



GOD OF LOVE,  
SET ME  
AFLAME WITH  
LOVE FOR YOU  
AND FOR  
MY NEIGHBOR.

- SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

*DeLaSalle*  
FUND FOR EXCELLENCE

DEDICATED TO EDUCATING AND PREPARING STUDENTS FOR LIVES OF FAITH IN GOD,  
EXCELLENCE, INTEGRITY, LEADERSHIP, RESPECT AND SERVICE TO OTHERS.

The De La Salle Fund for Excellence contributes significantly to the holistic education of the young women and men of De La Salle Institute and is the cornerstone of the school's fundraising efforts. The generous support of contributors provides students with a multitude of academic, co-curricular, service, and spiritual growth opportunities that create the unique Catholic, Lasallian, college preparatory experience at De La Salle Institute. The De La Salle Fund for Excellence provides nearly 11 percent of the school's current operating budget, and helps to underwrite every element of the school's educational experience - faculty excellence, inspirational learning, challenging academics, robust co-curriculars, tuition assistance and the school's historic campus.



*Every student benefits from The De La Salle Fund for Excellence.  
Your gift can be directed to support any of the following areas:*

## AREA OF GREATEST NEED

### **AN AMAZING GIFT!**

Gifts designated to the Area of Greatest Need allows De La Salle Institute's Leadership Team to approve the most needed expenditures, such as roof repairs, accessibility, classroom needs and technology upgrades. The flexibility of these gifts make them invaluable.

## SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

### **CHANGING LIVES**

The De La Salle Fund for Excellence has made it possible for thousands of young women and men to experience the life-changing, holistic De La Salle Institute education. Here, Lasallian educators "Touch Hearts and Teach Minds" as they have been doing for our students since 1889. Gifts designated to Scholarships & Financial Assistance directly benefit the nearly two million in tuition assistance awarded annually to over 70 percent of families.

## MISSION

### **OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Gifts directed to Mission support initiatives to foster a diverse, equitable, and inclusive academic environment that nurtures, challenges, and celebrates all of De La Salle Institute's students. Our foundational principles of faith in God, service to others, community, social justice, academic excellence and respect guide the lived expression of our Lasallian mission for both educators and students.

## ACADEMICS & PROGRAMMING

### **NEXT-LEVEL INNOVATION**

De La Salle Institute's academic programs and co-curricular opportunities are integral components of our holistic education that prepares students for college and beyond. Our curriculum and programming are continually evolving to ensure that students can explore new interests, find their voices, develop their passions, and learn inside and outside of the classroom.

# FACULTY RECRUITMENT & DEVELOPMENT

## **THE BEST OF THE BEST**

Outstanding faculty are the backbone of De La Salle Institute. They instill a love of learning, challenge and inspire our students to work at their highest level, and help students develop the critical thinking skills needed for the next steps in their academic journeys. Twenty-one alumnae/i of De La Salle Institute are current educators, and there are 41 faculty and staff with an average tenure of 14 years—many working at De La Salle Institute as an expression of their life's vocation. Gifts for Faculty Recruitment & Professional Development allow De La Salle Institute to offer competitive salaries, education and training.

## ATHLETICS

### **A COMPETITIVE EDGE**

With 40 varsity sports, it's not surprising that nearly half of our students participate in athletics each year. De La Salle Institute's athletics is not just about championships and skill-building; we focus on teamwork, developing a strong work ethic, and building confidence and leadership skills. The school's athletic department enables student-athletes to learn the values and lessons of life that are closely aligned with the Lasallian experience.

## PERFORMING ARTS

### **HIGH-LEVEL COLLABORATION**

De La Salle Institute's theater program has grown considerably and is outgrowing our current blackbox theater. De La Salle's band program is enjoying a resurgence in popularity and continues to expand. They perform concerts both at school and outside venues as well as at sports home games and other school events. The Music Ministry Program supports our community prayer. Students also have the opportunity to hone their creative skills through studio art.



FAITH  
SERVICE  
COMMUNITY  
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ACADEMIC  
EXCELLENCE  
RESPECT  
INTEGRITY



# 1889 RECOGNITION SOCIETY GIVING LEVELS:

## **SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE SOCIETY \$15,000+**

Patron Saint of Teachers and Founder of the Institute of the Christian Brothers, a worldwide movement of schools providing a human and Christian education to the young, especially those who are materially poor. This Society funds a student's education for one year at De La Salle Institute.

## **REIMS SOCIETY \$10,000-\$14,999**

Birthplace of our founder, also where De La Salle became Canon of the Reims Cathedral, completed his first year of theology and opened his first school.

## **INSTITUTE OF THE BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS SOCIETY \$7,500-\$9,999**

Established at Easter 1680 when De La Salle invited teachers into his home which marked the foundation of the Christian Brothers.

## **RUE NEUVE SOCIETY \$5,000-\$7,499**

Cradle of the Institute and birthplace of the Christian Brothers community.

## **SAINT JOSEPH SOCIETY \$2,500-\$4,999**

Patron of the Institute of Christian Brothers.



**BROTHER ADJUTOR OF MARY CIRCLE \$1889-\$2,499**

Founder of De La Salle Institute who founded the school in 1889, growing it from a two-year commercial school serving boys to a four year college preparatory school. From its origins, the school has been committed to religious, racial, socioeconomic and educational diversity.

**PRESIDENT'S SOCIETY \$1,000+**

**BLUE AND GOLD SOCIETY \$500-\$999**

**SIGNUM FIDEI SOCIETY \$250-\$499**

The motto and official seal of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, is Latin for "Sign of Faith."

**LOURDES HALL SOCIETY \$100-\$249**

The Christian Brothers, together with the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis, founded a school for girls in the Bridgeport community in 2002, ultimately joining the Institute campus at 3434 S. Michigan in 2017 thereby becoming a fully co-educational institution.

**TOGETHER, AND BY ASSOCIATION SOCIETY \$35-\$99**

A common phrase used by those associated with the mission of Saint John Baptist de La Salle to continue his educational movement. The Lasallian mission is an expression of God's love and lived out in association by an educational community. This community becomes a visible sign of the presence of God.

**FAITH, ZEAL, COMMUNITY, SOLIDARITY SOCIETY \$18.89-\$34.34**

De La Salle Institute, like all Lasallian schools, is guided by the life and Gospel of Jesus Christ and emphasizes the dignity of each person, fosters a love for wisdom, truth and the teaching of the Catholic church, and strives to develop authentic personal relationships through trust and mutual respect. This Society encompasses the school's founding year and address on S. Michigan Ave.



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Dear **First Name**,

As I begin my tenure as president of De La Salle Institute, it is my privilege to invite your support of this renowned school through a gift to the De La Salle Fund for Excellence. Since July 1, I've met students, educators, parents, alumnae/i, board members and friends who possess a deep regard for this institution because of its significance in their preparation for life. With the school's rootedness in its Catholic, Lasallian values, our nearly 20,000 alumni have been formed to be agents of God's love in the world.

I have heard from several people that De La Salle Institute is where *"good students become great."* How true, and I've met alumni—many who currently serve at the school—who have shown me just that.

In supporting the De La Salle Fund for Excellence, you are choosing to support the school's 771 students and 150 educators. Your gift is a testament to your appreciation for the Institute's formation in your life, its value for today's students, and a sign of gratitude to those who have gone before you who supported your educational experience here. Our world needs what De La Salle Institute fosters in students – educated leaders with a desire to serve and who possess a deep respect for one another. In addition to our college preparatory academic program, gifts support the school's robust co-curriculars and faculty development. And by supporting the De La Salle Fund for Excellence, you can choose what your money supports.

Thank you for considering a transformational gift to the Fund for Excellence. Your donation helps all associated with De La Salle Institute to become great humans, reflecting the model of Jesus, who inspired St. John Baptist de La Salle, in the world. I hope you'll be a part of this movement of greatness by making your gift today.

Live Jesus in our hearts, forever!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Marie Tirpak". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Anne Marie Tirpak  
President