



WELCOME TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL
AMBASSADORS' CLUB DINNER

THE FOURTEENTH OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND NINE

Program

- 6:00 PM.....Cocktails
Interactive Technology
Mr. Minh Nguyen, Teacher
- 6:45 PMInvocation
Kelsey McNamara '10
- Welcome and State of the School**
Lorcan Barnes, President
- Dinner**
- 7:45 PM.....CB City Rhythm
Holly Slabbinck, Choral Director
Emily Braaten '12
Christopher Capron '10
Miguel Francisco '11
Evan Lian '10
Samuel Lovell '11
Gabriela Luera '10
Cecilia Ross '10
Mitchell Shahbazian '12
Marie Tucker '12
Madeline Walsh '12
Austin Whitted '11
Hannah Wilson '11
- 8:00 PM.....Ambassador of the Year Award
Asa Whetstone '51
- 8:15 PM.....Educational Technology in the 21st Century
Raymond Burnell, Principal
Mr. Minh Nguyen, Teacher
- 8:45 PM.....Closing Remarks



October 14, 2009

Dear Ambassadors and Friends of Christian Brothers:

Welcome to our 25th annual Ambassadors' Club Dinner. Your presence here tonight signals your deep commitment to the students of today, and your dedication to fostering the mission of the Christian Brothers in Sacramento.

While much has changed in our 133 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 \$1.3 million of tuition assistance to 207 students. We warmly welcomed 128 transfer students from the Loretto High School community. And, I am proud to say that our students, alumni, faculty and staff shine as living examples of faith throughout Sacramento and beyond.

Thank you for all that you do to support us in our ministry of Catholic, Lasallian education. As members of the Ambassadors' Club, your generosity directly impacts and improves the lives of the 1,070 students of Christian Brothers High School and we are profoundly grateful for your generosity.

God bless,

Lorcan

Lorcan P. Barnes
President

2009 Ambassador of the Year



Asa '51 and Susan Whetstone Celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Asa Whetstone '51

Asa Whetstone '51 attended Christian Brothers High School from 1947 to 1951. An avid sportsman, Asa played basketball and football throughout his high school and college years. While attending Sacramento State, Asa was drafted into the Army in 1956, serving until 1958. Asa returned to school and graduated in 1959 with a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics. In addition to earning his degree, Asa met his wife, Susan, at Sacramento State and they both graduated that same year.

Both native Sacramentans, Asa and Susan married at Saint Francis Church in 1959. Together, they raised five children, a son, Chris, and four daughters: Greta, Sheila, Amy and Megan. Asa and Susan were involved in many school organizations associated with the schools their children attended, especially St. John Vianney Parish School for 16 years. This past summer, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Professionally, Asa worked for Aerojet for seven years as a mathematician and then as a design engineer. He then moved on to IBM where he spent the next 26 years as a systems engineer and as a marketing representative. After his retirement, Asa worked as a consultant for four years. In 1996 he was asked to serve on the Board of Trustees at

CBHS. He actively served for five years, two of which were spent as chairman of the Board of Trustees. During that time CBHS launched the *Building on the Tradition Campaign – Phase I* which helped integrate technology into classrooms and added the Science, Math, and Technology wing to the campus. This addition marked a critical turning point for CBHS. Asa was also instrumental in planning for the CBHS *Connection* magazine and has been a longtime member of the La Salle Club.

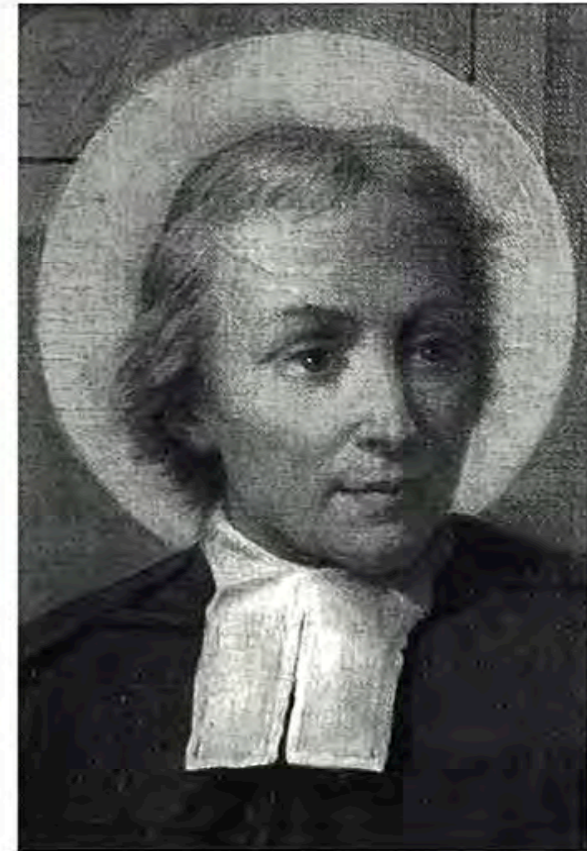
For the last five years, Asa has served on the Board of Wellspring Women's Center in Oak Park, being the chairman for two years. Susan is a volunteer there, helping once a week in the kitchen, preparing food for up to 250 women that come to Wellspring for respite and support services, including counseling. Asa has been in the Saint John Vianney choir for the last 15 years and the Sacramento City College choir for the last 10 years.

He feels a great appreciation for all that CBHS contributed to him during those difficult years of ages 14 to 17, providing a foundation of education, moral guidance and spiritual awareness that he could build on and that would serve him and his family for the rest of his life. Together with his classmates, Asa helped initiate the Class of 1951 endowed scholarship fund. He is grateful to be able to help in the formation of students today. He also sees the tools of technology to be a necessary component of education and it is consistent with the purposes of St. John Baptist de La Salle in preparing students for effectiveness in society.

"When I look around the campus at Christian Brothers High School, I see the tremendous impact that Asa has had on the daily lives of our students of today," offers President Lorcan Barnes. "They learn in our state-of-the-art science, math and technology wing. They learn from teachers who have access to technology and laptop computers because of Asa's forward thinking back in the 1990's. Students who would not otherwise be able to afford a CB education are here because of Asa's generosity and the philanthropic efforts of IBM. He has such a keen understanding of, and appreciation for, our mission. I am grateful for all that he has done for CB over the years and on behalf of the 1,070 students who enter each day to learn, and leave to serve, I proudly congratulate Asa Whetstone '51, our 2009 *Ambassador of the Year*."

Ambassador of the Year Recipients

- 1988 Richard Carlson '47†
1989 John Jackson, Jr. '68
Leo 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 and Claudine† Jackson
1999 Bob '48 and Mercedes Slakey
2000 Sisters of Mercy, Auburn Regional Community
2001 Bishop 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



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

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