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Annual Report & Newsletter

Upholding the finest standards and traditions of the Christian Brothers

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2019–20 Calendar of Events

Christmas with the Cadets Concert
December 13, 2019

Alumni Hockey Game
January 18, 2020

Spring Open House
March 12, 2020

Annual Auction
March 14, 2020

Spring Band Concert & Art Show
April 21, 2020

Race for Education Field Day
April 24, 2020

HS Baccalaureate Mass and Awards Ceremony
May 15, 2020

High School Graduation
May 16, 2020

Officers’ Commissioning Ceremony
May 20, 2020

Middle School Graduation
June 13, 2020

Stats About the Class of 2019

Members of the Class 2019: 74

Admitted to Colleges & Universities in 21 different states, DC & Canada: 291

Scholarships and Honors Received: $14.7 Million over a 4-year period

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS!

We are working on an online directory of alumni-owned and alumni-affiliated businesses, please contact us to be included!
Dear Alumni and Friends of La Salle Institute,

As I reflect on sharing with you the news of La Salle Institute this year, my overall feeling is one of thankfulness. I continue to feel incredibly blessed by the opportunity to lead this school at this critical time in our history, and I am thankful for the tremendous support and faithful confidence I feel from you, our alumni and friends. I am also thankful for the members of our staff and faculty as they continually dedicate themselves to ensuring that our mission is well executed and that our students continue to be inspired to become leaders of character with the continued commitment to “truth, honor, and duty.”

I am very proud that La Salle Institute continues to serve families of all backgrounds from many communities around the Capital Region. As I have said many times before, it is my fervent belief that if a young man is qualified and desires an education at La Salle Institute, he should have the opportunity to fulfill that dream, regardless of family income. Every year this important goal becomes more challenging as the need for financial assistance increases. All of our families pay tuition, but that tuition must be relative to their personal financial circumstances. Fewer than 25% of our families can pay full tuition and well over 60% qualify for need-based financial aid. There lies our greatest challenge and the reason we need your help and support.

This past summer, we began the quiet phase of our capital campaign, Proud of Our Past – Assuring Our Future. Our campaign’s theme is entirely intentional, and I ask that you take the time to consider and reflect on it. Time and again I hear of the incredible stories from our alumni and the positive impact that La Salle continues to have on their lives and how the lessons of leadership and service remain with them today. There are a number of campaign goals and needs that we must address. However, the greatest one is to raise funds for student tuition assistance and financial aid, so that we can continue to educate and inspire our students in the finest standards and traditions of the Christian Brothers.

I am grateful to Don Reutemann ’71, who agreed to serve as our campaign chair. His leadership is impeccable, and I am so appreciative that he has partnered with us on this critical initiative. Don is a perfect example of one whose commitment to the school compels him to serve – and through the considerable amount of his time, insightful experience, and strong generosity – our school, our students, our campaign and each of us, benefit greatly.

I am constantly reminded that a capital campaign is a marathon and not a sprint, but I can share with you that in our initial phase, I am encouraged by the generosity and desire to do what is right for La Salle by so many of our early supporters. I ask you to stay tuned for more information as our campaign unfolds in 2020.

Thank you for your generous support of our amazing school. Your love for La Salle and your loyalty to the values we all share are what keeps us moving toward our bright future.

With continued appreciation,

Joseph B. Raczkowski ’72, Principal
Dear Friends,

It happens the same way every day. As I arrive in the morning and approach the entrance to school, inevitably there is a young man standing there, holding the door open for me. If I am many feet away, he always stays and waits; we smile and say good morning, and I thank him and wish him a great day.

Each morning I greet a different young man, but the conversation, approach and kindness are the same, and every day it is a reminder of our important work. I am so often asked what makes La Salle different, what makes it worth it? The answer is as simple as it is important and life-changing; it is the way we grow young boys into honorable, respectful, kind, and yes, intelligent young men.

Now more than ever, this feels incredibly important. Recently, an alumnus of the class of ’79, reflecting on what distinguishes La Salle, offered this by email; “we strengthen boys in knowledge, self-understanding, self-confidence and appreciation for others while encouraging them to think for themselves, aspire for improvement and not be intimidated by new challenges or by people who are different”. These are the kind of young adults our world needs!

In anticipation of writing this letter today, I looked back through our social media pages of the past year. It is a small slice of life at La Salle and it is so uplifting! Our boys have volunteered in countless ways - in service to our veterans and by providing honor guard and color guard services; they have raised money for cancer research and many other causes; there have been great athletic achievements and many special activities on campus, and our musicians have provided special community-service performances. We have seen our alumni celebrate great success including a newly ordained priest and a newly drafted professional baseball player. Others have celebrated tremendous career success and have achieved military awards and recognition. Everywhere we look, our Cadets are changing their communities and the world.

The best part of this job is building relationships. We are blessed by the many opportunities we have to meet former Cadets and hear their stories. We have added Alumni Update pages to our newsletter this year and we want this feature to grow, so please share your stories!

There is much more I would like to say and share, but I will end now by saying THANK YOU. Whether you are reading this as a parent or past parent, an alumnus of La Salle, or someone who helps us in some other way, we truly appreciate your support. It is more important now than ever in our history, and your kindness and generosity will make all the difference as we continue to support the mission of La Salle Institute.

Merry Christmas to you and your families, and please keep in touch in the New Year!

All my best,

Karen VanRoy

STAY TUNED!

We plan to start taking full advantage of the opportunity we have to celebrate our extraordinarily accomplished, distinguished and successful alumni. We are very often made aware of the way alumni of La Salle Institute are impacting, in huge ways, their communities, companies, institutions, families, and our country, and we need to do a better job spreading this word.

Stay tuned as this is rolled out in 2020, and as always, we welcome your input!
Volunteer Spotlight –
Thank you, Bill Hope!

From La Salle’s beautiful turf fields and fitness room to the windows, roofing and all-around school infrastructure, there is a common denominator when it comes to supporting and updating our school spaces. Mr. Bill Hope, the parent of Michael ’13, stayed around after his son graduated and moved on from La Salle Institute to attend college at the University of San Diego. Thankful for his son’s high school experience, Bill joined the Board of Trustees where he continues to serve and supports La Salle Institute wherever and whenever there is a need. We take this opportunity to thank Bill for his generosity of talent and treasure – his countless hours of counsel, on-site work, research, investigation and meetings, as he supports us in all things facilities related. We thank him for his attendance and support of our school events throughout the year – our golf outing, special dinners, our auction, and our sporting events where he is often on the sidelines taking photos and cheering on our Cadets. Bill’s drone photos of our facilities are invaluable, and we are so thankful for his efforts in support of our Middle School science fair.

La Salle continues to thrive because of the support received from our volunteers and our alumni… THANK YOU!

Student and Family Connection

Cadet Nick Baez ’20 surprised Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence King when he presented them with a beautiful plaque in memory of their son, Kevin King ’99, at Middle School graduation in June. The plaque will be hung on the wall outside of the school’s chapel. The Kevin E. King Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year to 2 students entering 9th grade. Nick was first awarded the scholarship in 2016, and it has been renewed every year as the friendship between the Baez and King families continues to grow. We are appreciative of all the ways Larry and Leslie King continue to support La Salle Institute, and we are proud of Cadet Nick Baez for sharing this wonderful expression of appreciation.
Dear Fellow Alumni of La Salle Institute,

Each Fall and Spring, La Salle conducts an Open House to which it invites prospective students and their parents to learn about the school and to answer any questions that they might have regarding La Salle. Ultimately, it seems to me that the basic question that parents will ask is: Why should we send our son to La Salle as opposed to some other school? As La Salle Alums, how would you or I answer that question?

I suppose that I would start by emphasizing that La Salle is a school that prides itself on its high standards and academic excellence. The development of each student’s academic potential is fostered by an outstanding, highly qualified and dedicated faculty. The very favorable student to teacher ratio enables the faculty to pay close attention to each student’s academic growth. La Salle provides a demanding and challenging curriculum that will help its graduates to meet the challenges of the 21st Century. The school’s academic success is confirmed by its 100% college placement record over many years and by the fact that, year after year, its graduates are accepted at colleges and universities across the country and are the recipients of an impressive number of college scholarships.

If I just stopped there, I think that I would have given the parents a pretty good reason to send their son to La Salle. But La Salle does not just stop there. In my humble opinion, what separates, elevates and distinguishes La Salle from other schools is the combination of the academic excellence described above with the values, practices and traditions that have remained unchanged through the years and form the bedrock upon which a La Salle education rests. And these are the values, practices and traditions that were taught to and experienced by La Salle Cadets whether it was 1930 or 1960 or 2019 and whether it was on 4th Street or out at Williams Road.

The mission of La Salle has always been about educating the whole person. The starting point in that effort is a faith-based education in the tradition of St. John Baptist de La Salle and the Christian Brothers. Part of it, since 1891, is the military program which has been an excellent vehicle for the development of self-discipline, accountability and leadership skills in each student. Part of it is being an all-boys school that reduces social distractions that are part of a coed setting and allows students to mature at their own pace. Part of it is the way the school has always encouraged and incentivized a student’s personal growth by participation in activities outside the classroom. Part of it is a sense of brotherhood and friendships made that last a lifetime as I discovered yet again at the Class of 64’s recent 55th Year Reunion. In ways that I can’t quite define and by some sort of alchemy, these aspects and others combine to create a learning and character-building environment in which a young boy is gradually transformed into a young man for whom the values of truth, duty and honor will be guiding principles in the conduct of his life.

Given these thoughts, I would hope that the parents of a prospective student would say yes to a La Salle education as did our parents many or not so many years ago. For the same reasons, I believe that La Salle Institute is worthy of the support needed to continue its mission. The Alumni and the Annual Fund are a crucial component of that support. The Annual Fund provides substantial support to the school for purposes of tuition assistance, academic programs and extracurricular activities. I am sure that there are some parents attending these Open Houses who would sincerely say yes to a La Salle education for their son but simply don’t have the means to make it happen. We can help to make it happen.

I respectfully ask you to consider a generous contribution to the Annual Fund. Such a contribution is an investment not only in the present but in the future as well. In these unsettled times, would any of us say that we need fewer men who speak and act truthfully; that we need fewer men who can be trusted to discharge their duties faithfully and well; or, that we need fewer men for whom honorable behavior is the foundation upon which their actions and code of conduct rest? With our contributions, we can play a part in making sure that La Salle continues to fulfill its mission of educating such men in the tradition of St. John Baptist de La Salle and the Christian Brothers. On behalf of La Salle Institute, I sincerely thank you for all that you have done in the past and for all that you continue to do in support of La Salle.

Sincerely,

Kevin P. Glasheen
Chair, Annual Giving Committee
La Salle Institute Alumni Association
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Total Alumni Giving $182,805

Thank you to our Alumni!
2019 Cadet Open

The 2019 Cadet Open took place on August 19 at the beautiful Country Club of Troy. 112 golfers took to the greens for an enjoyable day of golf that also included breakfast, a luncheon, a raffle and an auction. Many thanks to our sponsors, the Cadet Booster Club, alumni, friends, faculty and staff who all contributed to a great day on the links!

2019 Annual Auction

On Saturday, March 23, La Salle held its annual auction. This year’s Western-theme, Saddle up La Salle was wildly successful. This year we were thrilled to honor Noreen Coughlin for her numerous volunteer hours and talent to the Auction and the school as a whole while her six sons attended La Salle.

Mark your calendar for the 2020 Auction: Safari with La Salle! The event will be held on March 14th.

Fall 2019 Open House

La Salle Institute’s Fall 2019 Open House was a big success! We had 85 families in attendance, the largest group in recent years. Many thanks to Joshua House ’08, La Salle Institute's Director of Admissions, and Board Member Daniel Kehn ’86 of Creative Communication Associates (CCA). The media services provided by CCA were instrumental in making the Fall Open House one of the best ever!
The 4th annual Friends of LSI Hockey Golf Classic at Saratoga National was held on October 19, 2019. Winning team was Brian Mohan '01, Brendan Noonan '01, Justin Burke '01 and Brendan Quillinan '01. Organized by Billy Jabour ’98.

Alum Mr. John Riegert ’83, father of Christian Riegert '24, visited with our middle schoolers. Mr. Riegert is head of the CRCAC (Capital Region Crime Analysis Center) and retired Troy Police Department Captain. Mr. Riegert spoke about the impact that his office is having on crime in the Capital Region.

Stephen James Carney ’92 recently accepted a position with Professional Capital Services, LLC as Vice President of Client Services.

Nicole Lum and Everett A. Gifford ’07 were married September 8, 2018. They honeymooned in Patagonia.

John J. Skrocky, Jr. ’62 was inducted on September 19th into the Northwest High School Hall of Fame (Omaha, NE) honoring his many years of teaching.

Ryan McCall ’11 successfully completed the NYS Bar exam and is on his way to becoming a practicing lawyer in New York.

Kelse Merrill ‘13 married Haley Chappell in Providence RI on August 10, 2019. Several LSI classmates were in attendance.

Back row: Steve Constantakes ’13, Dan Doran ’13, Anthony Demarte ’13 Front row: USMC Captain Caleb Merrill ’08 and Rylee Merrill ’10, Kelse Merrill ’13, Mike Hope ’13, Tom McIntyre ’13, Jack Dewey ’13, Jack Massaroni ’13

Well known professional horse trainer, Mr. Gary Contessa, spoke to Middle School students about horse racing, finding your passion and following your dreams. He is the father of Raymond Contessa ’25.

After having all seven of their sons attend La Salle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Carroll, Sr. are happy to see their two grandsons, Roscoe “Rocky” ’24 and Satchel Carroll ’21 attend La Salle following in the footsteps of their father and uncles.

Lt. Benjamin Ciraulo ’06, is presently stationed in Killeen, TX at Ft. Hood where he is serving as the ‘S4’ Logistics/Supply Officer with 7-158 CTSAB. In addition, he is a US Army helicopter pilot flying the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter.

Father Samuel Bellafiore ’11 celebrated his first Mass as an ordained priest on June 15, 2019. The Ordination took place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Dr. Stephen Bartolucci ’93 visited Ms. Randall’s sophomore Chemistry class and spoke to our Cadets about nanotechnology and defense as well as the material related to chemistry and synthesis of nanoparticles. He visited with his son, Andrew, a future Cadet and his nephew, Ryan Breen ’22.

La Salle Institute’s own Jerry Burke ’16, was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in June 2019! Upon graduation from La Salle, Jerry attended Georgetown University where by his Junior year he was their Friday night starting pitcher.
Mr. Mike Dowd ’94, came to speak to Ms. Labate's 10th grade career orientation class about his career in finance last Spring.

Anthony Compe ’11 volunteers at Albany's Victory Church, using his skills as a chef to help inner-city kids create wonderful meals while they are in the church’s after school program.

Stephen Furlong ’10 received his M.A. in English from Southeast Missouri State University in 2017. His chapbook “What Loss Taught Me” was published in fall 2018. He also got married in July 2019, his best man was fellow 2010 graduate Charlie Reutemann.

Nicholas Christian ’10, of the Christian/Covatta family of La Salle Institute Alumni, was promoted to Captain in the US Army and is part of the 10th Mountain Division.

April 22, 2019 marked the 50th Anniversary of the day Dave Zyglewicz ’61 fought Joe Frazier for the heavyweight boxing Championship. Although he didn’t win the fight, just getting in the ring with Joe was quite an accomplishment. Dave “Ziggy” Zyglewicz was later inducted into the La Salle Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011.

Two La Salle Alumni visited with Principal Joseph Raczkowski ’72 - fellow West Point graduate Arthur Murphy ’06, West Point ’10, is currently teaching at the US Military Academy as a Thermo Dynamics instructor. Brian Murphy ’07, serves with the Georgia National Guard and is recent grad of US Army Ranger school.

Alumni Reflection – Brendan Flemming ’99

A 1999 graduate of La Salle Institute, I chose to attend Stonehill College in Easton, MA on the advice of Todd Crandall, La Salle’s Director of College Placement. Stonehill College is an NCAA Division II school that offered solid academics and the opportunity to play hockey at the collegiate level. The skills and passion for the game that I learned at La Salle have helped me to achieve career success in the sport that I enjoy.

Though not recruited for the team, I made it through tryouts and found a home on the fourth line. After a few games, our coach moved me to a line with a few older players and we immediately found chemistry. During my four years at Stonehill, I received many honors including being named captain prior to my senior year and all-time leading scorer during my final season. Stonehill awarded me with the Father William Gartland Award, given to the male student-athlete of the year for the 2002-03 athletic season.

During the spring of 2003, my college coach secured a tryout contract for me with the Tulsa Oilers of the Central Hockey League. The experience was one of a kind. Meeting players from all over North America and the world was very new to me. Although I did not make the team, I did make connections that helped me turn my love for the game into a career.

Through mutual friends in Boston, I began coaching skills clinics for Lovell’s Hockey in and around the Boston area. After a few years, I was named the Head Boys’ Hockey Coach of the Rivers School in Weston, MA. From the Rivers School, I made the jump to college coaching. I worked at two Boston area colleges, Suffolk University and Babson College. While working as a coach, an opportunity to become the Director of Hockey Operations at Harvard University became available. It was a job I could not turn down. At Harvard, I worked directly with the coaching staff of both the Men’s and Women’s Hockey programs. While I was not coaching, I was involved in hockey and was loving my career.

My years at Harvard allowed me to meet and network with scouts and front office personnel from the NHL, AHL and ECHL. When the Detroit Red Wings were looking for a new Amateur Scout in the eastern United States, my name came up from people with whom I had connected in the past. Soon I found myself saying goodbye to Harvard and hello to the NHL.

As an Amateur Scout, I travel to games all over the United States watching high school hockey players that may have a chance to be drafted by an NHL organization. My passion for hockey has brought me full circle to a job I enjoy with the ability to watch the sport I love, it does not get better than that!
Making Strides! La Salle and Holy Names soccer teams joined forces for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Washington Park. Both teams’ efforts raised over $8,000 for the American Cancer Society, and they’re not done yet! They hope to raise over $10,000 by December 31, 2019.

On Saturday, October 19, 2019, the La Salle McCormick Drill Team performed at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Light the Night Walk at Siena College. Our Cadets joined their community at the walk to celebrate, honor and remember those touched by cancer.

Faith into action! In July 2019 James Whalen ’22, his brother John Whalen ’20, Ryan Patrick ’20 and Mr. Ted Deeb ’01, Campus Minister, spent a week in Philadelphia at La Salle University. Service work was rounded out with time for games, socials, prayer and reflection. Students from Lasallian schools from all over the U.S. and some parts of Canada and Italy attended.

On September 29, 2019 the Schaghticoke fairgrounds held a tractor pull to benefit disabled veterans. Cadets Drew Margelot ’24 and John Mazzariello ’24 donated their time to work at the Herrington’s BBQ stand where proceeds went back to two local Disabled American Veterans chapters.

Cadets out in the community representing Lasallian values and traditions. Honor Guard at the Saratoga Military Ball for Veterans on Sunday, November 3, 2019.

Executive Officer, Robert Nero ’20 and Cadet Colonel, John Perniciaro ’20 working as volunteers at the Italian Community Club in Troy for their annual day-before-election-day dinner on Monday, November 4, 2019.

Jared Bull ’20 fulfilled the final wish of a WWII Veteran by performing TAPS for Mr. Thomas Sunkes, Sr. this fall. Mr. Sunkes was the father-in-law of alumnus William “Bill” Mokey ’70.

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Ben Ryan from News10 ABC live on campus with our Varsity Football Team!

La Salle Cadets and faculty participated in the “Wreaths Across America” campaign, laying wreaths on the graves of local veterans at the Saratoga National Cemetery in December 2018.

La Salle Color Guard presented the colors for HVCC’s 65th Commencement Ceremony in May 2019.
Bob Kovachick of News Channel 13 met with members of the Science & Engineering Club about their weather balloon launch, which was broadcast as a WNYT STEM13 feature!

On February 13, 2019 La Salle Middle School students took part in the 5th annual Middle School Science Fair. 91 Middle School students researched and presented 60 projects.

Mock Trial team litigated their first trial at the Rensselaer County Courthouse in February 2019.

La Salle Rocketry team members Christopher Bishop ‘21, Dominick Celeste ‘21 and Krishan Badrie ‘22 designed and built a rocket from scratch at the Team America Rocketry Challenge qualifier.

On May 8, 2019 the JV and Varsity Lacrosse teams presented the Special Olympics with $5,000, proceeds of their first Annual Cadet Game Day hosted on the turf at La Salle.

La Salle Institute O’Donovan Drill Team competing in the National Drill Team Championships held in Daytona Beach, May 2019. They competed in 4 categories against 42 other schools from around the U.S. placing 20 out of the 42 schools.

La Salle’s Stock Trading Team finished 11th out of 74 teams at the Junior Achievement Stock Market Challenge in April 2019 and were accompanied by John Gray ’81 of News10 ABC.

The Cadet Blues Jazz Ensemble competed at the Fonda-Fultonville Jazz Festival in February 2019, winning best rhythm section (drums, piano, guitar, bass, and vibraphone) and also won Gold at the Oneida Jazz Festival in March 2019.

On August 13, 2019 the Saratoga WarHorse Blue Spangled Gala was held at the Hall of Springs. Members of the Honor Guard served as escorts for the guests along with some members of our Jazz Ensemble performing.

Our hockey team presented a check to the Albany Housing Coalition for $8,226 in April 2019, the proceeds from their January Cadets for Vets game.

An Alumni Mass was celebrated at the La Salle Institute Chapel on Saturday, September 28, 2019. The Mass was coordinated by our Campus Minister, Ted Deeb ’01 and celebrated by Father Sean O’Brien of Siena College.

Class of 1959 celebrated their 60th reunion with a dinner at The Century House on October 5, 2019. Class of 1964 celebrated their 55th reunion with an informal reception on Friday evening, October 11 and a formal dinner on Saturday, October 12 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy. Class of 1969 chose Moscatiello’s in Troy for their 50th reunion dinner, there were 71 attendees that included former La Salle Principal Brother Carl Malacalza, former school nurse, Ruth Casale and former teacher, Richard Glasheen ’59. Class of 1979 celebrated their 40th reunion with an informal gathering at The Ale House in Troy. Class of 1994 had a small informal gathering for their 25th reunion at The Recovery Sports Grill in Rensselaer.

Congratulations to all of our reunion classes!

“La Salle is one of those rare opportunities where one can improve his mind with academics, his body with athletics, and his soul with religion.”

– La Salle Alumni
On September 27, 2019 on a beautiful late summer evening, alumni, family, friends, faculty and staff gathered for the annual homecoming barbecue in La Salle Institute’s cafeteria. The evening featured great food and time to reconnect with classmates, particularly for those celebrating a reunion. We also welcomed home the members of the 1989 championship football team. The members of the 1989 team were honored during a half time ceremony at the homecoming football game versus Averill Park.
The 2019 Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner took place on September 26, 2019 at the Franklin Terrace Ballroom in Troy, NY. Eight men were inducted into the Hall of Fame in a ceremony that honored their accomplishments as players and coaches for La Salle Institute. Congratulations to the 2019 Honorees: Matthew Boudreau ’05, Jon Gregg ’01, Charles Mayrer ’02, John Pelletier ’68, David Pitaniello ’01, John Rancourt ’64, Frank Ryan ’61, Stephen Sutton ’03.
La Salle Institute is pleased to welcome Mr. Craig Ward ’08 as our Athletic Director. Craig joined La Salle in June 2019 and has become an integral part of the school community. Craig comes back to La Salle from the Tilton School in Tilton, New Hampshire. At Tilton School, Craig worked in academic support and was the Head Coach of the Varsity B hockey team. Craig is well versed in La Salle Institute athletics. He played football, hockey and baseball all four years at La Salle, including Section 2 Championship teams in baseball and football. Welcome home, Craig!

It has been a busy and successful year for La Salle Institute Athletics. In the spring, the Varsity Lacrosse team brought home a Section 2 Championship and we hosted our first track meet on our new turf field and track. This fall, the Cross Country team finished 2nd place in the Section 2 Championship team race and Gitch Hayes ’22 won the Section 2 Individual Championship. Congratulations Gitch!

Congratulations and best wishes for continued success to all of our athletic teams! Go Cadets!

Traydon Lawrence ’20 rushed for 1,519 yards in the regular season. Gitch Hayes ’22, Section II individual champion
Alumni Association

The La Salle Institute Alumni Association had another busy year. The past year has seen the Alumni Association participating and supporting a number of activities at the school, including the Cadet Open, Athletic Hall of Fame, Homecoming Barbecue, Class Reunions and Open House.

2019 saw the return of the Alumni Lacrosse Game on October 12 on our beautiful turf field. A big thank you to Dan Brown '97 and Scott Zalucky '88, for spearheading the effort to bring the game back to La Salle Institute.

Our Alumni on Tap event for young alumni on February 26 at Junior’s Bar and Grill was a big success! The event was attended by 40 alumni, faculty, staff and coaches. Thanks to John Audino and Kate LaFerriere for coordinating the get-together!

Our archive committee completed the work of organizing photos and artifacts including the display of class composite photos in the cafeteria and the restoration of the donor wall. Thanks go out to Ed Van Buren '64, committee chair Bill LeForestier '62 and the group of alumni volunteers. Thank you gentlemen for helping us to preserve our past.

The Alumni Association Annual Meeting took place on June 11 at La Salle Institute. We had over 60 alumni, family, faculty and staff in attendance. The evening consisted of the annual election of officers to the Alumni Board of Directors and award presentations to Mr. Ted Deeb '01 as Young Alumnus of the Year and to Noreen and Richard Coughlin as Honorary Alumni. Ted Deeb is La Salle’s Campus Minister. Noreen and Rich are the parents of six La Salle Institute alumni and active volunteers. Congratulations to Ted, Noreen and Rich!

The following alumni were elected to the La Salle Institute Board of Directors:

David Brennan '87, President
Kevin Glasheen '64, First Vice President
D. Christopher Puls '96, Second Vice President

Robert Flynn '94, Secretary
Nicholas Laiacona '62, Past President

Congratulations Dave, Kevin, Chris, Rob and Nick and thank you for all your hard work!
Colonel John F. Kennedy USA (Ret.) ‘40
December 18, 1921 – October 25, 2019

Colonel John Kennedy, a devoted alumnus and benefactor of La Salle Institute, passed away on October 25, 2019 at his home in Florida with his beloved wife Judy at his side. Colonel Kennedy was the epitome of an officer and a gentleman. A decorated World War II veteran of the United States Army, the late Colonel Kennedy was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters among many other service medals. Colonel Kennedy’s service included the invasion of Normandy, France in 1944. He was a combat soldier in northern France as part of General George S. Patton’s 3rd Army. Colonel Kennedy was wounded three times in the service of his country.

Born in Cohoes, NY, Colonel Kennedy graduated from La Salle Institute in June 1940. During his time at La Salle Institute he was mentored by the late Major (then Lieutenant) James J. O’Donovan ’28. Major O’Donovan went on to become a highly decorated World War II veteran and the namesake of the O’Donovan Drill team here at La Salle Institute. Colonel Kennedy enlisted in the United States Army upon graduation and made the military his career, rising from enlisted man to the rank of Colonel. The military remained a part of his life after his retirement as he performed research with the New York Military Museum in Saratoga Springs, NY. Colonel Kennedy possessed a vast knowledge of the United States Military and could recognize a World War II service patch immediately upon seeing it.

La Salle Institute had the privilege of hosting Colonel and Mrs. Kennedy at the 75th Reunion of the Class of 1940 in October 2015. During his visit he spoke with other alumni and with current students about his time as a student at La Salle and his experiences in the military. Always humble, his biggest concern was for the many in the military who did not come home. He was a lifelong member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Knights of Columbus.

Colonel Kennedy was laid to rest on October 31, 2019 at Saratoga National Cemetery. He was attended to his final resting place by the La Salle Institute Honor Guard which came to pay their respects and give a final salute to a true officer and gentleman.

Michael Mangione ’62
October 1, 1942 – June 2, 2019

They say “roots run deep” and at La Salle Institute, perhaps few run as deep as they did for Mr. Michael F. Mangione ’62.

Sadly, Mike passed away on June 2, 2019, leaving behind his wife, Marie, of 51 years, a daughter, Michelle, and 3 sons, Matthew ’89, Michael ’91 and Mark ’97. The Mangiones are truly a La Salle legacy family, and in the 75th Jubilee Yearbook of 1926, Mike’s father, Joseph P. Mangione Sr. ’26, is remembered as someone ‘who knew just about everybody in Troy’. The same could be said of Mike, who was a true friend to all who knew him, and a great friend to La Salle Institute. Mike had tremendous institutional knowledge and insight, gained from decades of involvement; he was an historian who was always willing to share his helpful wealth of knowledge to advance the mission of La Salle Institute.

Mike followed in his father’s footsteps when he joined the ranks of La Salle as a young Cadet in 1958. After graduation in 1962, Mike never missed an opportunity to participate in the community of the school he loved. He was a long-tenured member of the Board of Trustees and was an active Parents’ Club volunteer while his sons were students at La Salle. Mike supported his grandson Brendan ’16 in his years at La Salle, and always seized an opportunity to volunteer his time and attend events. He worked phonathons and enthusiastically attended ceremonies, dinners, games and events. Mike was recognized as the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in 2005.

It is difficult to imagine a La Salle Institute without Mike Mangione; as a community and a school, we are better for having known him. We are thankful and humbled by his years of kindness and leadership.
Hail La Salle, our alma mater, to thee we raise our song; Proud to wear thy noble standard, mightiest and strong! Lift your voices, swell the chorus, loud your praises be; May thy sons be leal and loyal to thy memory.