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CAMPUS NEWS

LA SALLE UNIVERSITY'S WEEKLY INFORMATION CIRCULAR

June 18th, 1999



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NICHOLAS A. GIORDANO
PRESIDENT

To: The Campus Community

From: Nicholas A. Giordano
President

Date: June 16, 1999

Both University Council and the Board of Trustees have approved several wording changes to the University mission statement. A copy of the revised version is attached with the changes underlined. The new version should be used for any official correspondence and usage. As you can see, the wording changes are related to the "catholicity" of the University. This terminology was deleted during the mid 1980's and has now been re-inserted.

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LA SALLE UNIVERSITY

MISSION AND GOALS

La Salle University, dedicated in the tradition of the Christian Brothers to excellence in teaching and to concern for both ultimate values and the individual values of its students, is a private **Roman Catholic** University committed to providing a liberal education of both general and specialized studies.

As a University, La Salle strives to offer, through effective teaching, quality **Catholic** education founded on the idea that one's intellectual and spiritual development go hand in hand, complementing and fulfilling each other. The University has as its basic purpose the free search for truth through the teaching of the basic skills, knowledge, and values needed for a life a human dignity. The programs of the University also are designed to prepare students for informed service and progressive leadership in their communities and to fulfill the immediate and final goals of their lives.

Goals:

1. to recruit and maintain a distinguished faculty with diverse educational and ethnic backgrounds as guided by the principles of equal opportunity and affirmative action and sustained through programs of development, research assistance, and retraining;
2. to recruit and retain qualified students, while simultaneously striving to attract a more diverse social, geographic, economic, and racial - student body;
3. to maintain class sizes small enough to promote active student participation and a close working relationship between students and faculty;
4. to provide quality support services that assist the learning process;
5. to provide learning experiences in both traditional and non-traditional settings;
6. to continue to foster an atmosphere supportive of interdisciplinary learning;
7. to provide opportunities for part-time undergraduate and graduate study, chiefly oriented toward attainment of degrees for students whose personal circumstances make full-time study impossible;
8. to provide co-curricular opportunities designed to stimulate significant change and growth in the social, emotional, spiritual and physical development of students;
9. to establish advisement procedures which assist students make valid educational and career choices;

10. to provide resources as appropriate for the transition to a more residential institution of regional scope; and,
11. to sustain an atmosphere of collegiality and trust in which matters of policy and procedural change are recognized as the mutual province of faculty, students, and administration.

As a Christian Brothers University, La Salle continues in the Catholic traditions of the innovative educator John Baptist de La Salle, who founded the order. The University engages in programs in which students' personal, social and religious values may take root and in which students may grow in mature attitudes and behavior in all human relationships. The University strives to foster an environment of faith which produces a reciprocal respect among all persons in the community and to establish an atmosphere in which community members may openly bear witness to their convictions on world peace and social justice.

Goals:

1. to continue to encourage the presence and influence of the Christian Brothers on campus;
2. to provide opportunities for worship and celebration and to maintain an active Campus Ministry;
3. to undertake theological and religious study in a systematic and critical way and to investigate interrelationships which emerge with other disciplines;
4. to maintain a fiscal policy which allows the University to attract students from modest income levels;
5. to provide educational opportunities and resources for the economically and educationally disadvantaged; and,
6. to continue to provide to the residents of the immediate La Salle neighborhood the educational resources and expertise to improve the quality of their lives.

As a private University, La Salle strives to determine its own policies, thus providing the option of private higher education in an area increasingly dominated by large public institutions.

Goals:

1. to maintain autonomous academic admissions standards and an independent structure for governance; and,
2. to determine our own fiscal, curricular and recruitment policies.

As an undergraduate institution, La Salle is committed to a liberal arts education which assist students in liberating themselves from narrow interests, prejudices, and perspectives, and in learning to observe reality with precision, to judge events and opinions critically and independently, to think logically, to communicate effectively, and to sharpen aesthetic perception. Students are encouraged to seek wisdom; that is, to grasp those basic principles which can give order to particular facts. The University urges students to confront the ultimate questions of human experience: Who am I? Where does my destiny lie? How am I to reach it?

Goals:

1. to maintain, as the foundation of all learning, a common, comprehensive liberal arts core which will challenge all undergraduate students with courses addressing the analytic process (philosophical and/or scientific), the communication process (oral and written; emitted and received), and the historical, intellectual, and reactive growth of humanity;
2. to require students to gain thorough foundational knowledge of the subject matter of one or more disciplines; and,
3. to expose students to an optimal mix of required and elective courses in a variety of disciplines, providing advisement to help determine the elective choices which best serve the students' educational needs.

As a graduate institution, La Salle strives to support the career aspirations of students and meet the needs of society. Graduate education at La Salle emphasizes the students' ability to apply universals and specifics to actual situations, to distinguish relationships, to analyze critically, to rearrange component ideas into new wholes and to make judgments based on external criteria.

Goals:

1. to offer graduate programs which enable students to augment their academic backgrounds, to acquire both practical and theoretical knowledge in their chosen field, and to enhance their professional competencies;
2. to offer graduate programs which enable students to correlate and synthesize information from various fields, to relate the theoretical to the practical, and to develop values in the liberal arts tradition; and,
3. to offer graduate programs designed to prepare students to advance in their professional careers and to pursue appropriate further studies.

(Revised by the Pre-Study Committee, April, 1984)

(Revised by University Council, May, 1993)



LA SALLE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

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TO: The Campus Community

FROM: Richard Nigro

DATE: June 18, 1999

During the past semester we have undertaken work to improve presentation facilities in the Rodden Theatre. That project is now complete.

We have scheduled a demonstration program of the new technology at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 29, for selected departments. Since the enhanced presentation facilities maybe be of interest to a broader segment of faculty and staff, I am extending an open invitation to the program to all members of the campus community. The program will last about twenty-five minutes and a Q & A session will follow.

I hope many of you will have the opportunity to join us in the Rodden Theatre at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 29.

Thank you.



LA SALLE UNIVERSITY

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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E-MAIL ADDRESS: rohanna@lasalle.edu

TO: All Faculty and Staff

FROM: Susan P. Rohanna, Director of Human Resources

DATE: June 18, 1999

SUBJECT: City Wage Tax Changes

I am pleased to notify you of a reduction in the rate of the City of Philadelphia Wage tax rates effective with paychecks dated July 6, 1999.

Philadelphia's wage tax rate for residents will decrease from 4.6869% to 4.6135% and non-residents will decrease from 4.075% to 4.0112%.



Academic Discovery Program
(215) 951-1084 Fax: 951-1488

To the Campus Community:

The ADP freshmen will begin the annual summer program on Wednesday, June 23, and as part of that day's activities, the ADP staff will be having a cookout for the students at the South Campus gazebo from 3:00 to 4:30. If your schedule allows, please stop by to say hello to these new students and to welcome them to La Salle.

Most of the thirty-four freshmen are ranked in the top 20% of their high school classes, and two students are the top students in their schools. (This year all but three of the students graduated from the Philadelphia public high schools.) As usual, our students bring a variety of talents and skills to the campus: many are National Honor Society members, officers in their student government associations, or active participants in their schools' organizations. We are excited about bringing them to campus.

At the same time, most of the students will find La Salle a challenge. Through no fault of their own, their academic preparation might not have been as rigorous as it should have been, most have not had the advantages that would have come with higher incomes, and some have experienced some personal or family problems that kept them from reaching their full potential. Still, these students are eager to learn and will respond to the high expectations set by the ADP and La Salle.

I would like to thank the Admission and Financial Aid Office for its work in recruiting these students and preparing their financial aid packages. In particular, Bob Voss and Jose Aviles were very supportive of the ADP and were very effective in encouraging applicants to consider the benefits of our program. Finally, I would like to thank Tangie Thomas, the ADP secretary, for her work in keeping our database updated and for sending out various letters requesting student interviews and testing.

But please consider coming to the South Campus on Wednesday, June 23, for the cookout.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Miedel".

Bob Miedel
Director, ADP

CAMPUS POSITIONS AVAILABLE

LA SALLE UNIVERSITY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER



CONNELLY LIBRARY

Circulation Department
215-951-1292

POSITION AVAILABLE/SEARCH RE-OPENED

The Circulation Department currently has a full-time position available.

Library Technician – This position provides circulation and reserve services to Library users. There are some duties involving maintenance of the book collection.

Normal hours are Sunday Noon - 8:00 PM; Monday - Thursday 4:00PM - Midnight. Days and hours vary during semester breaks, holidays, exams, and summer sessions.

Physical Requirements: Must be able to move freely through the Library's common areas including the stacks and stairwells. Must be able to handle books to process or shelve them, including lifting large volumes and bending or reaching to shelve them.

This position requires good interpersonal skills, maturity, tact, basic computer skills, and the ability to work unsupervised. Full benefits package including tuition remission.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of application, resume, and names and telephone numbers of three business references to:

Carol Brigham
Connelly Library
La Salle University
1900 West Olney Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19141

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, July 2, 1999.

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TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY:

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

THE STAFF