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## NEWS

### Elizabeth Holmes: From Innovation to Incarceration

By Erin Hennessy



Elizabeth Holmes, founder of Theranos, holding a “nanotainer” purportedly used for blood sampling (Ethan Pines for Forbes)

How did Elizabeth Holmes go from being the world’s youngest self-made female billionaire to being sentenced to more than 11 years in federal prison, and how does all of this affect the future of innovation?

Elizabeth Holmes was passionate about chemical engineering and always had big ideas. During a summer break from studying at Stanford, she worked on a computer chip with the Genome Institute of Singapore designed to detect the SARS virus in the body. During that same time period, around 2002, Holmes also patented a device that was attached to a person’s body to measure the effectiveness of any given medication. Although these were marvelous ideas, nothing

compared to her true passion, Theranos.

At 19 years old, Holmes dropped out of Stanford to fully pursue her career as the founder, and future CEO, of the company Theranos. Originally, this company’s big idea was to produce a patch that would easily deliver drugs to the body, but unfortunately, did not end up working. Then, they completely switched the focus of the company. The main goal was to revolutionize health care by developing a way to take a minuscule amount of blood from someone and use that to rapidly and accurately run over 1,000 tests. This idea was soon materialized into a machine called “The Edison.” In short, it was an easily portable machine

in the shape of a box that would theoretically take the small vial of blood, and run the necessary tests, all in a short amount of time with no outside labor required. Holmes and her creation completely flooded the world, almost seeming too good to be true. Within no time, Theranos had accumulated more than \$400 million in funds from numerous investors. The investors fully put their faith and money in Holmes and her company, taking a risk that almost paid off. The Edison was even introduced to multiple Walgreens stores where several people were able to make the decision of the types of things they wanted to be tested without permission from their primary physician,

and of course, at a low cost. Everything was going perfectly for Theranos until it all started to go downhill. The problem with The Edison was that it simply did not do what Holmes said it would be able to do. The machine left excess blood everywhere, which was in no way sanitary. It would break down almost every time it was used, causing Theranos’ employees to have to risk their safety by putting their hands in the machine, with broken glass and an exposed needle, to try and get it to work. It was advertised as a machine that could run every test with minimal work from Theranos employees, but that was not the case. It would take them a minimum of a couple of

hours to prepare every sample to be tested, and most of the time, all of the prep was futile as the machine wouldn’t even work. Because the machine would only accurately run a few tests, Holmes secretly turned to tests that already existed and required a lot more blood to be able to work. This meant that it was no longer just a prick on the finger to get blood, something that was supposed to set Theranos apart from every other company. Many people that worked there knew the inaccuracy of The Edison, but either didn’t speak up or were simply not listened to. The world desperately wanted to believe that everything about Theranos was real, even when things just didn’t line up, and tended to turn a blind eye. Even when Holmes went to get The Edison FDA approved, only one test out of the 240 that was promised was approved. After multiple articles from The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post were released, Holmes was officially exposed.

Flash forward to November 18, 2022, when Elizabeth Holmes was found guilty of one count of conspiracy and three counts of wire fraud. She will be spending over 11 years in federal prison because of the fraud she committed in connection with Theranos. Some may say that this sentence is overkill, but Holmes put several people’s lives at stake here. She was testing people for serious illnesses and gave them inaccurate

# The World's First Digital Nation

By Camille Conrad



Tuvalu's Foreign Minister addresses COP26 half submerged in the ocean in Funafuti, capital of Tuvalu. | (Photo: Tuvalu Foreign Ministry/Reuters)

Our generation has grown up with the reality of mass poverty, displacement, food insecurity, and increasing environmental disasters. And as the effects of climate change become more prominent in everyday life, many are turning to more innovative solutions.

Tuvalu is an independent island nation and microstate within the British commonwealth located in the South Pacific ocean. And last year at COP26 (Convention on Climate Change), its Foreign Minister, Simon Kofe, gave a speech about the nation's state of danger due to rising sea levels, droughts, and increasing temperatures to demonstrate the need for imminent action—

while half submerged in the ocean. This year, at COP27, Kofe announced that Tuvalu would become the first digitalized nation—from the metaverse, becoming a part of the digital 3D space.

This action allows them to preserve their nine islands within the metaverse, even as the physical ones disappear into the sea. Accenture Song-owned agency The Monkeys and Collide will make the islands in the metaverse to protect and conserve their presence through cataloging the land, culture, and history.

The nation is predicted to be fully submerged within a hundred years, to which Kofe says, “It has long been the time for action, but we have not stepped up to the

challenge” and hauntingly predicts that without action, the rest of the world will soon join Tuvalu.

Although their country's ingrained concept of “fale pili” implores them to look after their neighbors, their own problems were neglected by the rest of the world and they were forced to find solutions in the digital space.

Taking everything into account, remember there is no “Planet B”, and in the words of Simon Kofe, it is past time for action, we have now entered a new phase of accepting these realities and understanding the damage we have done and how to live with it. The people of Tuvalu have undertaken this challenge in stride and are finding ways to coexist in this

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results, putting them in a life-threatening position. This is also extremely important to the future of innovation. Numerous investors had complete faith in Holmes and her company, and definitely took a huge risk investing in someone so young. Now, these investors may hold back and not take

the same risk in future innovations they come across, especially from young creators. In Silicon Valley, risks are meant to be taken, but after this, people will not take those same risks. Unfortunately, Elizabeth Holmes took “fake it ‘till you make it” and made it a reality. It has cost her everything.



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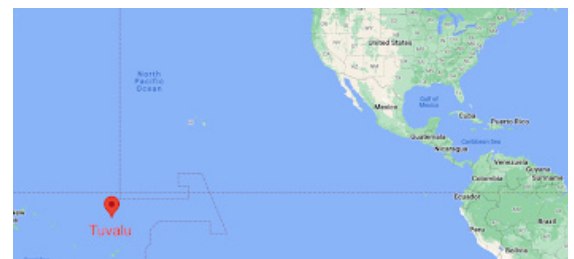
reality and still preserve their country and its culture.

The sad reality is that small island nations are not contributing to the rapid environmental decline at the same scale or rate as major global corporations like Chevron or countries like China and the United States; yet, people like the Tuvaluan are experiencing the most severe and detrimental effects. Their homes and lives are in imminent danger because of real threats.

The gravity of the situation caused by climate change can be very disheartening and depressing, but there is real action we can take. It is paramount to call out major corporations like

H&M, a company that has preached sustainability but is one of the leading contributors to fast fashion, which is detrimental to not only the environment but also to worldwide working conditions.

You can create change by advocating for our local and national legislation to push laws in favor of making progress. Small, daily changes make big waves, like reducing power and gas usage or choosing to shop sustainably for food and other necessities. In closing the Earth is our responsibility to protect and as the reality of climate change comes to effect we must stand by that duty no matter how dire it becomes.



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# Unrest And Tensions Increase in Southeast Asia

*A spike in political activity could mark a new era for the region*

By Shay Kashif

This year, internal conflict and turmoil in many Asian countries, especially those in Southeast Asia, has led to a growing movement for challenging the status quo that has dominated many of these countries for decades. Most prominently, this has been occurring in Pakistan.

Pakistan, officially the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, is the world's 4th most populous country, a nuclear power, and one of the fastest growing economies in the world. The country has grown rapidly since the 1990s, and the economy is projected to continue to grow exponentially.

Since it gained its independence in 1949, Pakistan has historically been dominated by either powerful political families who control the country's industry or military dictatorships. However, progressive movements in the 2000s led to Pakistan's first democratic transfer of power in 2013, and the election of popular figure Imran Khan after former prime minister Nawaz Sharif was exiled on corruption and money laundering charges in 2017.

An icon of the country and former cricket star, Imran Khan entered politics in the early 2000s, losing a controversial 2013 election but being elected in 2018 by popular vote. Khan would remain prime minister until 2022, growing popular with the general public for combating the exploitation of locals

by large companies, instituting progressive reforms, and reassuring the country's neutrality.

While this did make him popular with the public, it made him the target of many of the upper echelons of the country, leading to a vote of no confidence by the National Assembly that eventually led to a constitutional crisis. Interim Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was elected, and it looked like the country would return into the cycle. That was until Khan and his supporters led a march to the capital, demanding a re-election.

In a mid-October interview, Senator Faisal Khan told Al-Jazeera: "People of Pakistan knew that Imran Khan is not going back to Parliament, yet they voted for him. It shows that they have decided that the country needs fresh election, which is the only way forward."

Tensions would rise further with the assassination of independent journalist and investigative reporter Arshad Sharif (not to be confused with the Sharif political family), who fled the country following a warrant for his arrest in August. Arshad continued his work from Dubai, but many have alleged that his stance against the current government was a contributing factor to his murder in Kenya. That only angered the public further, rekindling the flames of protest.

By November 3, the protestors were only a few miles from the capital, but



Ex-PM Imran Khan of Pakistan addresses his supporters (CNN)

a lone terrorist opened fire into the crowds and at Khan's caravan, killing one person and injuring 9 others including Khan himself. He took a week-long break, addressing the public and assuring them he was alright and recovering from 3 bullets in his leg.

On the 10th of November, his marches would culminate in the city of Rawalpindi, where he gave a long, emotional speech to tens of thousands of people who gathered to hear him speak. Hobbled on crutches, he denounced the current government and vowed to bring democracy back, but assured people he would do so peacefully and did not intend to incite more violence. He stated, "I have decided against marching on Islamabad because I don't want there to be anarchy in the country. I don't want to cause any harm to this

country." Since then, his party has dominated in an undefeated electoral streak, and seems to be making a comeback.

How does this affect us in the US?

The US has been the guardian of democracy and freedom in the world for decades, and the oppression of over 230 million people who are actively fighting for their freedom is a major issue that needs to be addressed. News about Pakistan isn't as focused on by mainstream media, and headlines are dominated by events such as the War in Ukraine.

It's important to be aware of what's happening around us on a deeper level and remember that the world is large enough that many significant affairs can happen at once. Even in America, there have been attempts to undermine democracy, but we have

luckily managed to resist them.

## What can I do about this?

The best thing to do with events like this (and many other ones that aren't as prominent) is to get the word out and spread the news. If we can encourage people to take another view at the world around them and to do independent research, then that is the first step to standing up for what is right, no matter where it may be. You can also stay updated on global news rather than just the headlines, which will allow you to have a broader understanding of events.

## What are the dangers of this new government?

The recent seizing of control by the Taliban in Afghanistan, with which Pakistan shares a border, could pose a large threat to the country. The weaker, more decentralized government could be prone to pro-Taliban

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officials being elected, which would cause the country to regress and likely once again spark terrorist activity that previous governments have worked so hard to counter.

Plus, Pakistan's nuclear arsenal stands at threat of being seized and used as leverage in a possible revolution or coup, so a peaceful resolution is important as not to spill any more blood.

Also, the economic recession in the country could lead to unhealthy reliance on loans from their neighbor in China, who has created debt traps for other struggling

countries and turned them into puppet states.

### Where does the country go from here?

It's impossible to tell what will happen next, but it's likely that Imran Khan will be given power in some shape or form to please the people. The immense public support he has poses a threat to the current institution, and makes it hard to quell calls for democracy and change. However, it could go either way, and it's even possible that another military coup of the country will occur to bring it back under control, restoring order at the cost of freedoms and constitutional rights for the everyday person.



Supporters of Imran Khan march through the city of Rawalpindi (Source: Al-Jazeera)

### In Other News:

- China reinstates lockdown following a resurgence of COVID cases, leading to protest
- As winter approaches, the war in Ukraine approaches a stalemate, and a far slower pace of warfare has taken hold
- Nancy Pelosi to step down as leader of the Democrats, Hakeem Jeffries picked to succeed her as first Black lawmaker to lead a party

## SPORTS

# Two Ex-NFL, De La Salle Legends Return to Aid Spartan Football

*Titans of De La Salle Football, Maurice Jones-Drew and Terron Ward, the two have become synonymous with De La Salle's long standing football legacy and have acclaimed much respect on and off the football field.*

By Noah Wilson



Maurice Jones-Drew (left) and Terron Ward (right) stand together on the field of Saddleback College, after De La Salle Football's last game of the 2022 season. (Photo: Courtesy of Terron Ward)

Few possess a role in carving out and distinguishing De La Salle's football legacy than that of two De La Salle Alumni, Maurice Jones-Drew '03 and Terron Ward '11. They have contributed to the Spartans' unmatched high school legacy, etching their names into football record books at De La Salle, UCLA, Oregon State University, and the National Football League. Their tight bond is so strong that they refer to themselves as "Brothers". Living just down the street from one another in Antioch, Jones-Drew became best friends with Ward's older brother, TJ Ward. TJ Ward also played in the NFL for the Cleveland Browns and Denver Broncos,

distinguishing him as a notable alumnus from the DLS Class of 2005.

After De La Salle, Maurice Jones-Drew and Terron Ward continued their football journey in college. In 2003, Jones-Drew accepted a Football Scholarship to UCLA, where he recorded an average of 28.5 yards per punt return in his first year, an NCAA record. As a college athlete, he broke several records and ran a collective 4,688 yards over his career with the Bruins, a current record at UCLA in all-purpose yardage.

At UCLA, Jones-Drew recognized that De La Salle had already prepared him for the competitive environment of Pac-12 football. "Because I had played at such a high level

in High School, fending off guys from taking my job or doing everything I [could] to help us win. That when I got to college that stuff was easy, the stuff they were asking of [me] I've already done times ten."

In 2006, the Jacksonville Jaguars drafted Maurice Jones-Drew in the second round, as receiver and running back.

After graduating from De La Salle in 2011, Terron Ward headed to Oregon State University, where he recorded 1,843 career rushing yards (12th highest in OSU history) and 22 rushing touchdowns (8th highest in OSU history). In 2015, as an undrafted rookie free agent, the Atlanta Falcons picked up Terron Ward as running back.

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Today, Jones-Drew and Ward enjoy the serenity of retired life, looking back fondly on their successful careers in the NFL and their time at De La Salle. This recent nostalgia prompted Jones-Drew and Ward's return to the De La Salle football field as coaches for the 2022 football season. Jones-Drew and Ward

serve as what they call "all-around Coaches", critiquing and sharing feedback to all parts of the team, based upon their football knowledge and experience. As running back coaches, this expertise made a significant impact on elevating the skills of Spartan running backs, Senior Charles Greer (committed to Fresno State University), Sophomore

Derrick Blanche, and Sophomore Dominic Kelly. Under their tutelage, the Spartan running backs drove a collective 3,233 rushing yards for 521 carries and 45 touchdown runs in the 2022 football season.

Coaching at De La Salle reminded Jones-Drew and Ward of the meaning and importance of being a Spartan. Ward says, "De

La Salle means maturing, brotherhood, learning how to be a man, to be reliable, accountable, and to be your own person. It instill[s] the characteristics to be successful, to be a better man."

This Spartan lesson of accountability, echoed by both Jones-Drew and Ward, carried them throughout their NFL career. "When you get to

the NFL you learn to work by yourself. De La Salle teaches you accountability and how to push yourself." Jones-Drew concluded, "the love that I have for this school and for the people in this school, the kids that go to this school, the guys that I went to school with and grew up with, it just means a whole lot."

# Carondelet Winter Sports

*As winter sports begin at Carondelet for the 2022-2023 season, we asked athletes from varsity soccer, basketball, and dance to share their thoughts on this upcoming season.*

*By Catherine Bentley*



## Varsity Soccer

**Maddie Buckley, Senior**  
**How do you feel about the team this year?**

I think that the team is going to be really good. This is the most confident I have felt about a team in all of my four years at Carondelet. Everyone is super hardworking and supportive of one another. **How do you think this season is going to go?** I don't want to jinx it but I am pretty confident we can go all the way or at least super close to it.

**What are you most looking forward to this season?**

We have really been focusing on team

chemistry and working well together so I am definitely looking forward to all of our post game outings and tournaments so that we can continue to get closer to one another while hopefully winning!

**What is your funniest/favorite memory with the team?**

I think the funniest memory so far this season was how our first practice was yoga in one of my teammates' garage. It was kinda weird but definitely fitting for our team.

**Varsity Basketball**  
**Keshia Vitalicio, Junior**  
**How do you feel about the team this season?**

I feel really good about this year! I wasn't able to play last year because of transfer reasons, so I'm really ready to start this season strong, especially with my teammate Allie Cummins.



**How do you think this season is going to go?**

This year our team is quite new and very young, but I think that gives us an advantage. People are going to be seeing a different style of play compared to past years, but we're still living up to our cougar pride.

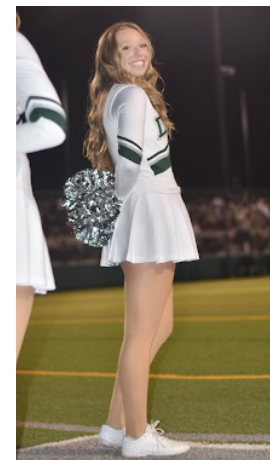
**What are you most looking forward to this season?**

We have a target on our backs, but I think that's the most exciting part.

Probably Nationals in Vegas in January. We are competing our jazz routine and pom routine at Jamz nationals.

**What is your funniest/favorite memory with the team?**

Definitely camp because we all hung out for 3 days and got super close there. We had a lip sync battle with Cal High and our coach wouldn't let us do it so we had to watch. We got super close there.



**Varsity Dance**  
**Margaret Walsh, Sophomore**

**How do you feel about the team this year?**

I really like the team. I think it's a really good team and we work well together. We've grown really close this season, especially since it's year-round.

**How do you think this season is going to go?**

I think it'll go well. We have our first competition next weekend, and we have our team ready to go. We are all in pretty good shape.

**What are you most looking forward to this season?**

*[Editor's note: All interviews were conducted around December 2, 2022]*

# DLS Winter Sports: Prelude to the 2022-23 Seasons

By: Alexander Ortiz



**Varsity Basketball**  
**Alec Blair**

**Q1: How do you feel about your team going into this season?**

I'm feeling really good right now about our team. I think that we're going to have a great year and have a whole lot of confidence in each and every member of our squad.

**Q2: How do you feel chemistry in the team has developed so far?**

I think that coming into this year we had already gotten some team chemistry through summer workouts. We were all good friends from the start. It was just a matter of getting to know everyone's playing style and making that work as a collective unit.

**Q3: Who has stood out on your team so far?**

This is a tough question for me because I really could go down the line and tell you how important each player is to the team and how much we need them even if they're not really in the game. I think that the starting line up gets a whole lot of credit and it can sometimes overshadow the excellence of Thomas Lawrence and Johnny Cerrutti. Thomas has been fantastic this year offensively and defensively and not many know how hard he works on his craft every single day. I think Johnny Cerrutti has been great on both ends as well but he's really stood

out to me because I've thought that he's rebounded great.

I also think RJ Cabeceiras deserves a whole lot of credit too cause I couldn't tell you the last time he missed a jump shot.

**Q4: What needs to improve for your team to meet your goals?**

I think that we're a group of very competitive kids. But sometimes we can take things to heart and either get really upset with ourselves or sometimes sulk a little. For us to really go as far as we can we must put those emotions aside and stay focused on winning and getting better as a team.

**Q5: What can we expect from your team looking forward to the season?**

You can expect us to continue working hard and battling every single day. Everyone on this team understands that nothing is given and that winning is just a result of hard work and determination.

**Q6: Is there anything else you would like to say?**

Spartan Nation, let's ride



**JV Basketball**  
**Adam Devlin**

**Q1: How do you feel about your team going into this season?**

I think we have a very strong group of basketball players, each with great knowledge for the game and how to compete

against each other as well as others.

**Q2: How well do you feel the team's chemistry has developed so far?**

It's too early into the season so I can't say much, but we did all play together last year and during the summer, so we know each other's strengths and weaknesses and know how to help each other out if we need it.

**Q3: Who has stood out on your team so far?**

Zach Arnold and Mitch Herring have stood out as leaders in practice, and players on the court.

**Q4: What needs to improve for your team to meet your goals?**

I think we all need to continue to hold each other accountable and work together so we can perform at our best during practice and games.

**Q5: What can we expect from your team looking forward to the season?**

You can expect a near-perfect or perfect record if we continue to play how we have been practicing.

**Q6: Is there anything else you would like to say?**

I think we have a very talented team with the ability to go undefeated if we put our minds to it. Our coach is a G.

**Frosh Basketball**  
**Nathan Bennett**

**Q1: How do you feel about your team going into this season?**

I feel great about the team going into the season. I think we have a lot of skill with all of our players. I think we can win a lot of games.

**Q2: How well do you feel the team's chemistry has developed so far?**

Our team chemistry is good, we have a bond on and off the court. We see each other a lot during school so we're getting to know each other quickly.

**Q3: Who has stood out on your team so far?**

I think that we work well as a



team, we're all doing our part for a successful season. Our team manager, John Paul Devlin has been a great part of our team with his enthusiasm.

**Q4: What needs to improve for your team to meet your goals?**

As the season progresses, we will get better and better. We just need to continue to stay focused and work hard.

**Q5: What can we expect from your team looking forward to the season?**

A winning team that represents De La Salle and makes our school and community proud.

**Varsity Wrestling**  
**Lance Sanchez, and Josh Perez**

**Q1: How do you feel about your team going into this season?**

Lance: I think our team's looking really strong this season, I think that we'll have a really bright season.

Josh: Yeah, we're starting off strong, we came in fourth in our first tournament (Rumble for the Rig) and we are ranking up with all the better teams.

**Q2: How well do you feel the team's chemistry has developed so far?**

L: Personally, I think the chemistry has gotten a lot better over time just because we have a bunch of new guys coming up,

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compared to last year, and everyone's doing their part to get close as a team.

J: Last year it was a lot more separated, but I feel now we're coming more together.

**Q3: Who has stood out on your team so far?**

L: I believe our biggest contributor to the team this season is obviously the team captain, senior Gavin Fernandez. He's been all four years on varsity, it's an entirely different team than when he came in, but he still manages to rally us all together as a team.

J: He [Gavin Fernandez] also leads us in our team prayer every day, and has been a great leader.

**Q4: What needs to improve for your team to meet your goals?**

L: I think spending more time outside of practice as a team would benefit us because although it is better than before, it could always be better.

J: I completely agree with that, just hanging out more, and having better chemistry might help since we want to get each other better.

**Q5: What can we expect from your team looking forward to the season?**

L: Wins.

J: And taking home another NCS Banners [sic].

**Q6: Is there anything else you would like to say?**

L: I would like to thank our coaches because for a relatively small team, we have a lot of coaches so that each individual wrestler can get critiqued, and makes it more personal, so no one gets overlooked.

J: I would also like to shout out our coaches, because they'll go on even during holidays, and I really appreciate their dedication to it.



### JV/Frosh Wrestling Darius Sanchez

**Q1: How do you feel about your team going into this season?**

I have no doubt in my mind that our season is going to be amazing. We recently went to Northgate High School to scrimmage and by the end of the scrimmage everyone came out with a win and barely any losses.

**Q2: How well do you feel the team's chemistry has developed so far?**

Our team's chemistry is phenomenal. Every practice we push ourselves to be the best wrestler we can be. Even if we are not in the wrestling room we are still very close because when I'm walking around campus I can see most of the wrestlers hanging out during school and after school.

**Q3: Who has stood out on your team so far?**

So far everyone has stood out to me. Our team consists of 1st and 2nd-year wrestlers. They have learned so much in these few weeks, which is amazing because if we keep this up, I can see everyone moving up.

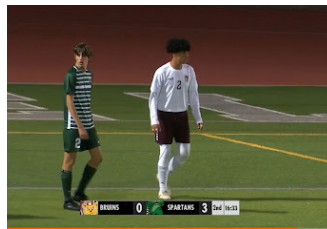
**Q4: What needs to improve for your team to meet your goals?**

The only drawback to our team is that they are so ready to learn the hard stuff, they forget about the fundamentals. This is a drawback because without the fundamentals we cannot be

great.

**Q5: What can we expect from your team looking forward to the season?**

I expect high expectations for our team because we have amazing coaches helping us every single day, and everyone on the team wants to be great.



### Varsity Soccer Nick Demartini

**Q1: How do you feel about your team going into this season?**

I feel like we have the potential to be very good this season.

**Q2: How well do you feel the team's chemistry has developed so far?**

So far, I feel our team chemistry isn't the best.

**Q3: Who has stood out on your team so far?**

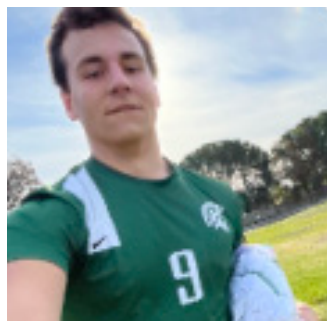
I would say that so far, Lucas Phister has stood out the most. He has been a very good leader and defender.

**Q4: What needs to improve for your team to meet your goals?**

I think that if we want to meet our goals, our team chemistry needs to improve.

**Q5: What can we expect from your team looking forward to the season?**

If we improve our team chemistry, I think we could have a very good season.



### JV Soccer Lukas Kamrud

**Q1: How do you feel about your team going into this season?**

I feel like our team has a lot of chemistry and a lot of talented players. I am very confident

going into this season. I believe this team is capable of winning all of our games.

**Q2: How well do you feel the teams' chemistry has developed so far?**

I came on to the team not knowing all the guys but it was easy to build friendships with them during practices and school. I think our team has a great bond with a lot of good leaders too. So I would definitely say our team has great chemistry

**Q3: Who has stood out on your team so far?**

Someone who has really stood out to me during practices is Cam Miyashiro (#6). He is a great defender but he is so slippery. I could see him playing anywhere on the pitch.

**Q4: What needs to improve for your team to meet your goals?**

I think our team has a lot of things to work on. The biggest one is definitely criticism. Our team needs more criticism from teammate to teammate.

**Q5: What can we expect from your team looking forward to the season?**

From this squad, you should expect great games and big wins.

**Q6: Is there anything else you would like to say?**

The JV soccer team would benefit from weight room training. It would be amazing if De La opened up the weight room for JV Soccer.



### Frosh Soccer David Recoder

**Q1: How do you feel about your team going into this season?**

I feel great about our team. Everyone is so motivated and I know we're going to have a great season.

**Q2: How well do you feel the team's chemistry has developed so far?**

Even though we all come



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from different soccer clubs, there is a strong bond. We are a diverse group of players from all backgrounds but we share common beliefs in our faith and in the brotherhood, and believe me, the brotherhood is real.

**Q3: Who has stood out on your team so far?**

So far, our first game was a success. We did well working as a team. Chase

Baker was the one who fed me the ball which led us to scoring 2 goals.

**Q4: What needs to improve for your team to meet your goals?**

As far as improving, we just need to stay focused and keep working hard at every single practice.

**Q5: What can we expect from your team looking forward to the season?**

You can expect great things from us this season. We got a lotta

heart. We are Spartans and we don't give up!

**Q6: Is there anything else you would like to say?**

I'd like to thank my mom and dad for giving me the opportunity to be here at De La Salle and play soccer with serious players like my teammates. Thank you to my Coaches for believing in us.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

# DLS & CHS Faculty's Favorite Holiday Movies

*Our Vice President, Ian Moore, and Staff Writer, Anthony Yazurlo, interviewed faculty and staff from both campuses, asking them:*

**What is your favorite holiday movie?**

#### Carondelet Faculty

**Ms. Thor:** A Christmas Story – “It’s really funny and pretty memorable”

Rocky/Die Hard: “it’s tradition. It’s always on on Christmas, we decorate the tree, and watch Rocky in the background, or Die Hard”

**Ms. Dittrich:** National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation– “It’s a classic, and it’s funny and kind of stupid”

Elf– “I also do like ‘Elf’ because one of my brothers loves it and my husband hates it and forces him to watch it”

**Mr. Lewis:** Planes, Trains, and Automobiles– “My favorite movie is planes, trains, and automobiles because it’s my mom’s favorite movie and she made us watch it every year”

**Mr. Bennett:** Love Actually– “It’s cute”

**Ms. Lettore:** Elf– “Because it’s hilarious. What is it, ‘The best way to spread Christmas cheer is to sing loud for all to hear’, so good, love that movie.

**Mr. Kjara:** Die Hard

**Mr. Barbosa:** Prep & Landing– “It’s so funny and I love it”

#### De La Salle Faculty

**Mr. Aliotti:** Die Hard

**Mr. Pelosi:** A Christmas Story– “A Christmas Story is just hard to beat”

**Ms. Heskett:** White Christmas– “It’s my favorite Christmas movie because of the music and it is [a part of] our family tradition”

**Ms. Melaas:** Tie between Love Actually and Elf. Love Actually– “It’s a feel good movie”

Elf– “it’s hilarious, how can you not like it”

**Mr. Anderson:** It’s a Wonderful Life– “It might be It’s a Wonderful Life, I do love It’s a Wonderful Life”

**Ms. Stein:** The Sound of Music– “I know it’s not a Christmas movie but every Christmas as kids we would watch it.”

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