



WELCOME TO THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL
AMBASSADORS' CLUB DINNER

THE ELEVENTH OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND SIX

October 11, 2006

Dear Ambassadors and Friends of Christian Brothers:

Welcome to our 22nd annual Ambassadors' Club Dinner. As benefactors of Christian Brothers, you play a vital role in providing a quality Catholic, Lasallian education to deserving young women and men. Your generosity is an investment in the future, benefiting our students, our Church and our broader secular communities.

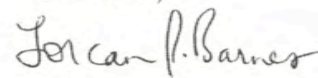
Tonight, I will present a challenge to the Ambassadors' Club. For 22 years, the gift level for membership in the Ambassadors' Club has been \$1,000. It is time to increase the threshold to adjust to the times. Hopefully, each of you will consider increasing your gift to \$1,876 in 2006-07. Why the strange number? To correspond with the date our school was founded, 1876. I will also introduce to you our Sponsor Level at \$10,525. Another odd number? This corresponds to the cost of tuition and fees for 2006-07.

Tonight, we honor Mary Ann and Lon '73 Burford as the 2006 Ambassadors of the Year. We will hear a state-of-the-school report from CB's "other" president, student body president Javier Plasencia '07. And finally, our keynote speaker, Ms. Amy Bell, will share with us stories of how important tuition assistance is.

Through your support, Christian Brothers is an excellent place for students to develop in a positive, Lasallian way. And because of your generosity, wonderful role models like Lon and Mary Ann Burford and Amy Bell are touching the hearts of wonderful students like Javier Plasencia. Thank you.

Live Jesus in Our Hearts.

God Bless,



Lorcan P. Barnes
President

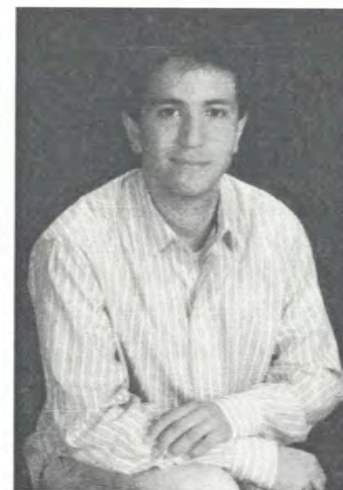


*"You are Ambassadors and Ministers of Jesus
Christ."*

PROGRAM

- 6:30 PM Cocktails
- 7:20 PM..... Invocation
Br. Donald Johanson, FSC
- Welcome Lorcan P. Barnes, President
- 7:30 PM Dinner
Featured Speaker
Javier Plasencia '07
Student Body President
- 8:15 PM Ambassador of the Year Award
Lon '73 and Mary Ann Burford
- 8:30 PM Performance
Jazz Choir and Jazz Band
- 8:50 PM Keynote Speaker
Ms. Amy Bell, Guidance Counselor
- 9:00 PM Closing Prayer and Remarks
Lorcan P. Barnes

FEATURED SPEAKER



Javier Plasencia '07 - Student Body President State of the School Report...A Student's Perspective

Javier "Javi" Plasencia is the third of four children born to Betty and Javier (CB '74) Plasencia. The Plasencia family lives in the Pocket neighborhood of Sacramento and the children are all proud St. Robert's Rebels. Javier's oldest sister, Laura graduated in the first coed class of Christian Brothers in 1991. Amanda Plasencia '05 was also Student Body President and is currently a sophomore at UC Davis. His younger sister is in 6th grade at St. Robert's.

Javier enjoys the respect of his peers and his teachers for all the right reasons. He is a bright, hard-working, polite young man. At CB he has been involved in student council for three years. He has been on the volleyball, soccer, and water polo teams. Outside of CB, he is a member of the Sacramento United competitive soccer club. One year from now, he hopes to be a freshman at Columbia, Stanford, or Cal Poly Pomona.

2006 AMBASSADORS OF THE YEAR LON '73 AND MARY ANN BURFORD



For more than 25 years, Lon '73 and Mary Ann Burford have been committed volunteers, generous benefactors, and devoted school parents.

Lon was born and raised in Sacramento and attended Christian Brothers from 1969 to 1973. He developed a tight knit bond with many of his classmates, building friendships that continue today. Lon says Christian Brothers "changed my life and I don't say that lightly...I'm so grateful. I found a place full of people who cared about me and I came out of there with my head screwed on straight."

After graduation, Lon matriculated to UC San Diego, transferred to UC Davis and earned a degree in Economics. Setting his eyes on a career in the investment industry, his life took an unexpected turn while waiting at the 43rd Avenue bus stop in Greenhaven.

Mary Ann was waiting at the bus stop on her way to work when she met the Brothers' Boy. Born and raised in Sacramento as well, Mary Ann graduated from Oakmont High School before attending the University of San Francisco, earning a degree in Public Administration. After a few

more bus rides, Mary Ann and Lon became engaged. They married September 19, 1981. Fr. Michael Carroll, former chaplain and soccer coach at Christian Brothers, performed the ceremony.

Having recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, the Burfords live in Land Park. Lon is a partner in the investment firm, Genovese, Forman, & Burford, and Mary Ann serves as a manager of Conference Services for CalPERS. Keeping the Christian Brothers tradition alive, their daughter Megan graduated in '02 and their son, Evan will graduate in May '07.

"Christian Brothers has a place for everyone," Lon said. "What makes Christian Brothers different is that everyone is welcome-whether your parents have more money than they'll need or your family is struggling....you have a place here."

The Burfords have served in various leadership positions, dedicating much of their time, treasure and talent to continuing the Christian Brothers mission. Lon became involved with the Alumni Association in the 1980's and served as its president when the Wine Tasting Extravaganza was established and was instrumental in making improvements to the Alumni Golf Outing. Lon was a member of the Board of Regents in the late 1980's and early 1990's. He joined the CB Board of Trustees in the late 1990's, eventually serving as Chair. In the past few years, Lon helped establish the Friends of the Arts, an organization of CB parents dedicated to promoting and supporting visual and performing arts. Mary Ann has spent years providing crucial background support to student events. Most recently, she co-chaired the Christian Brothers Auction. Her leadership and experience were vital at taking an event that had gone through several changes in the past few years and making it highly successful from both a social and financial standpoint.

Ardent dedication, passionate commitment, unwavering generosity, and exemplary philanthropy make Lon and Mary Ann Burford worthy honorees as the recipients of the 2006 AMBASSADORS OF THE YEAR.

Jazz Choir

Holly Slabbinck - Women's Jazz Choir Director

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| Colin Balou '07 | Jackie Ruiz '08 |
| Britton Cope '07 | Lauren Sparre '09 |
| Morgan Dahl '09 | Anthony Tavianini '08 |
| Rachael Malinowski '09 | Briana Wilborn '08 |
| William Martin '07 | Amanda Zeboski '08 |
| Megan O'Connor '07 | Cyle Zezotarski '07 |
| Briana Perez '07 | |

Songs:

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| "Star Spangled Banner"..... | arr: Russell Robinson |
| "Sway"..... | arr. Kirby Shaw |
| "Stella by Starlight"..... | arr. Paris Rutherford |

Jazz Band

Travis Maslen - Instrumental Music Director Yr.

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| Joseph Adamson '10..... | Bass |
| Michael Block '08 | Percussion |
| Lauren Chew '09 | Piano |
| Greg Cotta '08 | 1st Trumpet |
| Megan Dagang '07 | Tenor Saxophone |
| Ben Dagang '09..... | Trombone |
| Katy Drack '07..... | 2nd Alto Saxophone |
| Jonathan Hester-McCullough '09... | 2nd Clarinet |
| Will Houston '09..... | 2nd Trumpet |
| David Kootstra '08 | 1st Alto Saxophone |
| Donald McFadden '09..... | Baritone Saxophone |
| Dominic Trelford '07..... | Percussion |
| Jasjit Virk '09 | 3rd Trumpet |
| Anne Winslow '07..... | 1st Clarinet |

Songs:

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| "Hold On I'm Coming"..... | arr. Paul Murtha |
| "Moon River" | arr. Rick Stitzel |
| "Brazil" | arr. Jerry Nowak |

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Ms. Amy Bell - Guidance Counselor

Tuition Assistance ... With a Human Face

Ms. Amy Bell is a Guidance Counselor at Christian Brothers. She is a proud alumna of St. Francis High School, class of '95 and of St. Mary's College in '99. After graduation, Ms. Bell joined the Lasallian volunteers, working with court-adjudicated youth in Philadelphia for two years. During that time, she lived in community with other Lasallian volunteers, embracing the tenets of Lasallian spirituality, simple lifestyle, and social justice. Upon returning to Sacramento, she first joined the CB community in 2001 as Director of Christian Service, a part-time position. From 2001-03, Ms. Bell added graduate school at CSUS to her busy schedule. In May 2004, she was awarded her Master's Degree in Social Work and in the fall she became a full-time member of the CB faculty, now as a Guidance Counselor. In addition to being a great counselor, she is active in student retreats and is well respected by her students and colleagues.

Tonight Ms. Bell is here wearing another hat. Since 2002, she has been the mentor and liaison for students in our 5% program. Christian Brothers High School is committed to including in our student body a significant number (at least 5% of the student body) of students who come from families whose household income is below the federal poverty line. In this capacity, Ms. Bell works to ensure that these students have the support systems in place to take full advantage of all that CB has to offer.

AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

- 1988 RICHARD CARLSON
- 1989 JOHN JACKSON, JR. '68
LEO SCHUERING, JR. '60
CHARLES SYLVA '65
- 1990 RON CARISSIMI '51
MONSIGNOR RICHARD DWYER†
JAMES MULHERN
MANUEL PERRY, JR.
FRANK RAMOS
- 1991 BROTHER BERTRAM COLEMAN, FSC†
JEAN LAHEY
NORMAN MONTGOMERY
DWIGHT "DINTY" MOORE (AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY)
ROBERT ROCHE '44
STEVE SCULLY '66 †
- 1992 JAMES L. DUNPHY, JR. '41
- 1993 ROBERT MASSA
- 1994 THE KASSIS BROTHERS
FRANK, LEWIS,† EDWARD, WALTER & DR. JOHN
- 1995 MONSIGNOR EDWARD KAVANAGH
- 1996 DONALD H. GILLOTT, PH.D.
- 1997 FRANK '71 AND CARRIE VELLUTINI
- 1998 JOHN AND CLAUDINE JACKSON
- 1999 ROBERT '48 AND MERCEDES SLAKEY
- 2000 SISTERS OF MERCY, AUBURN REGIONAL COMMUNITY
- 2001 MOST REVEREND WILLIAM K. WEIGAND, D.D.
DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO
- 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

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