign countries. I am proud to say that our students, alumni, faculty and staff shine as living examples of faith throughout Sacramento and beyond.

Exciting things are happening at CB today. We are currently at the half-way point in construction of the 16,500 square-foot George Cunningham '40 Performing Arts Center. Its Thea Stidum Theatre will give our students a dedicated place to find, foster and showcase their talents. Enrollment is up by 4.4 percent and CB is the only local school named to the *Washington Post's* 2013 list of "America's Most Challenging Private High Schools." We are in year two of our International Student Program and have a group of 16 students from China, Sweden, Italy and Spain. In August, as part of our strategic technology initiatives, we began a 1 to 1 iPad program that greatly enhances student-centered experiential learning.

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 lives of the 1,044 students of Christian Brothers High School and we are profoundly grateful for all that you do to support us in our ministry of Catholic, Lasallian education.

God bless,

Lorcan P. Barnes
President

2013 AMBASSADORS OF THE YEAR



2013-14 Board

THE LA SALLE CLUB

Legend has it that The La Salle Club came to be thanks to a particularly “unholy” 45-6 gridiron trouncing of Christian Brothers by a better equipped Sacramento High School. Its first meeting, held in the basement of Cy Puliz’s home, included salami, cheese, beer and cigars for inspiration along with the proverbial passing of the hat that generated \$20.25 seed money (enough to pay for a week’s lodging back in 1939) to begin purchasing football equipment.

In 1940, the group drafted a formal “Installation of Officers” document that clearly defined their purpose. The document included the following:

“The La Salle Club is organized for the purpose of encouraging and aiding in the scholastic, social and educational accomplishments of the students of the Christian Brothers School in Sacramento. We have banded ourselves together to accomplish these purposes and to assist those students of the Brothers School who have entrusted their education to us. In addition to aiding in this work, this club is also organized to aid the Christian Brothers and their students in carrying out an athletic program which is so important to building the health of these students and is so essential in formulating within the minds and hearts of the students a spirit of fair and clean sportsmanship. We believe that in the accomplishment of these purposes, we as citizens and fathers, have contributed something toward the up building of the characters of these students so that they will someday become worthy citizens of our community...In assuming these duties, you are undertaking work for which there will be no reward other than the self- satisfaction of knowing that you have done a good service to the students of this school...”

“Seventy-four years later and I can almost smell the cigar smoke, taste the beer and feel the misery of that loss to Sac High,” says CB President Lorcan Barnes. “Seventy-four years later, and The La Salle Club continues its noble efforts to serve the student-athletes of Christian Brothers High School and instill the vital life lessons of fair and clean sportsmanship and the ideals of citizenship and important life lessons that come from sports.”

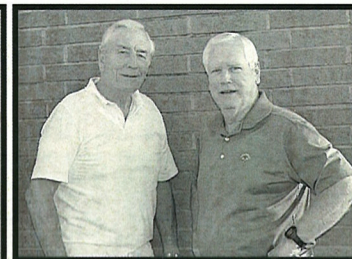
Over the years, The La Salle Club has organized countless events including La Salle Club Frolics, Goose Stew dinners, student boxing matches, homecoming dances, golf tournaments, the Baseball Hall of Fame and the Coaches and Officials Hall of Fame Dinners. Early on, the group purchased football equipment, refurbished locker rooms, created, maintained and repaired athletic fields. Through their efforts, they have sponsored football uniforms, baseball pitching machines, weight lifting equipment, a 15-passenger van, golf carts, wrestling mats and even musical instruments for the pep band.

“In the past 10 years, The La Salle Club has made tremendous improvements to the student-athlete experience,” says Barnes. “Their generosity has helped make it possible for us to rebuild the Ron Limeberger ’53 Gymnasium following the roof collapse in 2004. We renovated the men’s baseball field and the football field, built a field house and an athletic training room, purchased and installed baseball and softball scoreboards, relocated and expanded our weight room, added bleachers to the field house, fenced in the baseball field and opened the Victor and Phela Vesci Strength and Fitness Center. If you look at all of these projects, you will find the contributions and dedication of the fine men and women of The La Salle Club.”

“It is an honor to receive the Ambassadors of the Year Award,” says longtime La Salle Club member and volunteer, Jim Westlake ’51. “I believe this award really belongs to the many volunteers and members who, over the course of the past 74 years, generously gave of their time and resources to support the students of Christian Brothers High School.”

“I’m really proud that we were invited to help revitalize The La Salle Club,” says Sal “Chado” Vasquez ’52, the La Salle Club’s longest tenured president – 14 years. “We had a lot of fun and we were able to contribute to both the boys’ and girls’ athletic programs.”

“Jimmy (Westlake ’51) said it really well,” says Bernie Church ’62, president, The La Salle Club. “This award really belongs to the people who came before us, we just happen to be here to accept it. The real work was done by the people who persevered during much more dire times and circumstances. I’m proud to accept this on their behalf.”



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



Thank you,
 Ambassadors,
 for all that you do!



“You are Ambassadors and Ministers of Jesus Christ”

-St. John Baptist de La Salle