



WELCOME TO THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL
AMBASSADORS' CLUB DINNER

THE TWELFTH OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL

Program

- 6:00 PM.....**Reception**
Harpist Alanna O'Neill '19
- 6:45 PM**Welcome**
Lorcan Barnes, President
- Invocation**
Msgr. Al O'Connor
- Chamber Choir**
Dr. Tony Lien, Director
- Dinner**
- 7:45 PM.....**President's Remarks**
Lorcan P. Barnes
- Video Presentation**
Harrison Daly '17 and Alex Tagudin '17, Directors
- Keynote Speaker**
Mr. John O'Connor, Principal
- 8:15 PM.....**Ambassadors of the Year Award**
Willie '69 and Sheila Nolan
- 8:30 PM.....**Closing Remarks**
Lorcan P. Barnes
- Prayer of Thanksgiving**
Br. Dan Morgan, FSC

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



October 12, 2016

Dear Ambassadors and Friends of Christian Brothers:

Welcome to the 32nd 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 141 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 \$2.6 million of need-based tuition assistance to 435 deserving young men and women. An impressive 99 percent of the Class of 2016 matriculated to college, having gained admission to many of the nation's most respected colleges and universities. These most recent graduates are off to 22 states and two foreign countries.

On Sunday, October 2, 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 1,149 students joining us from 76 zip codes and three foreign countries. The academic programs have never been stronger as evidenced by four 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lorcan".

Lorcan P. Barnes
President

2016 AMBASSADORS OF THE YEAR

Willie '69 & Sheila Nolan

Ask Willie Nolan '69 about his time at Christian Brothers High School and he will tell you that although most of his memories involve playing sports surrounded by grammar school friends, his fondest memories were formed in the classroom. "I was fortunate to have gone to Christian Brothers. The Brothers, teachers, coaches and friends have had a lifelong impact on me," says Willie.

For both Willie '69 and Sheila, CB has become much more than just a high school experience, but a lifelong passion. As graduates of Christian Brothers and Loretto high schools, they understand firsthand the importance and significance of attending a Catholic high school.

When the time came to send their four children, W.R. Theodore '94, Katherine '96, Stephen '01 and Elizabeth '05 to high school, there was little question of where they would attend. "Our children each have their own unique personalities and interests," explains Sheila. "At CB, they each had a diverse high school experience that met their individual needs and expectations. The common thread for all of them was that CB provided them with what they needed to be successful in college and beyond. The teachers and administrators genuinely care about the students as individuals and want to help them succeed and become all they can be! Their dedication inspires me to help continue the legacy and mission of Christian Brothers."

"As great as the school was when I attended, it has become even better now," explains Willie. "The addition of young women to the student body in 1990, the growth of the school, academically and spiritually, and its continued dedication to the Lasallian Catholic mission make it the wonderful and nurturing place that it is today."

Willie and Sheila have worn countless hats at CB including enthusiastic volunteers, event sponsors, donors and parents. Willie served on the Board of Trustees for six years, two of those as chair, providing leadership and guidance at a time when the school was developing its current campus master plan.

The pair has generously and proudly supported the school financially for more than 30 years. When asked why, they say there are many reasons which all lead back to the strength of CB as both a school and a business. "I credit much of CB's current success to Lorcan Barnes's business-savvy leadership, the dedication of the board of trustees, and the generosity of the school's supporters. CB has been able to sustain significant growth and improvement, including new facilities and academic programs. None of that would have been possible without the school being in a financially stable position with passionate donors and allies."

Sheila recognizes the many gifts and opportunities provided to students that would not be possible without the support of donors. "I am touched by the opportunity students have to learn in fantastic classrooms, study engineering and perform in the George Cunningham '40 Performing Arts Center. So many aspects of the campus are truly gifts to our students that would not be possible without financial stability."

Splitting their time between Chicago, IL, and Sacramento does not stop Willie and Sheila from continuing their involvement with Christian Brothers. Willie will be serving as chairman of the upcoming capital campaign aimed at achieving the 15-year vision for the school.

"Willie and Sheila Nolan are known for being 'CB cheerleaders', always promoting the school to everyone they meet, especially their neighbors," says John Nunan, board of trustees chair. "They have been our friends and neighbors for over thirty years. We attribute our longtime connection to Christian Brothers High School directly to them and we are truly grateful."

"Willie and Sheila make a profound difference in the lives of young people through their support of Christian Brothers High School," says Lorcan Barnes, president. "Their ongoing support of tuition assistance has made it possible for children to attend CB who would otherwise not have that opportunity. Their support of our Building on the Tradition campaign ensures that our students have the facilities essential to discovering and developing their God-given gifts. We are incredibly blessed to honor such deserving people as the 2016 Ambassadors of the Year."

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
2016 Willie '69 and Sheila Nolan



Thank you,
Ambassadors,
for all that you do!





“You are Ambassadors and Ministers of Jesus Christ.”

-St. John Baptist de La Salle