THE CIVIL SOLDIER

Shaping Lives of Service and Patriotism
La Salle Tradition Influences Career of Service

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WHEN I LOOK BACK ON MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY, IT IS sometimes difficult to assess what factors most contributed to personal successes—or failures. However, in one segment of my life and career, the positive contribution made by La Salle is not hard to identify.

In 1950, the world and La Salle College were quite different environments from today’s more complex age. The Cold War, the Korean War, and the stark realization that the Nuclear Era brought with it additional burdens sobered young freshmen. In that year, the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) came to the campus, offering the possibility of an officer’s commission upon graduation to young men otherwise liable to the draft. As we progressed in our military and academic studies against the background of the evolving Korean War, what struck me was the confluence of ideas, concepts, and moral acuity between the Military Science Department on the one hand and the remainder of the faculty on the other.

Whether it was “just war” theory, the law of land warfare, or obligations toward our future subordinates, we were inculcated with the necessity for high moral standards and an understanding that we were obligated to identify and accept objective moral truths.

That came not only from the Christian Brothers and lay faculty but also from our military instructors was impressive. For the next four decades and more of my military and public service, this confluence of standards formed a matrix of support.

As a young field artillery officer, responsibilities were primarily to a small group of subordinates. Later, as a brigade commander, decisions touched on large numbers of soldiers. Later still, as an arms control negotiator, adviser to the President, and head of a federal agency, actions and decisions became crucial to the health and prosperity of our country. In all these instances, however, I was supported by the moral compass provided at La Salle in the early 1950s.

La Salle continues to offer this critical aspect of career formation for its students who are considering a military career. We all recognize that recent events in the war on terrorism have created situations that call for clear moral choices. Not only did La Salle establish clear criteria for making these choices, but it also created an atmosphere in which positive examples abounded. For example, the witness of the Christian Brothers, themselves dedicated to an unselfish life of service to Catholic education, provided a role model for those who would dedicate themselves to service to the security of the nation. Today, that witness continues not only among the Brothers but also among lay faculty who have espoused Lasallian values in the Catholic tradition.

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More than 1,000 young men and women have been exposed to these values at La Salle and have later been commissioned as Army officers. Many returned to civilian pursuits; others continued in a military career of service through several regional conflicts and the Cold War. The Lasallian education that helped to form us and later served as a point of reference continues to this day. A revived ROTC program shows great promise. I am convinced that La Salle’s leadership today, as it has over the years, recognizes the immeasurable potential for its contribution to the welfare of this nation.

Maj. Gen. Burns held numerous positions in the U.S. Army and the federal government in more than 50 years of service. In 1981, he became the military representative on the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty delegation in Geneva, Switzerland, negotiating what was to become the only U.S.-Soviet treaty that eliminated an entire class of nuclear weapons. Later, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Political Military Affairs, and in 1987 President Ronald Reagan named him Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. He is a former member of La Salle’s Board of Trustees.
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La Salle has always thrown open wide its doors to students seeking an education to improve their lives. La Salle Magazine is highlighting the efforts of current faculty and staff to meet the needs of students returning from military service and reflecting on the campus' longstanding tradition of creating a welcoming environment for those who have served their country. Also in the following pages, read about La Salle's ROTC program, past and present, and the stories of alumni who have had their lives enriched by their experiences of military service and Lasallian values.
WITH THE ENACTMENT OF THE POST-9/11 G.I. Bill and the return of thousands of soldiers from assignments around the world, colleges and universities nationwide are expecting increased enrollment from veterans.

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, the original G.I. Bill of 1944 attracted about 2 million veterans to mostly private and Ivy League institutions and nearly 5 million to vocational or technical schools. Recent data shows that a new generation of veterans is focused on convenience when it comes to choosing a quality education.

“As a Catholic, private institution, we have a lot to offer them,” said Lillian Mina, Assistant Director for Program Development and Recruitment at La Salle’s Montgomery County Center in Plymouth Meeting, Pa. Mina recently completed a government application directed to the Department of Veterans Affairs to help La Salle communicate with discharged military personnel. Once approved, the University can work with the government on recruitment efforts to show veterans how La Salle can meet their needs.

“This benefits the entire University,” Mina said. “What I love about La Salle is that we’re willing to look at these avenues.”

Steve Downs, Director of the Graduate Programs in Education, and Diane Wieland, R.N., Ph.D., associate professor of nursing, have been investigating several initiatives to publicize La Salle’s programs and secure additional funding for veterans to attend a private institution.

“I believe we have an opportunity to provide an invaluable service,” Downs said. “You just have to show that you care.”

It’s that element of care and a commitment to excellence in education that have drawn veterans and enlisted students to La Salle. Senior communication student Ann Marie Gorden appreciated the help she received at La Salle while juggling a college career with her responsibilities as a reservist in the U.S. Coast Guard.

“My professors are very understanding when I have to miss class,” Gorden said. “They know what I do and really respect and support what I do.”

Senior nursing student Bill Frenette embarked on a similar journey when he changed careers and simultaneously enlisted as a Navy Corpsman within the U.S. Marine Corps. The former businessman enrolled in La Salle’s nursing program on the recommendation of several friends who said it was “absolutely outstanding.”

For Frenette, La Salle’s nursing program redefined the word “commitment.” The faculty was fair, willing to help, and accommodating “if you worked for it,” he said.

Despite a delicate balance between studies, work, and military service, Gorden and Frenette will graduate this spring having felt truly welcome in the La Salle family. Both knew from an early age that they wanted to serve the country and both appreciated the support from faculty that allowed them to do so.

NEW EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR VETERANS

Starting this summer, veterans who served on active duty after Sept. 10, 2001, will receive educational assistance benefits through the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill.

The original G.I. Bill, officially named the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944, was developed in part to assist veterans returning from World War II with education and training. At its peak, nearly 50 percent of college admissions were veterans.

As of Aug. 1, 2009, the new G.I. Bill will offer benefits for training programs including graduate and undergraduate programs, vocational/technical training, and foreign training. Benefits will cover tuition, a monthly housing stipend, and funds for books and supplies, depending on a veteran’s length of service.

Eligible veterans could receive paid tuition at a public institution or choose to apply the equivalent amount of funding to tuition at a private institution. If the new legislation does not completely cover tuition, several colleges and universities have the option to provide additional funding through the Yellow Ribbon Program.

The Post-9/11 G.I. Bill will completely cover the cost of classes and programs at a public institution for veterans who served a total of at least 36 months after Sept. 10, 2001. Those who have fewer months of total service will receive a percentage of maximum benefits.

Several additional benefits and stipends apply. For more information, visit www.gibill.va.gov.
Gorden said La Salle offered one-on-one instruction that helped her excel as a public affairs specialist with the Coast Guard. Frenette noted that the combination of his education and military experience helped him become more proactive in the field. “La Salle and the military both enriched my life,” he said.

About 30 veterans are currently registered at La Salle, and Associate Registrar Jean Landis said the “buzz” is that institutions should prepare for increased enrollment. The University recently hosted a Webinar, titled “Returning Veterans: Implications for Higher Education,” that detailed how institutions can effectively serve veterans. According to Downs, veterans will probably take advantage of the G.I. Bill within the first five years, so enrollment at U.S. universities will likely reflect this trend.

“The history of serving veterans is here,” he said. “We have to be able to promote (our programs) and recommend areas veterans will be interested in.”

In fact, La Salle’s College of Professional and Continuing Studies (CPCS) evolved from the Evening Division—a program designed mostly for soldiers returning from World War II who worked during the day and studied at night. Joseph Ugras, Ph.D., Dean of CPCS, said the convenient and flexible programs, in addition to existing financial and counseling services, make La Salle a welcome place for veterans.

“La Salle has a lot of history with the G.I. Bill,” he said. “La Salle is ready to help and veterans can take advantage of the University’s products, programs, and services.”

Through CPCS and other University programs, veterans can seek degree-completion programs or graduate studies. For added convenience, many programs offer blended courses that combine classroom work with online assignments.

As a psychiatric nurse, Wieland also focuses on increasing awareness of what veterans face when transitioning from the military to college.

Wieland sits on the state-level Educational Subcommittee of Pennsylvania Americans Showing Compassion, Assistance, and Reaching Out with Empathy to Service Members, or PA CARES. The task force provides assistance to veterans and their families. Through PA CARES, Wieland and other committee members have worked with Michael Roszkowski, Ph.D., La Salle’s Director of Institutional Research, to launch a survey asking institutions across the Commonwealth how they plan to support veterans. A second survey will address veterans directly about the services and programs they need.

“These veterans and families need our emotional support in the reintegration process,” she said. “Many lives have dramatically changed due to exposure to war and repeated deployment.”

On-campus counseling is available to all full-time University students, and part-time students can visit the Good Shepherd Community Psychological Center. “Veterans often return to school with more issues than they had before entering the service, particularly those who have experienced a battle zone,” said Suzanne Boyll, Ph.D.,

Director of the Student Counseling Center. “Many of these students find difficulty adjusting and can’t quite go back into the typical undergraduate care-free attitude. The Student Counseling Center can help to make that adjustment.”

Wendy Zazo-Phillips spent eight years in the U.S. Coast Guard and recently enrolled in La Salle’s graduate program in Marriage and Family Therapy. The program provides her with an opportunity to research the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder on returning troops.

“It’s hard to integrate back into civilian life,” Zazo-Phillips said. Even noncombatants have been immersed in military life and must adjust, she said. “It’s a lifestyle—a culture. It takes longer to acclimate yourself to civilian life.”

Wieland has been weaving these issues into her courses. Last fall, the Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania (SNAP) welcomed Marsha Four, R.N., Program Director of Homeless Veteran Services, to speak to students. The lecture, “Homeless Veterans: What Nurses Can Do,” detailed Four’s experiences as a nurse in Vietnam as well as her work with the Philadelphia Veteran Multi-Service and Education Center Inc. and a transitional residence for women veterans in Coastsville, Pa.

“La Salle has a philosophy of looking at vulnerable groups and what we can do to help,” Wieland said. “I want
the students to have a professional discourse about what’s going on related to mental health care of our returning servicemen and women.”

Dana Abejo, co-President of SNAP, was alarmed to learn from Four that 30 percent of homeless people are veterans. The lecture compelled Abejo and SNAP’s other co-President, Kristin Heigold, to give back to local veterans who “once risked their lives for us.” Through SNAP, they coordinated a holiday collection that gathered personal items, such as gloves and hats, for homeless veterans.

“Nurses have come a long way and our roles are forever expanding,” Abejo said. “In our careers, we will take the information we have learned from both the La Salle University School of Nursing and Health Sciences and lectures from guest speakers like Marsha Four and continue to be advocates for those who are in need of help.”

As a fellow nursing student and reservist, Frenette appreciates that La Salle has considered programs for veterans that will create a smoother transition between military and college. He has since encouraged other reservists to enroll at La Salle.

“La Salle taught me how to be an outstanding nurse. The Navy taught me discipline you wouldn’t learn anywhere but in the military,” he said. “If this is your calling, La Salle has always supported me in my endeavors.”

AFTER TOURS OF DUTY, A PLACE TO CALL HOME

BY MARIAN BUTCHER, M.A. ’08

DURING WORLD WAR II, LA SALLE’S ENROLLMENT DWINDLED to fewer than 90 students. Within a year of the end of the war, however, enrollment had surged to 1,215 students, the majority of whom were veterans whose college education was made possible through the G.I. Bill.

Tom Hickey, ’48, first enrolled at La Salle in 1941, and he watched as his classmates and even many of his professors were drafted and the campus emptied. Hickey was drafted in late 1942, and by the time he returned from his Army service in India, campus was much changed.

“It was like a new La Salle—and a busy one,” Hickey said. “La Salle and the Christian Brothers understood and took care of the G.I.s.”

As La Salle prepares for an increased number of veterans arriving on campus, it is fitting to recall the University’s long tradition of creating a welcoming environment for those pursuing an education after serving their country.

Even now, veterans remember La Salle faculty and administrators being accommodating to students who were, in many cases, older, married with children, and holding down full- or part-time jobs while in school. A growing demand for evening classes prompted the University to open its Evening Division in September 1946, and veterans continued to constitute a large portion of evening enrollment for the next few decades.

John McCloskey, ’48, found La Salle through a newspaper ad shortly after completing his service as a B-17 pilot in the Army Air Corps in 1945. He quickly started an accelerated

program at La Salle, taking up to six classes at a time.

“In my public speaking class, there was only one non-veteran,” said McCloskey, who remembered budget-conscious former servicemen wearing pieces of their old uniforms to class. “We had to give five minute speeches, and most of them were about the service. I talked about the means of escape from a B-17 in an emergency.”

Both McCloskey and Hickey stayed at La Salle after graduating—McCloskey to manage the bookstore and Hickey to be Alumni Director and Executive Secretary of the La Salle Endowment Foundation. Hickey left in 1955, but McCloskey stayed on for his entire career, as an ROTC instructor, assistant to the president, Vice President for Public Relations, Director of Public Affairs, and Assistant Vice President of Development.

Twenty-five years after McCloskey and Hickey’s time as students, a new generation of veterans, most of whom had served in the Vietnam War, returned to campus in the mid-1970s, Chuck Resch, ’76, among them. After serving for three years in Korea with the Army during the Vietnam War, maintaining and repairing top-secret crypto equipment, Resch decided to tap into the opportunity to get an education through the G.I. Bill.

He became a full-time day student, studying accounting and criminal justice. At the time, La Salle had a Veterans Counseling Center and a Veterans Club.

John McCloskey, ’48, at Commencement with his sons, John R. McCloskey, ’86 (left), and Jim McCloskey, ’68.
CalleD to a Dual Duty
By Liz Vargo

In 1982, Father Joseph Coffey walked away from La Salle armed with bachelor’s degrees in English and French. “I had no idea what I would do with my life,” he said.

Nearly 20 years later, he was in Okinawa, Japan, serving as a chaplain for the U.S. Marines. It was a sound foundation of faith, education, and service developed at La Salle that steered him to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, Pa., and ultimately led to his calling as a chaplain for the U.S. Navy.

“God works in funny ways,” he said.

Growing up as the middle of nine children in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., Fr. Joe was familiar with military life. His father, Bill Coffey, ’49, had served in the Medical Corps as a doctor in the U.S. Navy and Fr. Joe said he, too, wanted to serve.

Like his father, he pursued La Salle for a quality Catholic education, where he learned to live a life of service from the Christian Brothers.

“Education is critical, and the Christian Brothers were excellent at teaching our faith,” Fr. Joe said. “I tried to uphold this, live it, and preach about it.”

His love of faith and service were so strong that he entered the seminary and soon met a chaplain recruiter for the U.S. Air Force. Chaplains were in high demand and Fr. Joe displayed such enthusiasm for the assignment that he thought the recruiter would sign him up then and there. But Fr. Joe had his sights set on the Navy.

A few years after his ordination, Fr. Joe received permission to serve as a chaplain for the U.S. Navy—a position that also covered the Marines and Coast Guard. Soon, he was on assignment with the Marines in Okinawa, with the Navy in Norfolk, Va., with the Coast Guard at boot camp, and most recently with the Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

with similar efforts to reach out to veterans at La Salle and beyond as a member of the Executive Committee of the American Legion in Newtown, Pa. “I have the empathy and the experience to help students along.”

McCloskey, Hickey, and Resch all said they and their classmates still feel grateful to La Salle for making their education possible.

“Most everyone looks back happily on the experience, because having a college degree gave them a jump on the future,” McCloskey said.

Although it may seem that his dual duties oppose each other, Fr. Joe sees no conflict. He quotes Pope John Paul II—who studied underground for the priesthood in Nazi-controlled Poland—as saying that military service is an honorable profession.

“I firmly believe in peace, justice, dignity, and the sanctity of human life,” he said. “We continue to pray for peace and offer the sacraments to those in the military.”

As a noncombatant under the Geneva Convention, he has traveled the world to pray for peace, celebrate Mass, administer the sacraments, and offer counsel. Wherever the troops go, he follows, matching with them through extreme conditions and living without the comfort of a warm meal. Most importantly, he is by their side to offer guidance when they become troubled by the decisions they must make in times of war.

Despite its hardships, he encourages others to consider the life of service that he has truly come to enjoy.

“There is a terrible shortage of priests,” Fr. Joe said. “You really have to love your faith and love the Lord. It’s like a calling within a calling.”
REVIVING A LA SALLE TRADITION

BY MARIAN BUTCHER, M.A. '08

BETWEEN THE 1950S AND THE EARLY 1990S, LA SALLE'S U.S. Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program produced more than 1,000 commissioned Army officers. The program ended in 1991, but it has been revived through the efforts of La Salle alumni and administrators.

The program currently has eight cadets, who, in addition to taking military science courses that emphasize leadership, ethics, and military skills, participate in 6 a.m. physical training sessions three days a week and complete two field training exercises at Fort Dix, N.J., each semester.

From 1951 until 1965, participation in the two-year ROTC Basic Course was mandatory for all La Salle freshmen and sophomores without prior military service experience. After two years, students could opt to move on to the Advanced Course leading to a commission as an officer. The ROTC participation requirement was dropped in 1969, and the program remained on campus on a voluntary basis until 1991. It now exists as a member of a consortium, based at Drexel University, with other local colleges and universities.

Maj. Gen. William F. Burns, '54, who was a member of the first four-year class of ROTC cadets to be commissioned and who returned to campus as an assistant professor of military science in the early 1960s, told La Salle Magazine in 1991 that the ROTC program had a strong foundation in the University’s Lasallian and Catholic values.

"La Salle’s spirit helped put things into perspective and helped to answer some of the questions people seem to be tied in knots over today—the ethics of military professionalism, problems of war and peace, and so on," Burns said.

The program continues to be grounded in the same spirit, said Capt. Jason Ranjo, '04, who took command of La Salle’s ROTC program in the summer of 2008.

“What students learn at La Salle and from the Christian Brothers—a commitment to service and devotion to something bigger than yourself—prepares them for life in the military, where you have to think big picture,” Ranjo said.

Ranjo is working with La Salle’s Enrollment Services division to expand the ROTC program by educating prospective students about how a military background can help them to achieve their educational and professional goals.

“The ROTC program provides a choice and an opportunity for a different way for a student to explore interests and get a different level of job preparation,” said Brother Joseph Willard, F.S.C., '64, Executive Assistant to the President and the ROTC program’s faculty adviser.

The University recently began offering a scholarship in Burns’ name that will provide full room and board to ROTC students, who also receive a full-tuition scholarship and a monthly stipend from the U.S. Army. John Dolan, La Salle’s Vice President for Enrollment Services, said the Burns Scholarship will not only help interested students financially, but also will remind them of a role model who was once in their shoes.

“General Burns once told me that his Catholic values steered his career more than anything else,” Dolan said. “La Salle is interested in turning out leaders with values.”

Students also can look to Ranjo for guidance. After graduating from La Salle in 2004 and being commissioned as a second lieutenant, Ranjo was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division. He deployed to Afghanistan in January 2006 as a field artillery platoon leader and spent 16 months in eastern Afghanistan. His platoon not only provided artillery support to infantry units in that area but also delivered humanitarian aid to local communities.

“I can communicate to students the reality of active duty today,” said Ranjo, who was discharged from active duty last year and now serves in the New Jersey National Guard while attending Rutgers Law School. “I’m able to relate to them because I’ve done everything they’re going to do for the next eight years.”
A MISSION WITH MEANING
BY MARIAN BUTCHER, M.A. '08

IN THE 15 YEARS SINCE HE GRADUATED FROM LA SALLE, U.S. ARMY MAJ. DOUGLAS LeVien, '94, has visited and served in more than 25 countries. Throughout his career, and especially during his most recent deployment to Afghanistan, his La Salle education has followed him.

“La Salle’s liberal arts curriculum and the Christian Brothers’ philosophy of encouraging critical thought and evaluation that teaches ‘how to think, rather than what to think’ are invaluable learned skill sets,” LeVien said. “These skills are essential to the U.S. military’s counterinsurgency campaign in Afghanistan.”

LeVien, a logistics officer for NATO’s Joint Forces Command in the Netherlands, has been in Afghanistan since the fall of 2008, working at the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) headquarters in Kabul. His job has been to coordinate convoy movements and security efforts along Afghanistan’s main supply routes to ensure the freedom of movement of security forces and humanitarian organizations throughout the country.

As a result of the efforts of LeVien’s team, there was a substantial decrease in insurgent attacks against convoys on Afghanistan’s highways in January 2009, and all of the United Nations’ World Food Program convoys, including more than 700 trucks carrying enough wheat to feed more than 1 million people for a month, arrived safely at their destinations.

LeVien’s work received high praise from his superior officers, who noted his “professionalism, dedication, and passion.”

LeVien received his commission as an Army officer through his participation in La Salle’s ROTC program, which he said taught him the importance of teamwork and leadership while providing opportunities to build character and confidence.

During a yearlong tour of duty in Iraq that began in 2005, LeVien served with a task force charged with improving speed and security on ground and air routes used to move supplies to military bases throughout Iraq. He also lent his technical expertise to a project that established the NATO-supported Iraqi Training, Education, and Doctrine Center to provide logistical training for Iraqi military forces and civilian contractors. For his work in Iraq, LeVien was awarded the Bronze Star.

LeVien said he sees parallels between the outreach efforts of his alma mater and the efforts that he has been involved in to promote peace in war-torn areas.

“La Salle’s example of building and partnering in a caring, respectful, and multicultural community is a value that the U.S. military and NATO’s International Security Assistance Force are currently conducting with Afghanistan’s national army and police,” he said. “Building trust and confidence and overcoming cultural differences improve cooperation and coordination required for a successful future.”
APPRECIATING HER COUNTRY
BY MAKING A COMMITMENT

BY LIZ VARGO

A LOVE OF LEARNING LED CARMEN
Superville, '00, M.A. '06, to La Salle
University and strengthened her
appreciation for educational opportu-
nities in the United States.

Born in Trinidad, Superville moved
to the U.S. to live with family in 1989.
With an attraction to law enforcement,
she pursued a bachelor’s degree
in criminal justice/sociology from
La Salle and considered joining the
military. Married to a former soldier
from New Jersey and thrilled with
her experiences in higher education,
Superville was compelled to give
something back.

“I wanted to do my part, too,”
she said.

Superville’s undergraduate education
gave her a head start on a master’s
degree in criminal justice at a neighboring
school, and she completed the program
in half the time. She joined the Army
and later became a supply sergeant.
However, her passion for education
led her back to La Salle, where she
entered the Graduate Program in
Central/Eastern European Studies.

“I appreciate my education. I loved
La Salle so much that I came back,”
she said.

Completing coursework and military
training simultaneously was a challenge,
but Superville found guidance at
La Salle. A combination of day, evening,
and accelerated classes, plus a cache
of academic resources at the Connelly
Library, helped her studies go smoothly.
Even in the midst of active duty,
a family emergency, and educational
demands, the advisers and faculty at
La Salle helped her to complete her
degree on time and with honors.

According to Superville, a solid
education is key for veterans who are
transitioning back into civilian
life. She said schools like La Salle
“stand out” because of their
quality resources, career counseling,
challenging curriculum, and personal touch.

“At some places, you just get a
grade. (At La Salle) the method
in which they make you learn
helped me to really understand it and have a love of learning,”
she said.

Now a second lieutenant in
the Army Reserves, Superville
is earning her third master’s
degree at a nearby university and plans
to return to active duty. Her hope
is that more colleges and universities
strive to understand the challenges
faced by those who straddle a military
career and higher education.

LA SALLE, MILITARY SERVICE
PROVIDE HEAD START

BY MARIAN BUTCHER, M.A. '08

SHORTLY AFTER GRADUATING FROM LA SALLE, JOE TRUITT, '86, ENROLLED
in officer candidate school for the U.S. Marine Corps. Ten weeks later, he was
among 105 newly minted lieutenants (including his La Salle roommate, Mike
Provenz, '86), out of an initial class of about 250, who had endured the physically
and emotionally grueling experience of boot camp.

For the next four years, Truitt, based at Camp Pendleton, Calif., was deployed
to locations around Asia. The Marines, he said, brought to fruition the education
in leadership and the importance of service to the greater good that began for
him as a marketing major at La Salle.

“Not many people just out of college have the opportunity that I did to be
23 years old and have 35 Marines reporting to me. When you bring those skills
back to the civilian world, you find that the competition for jobs doesn’t seem
too stiff,” Truitt said. “It really accelerates your career.”
Nearly 20 years removed from his experience in the Marines, Truitt has built a successful career in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. He is currently Chief Commercial Officer for Achillion Pharmaceuticals, which is developing new drugs to treat diseases like hepatitis C and HIV. He said he finds connections each day between his current work and the values he learned at La Salle and in the Marines.

"I go to work and do all the things that business leaders do, and I'm able to really help people by working to develop products for unmet critical needs," he said.

In addition to remaining linked to his vast network of Marine connections, Truitt has also remained linked to La Salle, attending events and the School of Business' Executives on Campus program, as well as hiring La Salle students as interns when possible.

"I always try to find a way to bring La Salle into the mix," he said. "I believe in being loyal—to family, University, country."

CARING, LISTENING, SUPPORTING: AN ALUM REACHES OUT TO VETERANS

BY MARIAN BUTCHER, M.A. '08

AFTER CLASS ONE DAY IN THE FALL of 2004, one of Ann Marie Donohue's psychology students at Montgomery County Community College told her about his experience of adjusting to life at home and in school after serving in Iraq. That encounter led to a personal and professional realization for Donohue.

"What I learned from him is how profound the experience is to be in combat, how that changes your picture of who you are and of the world and how it creates a distance between yourself and others who have not been through it," said Donohue, who graduated from La Salle in 1971. "I've become committed to seeing what we can do as veterans come home to support their complicated transition from combat to civilian life."

Donohue has since immersed herself in researching the issues returning veterans face and has taken a leading role in helping her school and others in the area to meet the needs of this growing student population.

Donohue's work has led to the creation of a Veterans Support Team at Montgomery County Community College, and she and her colleagues have developed a presentation, which they have shown at other community colleges in the region, that aims to give school personnel insight into what student veterans are experiencing. Donohue, who taught in La Salle's Graduate Program in Clinical-Counseling Psychology for more than 10 years, is also working with staff at La Salle to put her research and experience to work on campus.

While no two veterans are alike in their transition back to civilian life, Donohue has noticed some common threads. She has studied the more severe conditions that veterans can carry back from combat, such as post-traumatic stress disorder and the effects of traumatic brain injury, but, more often, the problems are less apparent. Veterans, she said, have to adapt to making their own decisions again, rather than responding to direct orders. Sleep disorders are common, and even the simple act of walking down a crowded street can cause intense anxiety.

"One of the most dangerous places to be in Iraq is on the road, because you don't know who the enemy is or where an attack is coming from," Donohue said. "You can't turn off that anxiety, and your reaction to it, like a switch."

The goal of her work, Donohue said, is not to speed veterans' transitions, but to help those they encounter during that transitional period to understand their needs.

"Anecdotally, from talking to veterans, I've learned that it takes two to four years before they feel like they fit in again," she said. "During that time, we need to look at how we support the process as they begin to build a life here at home."
EDUCATING THROUGH SERVICE EXPERIENCES

BY LIZ VARGO

WHEN EARL GOLDBERG, ED.D., APRN, B.C., '83, BEGAN working as a psychiatric technician, he knew he had a secure job that allowed him to serve others. What he didn't know was how he would be called to serve as a nurse, teacher, and Army reservist.

A native of Northeast Philadelphia, Goldberg first came to La Salle to earn his Bachelor of Science in Nursing while working at Friends Hospital. He appreciated that the University emphasized adult education, quality faculty, and service to others. It didn't take long until he “accidentally” worked his way into teaching by covering a class for someone at Bucks County Community College.

Around the same time that Goldberg accepted a teaching position at Bucks, he joined the U.S. Army Reserves. “I felt I didn't have to do it, I wanted to do it,” he said. “I felt I was doing something for my country.”

Goldberg's commitment to the country was quickly tested when he was pulled from his teaching position and called to active duty as a psychiatric evaluation officer during Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

Despite deplorable conditions in the desert, Goldberg and his fellow reservists lived by their desire to serve by helping the citizens of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. “There were little acts of kindness in wartime that kept you balanced,” he said.

It wasn't long after Goldberg's experience in Desert Storm that his nursing career came full circle. While working on his doctoral dissertation, he took a part-time position at La Salle teaching psychiatric nursing.

“The rest fell into place,” he said. In 2000, Goldberg became an assistant professor of nursing at La Salle and in 2005 was named associate professor.

Speaking from experience, Goldberg said veterans and enlisted students would be a welcome asset to any program at La Salle. Students with military experience are generally disciplined, confident, motivated, and goal-oriented. They also have personal experience to draw from and share with classmates.

“The (military) supports education quite a bit,” he said. “These students understand teamwork and reach out to others.”

Looking back, Goldberg recognizes the emphasis both La Salle and the military place on education and service. Those values make the University a welcome place to veterans and enlisted students, he said.

“IN THE LASALLIAN TRADITION, STUDENTS COME HERE FOR ONE-ON-ONE INSTRUCTION.”

—EARL GOLDBERG, ED.D., APRN, B.C., '83

“In the Lasallian tradition, students come here for one-on-one instruction,” he said. “There are few places that will give you an experienced teacher ... and I think veterans will respond to that.”

While many public institutions have become overcrowded, La Salle offers more personal attention, he said. The halls of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences house many years of clinical experience, and many professors completed their training together.

“I've seen some horrific things, but it makes you appreciate life more,” he said. “(Students at La Salle) have experienced teachers who know what they're doing and they have a face they can relate to.”
First Palopoli Professorship Honors Prushan’s Ongoing Scientific Research

BY LIZ VARGO

THE ENTHUSIASM AND CURIOSITY THAT DROVE THE WORK of scientist Frank P. Palopoli will live on through the research of faculty and students at La Salle thanks to a generous endowment developed by his sons.

To recognize their father’s revolutionary scientific discoveries and to support La Salle University, brothers Frank C., ’69, and John J. Palopoli, M.D., ’70, established the Frank P. Palopoli Endowed Professorship. Created to honor La Salle faculty who embrace opportunities for scientific research in education, the inaugural award has been presented to
an alumnus on the faculty, Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry Michael Prushan, Ph.D., '96.

From an early age, Frank P. Palopoli had a passion for chemistry and a drive to use his skills to help others. His work paid off in 1957 with the development of two breakthrough medicines: MER-29, a cholesterol-lowering treatment that led to the development of other vital drugs, and Clomid, the first FDA-approved fertility drug, which has allowed countless couples to appreciate the joys of parenthood.

"(My father) never really received acclaim for what I consider a significant contribution to the welfare of man," said son Frank C. Palopoli. "We created this professorship at La Salle to encourage professors and students to explore drugs and therapies that benefit man and life."

According to Tom Keagy, Ph.D., Dean of La Salle's School of Arts and Sciences, Prushan was named the first Palopoli Professor for "his strong record of involving students in his research, together with his excellent teaching and service contributions."

"I couldn't be happier with the selection," Frank C. Palopoli said. "His enthusiasm, dedication, and clear rapport with the students were the catalyst. It's nice to have him encouraging young students."

"Any student would want him for a mentor," added John J. Palopoli. "He is precisely what every student needs."

Like Frank P. Palopoli, Prushan is an inquisitive chemist who launched his first experiments as a child with a homemade chemistry set. Since joining La Salle's faculty in 2003, Prushan has sparked scientific curiosity in dozens of students and has helped them to present their research at conferences nationwide. During his acceptance speech, Prushan noted that it is particularly rewarding to see the professorship boost undergraduate research.

"I have seen firsthand that exposing students to research is where learning really takes place," Prushan said. "It is when the student becomes a scientist."

As an inorganic chemist, Prushan has focused on two research areas. The first explores the role of metals in biology and how those metals participate in life. The second component, which builds on the first, investigates how complex systems assemble themselves. According to Prushan, simple materials create an ordered structure on their own, like the "building blocks of life." These self-assembled, organized structures contain countless metal ions that create a molecule-sized magnet with possible storage applications.

"We're exploring two questions with one research line and looking at a process," Prushan said. During the award ceremony, Prushan said he was honored to meet Frank P. Palopoli. "At 87 years old, he's still in love with science," he said.

The three-year professorship will support Prushan's research-related costs, such as travel to conferences, lab supplies, student stipends, and equipment. Each year, a new faculty member will be named Palopoli Professor as determined by the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and chairs of the science departments. Recipients of the award will demonstrate the same values lived by its namesake: the spirit of innovation, intellectual curiosity, passion, and commitment.
Almost since its inception in 1979, the Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation has maintained a strong relationship with La Salle by funding hundreds of scholarships for deserving students.

The Foundation has awarded $634,500 in grants to the University since 1981, most of which has provided Newcombe Scholarships for adult women students at La Salle—a total of 520 scholarships in 28 years. A $61,000 portion of Newcombe grant funds, matched by contributions raised at La Salle, has been placed in a G.W. Newcombe Endowed Fund for future scholarships.

"The Foundation's relationship with La Salle has been mutually respectful, collaborative, and responsive," said Tom Wilfrid, the Foundation's Executive Director.

A lifelong Philadelphian, founder Charlotte W. Newcombe inherited stock from her father that grew remarkably by the time of her death. As a proud member of the Presbyterian Church, she divided her funds between the Princeton Theological Seminary and her new scholarship foundation.

Although unable to attend college herself because of a visual disability, Newcombe was a strong believer in higher education and provided funding for children of several friends to attend college. She wished that her scholarships continue through the foundation, and La Salle became one of about three dozen institutions to benefit from her generosity.

Of the three categories of Newcombe Scholarship opportunities, La Salle receives funding for mature women students.

"The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation has a particular interest in groups of students in our society whose financial aid needs for higher education are not being met adequately," Wilfrid said. "Through Newcombe Scholarships for Mature Women Students, the Newcombe Foundation strives to support completion of bachelor's degrees by women age 25 and older who are doing well academically but need financial assistance."

La Salle is one of 16 institutions to receive funding through all 28 years of the Foundation's funding history. The Foundation funds institutions in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Washington, D.C., that are "particularly good at welcoming and serving mature women students," Wilfrid said.

"Our common goal is to help deserving people earn an education and change their lives," he said. "The foundation's experience is that the University's commitment to serve adult students is realized through its structure, its programs, and the staff with whom we interact."

Last winter, Wilfrid, Program Officer Catherine Thomas, and Program Associate Diane Wilfrid met nine Newcombe Scholarship recipients at La Salle. The women were enthusiastic about their education and grateful for the opportunities provided through the foundation, Tom Wilfrid said.

"We can offer students encouragement and support to do bigger and better things with their lives," Diane Wilfrid added.

One recipient expressed her desire to give back in the future, so other students could benefit. Stories like this reaffirmed the foundation's commitment to the Mature Women Program, Tom Wilfrid said.

"That meeting at La Salle was one of the highlights of the year," he said. "La Salle's Newcombe Scholars tend to have unusually poignant life and family stories, and their motivation to succeed is most impressive."

In addition, La Salle will soon be among the first institutions featured on the Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation Web site as an institution with exemplary practices for serving mature women students.

(Above) Recipients of the 2008 Newcombe Scholarships for Mature Women Students are (from left) Nancee Williams, nursing; Yoolde Combe, psychology; Valerie Wakefield, nursing; Veronika Newko, nursing; Barbara Anderson, social work; Stacey Peak, nursing; Bridget Edmon, criminal justice; Valerie Harby, social work; and Amanda Franklin, nursing.
Making a Living by Reliving History

BY COLLEEN MULLARKEY, ’06

ON JAN. 20, REGINA JONES-BRAKE, ’77, AND HER HUSBAND braved the blustery cold along with thousands of others to experience history in the making. They stood yards from the Washington Monument to watch as Barack Obama was sworn in as the first African-American president in U.S. history.

For Jones-Brake, history has never been confined to the pages of a textbook; it’s something she lives every day. And the words of President Obama’s inaugural address echoed that sentiment. His call to continue the work that former generations started so long ago has defined both her personal and professional lives. It was a mission her parents instilled in her at a young age. A message that professors at La Salle reiterated. And a calling she answered when she joined the National Park Service 32 years ago.

“History is in my blood,” said Jones-Brake, whose father earned a Purple Heart for his service with the Navy during World War II and served in the Department of Defense for 35 years. Her family’s history in the military actually extends back more than two centuries—to her great-great-grandfather’s service in the U.S. 32nd Colored Troops in the Civil War. When she brought a vintage black-and-white photograph of Robert Thomas Sr. in uniform to show-and-tell in grade school, it was the first time many of her classmates had discovered that African Americans served in the Civil War.

Years later, she shared the same photograph with classmates at La Salle, where she enrolled as a history major just two years after the college accepted women as full-time students. She found the History Department’s faculty members shared her enthusiasm for the subject and she gained inspiration from two professors in particular—Theopolis Fair and Minna Weinstein. “They let me know that history was not boring, that it was not dead, and that we were living it every day,” she said.

During that time, Jones-Brake endured the elements to experience another slice of history. Rain poured in Philadelphia as she and her family watched the Liberty Bell relocate from Independence Hall to its new home in Liberty Bell Pavilion on New Year’s Eve 1975–76. The next year she welcomed visitors to that same pavilion after joining the National Park Service. In the last three decades, that summer job has evolved into a career that has allowed Jones-Brake to fuse her love for recreational service with history.

She has worked at national parks throughout the continental U.S. and has worn many hats within the organization. She welcomed about 6,000 visitors each day to the White House during the Reagan administration, commanded a 220-passerger boat on the Gulf Coast in Mississippi, and acted as a mediator for the National Park Service at three Olympic Games. She now works as a park ranger in management at Assateague Island National Seashore, a 37-mile barrier island that spans Maryland and Virginia. For the past nine years, she has helped to ensure that the park meets its goals of maintaining the natural and cultural environment.

“I love what I’m doing—I don’t think I would have excelled in my career if it had not been for history,” Jones-Brake said. “It’s in my DNA to tell the stories that aren’t always highlighted, and every national park has its own untold stories—that’s what fascinates me.”
From Foundation to Refoundation

BY BROTHER MIGUEL CAMPOS, F.S.C.

FROM THE BEGINNINGS OF THE COMMUNITY OF THE De La Salle Christian Brothers until today, our Assemblies and General Chapters have been understood as the most important expression of “our association for the educational mission” entrusted to us.

The 44th General Chapter that took place in Rome from April to June 2007 was an unprecedented event in the history of those gatherings. This Chapter had been preceded by not only the usual global consultation of all the Brothers, but also of lay Lasallian educators from 80 countries. In the five years prior to the General Chapter, more than 1,000 Lasallian educators had met in local, national, and regional assemblies leading up to the first International Assembly, held in Rome in 2006 with broad representation from 50 countries. The 42 languages among the participants showed clearly the international dimension of the Lasallian world.

These assemblies point toward something “new” all over the Lasallian world. Something is changing. In the process, all Lasallians feel challenged to respond to the urgent new educational needs of our times, reinventing our identity and the purpose of our association for mission. Some structures of the past will be replaced by new structures in which our passionate commitment to education will generate new life.

From its beginning, the Lasallian “association for mission” has expressed its bonds of communion and its work in education as a dynamic process.

Canon J.B. Blain, one of the first biographers of St. John Baptist de La Salle, gives us insight into the Founder’s life by speaking of “crossroads” that emerged unexpectedly during the common journey of St. La Salle and his associates (see “Crossroads” sidebar, below). During each new crossroad, something died and something was born. Their growing identity, personal and corporate, was embraced as a task and a gift as they responded to new situations and educational needs. In the process, they were challenged to remain attentive to an uncertain future.

Through these crossroads, St. La Salle and his companions experienced God calling them to open up to a wider horizon—the salvation of all, particularly those who were marginalized. This foundational story is not simply one of nostalgic remembrance of the heroic steps of St. La Salle and his

Key Crossroads of St. La Salle’s Life

From “individual teachers” to “community of the Brothers of the Christian Schools” (1681-1691)

In 1682, St. La Salle and the first teachers moved to Reims, where they became recognized as “Brothers” and established gratuitous schools for the poor. Individual teachers running individual schools emerged into a community of “lay” Brothers with a common educational project.

From the “community of Brothers” to “the Society of the Brothers of the Christian gratuitous schools” (1691-1705)

In 1691, the crossroads was more dramatic, with a decreasing number of Brothers, tensions within the community, opposition from existing educational structures, and, most of all, the issue of hierarchal authority. The Brothers embraced the crisis by consecrating themselves to God together and by association in order to maintain the network of gratuitous schools of their “Society of Christian Schools.”

From a “Community and a Society of Brothers” to “Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools” (1705-1719)

Without Church or civil approval, St. La Salle and his Brothers experienced legal entanglements with educational corporations and authority figures. It was imperative for the Brothers to unite in a common spirit and passion for educating the poor. St. La Salle led them to embrace by faith and zeal what they discerned as God’s demands. What emerged was a spirituality in the Church for men and women in education to understand and manage the educational project and experience of community.
companions. A critical study of the history of the Institute of the Brothers demonstrates that it has not remained uncritically faithful to rigid structures and organizations of the past. It has evolved through numerous periods of transition [see “Transitions” sidebar, below].

Roughly speaking, every 100 years, the Brothers have crossed new thresholds, embracing startling and unexpected crossroads in faith, each time with an undeterred passion for God and for our educational mission.

In this 21st century, the Brothers and all Lasallian educators are approaching a new crossroads that asks new questions regarding the identity and role in a larger association of men and women who share in the Lasallian educational mission.

At the 44th General Chapter gathered in Rome in 2007, Brother Superior General Alvaro Rodríguez Echeverria, F.S.C., successor of St. La Salle, linked our foundation and refoundation stories with the urgent educational needs of today. Drawing inspiration from a passage of the prophet Isaiah, he invites us to enter this new crossroad as a new Exodus:

“Thus says the Lord Who opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters...
Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not. See, I am doing something new, Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”

—Br. Miguel Campos, F.S.C., is the Distinguished Professor for Lasallian Mission at La Salle University. Br. Miguel has worked, researched, and conducted seminars all over the world. He had been an associate professor at La Salle University and Associate Director of the International and Multicultural Center. He was also a visiting professor at other Lasallian institutions and at several international centers in Latin America. As former General Councilor of the Christian Brothers in Rome, he was liaison to the Americas.

We invite feedback on this issue and welcome ideas for future installments of the series. Please contact Marian Butcher at butcher@lasalle.edu.

Key Transitions for the Institute of the Christian Brothers

From a “charismatic Institute” led by the Founder to an “approved and institutionalized” religious institute” (1725)

After the death of St. La Salle in 1719, the Bull of Approbation of 1725 became an important transition for the Brothers’ understanding of their identity and purpose. At that point, something new was born: a religious congregation in the Church whose members had to assume the responsibility and leadership in defining their dual identity as consecrated lay religious also committed to the ministry of education.

From a “small religious congregation” in pre-Revolutionary France to “unprecedented growth” after the restoration (1804)

After the French Revolution, the Brothers became significant, active agents of education in 19th-century France.

An unprecedented growth of the Institute took place in terms of the number of Brothers, their geographical expansion, and the diversification of their works.

From a harassed “Institute under siege” to an “international religious institute” for the education of the poor (1904)

The early 20th-century secularization laws in France forbidding religious congregations to be involved in education led to the further expansion of the Institute, as thousands of Brothers remained as lay teachers in France, while thousands of others took the road of exile, in order to remain faithful, in their estimation, to their identity and purpose. As a result, the Institute was implanted on all the continents, thus enabling the integration of many races and languages.
"HELLO, THIS IS DOUG OLIVER..." IT'S 8:45 A.M., AND already Oliver’s cell phone is ringing off the hook. Outside his window overlooking Market Street, a new day has begun. As vehicles race around City Hall and the sidewalks begin to fill with a steady stream of commuters, his office is already abuzz with activity.

Seated behind his large wooden desk in a crisp dress shirt and tie, Oliver, M.A. '03, speaks on the phone, which is held to his ear by his right shoulder. At the same
time he is typing rapidly with both hands on his computer. Degrees from various universities, including La Salle, hang on his office walls. Photos adorn the office, many of public officials, including Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell. But the one photo that is most precious to Oliver is that of his 5-year-old son. That photo provides his inspiration and motivates him to make Philadelphia a better place for future generations.

A recently added photograph on his wall captures Oliver’s role in City Hall; a close-up of his boss, Mayor Michael Nutter, with Oliver standing behind him looking proudly over his shoulder. Oliver is one of Nutter’s guiding forces, representing his public image and responding to the various media outlets in the city of Philadelphia. This morning, he has already apologized to local radio station WOGL for the mayor calling in late to their show. He has also given directions to various people who will be meeting with him later. It is now 9 a.m., and the mayor’s press secretary is well into his day.

Early on in his life, Doug Oliver realized that he enjoyed working with people and wanted a career in advertising. He recalled his college basketball coach at Lock Haven University offering him this valuable piece of advice: Always place yourself in a position to be successful.

“He always wanted us to think about what position on the court we should be in so we could benefit the team,” he said. “I took that literally and applied it to both my professional career and my life.”

After graduating from college, Oliver worked for a local Philadelphia advertising agency, Philadelphia Gas Works, and the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare before being appointed Nutter’s press secretary in January 2008.

“It is gratifying to think that I am playing a small part in changing the fabric of Philadelphia,” he said.

La Salle’s graduate program in Professional Communication provided a fundamental foundation for his current job, Oliver said, by teaching him how to relate to people and about the importance of being prepared with research as he represents the mayor.

On this day, as Oliver stands in front of a meeting of the city’s public information officers, representatives from various city agencies are seated side by side at three long tables. Members of departments, ranging from the Philadelphia Police Department to the Office of Emergency Management, have gathered to share their ideas and concerns as well as to understand the new mayor’s goals and vision for the future. Oliver fields questions from the audience, and then asks each representative to give a brief update on their agency to familiarize everyone with the programs and issues facing their departments. After a successful meeting, Oliver chats with many of the representatives.

Back at the press office, despite the gloomy weather outside, the mood is sunny and bright. A sense of excitement crackles throughout the air. Despite his heavy workload, Oliver manages to take some time to plan an April Fool’s Day joke on Nutter. It’s now only lunchtime, but already Doug Oliver has put in a full day of work. During these hectic times, Oliver said he often feels as though he may have bitten off a little more than he can chew.

“But whenever I’ve felt that way, the best advice I’ve ever been given is to just keep chewing,” he said.
Keeping Up With Yves Mekongo Mbala

BY MICHELLE MARTIN

JUNIOR BASKETBALL PLAYER YVES MEKONGO MBALA is a busy man. While keeping up on his classes in the Integrated Science, Business and Technology program and meeting the demands of a Division I basketball schedule, Mbala manages his busy schedule with skill and grace. His talent, drive, and time-management skills allow him to perform at his peak on the court and in the classroom.

For his classroom achievements, Mbala was recently recognized as an Academic All-American by ESPN The Magazine and the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA)—the preeminent honor for the true student-athlete. He is one of only 15 Division I players to earn the distinction.

"When we recruited Yves from St. Patrick's (High School in New Jersey), he was academically qualified to go to any school, and it was clear he was an elite student and highly motivated individual," said John Giannini, Ph.D., Head Coach. "Becoming an Academic All-American was a goal that he set with our encouragement and I am extremely proud of this major accomplishment. It is a credit to the values his parents taught him and his tremendous focus on achieving his goals."

Earlier this season, Mbala was named to the Academic All-District First Team. Last year he was the only Division I men's basketball player named to the Philadelphia Inquirer Academic All-Area team. He is also an Atlantic 10 Academic All-Conference honoree and was named to last year's National Association of College Directors of Athletics National Scholar-Athlete Team.

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—John Giannini, Ph.D., Head Coach

On the court, Mbala started 60 consecutive basketball games—the longest such streak on the team—before sustaining an injury in February. He poured in a career-high 26 points against George Washington on Jan. 23 and was the first player since Steve Smith to score 22 points in a single half. Mbala’s career scoring average of nine points per game puts him on track to score 1,000 career points. He also averages a team-best 6.4 rebounds per game, which ranks him consistently in the top 10 in the Atlantic 10 Conference.

The schedule of such an accomplished student-athlete is intense, a fact made clear by shadowing him for a day. On a recent Wednesday, Mbala’s busiest day of the week, he joined friends for breakfast and the Blue and Gold Dining Commons before walking to West Campus for his informatics lab.
He arrived 15 minutes early to class to discuss with his professor what he missed while at the Paradise Jam the prior weekend. This is typical for Mbala due to a hectic travel schedule during basketball season. He does his schoolwork on road trips and meets with his professors when he returns to clarify any questions he had while away.

When informatics lab ended, Mbala started his weekly sprint from West Campus to Olney Hall for an 11 a.m. modern British history class. He grabbed a quick nap before returning to Blue and Gold to chat with friends about the prior night’s game against Bucknell.

When discussing the dynamics of La Salle’s team, Mbala said that the team gets together outside of basketball as well.

After lunch, he headed back to West Campus for a class in regulatory affairs, then went back to his room to rest up before his 5:45 p.m. practice.

That evening, the team was coming off a win over Bucknell and had three days to prepare for a road trip to Hartford. Giannini talked about what they had done right in the Bucknell game and where they could improve. They also talked about the type of offense and defense needed to win at Hartford.

Mbala followed practice with a lifting session. During the season, basketball players complete two lifting sessions a week with the free weights. Strength and Conditioning Coach Brian Binwingan said Mbala “is by far one of the strongest basketball players and one of the hardest workers that we have. He had a good strength base coming out of high school and has gotten much stronger. Yves is also one of the easiest to train.”

Mbala’s busy day was not quite over. He had a paper due the following Monday for his history class, and he worked until about 1 a.m.

Throughout the day and beyond, Mbala clearly made a strong impression on those with whom he came in contact. In addition to Giannini and his teammates, his professors enjoy having him as a student.

“I have had the pleasure of instructing Yves in six courses to date. At each stage in our curriculum, Yves continues to form strong connections between the new material and foundational concepts he has already mastered,” said William Weyser, Ph.D., assistant professor of integrated science, business, and technology. “It is obvious that he has extended his performance on the court into the classroom. The dual application of personal excellence and teamwork, a firm grasp of the basics, and a willingness to practice advanced techniques is what we hope to cultivate in all of our scholar-athletes.

“I am delighted that Yves is comfortable serving as an excellent role model for his fellow classmates.”
La Salle Honors Elmer F. (Bud) Hansen Jr. with Leadership Award

Elmer F. (Bud) Hansen Jr., ’58, a La Salle University trustee, has been awarded La Salle’s Leadership Award during the University’s annual Charter Dinner. The annual award honors an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership in the corporate, civic, governmental, or religious communities that shapes the quality of life in the region.

This year’s event was held at the Normandy Farm Hotel and Conference Center in Blue Bell, Pa., a property developed by Hansen’s firm, Hansen Properties Inc. Hansen graduated from La Salle College High School, where he was later inducted into its Hall of Fame. He then earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting at La Salle University. After graduating, he founded Hansen Properties, where he is now President and Chief Executive Officer. The firm has developed properties in Florida and Pennsylvania. Many of the properties include golf courses and office buildings that incorporate interior designs by Hansen’s wife, Eileen.

He has been honored as Developer of Communities of the Year for two of his properties—Commonwealth National Golf Club in Horsham, Pa., and the BallenIsles Country Club in South Florida.

A resident of Fort Washington, Pa., Hansen also has received La Salle’s John J. Finley, ’24, Award, given to an alumnus who demonstrates outstanding service to the University.

“Bud Hansen’s leadership has taken so many forms,” said Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., ’70, La Salle’s President. “His loyalty and contributions to La Salle University, La Salle High School, the Christian Brothers, to a wide range of other Catholic causes, and to his community are impressive and worthy of this special recognition.”

Hansen and his wife recently received the Barry Award, given by the American Catholic Historical Society. They have worked together tirelessly for many Catholic causes, including serving as co-chairs of the Catholic Heritage Center, the Ryan Memorial Library Fund at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, and the St. Ignatius Nursing Home. They are also recipients of the CYO Hall of Fame Award.


CORRECTION

On Page 11 of the Winter 2008-09 La Salle Magazine, an adjunct faculty member’s graduate degree was omitted. Vince Market, ‘86, earned his MBA from La Salle in 1990.
Cicala Departs as Dean of Students; Allen Steps in as Interim Dean

Joseph Cicala, Ph.D., ’79, La Salle’s Dean of Students since 1998, has departed the University to become Vice President of University Life and Student Learning Experiences at Alvernia University in Reading, Pa. Anna Melnyk Allen, ’80, M.A. ’02, Associate Dean of Students for University Life, will serve as Interim Dean of Students until a new Dean is appointed.

During his tenure, Cicala oversaw the reorganization of the Division of Student Affairs, implemented staff development and recognition and award programs, and developed a statement of shared values, The Affirmation. Provost Richard Nigro, Ph.D., credited Cicala with establishing “a culture that unites Lasallian educational principles and practices with the lessons of contemporary scholarship and practice regarding student learning in higher education.”

“If there is a ‘greatest accomplishment,’ it actually is to be made by one or more of the students with whom we’ve had the privilege to work, as they live their lives and make our world a better place in fulfillment of the values we’ve worked to help them shape,” Cicala said.

Cicala recalled a time, as the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, were unfolding, when students showed him that these efforts were sinking in with them.

“A group of student leaders came to my office, and they simply and calmly asked, ‘How can we help?’” he said. “At that moment, I was certain that we were on the right track in helping students shape and live Lasallian—human—values.”

Allen will take over the duties of Dean of Students, overseeing the offices of Community Development, University Life, Counseling and Student Health Services, Administrative Services, and University Ministry and Service. She said her goal as Interim Dean is to carry out the ongoing work of the division as well as to prepare for a smooth transition to new leadership.

“The Division of Student Affairs plays so many roles on campus and has opportunities to touch the lives of students in so many different ways,” Allen said. “We are an incredibly unique institution with a special Lasallian heritage. We are obligated to live our mission through and for each other and our students. It’s a challenge that I’d like to meet and I’m honored by the chance to try in such a visible way.”

—Manan Butcher, M.A. ’08

IN MEMORIAM: ROBERT TRAINER

Robert V. Trainer, a businessman, Catholic leader, and former La Salle trustee, died on Jan. 6, 2009, at the age of 91.

After graduating from St. Joseph’s College with a journalism degree in 1940, Trainer served as a Navy Lieutenant during World War II. He then took a job with his family’s business, Roller Bearing Co. of America. He served as President of the West Trenton, N.J.-based company before retiring in 1982.

Trainer was active in the Catholic community as a founding member and lifelong supporter of St. Christopher Church in the Somerton section of Philadelphia and as a member of Serra International and the Knights of Malta.

He was a charter member of La Salle’s Council of President’s Associates advisory group in 1970, and he served on La Salle’s Board of Trustees from the early 1970s to the mid-1980s. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws at Honors Convocation in 1978 in recognition of his contributions to the world of business and to the University.

—Manan Butcher, M.A. ’08

[ LECTURE SERIES ]

Economist and strategist Vladimir I. Kvint, Ph.D., recently spoke on campus at a Diplomat in Residence Program event on the topic of “The Role of Emerging Market Countries in Times of Crisis.” Kvint, who teaches management systems in La Salle’s School of Business, is also the President of the International Academy of Emerging Markets in New York and the Chair of the Department of Financial Strategy at Moscow State University’s Moscow School of Economics. He has written 350 articles and 21 books, including one, The Global Emerging Market in Transition, that was the subject of a special conference at the United Nations.

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Vanguard Executive Featured at 2009 Economic Outlook

George U. "Gus" Sauter, Chief Investment Officer and Managing Director of Vanguard Group Inc., was the featured speaker at La Salle's 2009 Economic Outlook Forum. The event was hosted by La Salle's School of Business and the Business Network at The Union League of Philadelphia.

Sauter's presentation, "With the Economy Now Struggling with Softness from the Subprime Lending Crisis, Will the Next Concern Be Inflation?," offered an expert and well-researched overview of today's current turbulent global economy.

"Gus Sauter has led the charge at Vanguard for investors to avoid a panic mentality during these troubling financial times. For most of us, we are trying to develop strategies to conserve our capital, recoup our losses, and ensure a return that will support our long-term financial goals," said Paul R. Brazina, Dean of the School of Business.

Often referred to as an "index-fund guru" within the investment world, Sauter has been interviewed by countless financial media outlets, including Kiplinger's Personal Finance and Market Watch. As Chief Investment Officer, he is responsible for more than $900 billion managed by Vanguard Fixed Income and Quantitative Equity Groups.

La Salle Inducts Four Alums into Hall of Athletes

The La Salle University Alumni Association recently inducted four new members into the Hall of Athletes. Honored for their athletic and academic achievements were Marc Cianfrani, '98, track and cross country; Rachel Ritz Delavan, '98, track and cross country; Amy Schneider, '03, soccer; and Patrick Waninger, '87, baseball.

Cianfrani was named the Atlantic 10 Most Outstanding Performer for Track in 1998. He was a two-time individual Atlantic 10 800-meter champion and had been a member of four Atlantic 10 relay championship teams. At La Salle, Cianfrani was a six-time record holder and still holds records in the 800 meters and 4 x 800-meter relay and distance medley.

At one point, Delavan held every track and cross country record at La Salle from 55 meters through 800 meters. She currently still holds records in the 200 and 400 meters. She was named Midwestern Collegiate Conference Outstanding Indoor Runner in 1995 and was a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference 4 x 800-meter relay championship team in 1997. Delevan is a four-time Atlantic 10 Academic All-Conference selection.

In 2000, Schneider lead Atlantic 10 in assists with nine. The following year, she led the Atlantic 10 Conference in scoring and was named Atlantic 10 Conference Offensive Player of the Year. Schneider ranks first all-time for La Salle with 113 career points.

At the time of induction, Waninger ranked second among Explorer pitchers with 18 career wins and 14 career saves. He ranked third in games pitched with 71. Waninger ranked third all-time in career RBI with 139. He was a member of the 1985 Explorer team that played for NCAA East Regional Championship and was a First Team All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) selection at first base in 1984 and 1985.

--Liz Vargo
La Salle Competes as National Finalist in PwC's Annual Accounting Competition

A team of La Salle University accounting students competed as one of five national finalists in the PricewaterhouseCoopers' annual Extreme Accounting (xACT) Challenge.

The five finalist teams—La Salle University, Hampton University, Louisiana State University, Villanova University, and the University of Illinois, which was named the overall national winner—earned berths in the national finals by first winning xACT competitions on their campuses. The five teams were then selected from a pool of the 42 winning campus teams and awarded $10,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to New York City in January.

Launched by PricewaterhouseCoopers in 2002, xACT is a case competition that tests the critical thinking, team-building, and presentation skills of hundreds of the best undergraduate accounting students from colleges and universities around the country.

The xACT competition is invitation-only—schools must be invited to participate in the competition by a PricewaterhouseCoopers partner. Jeff Boyle, '81, a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, was integral to La Salle receiving its invitation to participate in the competition for the past three years.

Members of La Salle's winning team are senior Chris Hanson, of Southampton, Pa.; junior Nick Keene, of Nashua, N.H.; junior Tim Snyder, of Atco, N.J.; sophomore Lauren Juszczuk, of Bensalem, Pa.; and sophomore Patrick Schmidt, of Philadelphia.

"They should be very proud that they were named a national finalist considering La Salle has only been in the competition for three years," said Susan Burkowski, Ph.D., accounting professor and the team's faculty adviser. "There are many schools who have been competing since the xACT's inception who haven't made it this far. I think that speaks volumes about our business curriculum and the students' work ethic."

The final five teams were required to present their case solutions to a real-world accounting issue, which focused on evaluating two financial options for a fictional United States-based energy company, to a panel of PricewaterhouseCoopers national and New York leaders who hosted and judged the competition.

"—Amy Garner Christin, M.A. '19

A record number of items—more than 700—were up for bid in live and silent auctions at the recent sixth annual Lasallian Service Trips auction. The event raised $13,000 for the University’s service trips to Los Ninos in Mexico, Project Mapendo in Tanzania, Project Appalachia in Kentucky, and Habitat for Humanity in Louisiana. More than 300 students, faculty, staff, alumni, and other service trip supporters attended the auction, and some of the more popular auction items included La Salle banners that once flew over 2oth and Olney and a baseball signed by Philadelphia Phillies relief pitcher Ryan Madson.
book notes

BY JAMES A. BUTLER, PH.D., '67

La Salle University Art Museum, 2008; 83 pp.; available for $7.50 by contacting butler@lasalle.edu

Artist, inventor, museum-keeper, naturalist, and polymath, Philadelphia Charles Willson Peale fashioned a landscape to express his personality at Belfield. This account recreates the life that he, his predecessors, and his successors lived at Belfield and interprets the captivating historical significance of what remains.

James A. Butler, Ph.D., '67, received his B.A. from La Salle and earned both his M.A. and Ph.D. from Cornell University. Since 1972, he has taught English at La Salle, serving as Assistant Chair, then Chair of the department. He is now Director of the Honors Program and Director of Undergraduate Research. Butler has published three editions of William Wordsworth as associate editor in the Cornell University Press Wordsworth Series and an edition of Owen Wister's Romney, published by Penn State University Press.

Sweet Water: Poetry from the Heart, A Window to the Soul
BY CHYRON HOSTEN, '05

BookSurge Publishing, 2007; 132 pp.; $12.95

Inspired by the author's real experiences, Sweet Water includes captivating, colorful, and reflective stories of faith, hope, and love as well as how the character of a friend is valued, trusted, and revealed in many ways. This reading gives the heart a contagious aura of warmth and sensitivity and becomes a window to the soul.

Chyron O. Hosten, '05, was born in Lakeland, Trinidad, and immigrated to the United States in 2001. Hosten, who now lives in Philadelphia, PA, has several articles published in a static community. In 2003, he became a student from La Salle with a B.S. in business administration. He is a member of Covenant Transplantists.

An Afternoon in May
BY GEORGE TOMEZSKO, '71

Xlibris Corporation, 2006; 80 pp.; $30.99 (hardcover), $20.99 (softcover)

An Afternoon in May is the true story of heroes. In May 1864, the Corps of Cadets—mostly teenagers from the Virginia Military Institute—helped to turn the tide of battle at the obscure Virginia town of New Market. Though little known, their story is one of the most compelling military stories in American history.

George Tomeszko, '71, received his bachelor's degree in political science from La Salle and his master's degree in political philosophy from Temple University. Tomeszko enjoys writing about the Civil War and told the Corps of Cadets story because historians have obscured this part of the battle. Tomeszko has written hundreds of articles for the Journal Registry Company in Northeast Philadelphia and has authored three other books.

Common Thoughts: Poems and Essays
BY FRANK A. BURR, '73

Self-published, 2007; 165 pp.; $15

Common Thoughts gives the author's evocative and often humorous views of life. He began writing poetry and essays to maintain sanity in the corporate world. After retirement, he wrote a weekly opinion column for The Trend, a local publication. His compilation includes works from the last 20 years.

Frank A. Burr, '73, of Willow Grove, Pa., worked as a computer programmer at Bell Atlantic before he was drafted into the Army in 1966 and served a year in Vietnam. He returned to Bell in 1968 and received a B.S. in business administration from La Salle's Evening Division. Burr retired after serving 30 years in a middle-management position in information technology. He and his wife have one son and two grandsons.

"Book Notes" will be featured periodically in upcoming issues of this magazine and its companion piece, the Alumni News. We invite you to let us know if there's a book written by an alumn within the last year that might be highlighted by e-mailing Luz Vargo at vargo@lasalle.edu.
Marriages

1955  Harvey Porter (B.A.) of Elkins Park, Pa., was elected Vice Chairman of the Pennsylvania Association of Workforce Investment Board. He also chairs the Montgomery County Board, is a partner at the Professional Healthcare Institute in LaMott, Pa., and is the Vice President of the Visiting Nurses Association of Montgomery County. He is also a member of the Board of Advisors for Einstein Moss Rehabilitation.

1956  William J. Brady Jr. (B.S.) of Langhorne, Pa., celebrated being married to his wife, Frances, for 51 years.

1958  Martin B. McCann Jr. (B.S.) of Elkins Park, Pa., celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Anne, on Oct. 28, 2008.

1959  Reunion Year  Robert I. Alotta, Ph.D. (B.A.) was inducted into the Hall of Fame at West Philadelphia Catholic High School. He is named one of 2,000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century by the International Biographic Centre and has been listed in Who’s Who in America since the 1970s. He is an author/historian living in Harrisonburg, Va., with his wife, Alice.


1961  James J. Binns, J.D. (B.S., M.A. ’91) of Philadelphia, Pa., was awarded the FBI Director’s Community Leadership Award for his creation and support of the Hero Cop Plaque Program, the Hero Firefighter Plaque Program, and the Hero Thrill Show.

1964  Reunion Year

1965  Hon. Joseph C. Visalli (Ret.) (B.S.) of Wildwood, N.J., is serving as arbitrator and mediator and handles civil litigation for Ferrara Law Firm of Cherry Hill, N.J.

1966  Walter J. Plagens Jr. (B.A.) of Holiday, Fla., completed 23 years of service at Innisbrook Resort in Palm Harbor, Fla. He was re-elected Recorder for the Father Farrell Council of the Knights of Columbus.

1967  Louis J. Beccaria, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Phoenixville, Pa., is a member of the Leadership Class of 2008 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society’s Greater Delaware Valley Chapter.

1968  Gregory E. Sciolla, Esq. (B.S.) of Moorestown, N.J., received the Outstanding Service Award at Widener University School of Law.

1969  Reunion Year  William D. Bradshaw (B.A.) of Radnor, Pa., was inducted into Niagara Falls Sports Hall of Fame. He is the Athletic Director for Temple University. While a student at La Salle, he was an All-American baseball player.

1970  Dominic C. Piperno (B.S.) of Ocean City, Md., was named Sales Manager for the southeast region of SafetyCare, a provider of security, alarm, and personal emergency response technology.

1971  Thomas M. Jaugowicz (B.S.) of Springfield, Pa., retired after 30 years of service at GlaxoSmithKline. He and his wife, Marcia, and son, Paul, will be relocating to Brigantine, N.J., this summer.

Marriage of Melissa (DiFeo) Scarry, ’03, and Michael Scarry were married on June 30, 2007, at St. Philip Neri in Lafayette Hill, Pa., with a reception following at Westover Country Club in Jeffersonville, Pa. Many La Salle alumni were in attendance, including best man Todd DiFeo, ’01 (pictured top row, second from right, behind the groom). Melissa Scarry is a learning support teacher at Wissahickon Middle School in Ambler, Pa., and the couple live in Hatfield, Pa.
Working Her Way Up to a World Series Win

Leigh Tobin, '37, graduated from La Salle University.

Philadelphia Phillies All-Star shortstop Jimmy Rollins did not.

But in late January, the two shared an afternoon enriched by Lasallian values that Tobin first learned from her father, Jim McDonald, '55.

"I like it when the guys go somewhere and make a difference, and you see it in the kids' faces," she said, reflecting on her day with Rollins at the Christian Street YMCA in South Philadelphia.

It's a day like that one when Tobin, the Phillies' Director of Public Relations and Corporate-Player Liaison, is glad she chose La Salle and has climbed her way up the organization's corporate chain.

"La Salle has provided that foundation for me, especially when you're talking about values, giving back to the community, and caring," she said. "I had it growing up with my family of La Salle supporters."

Tobin started working part time in the Phillies scoreboard room the year she graduated.

The 43-year-old has spent nearly half of her life working in the organization, and she said reaching her "dream job" did not come easy.

"It was a long road, especially early on. You have to pay your dues," she said reminiscing about the gigantic, "awful" copy machine she often frequented in a barrage of flying paper and ink.

La Salle Communication professor Sid Macleod said he always saw the potential in his former student.

"I'm not surprised she reached that dream job. This is a big deal. She had her mind set," he said.

Tobin's rise was similar to her beloved Phillies' run to a World Series title that ended Oct. 29.

"It was quite the whirlwind tour," the mother of two from West Chester, Pa., said, adding that things got a little interesting when her son, Sean, was born in June. "I was back in for the playoff stretch, but so much happened in such a little amount of time. It was such a blur."

University Sports Information Director Kale Beers, '95, said it was flattering to watch that torrent of bliss, as he was solicited by Tobin to volunteer and help with the media during the World Series.

"She's so busy, but she's so on top of everything. I don't know anyone who has nothing but the utmost respect for her," Beers said of Tobin. "It was awesome watching them win the world championship, not just for the players but for all those in the front office who have stuck through those tough times."

Coming off the world championship season, Tobin said her husband, Eric, who is the Phillies' Director of Event Operations, passed with the 2008 World Series trophy.

"My next big thing is a Phillies alumni weekend, and putting a ballot together for who the next wall of fame inductee will be," she said. "I also want to get something like Phillies alumni autograph sessions in the parks and become more involved with community relations."

By Jeremy Rosen, '07

Leigh Tobin, '37, Director of Public Relations and Corporate-Player Liaison with the Philadelphia Phillies, and her husband, Eric, who is the Phillies' Director of Event Operations, pass with the 2008 World Series trophy.
1972 Kevin J. Connor (B.S., MBA ’85) of Collingswood, N.J., was named Director for Lay Ministry Formation by Bishop Joseph Galante. He is pursuing a master’s degree in theology and ministry from La Salle.

Thomas H. Schurz Sr. (B.A.) of Absecon, N.J., won the council seat for Galloway Township, N.J., in the general election. He is a teacher at Assumption Regional Catholic School in Galloway.

1973 Bruce A. Fortnum, Ph.D., of Florence, S.C., was named Director of the Pee Dee Research and Education Center at Clemson University.

John E. Tomaszweski, M.D. (B.S.) of Abington, Pa., was elected Vice President of the American Society of Clinical Pathology.

Raymond J. Regan (B.A.) of Warminster, Pa., is supervising the Keystone Welcome Center on the westbound Pennsylvania Turnpike.

1974 * REUNION YEAR

1975 Judith Reyes Spises (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., received the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce 2009 Paradigm Award, the region’s most prestigious award for businesswomen. Spises, President of Acme Markets, is distinguished as an influential executive of a profit-making enterprise with a strong local economic impact.

1976 Carol DiBattiste, Esq. (B.A.) of Washington, D.C., was appointed Senior Vice President of Privacy, Security, Compliance, and Government Affairs for LexisNexis, a global provider of content-enabled workflow solutions.

Susan Coia Gailey, Ph.D. (B.S.) of Mansfield, Mass., is the Director of Institutional Research and Assessment for Berkleke College of Music in Boston, Mass. She provides evidence-based support for strategic planning and informs on strategic direction.


Gordon M. Langston, M.D. (B.S.) of Columbia, S.C., is Chief of the Department of Anesthesiology and Chief of the medical staff at Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia.

Concettina Ruggeri Lucarini (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., was awarded the Lindbeck Award for excellence in teaching. She teaches mathematics at Northeast High School in the Philadelphia School District.

Daniel J. McDevitt, Esq. (B.A.) of Drexel Hill, Pa., was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Monsignor Bonner High School in Drexel Hill, Pa. While at Bonner, he ran cross country and was a member of the swim team. He is the Assistant District Attorney for the Delaware County District Attorney’s Office and Chief of its Trial Division.

Rabbi Renae L. Toben, MSW (B.A.) of Bensalem, Pa., was granted Rabbinic Ordination from two seminaries in January and June 2008.

1978 Thomas J. Volker (B.S.) of Belmar, N.J., is running for a seat on the borough council of Belmar, N.J.

1979 * REUNION YEAR Wallac H. Bateman, Esq. (B.S.) of Perkasie, Pa., was elected by the State Senate to a seat on the bench of the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas.

Edward W. Doran, CPA (B.S.) of Media, Pa., was promoted to Director of Elko and Associates Ltd. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public

Births and Adoptions

1990 A son, Adam Thomas, to Tara and R. Matthew Stephenson (B.S.).

1992 A son, Daniel Ryan, to Alison and J. Patrick Cavanaugh (B.A.).

A son, James Lawrence, to William and Catherine D. (McAlee) Faulk (B.A.).

A son, Hunter John, to Jeff and Christine (Kimmel) Magee, PHR (B.A.).

1994 A son, Ian Matthew, to Jennifer (Ord) McLoone (B.A.) and Christopher T. McLoone (B.A. ’95).

1995 A son, Ian Matthew, to Christopher T. McLoone (B.A.) and Jennifer (Ord) McLoone (B.A. ’94).

1998 A son, Seamus Paul, to Sean P. Connell (B.S.) and Karen (Hannan) Connell (B.S. ’00).

A son, Parker Burke, to John and Theresa Burke Cosgriff (B.A.).

A daughter, Meghan Marie, to Mark and Tanya M. (Lijewski) Salloom (B.S.).

1999 A daughter, Claire Giovanna, to Daniel and Kimberly V. (Sorrell) Kelly (B.A.).

A daughter, Skylar Monica, to Benjamin N. Powers (B.A.) and Kristen Rosecrans.

2000 A son, Seamus Paul, to Karen (Hannan) Connell (B.S.) and Sean P. Connell (B.S. ’98).

A son, Caden Ryan, to Lisa M. (McGrevenhan) Redante (B.A.) and Nelson P. Redante (B.S.).

A son, Luke David, to David J. Stanoch (B.A.) and Monica M. (Fahey) Stanoch (B.A. ’01).

2001 A son, Luke David, to Monica M. (Fahey) Stanoch (B.A.) and David J. Stanoch (B.A. ’00).

2002 A son, Tyler Patrick, to Janeen and Kelly P. Ernst (B.A., MBA ’05).

A son, Louis Donald, to Louis E. Stellato (B.A.) and Jillian R. (Kurek) Stellato (B.A. ’03).

2003 A son, Louis Donald, to Jillian R. (Kurek) Stellato (B.A.) and Louis E. Stellato (B.A. ’02).

2004 A son, John Dawson McCullough, to Nina M. Newmaster (B.A.) and Sean McCullough.

2005 A son, Tyler Anthony Regina, to Anthony E. Regina (B.A.) and Karen Mazzoni.

2006 A son, Jack Thomas (below), to Michael and Karen A. (Golla) LaSalle.
Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the National Society of Tax Professionals. He is also a member and past President of the Delaware County Attorney/CPA Forum.

Lisa Waugh Jasiukiewicz (B.S.) of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., is the Assistant Leasing Manager for the First National Bank of Chester County in West Chester, Pa.

1980 Naomi J. Halas, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Houston, Texas, won the prestigious nanotechnology Research Excellence Award from the University of Pennsylvania’s Nano/Bio Interface Center. She is best known for her invention of nanoshells, a new type of nanoparticle with tunable optical properties that are especially suited for biotechnology applications.

1981 Kenneth B. Brown (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., was appointed Warden at the Riverside Correctional Facility.

Carlton A. Payne, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., was promoted to Chief of Psychology of the Philadelphia Prison System.

1983 Rosemary A. Barbera, Ph.D. (B.A.), M.A. '66 of Philadelphia, Pa., is a faculty member at Monmouth University in the School of Social Work and is Chair of the International and Community Development concentration.

Richard J. DeCarolis (B.S., MBA '89) of North Wales, Pa., was appointed Vice President and Controller of Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Daniel F. O'Brien, CPA (B.A.) of Malvern, Pa., was appointed Chief Financial Officer of Touchstone Health HMO Inc.

1984 *REUNION YEAR* Herbert P. White (B.S.) of Newtown Square, Pa., is the Associate Vice President of Finance at Temple University Health System and an adjunct professor in the Fox School of Business at Temple University.

1985 Brian P. Carroll (B.S.) of Sunrise, Fla., is an associate with BridgePoint Ventures in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He is responsible for business development and management of private equity and wealth management services for the firm’s global clients.

Martin J. Pendergast Jr. (B.S.) of Clinton, N.J., is seeking a three-year seat on the Town Council in Clinton. He is the Vice President and a trustee with the Youth Center in Glen Gardner, N.J., and has also served as a Republican county committeeman.

Scott M. Schaffer (B.S.) of Scranton, Pa., was named news anchor at WNEP-TV in Scranton, Pa.

1987 Rebecca A. Ercynson, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Asheville, N.C., was elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

1988 Reuben S. Edmonson (MBA) of Dublin, Ohio, was sworn in as Ohio's Chief Information Officer and Director of the Ohio Office of Information Technology.

Joan T. Gain (M.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., is enjoying retirement from the Catholic school system and is planning to attend the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, Canada.

1989 *REUNION YEAR* Michael V. Griffin (MBA) of Southampton, Pa., was elected to the National Board of Directors of the Construction Management Association of America. He is the Senior Vice President and Pennsylvania Regional Manager for Hill International, a global leader in managing construction risk.

**In Memoriam: Brother William Quaintance, F.S.C., Ph.D., '54, M.A. '55**

Brother William J. Quaintance, F.S.C., a former La Salle College teacher and an inventor who received a patent for a device that measured reading speed, died Jan. 21, 2009, at St. Catherine’s Infirmary in Philadelphia. He was 77.

Br. Bill earned a bachelor’s degree from La Salle in history in 1954 and received a master’s degree in theology from La Salle the following year. In 1960, he completed a master’s in education from Temple University. He became the first Brother in the Baltimore Province to obtain a doctorate, earning the degree in reading psychology from Temple University in 1968.

In 1976, Br. Bill published a textbook, *Learning to Learn*. The following year, he patented a timer-calculator that automatically computed a student’s reading speed.

At La Salle, he was Director of Reading Development and taught in the Evening Division. He also served as office manager for the Urban Studies Center.

Br. Bill also taught at St. Francis De Sales School for Industrous Boys in Eddington, Pa., La Salle College High School in Wyndmoor, Pa., St. Gabriel’s Hall in Audubon, Pa., St. John’s College High in Washington, D.C., and Archbishop Carroll High School in Radnor, Pa.

Br. Bill also worked at the Brothers’ national office in Washington, D.C., where he was in charge of publications, which included translations of the works of St. John Baptist de La Salle, the founder of the Christian Brothers.

He retired in 1997 and lived at the St. Mutien Christian Brothers Residence on La Salle’s campus.

He liked to play bridge and fish, and he did tailoring for his fellow Brothers, sometimes making ecclesiastical vestments and collars.

"From 1950 when we entered the Christian Brothers Novitiate, I came to appreciate Br. Bill’s multi-talents: writer, inventor, historian, tailor, fisherman, and his passion for reading," said Brother Charles Gresh, F.S.C., ’55, Director of Major Gifts in La Salle’s Development Office. “He personifies the religious educator.”
James P. Juritsch (B.A.) of Richmond, Va., was promoted to Information Technology Audit Manager for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

1990 James J. Horan III (B.S., MBA ’97) of Doylestown, Pa., was appointed to the Board of Directors for Sercigen LLC.

1991 Elizabeth J. (McGirr) Seegers (B.S.) of Leesburg, Va., is a principal in KPMG’s advisory practice with extensive experience in structured finance services and asset-backed securitizations.

1992 Catherine D. (McAlee) Faulk (B.A.) of Mickleton, N.J., was promoted to Senior Vice President, Citizens Bank.

1994 Timothy P. Hughes (B.S.) of Glenridge, Pa., was made a partner with Rosenfeld, Siegel & Goldberg P.C.

Lawrence T. Mangan (MBA) of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., founded LTM Consulting Group LLC, a financial management consulting firm for foundations, endowments, and public charities.

James N. Regan (B.S.) of Bensalem, Pa., the Chief Executive Officer of Market Resource Partners, and his business partner, John F. Butler (B.S. ’94), were named finalists in the 2008 Greater Philadelphia Entrepreneur of the Year competition.

James A. Sontag (BSN) of Jeffersonville, Pa., retired from the Army Reserves after 28 years of service with the rank of major.

1995 Stephen A. Pecorelli (B.S.) of Cherry Hill, N.J., is serving his second tour in Iraq. He was promoted to captain and assigned as Company Commander of Company C1-114th Infantry.

1996 Meghan M. Hanson (B.A.) of Steamboat Springs, Colo., traveled to Japan through the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund. This award is to allow teachers the opportunity to learn about school, business, and families in Japan.

Alan Seagrave, Esq. (M.A.) of Mickleton, N.J., joined the national immigration law firm Klasko, Rulon, Stock & Seltzer.

Joseph C. Sulock III (B.A.) of Riverside, N.J., earned a M.A. in Administration and Educational Leadership from George Washington University.

In Memoriam


1939 Clarence G. Supplee (B.A.) of Lansdale, Pa., on Oct. 12, 2008.

1942 Walter A. Heyse (B.S.) of Paoli, Pa., on Dec. 6, 2008.


Laurence M. Mooney (B.S.) of Jenkintown, Pa., on Nov. 22, 2008.

1948 John F. Casey (B.S.) of Elmont, N.Y., on Oct. 9, 2008.


John M. Walsh (B.S.) of Darby, Pa., on Nov. 15, 2008.

1949 William F. MacMullen (B.A.) of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on May 4, 2008.


1950 Frank J. Kelly (B.S.) of Springfield, Pa., on Dec. 6, 2008.

1951 John P. Horan (B.A.) of Langhorne, Pa., on Sept. 5, 2008.


James J. Hatch (B.A.) of Falls Church, Va., on Jan. 15, 2008.


Dominic N. Rocchi (B.S.) of Roslyn, Pa., on May 5, 2008.

1967 Leo V. Stankavage (B.S.) of Furlong, Pa., on Feb. 17, 2008.


Michael A. Schulcz Sr. (B.S.) of Willow Grove, Pa., on Nov. 11, 2008.

1972 Edward A. Schillinger (B.A.) of Lafayette Hill, Pa., on Nov. 15, 2008.


1986 Dorothy C. Davis (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on April 11, 2008.
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Shalanda D. Gray (M.A.) of Folcroft, Pa., was named an EOD Champion by the New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund Department (EOD). She is an instructional technology specialist at Rowan University's Camden campus.

Anne C. Muller (MSN, CERTIF '04) of Philadelphia, Pa., was elected Regional Coordinator for Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society of nursing.

Kevin E. Myles (B.A.) of Roslindale, Mass., was appointed Director of Cross Country/Track and Field at Brown University in Providence, R.I. While at La Salle, he was a nine-time All-Conference team member, a five-time All District team member, and a 1998 NCAA individual qualifier in cross country. He was also a member of La Salle's 1999 Atlantic 10 Cross Country Championship team, was selected as a 1999 Academic All American, and was selected as the Atlantic 10 Indoor Track and Field Student-Athlete of the Year.

Tara M. Nicoletti (B.S., MBA '05) of Philadelphia, Pa., was named Director of Business Development at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

2002 Michael S. McDonald (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., participated in the corporate CEO program at Friends Hospital in Philadelphia and has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of Atlantic Shores Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

2004 Thomas W. Davis (B.A.) of Watsontown, Pa., graduated from Drexel University School of Medicine.

Michelle T. Lockman (B.A.) of Wallingford, Pa., completed her associate's degree in nursing and is a licensed registered nurse.

More than 20 alumni of La Salle's Master of Arts in Professional Communication program in Prague, Czech Republic, including all of the members of the first cohort of students in 2002, met up in Prague in October 2008. (Back row) Unidentified man (left), and Todd Nesbitt, La Salle's academic coordinator in Prague. (Front row, from left) Ozan Siebold, Natalia Pavlovic, and Ivana Prosserova, the former administrative coordinator in Prague.

1997 Eduardo A. Villegas, MSW (BSW) of Philadelphia, Pa., earned his Master of Social Work at the University of Pennsylvania and is a supervisor at the Philadelphia Department of Human Services.

1998 Michael J. Boyle, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., graduated with his Ph.D. from Cambridge University and is a lecturer in International Relations at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

Kenneth J. Falta (MBA) of Campbell, Calif., was named Vice President of Business Development and Product Line Management for Capella Intelligent Subsystems.

1999 Reunion Year Rochelle D. Coles (B.A.) of Cherry Hill, N.J., is serving in Kandahar, Afghanistan, as a chaplain.

Charlotte H. Savage (B.A.) of Schaumburg, Ill., is engaged to Dennis McCarron.

2000 Michael A. Davis, DVM (B.A.) of Smyrna, Ga., expanded his veterinary practice with additional staff and customer-related patient services.

Shalanda D. Gray (M.A.) of Folcroft, Pa., was named an EOD Champion by the New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund Department (EOD). She is an instructional technology specialist at Rowan University's Camden campus.

Anne C. Muller (MSN, CERTIF '04) of Philadelphia, Pa., was elected Regional Coordinator for Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society of nursing.
Michael P. Trainor, Esq. (B.S.) of Downingtown, Pa., earned a J.D. from Villanova University School of Law and was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar. He clerked for the Hon. Anthony Scirione in Chester County and is an associate with Buckley, Brion, McGuire, Morris, and Sommer LLP in West Chester, Pa.

Neal L. Tyler (B.A.) of Los Angeles, Calif., was notified that his script, Brick and Mortar, placed as a quarterfinalist in the Creative Screenwriting Expo Competition. In addition, he ran his first marathon in Pasadena, Calif., in November 2008.

2005 Vernard T. Abrams (B.S.) of Glenside, Pa., was appointed Director of Institutional Advancement at Cardinal Dougherty High School in Philadelphia, Pa. He also coaches the wide receivers and defensive backs for the school’s football team.

Frank P. Eaton (B.A.) of Los Angeles, Calif., is working on the HBO pilot How to Make It In America as a post-production assistant.

Peter J. Obst (M.A.) of Levittown, Pa., is the recipient of the Civic Achievement Award given by the Polish American Historical Association, which is a constituent member of the American Historical Association.

2006 Colleen B. Mullarkey (B.A.) of Havertown, Pa., won the 2008 Miss Mayo heritage competition from the Mayo Association of Philadelphia. The association promotes Irish culture and arts and supports charitable endeavors in Philadelphia and in Ireland.

2007 Christopher J. Dignam (B.A.) of Eugene, Ore., is working in the financial district producing and editing financial news for etvMEDIA.

2008 Megan C. McGee (B.A.) of Middletown, Pa., is one of two awardees to receive a full scholarship to the American Studies Graduate Program at Penn State’s Capitol campus in Harrisburg, Pa. She is completing her master’s degree in one academic year.

Jeremy A. Ortiz (B.A.) of Mount Laurel, N.J., signed with the Philadelphia KIXX for the 2008-09 National Indoor Soccer League. He was drafted first overall in the 2008 Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL) Amateur Draft by the New Jersey Ironmen.

Jonathan F. Snyder (B.S.) of Trenton, N.J., deployed to Iraq for his second tour as a radio operator. He is a sergeant with 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment out of Garden City, N.Y.

Lauren N. Tosti (M.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., was promoted to Director of Marketing and Communication for the Independence Visitor Center in Philadelphia.

Natalie R. Virgilio (B.A.) of Erial, N.J., was recognized as one of the 2008 PR News Students of the Year at the PR People Awards luncheon held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.
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