



With gratitude for your support,
Lorcan Barnes, President of Christian Brothers High School
requests the honor of your presence at the

*31st Annual
Ambassadors' Club Dinner*

Honoring our
2015 Ambassador of the Year

DR. FRANCIS J. SILVEY III '54



Wednesday, October 7, 2015 Christian Brothers High School
6:00 p.m. Cocktails - 6:45 p.m. Dinner Jack Witry Field House

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WELCOME TO THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL
AMBASSADORS' CLUB DINNER

THE SEVENTH OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL

Program

- 6:00 PM.....**Reception**
Harpist Alanna O'Neill '19
- 6:45 PM**Welcome**
Lorcan Barnes, President
- Invocation**
Fr. Dan Looney, Holy Spirit Parish
- Chamber Choir**
Dr. Tony Lien, Director
- Dinner**
- 7:45 PM.....**President's Remarks**
Lorcan P. Barnes
- Video Presentation**
*Produced by: Elmer Lizarde '16, Jack Noonan '16,
Shelby Rodich '16, Danielle Rodriguez '16*
- Keynote Speaker**
Ms. Melissa McClellan, Dir. of College Counseling
- 8:15 PM.....**Ambassador of the Year Award**
Dr. Francis J. Silvey, III '54
- 8:30 PM.....**Closing Remarks**
Lorcan P. Barnes
- Prayer of Thanksgiving**
Br. Victor Kenneth, FSC

*A special thank you to the volunteers and students who helped in
making this a memorable evening.*



October 7, 2015

Dear Ambassadors and Friends of Christian Brothers:

Welcome to the 31st 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.

While much has changed in our 140 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 lead the region in providing \$2.5 million of need-based tuition assistance to 429 deserving young men and women. An impressive 99 percent of the Class of 2015 matriculated to college, having gained admission to many of the nation's most respected colleges and universities. These most recent graduates are off to 20 states and two foreign countries.

This past Sunday, we hosted our largest ever Open House for prospective students. Today, CB is the largest Catholic high school in the region and at its largest enrollment in school history with 1,106 students joining us from 77 zip codes and eight foreign countries. The academic programs have never been stronger as evidenced by three consecutive years on the *Washington Post's* list of "America's Most Challenging Private 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
President

2015 AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR

Dr. Francis J. Silvey, III '54



The Silvey family has an extensive legacy at Christian Brothers High School including three generations of graduates. "I have a lot of history at CB, not only myself but my father, grandfather, and uncles attended. Everyone went to CB," Francis described.

Frank J. Silvey Sr., the honoree's grandfather, moved to Sacramento on the Transcontinental Railroad at the age of five and graduated from Christian Brothers College at 12th and K Street in 1890. Frank Sr. then went on to own a wheat farm in Dixon as well as build Silvey's Motor Villa on Highway 40 in 1938.

Francis Silvey's father, Frank Silvey Jr., graduated from Christian Brothers in 1919 and played baseball, basketball, and soccer while attending CB. Francis's uncles, Edmund and Carol, also graduated from CBS in 1916 and 1931 respectively. In 1993, Frank and his brother Edmund were both inducted in the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame for their stellar participation in baseball while students at CB.

Needless to say, Francis J. Silvey III was born a "Brothers Boy" thanks to the Silvey legacy. He attended Sacred Heart for elementary school before moving on to Christian Brothers where he played JV baseball for one year and varsity for two years. He covered second base on the field and recalls taking more than one bad hop to the face while trying to field the ball. Francis also played bee basketball and was well-known amongst his classmates. He enjoyed playing sports and attending social dances while attending CB. As Francis recalled, "I burned a lot of gas driving to St. Francis back in the day."

When Francis was not spending his time playing sports, he was studying hard and pushing himself academically. While attending the 21st & Broadway campus, Francis remembers the excellent teaching of the Brothers, "They did a great job teaching us, Brother Phillip in Chemistry and Brother Eric in Physics. Even though they

didn't have the best facilities, they provided us a great foundation for learning and I am forever indebted to them."

After graduating from CB in 1954, Francis went on to attend a respectable pre-dental program at Sacramento City College before continuing his education at UCSF's School of Dentistry where he graduated with a doctorate in dental surgery. He then packed his bags and moved to Moses Lake, Washington to serve his country in the Air Force for several years before returning to Sacramento to open his own dental practice. He then met his wife Jean, to whom he has been married for 52 years. Dr. Silvey enjoyed serving several of the Brothers and area priests at his dental practice, including Brother Richard and Most Reverend Bishop Quinn.

Dr. Francis Silvey is receiving the 2015 Ambassador of the Year Award in recognition of his generous contribution to establish the F. Silvey Endowed Scholarship Fund at Christian Brothers.

Inspiration for this gift came from Francis's time at CB and the quality education he received, "I want students to get a good start in life and a good education by attending Christian Brothers. My hope is that students receiving scholarships will have the same opportunities that I had when I attended CB. The cost factor of attending CB is so much more than it was when I was a student, and my hope is that I can alleviate some of that burden."

Dave Higgins '54, a childhood friend of Frank, was pleased to hear about the award. "Frank is most deserving of this award. But even more important, it reflects the spirit of the graduates of CB to give back to the community in which they live."

President Lorcan Barnes is honored to present the award to Dr. Francis Silvey. "Dr. Silvey and his family have a long history at Christian Brothers. The impact that the Brothers have had on their family for generations inspired this generous gift. Dr. Silvey is motivated to ensure that future students have an opportunity to thrive at CB. We are so grateful to be entrusted with the generosity of the Silvey family and to have the opportunity to provide outstanding Lasallian education in the long-term. This gift creates a bridge between a Lasallian Catholic education and families for whom cost is a challenge."

Dr. Silvey hopes to see the school's legacy and mission continue for years to come. "All we can do is encourage people to keep on supporting Christian Brothers and the good work they are doing."



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
2014 Leo '55 and Gayle Granucci, Bob '55 and Carolyn Granucci,
Ken '54 and Marolyn '57 Harris
2015 Dr. Francis J. Silvey, III '54



Thank you,
Ambassadors!





“You are Ambassadors and Ministers of Jesus Christ”

-St. John Baptist de La Salle