


De La Salle High School



An Evening of Honor:
Celebrating the
Athletic Hall of Fame and
Distinguished Alumnus
of the Year

2016



Induction Ceremony





Honorees



JOHN D. BAKER '99

MIKE A. GIBSON '87

MICHAEL F. HURLBUT '98

JONNY P. TUCKER '01

GENOS DERWIN "D.J." WILLIAMS '00

1998 FOOTBALL TEAM

1997 SWIMMING & DIVING TEAM

Distinguished Alumnus of the Year

CHRISTOPHER J. CRESPI '81

A Message from the President

As President of De La Salle High School and as an alumnus, I feel a special regard for the honorees whom we welcome today. There is our Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, and there are those entering the Athletic Hall of Fame. And all of these people, who are so dear to us, share certain admirable traits. They have all taken the gifts that God has given them and have used them in service to this community.

The student-athletes whom we honor today, both as individuals and as teams, are a prime example. Young as they were, they took on the challenge of being a Spartan, the challenge of not being just good and skilled, but of being responsible and accountable, to their classmates and teammates, and to their coaches and teachers. They didn't just shine in athletic competition; they integrated their entire person into the process of their Catholic, Lasallian education. They grew as individuals and students, and they have grown into the men we see today. The Hall of Fame is also a place where the great mentors and supporters of our student-athletes are honored.

I want to offer our enduring gratitude also to all of those who nurture and support our students in their quest to grow and to excel—all of the coaches, teachers, mentors, supporters, and parents who are committed to our Mission. We say that this school is committed to developing Men of Faith, Integrity, and Scholarship. Today we see the results of that commitment, as we celebrate a fine group of Spartan alumni for the men and woman they have become and the contributions they have made. They thrilled us with their athletic accomplishments in years past, and they truly honor us with their presence today. We are privileged to enshrine all of today's inductees in our Hall of Fame.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Mark DeMarco". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "M" and "D".

Mark DeMarco '78
President

Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award Recipients

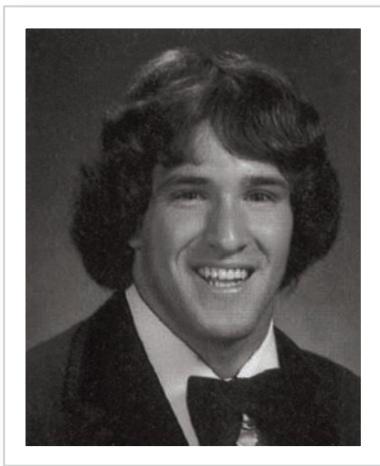
Each year, De La Salle High School celebrates and recognizes a Spartan alumnus for his efforts to be a Man of Faith, a Man of Scholarship, and a Man of Integrity. In putting out the call for nominations, our Alumni Association seeks to identify an alumnus who during his years after graduation continued to hold these as his core values and who lives a life that exemplifies the spirit of our founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle.

Previous recipients of this award are:

- ~ Rev. LaSalle Sean Hallissey, O.P. '69
- ~ Bob Montgomery '70
- ~ Hon. Dan O'Malley '74
- ~ Christopher Bruni '76
- ~ Thomas A. Baldacci '77
- ~ Phillip Donahue '78
- ~ Rev. Mark Wiesner '81
- ~ Kelly Trevethan '81
- ~ Nels "Dan" Niemi, '81
- ~ Brigadier General Timothy P. McGuire '83
- ~ Steve Abreu '83
- ~ Stephen Lilly '93
- ~ Sean Farnham '96
- ~ Captain John Louis Hallett III '97
- ~ De La Salle Alumni faculty honored in 2005:
 - Justin Alumbaugh '98
 - Brett Anderson '97
 - Lou Ascatisno '74
 - Matt Castello '80
 - Christian Curry '89
 - Rick Graham '90
 - Bob Guelld '81
 - Scott Hirsch '82
 - Jim Karas '95
 - Leo Lopoz '94
 - Jim Olwell '76
 - Kent Mercer '87
 - Kevin Selby '91
 - John Pelster '87

Distinguished Alumnus of the Year 2016

Christopher Crespi '81

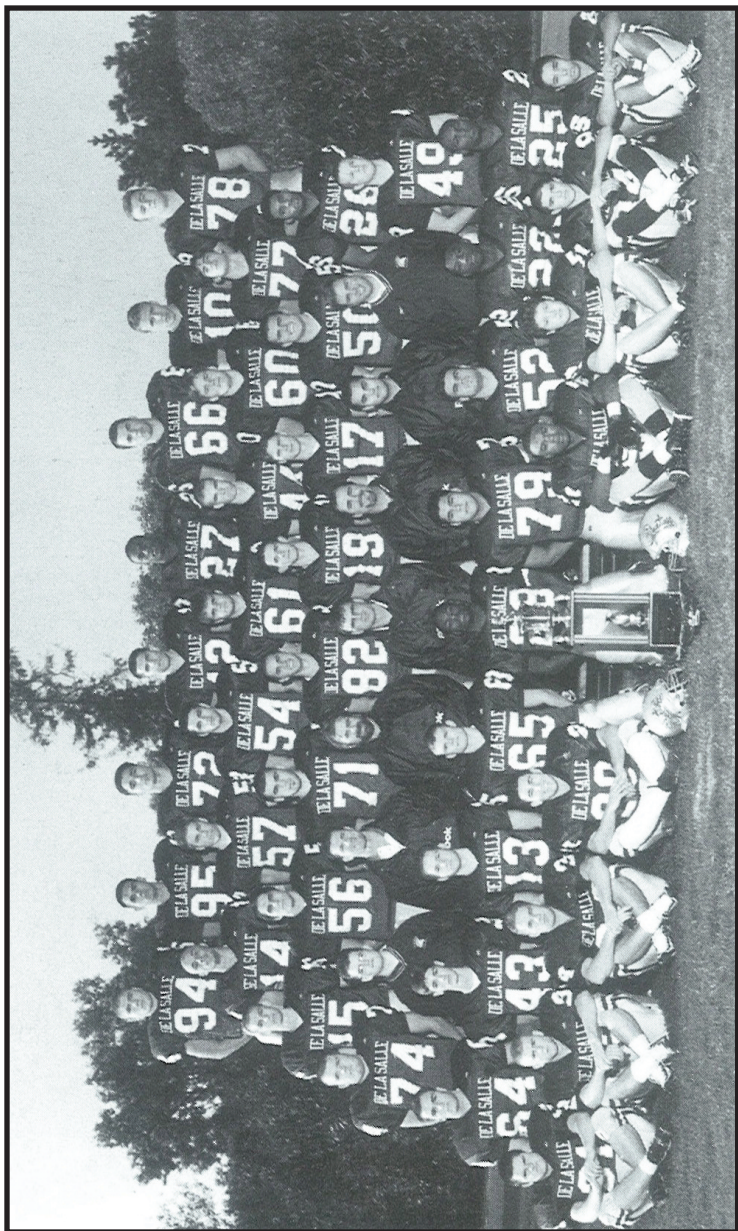


Chris Crespi, a De La Salle graduate of 1981, is the Alumnus of the Year. Crespi went to UC Davis and graduated in 1985 with a BS in Electrical Engineering, specializing in microwaves, solid states, and quantum electronics. He then received his MBA in Finance and Marketing from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. Chris has worked 30+ years in the fields of engineering, finance and technology. He

was most recently a Managing Director for Banc of America Securities. Chris served on a number of public and private company boards, including Sirenza Microdevices, Optium Corporation, and Ubiquiti Networks. Chris has coached football at De La Salle since 2012. He was also a member of the De La Salle Finance Committee, and has recently been appointed to a member of the DLS Chemistry Faculty. He has two freshmen sons currently attending De La Salle High School. His wife, Marcela Alurralde, and he also have two older daughters, one who teaches elementary school in the Chicago Public School System and one who is a sophomore majoring in Business at the University of Southern California.

Chris Crespi is being presented by Bob Ladouceur, Terry Eidson, and Alan Hightman





THE 1998 FOOTBALL TEAM.

The 1998 Football Team

The National Championship 1998 Football Team beat top-ranked Bakersfield and then topped Southern California powerhouse Mater Dei, in one of the biggest high school games in California history. Their dedication and commitment to one another were second to none, and they made the 1998 season a perfect season, where they won the NCS title, State Championship, and were ranked first in the nation that year.

The 1998 varsity team was arguably one of the best teams in De La Salle football history.



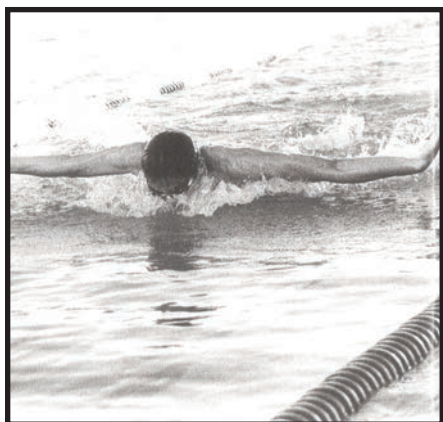


THE 1997 SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM

The 1997 Swimming and Diving Team

Winners of both the BVAL and the NCS titles, the 1997 Swimming and Diving Team was one of the best in De La Salle history. Five seniors went on to swim at Division I colleges. Several also All-Americans, were on the team. Many of the team members went back to coach swimming and diving including two who have come back and to teach and coach at De La Salle.

The 1997 Swimming and Diving Team



What advantage, if any, does De La Salle have in athletics?

"Excellent coaches and dedication from the athletes."

- Ray Meadows



**Celebrating Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees and
Distinguished Alumnus of the Year**

Sunday, October 16, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.

\$40 per person until Oct. 7

\$50 per person after the 7th

To register, please go to www.dlshs.org/athletics/hall-of-fame

RSVP by October 7, 2016

Presented by the De La Salle Alumni Association



JOHN BAKER '99

(BASEBALL)

MIKE GIBSON '87

(FOOTBALL)

MICHAEL HURLBUT '98

(SOCCER, SWIMMING, VOLLEYBALL, AND WATER POLO)

JONNY TUCKER '01

(FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL)

D.J. WILLIAMS '00

(FOOTBALL)

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CHRISTOPHER CRESPI '81

Hofmann Student Center; De La Salle Campus

Hosted Beer and Wine & Hors d'oeuvres

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John Baker '99

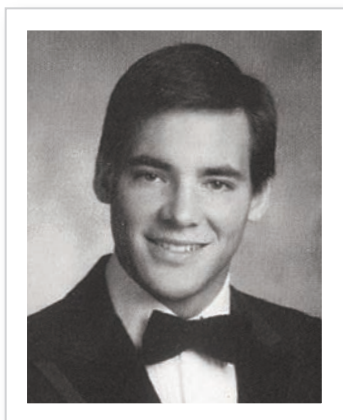


John Baker graduated from De La Salle in 1999 as the class Salutatorian and with a 4.0 GPA. He had a .433 batting average and earned ALL-Bay Valley Athletic League Honors as a junior and senior. He considered Pepperdine, Columbia, UCLA and Stanford before selecting UC Berkeley and majoring in American Studies. Baker was a left-handed catcher who emerged as a top PAC-10 player and was key to Cal advancing to an NCAA regional. He was an honorable mention ALL PAC-10 and honorable mention PAC-10 All-Academic. He continued on to a professional career and played for the Florida Marlins, San Diego Padres, and Chicago Cubs organizations. John received the 2009 Heart and Hustle Award from the Florida Marlins. He volunteered for Home for Haiti after the earthquake. In 2011 he received the Jefferson Award for Outstanding Service by an athlete. He was part of the first Major League group to visit the troops in Iraq. He had a career .260 batting average over 5 MLB seasons with the Marlins and the San Diego Padres. He is married to Meghan (Fryer) Baker who is a 1999 graduate from Carondelet. They have two daughters Brooklyn and Fiona. In 2015, he was hired as Baseball Operations Assistant by the Chicago Cubs.

John Baker is being presented by David Esquer



Mike Gibson '87



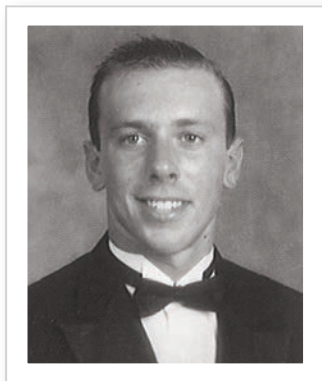
Mike Gibson graduated from De La Salle in 1987. Mike lettered in football, baseball and track. He was one of the all-time great strong safeties in De La Salle football history. He was a tenacious tackler, played in secondary that has the record for most interceptions in a season (28), and was an excellent tight end as well. Gibson was All East-Bay and all Bay Area in 1986. He was athlete of the year and East Bay Cream of the Crop in 1987. Mike went on to play

football at UC Berkley and Cal Poly SLO, where he earned a degree in Contruction Managment. After graduating in May of 1987 from De La Salle, Gibson continued to support the school as assistant football coach for the 1987 and 1988 football seasons. He currently lives in San Luis Obispo with his wife Hiedi, 15 year old daughter Grace and 13-year-old son Gannon.

Mike Gibson is being presented by Terry Eidson, Bob Ladouceur, Mark Panella '85, and Tim Roberts '88.



Michael Hurlbut '98



Michael Hurlbut was a water polo goalie for the '96-97 seasons where he helped the team to consecutive BVAL titles, back to back NCS tournament appearances, was named first team all-BVAL both seasons and was co-captain the '97 season. He was a soccer goalie for the '96-98 seasons and helped the team to consecutive BVAL titles, back to back NCS tournament appearances, was named first team all-BVAL in the 98 season, and was also a co-captain that year. He was also a member of the varsity

swim team and part of the varsity volleyball team that won its first of five straight NCS titles.

Michael was named DLS Athlete of the Year in 1998, becoming one of the first athletes to letter in four varsity sports in one school year. He went on to Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA. where he played one season of Division I water polo in 1998, three seasons of club lacrosse, where he was a two time captain from 1999-2001, one season of club soccer in 1999, one season of club baseball in 2002, and one season of Division I volleyball where the team was a NCAA finalist in 2002.

Michael continued on to coach women's basketball at Pepperdine for the team from 2002-2003, and helped the team to a WCC Championship and an appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

Michael moved to Seattle to work in the marketing field before moving back to CA in 2004 where he coached varsity boys and girls volleyball at College Park HS from 2004-2005. From 2005-2006, he coached water polo, soccer, and volleyball at DLS and also coached girls' volleyball at Calanes High School in Lafayette. In 2008 he went back and coached volleyball for four more seasons at DLS, culminating with a 42-2 record, an NCS championship, and the #15 ranking in the U.S.

In 2007, Michael pursued a career in Law Enforcement where he had a seven year career with the Walnut Creek Police Department, before moving on to the Pleasant Hill Police Department where he currently serves as a patrol officer. He is married to his wife Raquel, and they have a four and a half year-old son named Weston.

Michael Hurlbut is being presented by Steve Guthrie and Ray Meadows '97.

Jonathan Tucker '01



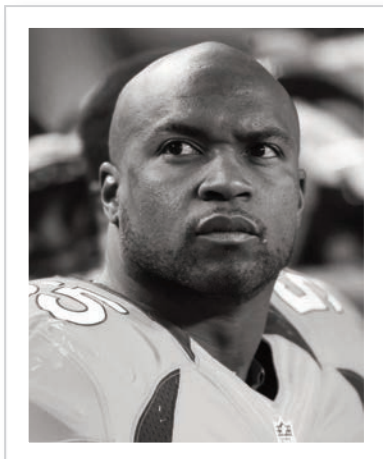
Jonathan was a standout athlete, playing football and baseball at De La Salle, all with great success. He attended the University of Florida on a baseball scholarship before being drafted by the Baltimore Orioles. He played on a number of professional baseball teams including the Baltimore Orioles and Washington Nationals. He coached baseball for Contra Costa College in San Pablo and the Bentley School in Lafayette. He recently started the Tuck

Baseball Academy and does private baseball instruction in the East Bay area.

Jonathan Tucker is being presented by Mike Blasques, Dr. David Flakoll and Matt Castello '80



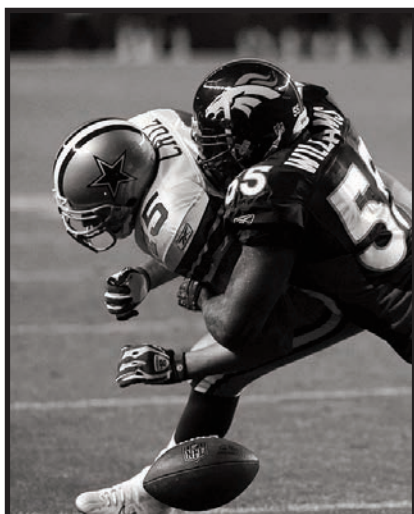
Genos Derwin “D.J.” Williams, Jr. ‘00



D.J. was one of the country’s best defensive backs at De La Salle and then at the University of Miami before signing in 2004 with the Denver Broncos. While playing for Denver, he was regarded as one of the NFL’s top linebackers. He was the USA Today Player of the Year, CA 2000 Gatorade Player of the Year, rated the top player in the nation by SuperPrep, and was two time First-Team All Big-East in 2002 and 2003. During his NFL rookie year, he led the Broncos

with 114 tackles (82 solo), had two sacks, one interception, and one forced fumble. He was the AFC combined tackles leader in 2007. He went on to play for five more seasons with the Broncos before being signed by the Bears in 2013 where he played for two more years.

D.J. is being presented by Kent Mercer ’87, Mike Blasquez, and John Flakoll.



Hall of Fame Members

Today's inductees join this distinguished roster of honorees who are already members of the De La Salle High School Athletic Hall of Fame:

Students

Bernie Stenson '70 (swimming, soccer), Mark Viera '71 (basketball, track), Richard Kimball '74 (long distance running), Gerald Price '75 (baseball, basketball), Scott Molina '78 (cross country, track), Matt Castello '80 (baseball), Rob Lambert '81 (football, baseball), Chris Prietto '81 (track), Erik Johnson '83 (baseball), Patrick Oswald '83 (baseball football, wrestling), Jason Clark '85 (diving), Robert Hinckley '85 (football), Mark Panella '85 (football, baseball), Nicholas Lahanas '86 (swimming), Antonio Vernon '86 (baseball, football), Mike Vontoure '86 (track, baseball, basketball), Jon Barry '87 (basketball), Douglas Brien '89 (football, soccer), Brent Barry '90 (basketball), Aaron Taylor '90 (football), Joe McLean '92 (basketball), Amani Toomer '92 (football), Patrick Walsh '93 (football), Thomas Dixon '94 (volleyball), Adin Brown '96 (water polo, soccer), Rashad Floyd '96 (football, basketball, track), Greg Brown-Davis '97 (football, wrestling), Thomas Coughlan '97 (swimming, water polo), Thomas Prindiville '97 (cross country, track), Joe See '01 (basketball), Chad Taylor '01 (water polo, swimming, soccer, track), Demetrius Williams '01 (football, basketball), Matt G. Gutierrez '02 (football, basketball), Maurice Jones-Drew '03 (football, track).

Coaches

Tea Hieta (volleyball), Perry "PK" Kelly (teacher and coach), Joe Stocking (cross country, track, and soccer coach); Frank Tamony (teacher, Dean of Students, and coach).

Teams

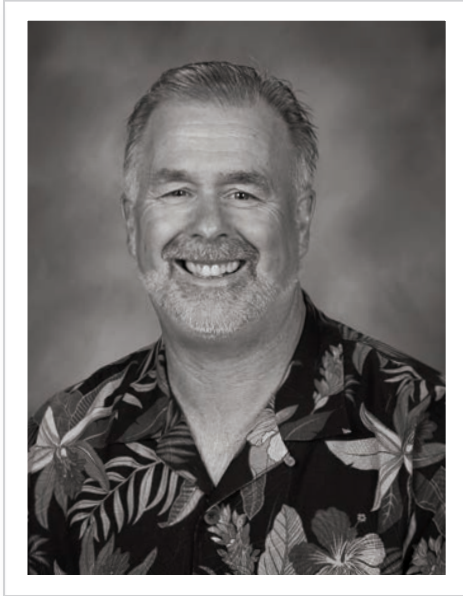
The 1982 football team; the 1985 baseball team; the 1985 football team; the 1989 soccer team; the 1990 swimming and diving team; the 1991 cross country team; the 1992 football team; the 1996 soccer team; the 1997 baseball team; the 2000 basketball team.

Supporters

Kenneth H. Hofmann; John Wilhelmy, M.D.

Our Master of Ceremonies

Terry Eidson



Terry Eidson received his BA in Political Science from UCLA in 1980. In 1984 he earned a Teaching Credential from Saint Mary's College in Moraga. He then went on for his MA in Theology from Saint Mary's College in 1987.

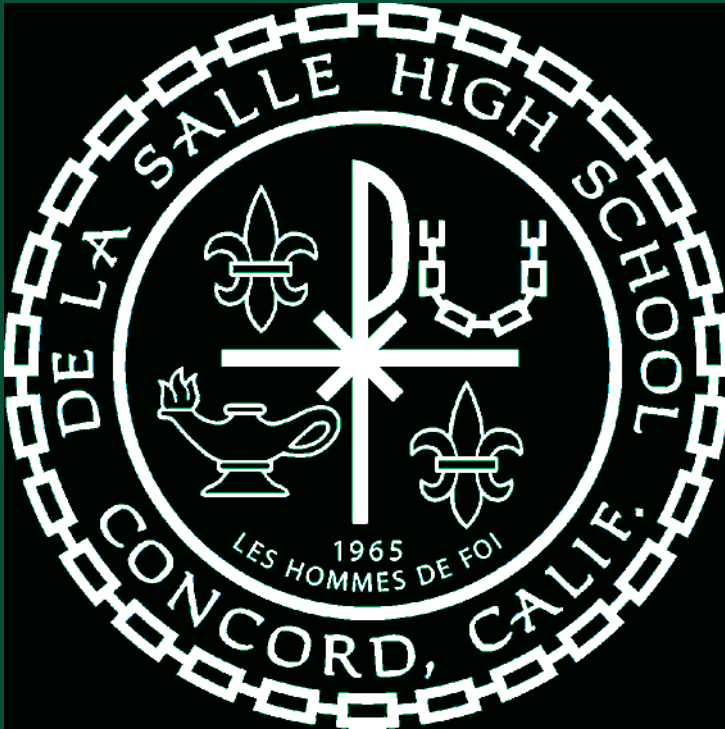
Terry has taught Religious Studies at De La Salle High School in Concord for 35 years. He was also part of Campus Ministry from 1981-1983, Assistant Dean of Students from 1985-1986, Religious Studies Department Head from

1987-1990, and Student Activities Director from 2006-2011.

Terry was the Athletic Director at De La Salle from 1992-2005. He was Assistant JV football coach in 1981, JV Head football coach from 1982 to 1983 and Assistant Varsity football coach since 1984. He was named Defensive Coordinator in 1991. He was also the Assistant Golf Coach from 2008-2014 and was named Head Golf Coach in 2015.

Terry received the Aflac Assistant Coach of the Year award in 2002, North Coast Section Athletic Director of the Year in 2003, De La Salle Coach of the Year in 1984 and 1992, and Lasallian Educator of the Year in 1993 and 2000.

Terry has been married 31 years to wife Aggie. Aggie is the owner of Studio A dance studio in Pleasant Hill, CA. They have two children – Kayleigh 21 who finished at Carondelet in 2013, and majored in dance at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, PA and Hanna- 18 who graduated from Carondelet this past year and is also majoring in dance at Point Park University.



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