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## Introduction to the 2013 Graduate Annual

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## ***La Salle University Graduate Annual 2012–2013***

This year, La Salle celebrated its 150th anniversary as an institution of higher learning. We think it is the perfect time to launch a publication that exemplifies the extent to which the University has continued “Living the Promise” through excellence in graduate studies.

La Salle’s history can be traced to a group of Christian Brothers who were asked to open a college in Philadelphia for Catholic men, primarily the children of immigrants. From a small building in the Kensington section of the city, the University shifted its location several times before settling into its present location in the Olney section in 1930. It has transformed from a purely undergraduate institution for men to one that embraces undergraduate and graduate education for men and women alike.

This inaugural multidisciplinary journal is a mechanism to recognize and reward the exceptional work that our graduate students do. Whether it is with a group project that focuses on solving an organizational problem in the MBA program, a seminar paper focusing on Philadelphia public history, or a dissertation leading to the receipt of a doctorate in psychology, our graduate students reflect the diversity and breadth of contemporary scholarship. In the true Lasallian tradition, our students are challenged to both think and do.

Each graduate program was asked to nominate the best work produced by its graduate students in the previous year. The administration, faculty, and staff of La Salle University congratulate the students selected to represent their programs in this publication.

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