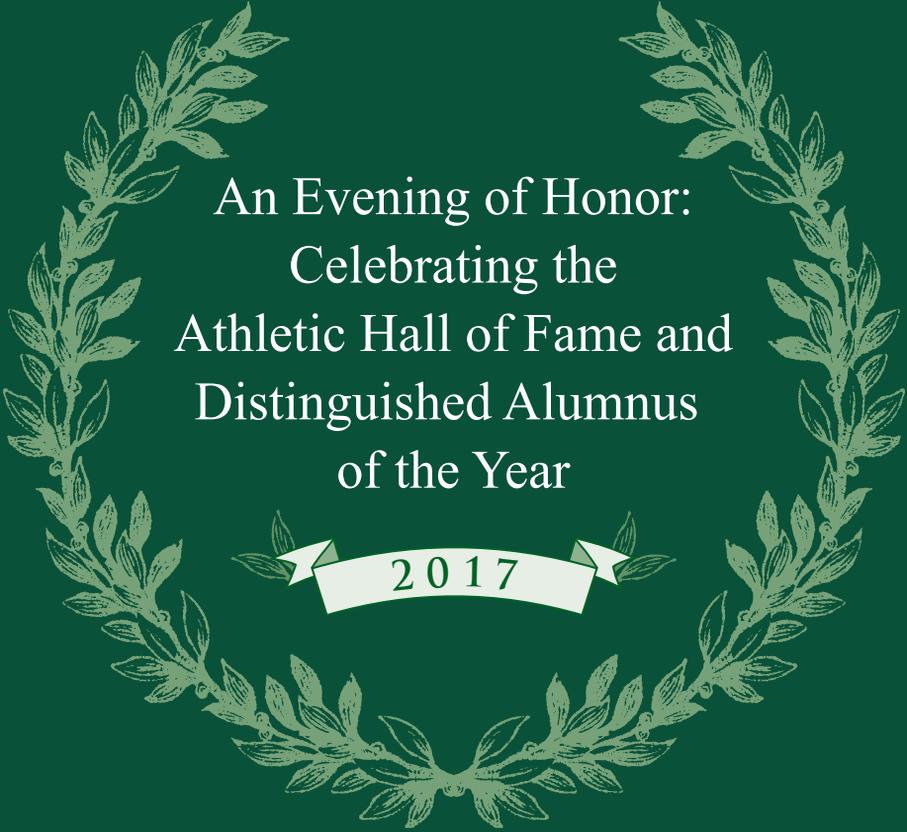


# De La Salle High School



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

2017

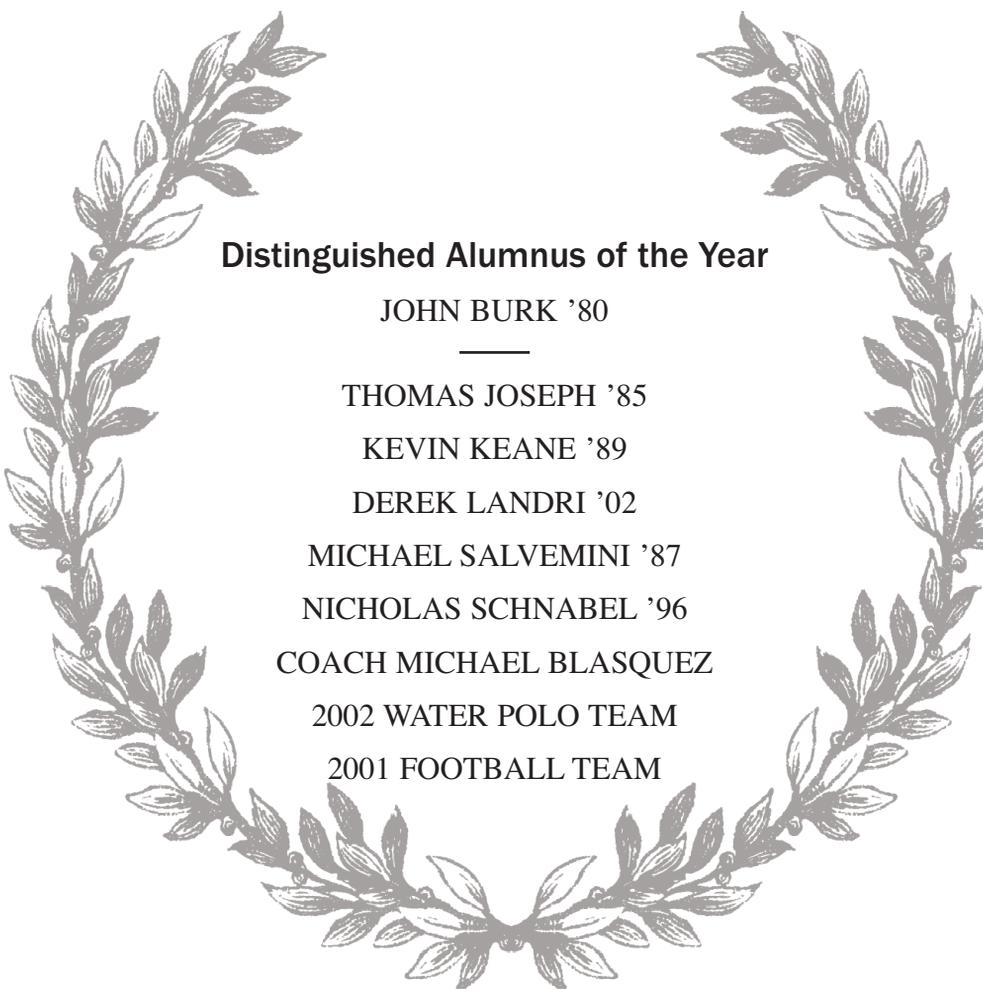


*Induction Ceremony*





# Honorees



## Distinguished Alumnus of the Year

JOHN BURK '80

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THOMAS JOSEPH '85

KEVIN KEANE '89

DEREK LANDRI '02

MICHAEL SALVEMINI '87

NICHOLAS SCHNABEL '96

COACH MICHAEL BLASQUEZ

2002 WATER POLO TEAM

2001 FOOTBALL TEAM

# 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. Our Distinguished Alumnus of the Year and those entering the Athletic Hall of Fame share certain admirable traits. They have all taken the gifts that God has given them and have used them in service as representatives of 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, 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 we honor the great coaches, mentors, and supporters of our student-athletes. Their leadership and guidance have left a lasting impression on our students, and we are proud to celebrate them today.

I want to offer our enduring gratitude also to all who nurture and support our students in their quest to grow and to excel, 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 they have become and the contributions they have made on and off the field. They thrilled us with their accomplishments in years past, and they truly honor us with their presence today. We are privileged to enshrine all of today's inductees into our Hall of Fame.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark DeMarco". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark DeMarco '78

President



## **Our Master of Ceremonies Robert Braunstein**

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After graduating from Leland High School in 1976, Robert attended De Anza and Foothill Community Colleges, going on to receive his degree in Radio, Television and Film in 1981 from San Jose State University. Robert then left San Jose to get his Master's Degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri in 1982.

Pursuing his love of sports broadcasting, Robert worked in Laredo, Texas as a Sports Director briefly. But San Jose quickly pulled him home, and in 1983, Robert returned home to serve as a reporter and backup anchor at KICU TV, Channel 36.

Robert covered stories from city government to law enforcement, and eventually worked his way back to local sports. In 1991, Robert was named sports director and in 1992, he started "High School Sports Focus." Conceived as a way to highlight and celebrate student athletes, Robert's show was the first-ever high school sports highlight and feature program aired in a major market.

In October of 2001, Robert left KICU and began his own small business, Annabelle Productions. In his new venture, Robert remained committed to encouraging teenagers to achieve positive goals and coupled his passion for local sports with a lot of hard work to build a successful business. Robert has been Executive Producer/Host for the Emmy Award Winning Cal-High Sports Bay Area show for over 15 years. This past summer, the show was sold to the San Francisco 49ers. Robert still holds a minority interest, with a commitment to stay on as Executive Producer for the next three years for the new 49ers Cal-Hi Sports Report.

Robert's unique position as both a community leader and small business owner in Almaden has given him an opportunity to give back to the community that has given him so much. His company has donated cars as part of the Allstate Teen Safe Driving contest and through the Spirit of Achievement feature on Cal-Hi Sports, and more than \$100,000 in scholarship money has been given away to students who have overcome adversity in their lives to succeed in high school.

In addition to his work for local student athletes, Robert also serves on several local community boards, including the Reach Youth Scholarship Committee and the City of San Jose Small Business Development Commission.

Robert and his wife Ann, have two children, Kelly and Daniel.

## **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 continues 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.

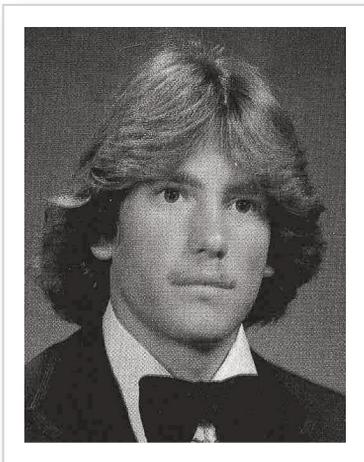
### **Previous Recipients:**

- ~ 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
- ~ Chris Crespi '81
- ~ 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 Ascattigno '74
  - Matt Castello '80
  - Christian Curry '89
  - Rick Graham '90
  - Bob Guelled '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 2017

## John Burk '80

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We are proud to honor John Burk, multi-platinum and four-time GRAMMY® award-winning producer, as our Distinguished Alumnus of the year. After graduating from De La Salle in 1980, Mr. Burk attended Chico State University and Cal State East Bay where he graduated with a degree in Music Composition and a minor in Business Administration. Mr. Burk is one of the founding partners of Concord Music Group and President of Concord

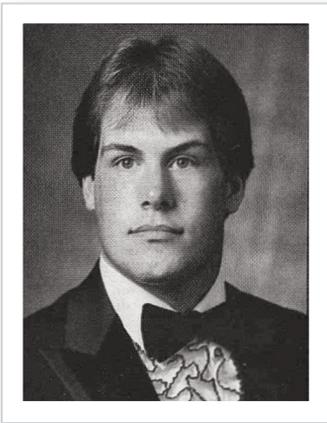
Records. Under Mr. Burk's direction since 1995, Concord Records has grown from a boutique jazz label to become the largest independent music company in the world, with current artists including James Taylor, Paul Simon, Esperanza Spalding, and many, many more. As a producer, Mr. Burk has worked with artists such as Paul McCartney, Ray Charles, Gladys Knight, Norah Jones, Jill Scott, George Benson, and Al Jarreau, just to name a few. Mr. Burk's productions have earned a total of 23 GRAMMY nominations and 12 GRAMMY Awards, including Album and Record of the Year for Ray Charles' *Genius Loves Company*. In addition to his role at Concord Records, Mr. Burk is also very active with The Recording Academy/GRAMMY organization and MusiCares.

John Burk is being presented by Melissa Etheridge and Norman Lear



# Thomas Joseph '85

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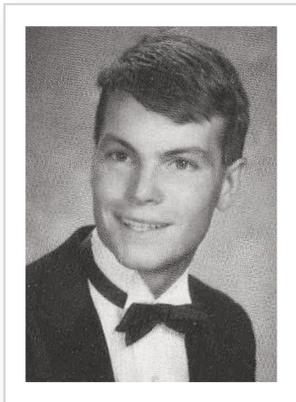
Tom Joseph was a star football player and wrestler. He won De La Salle Athlete of the Year as a junior and was a co-winner as a senior in 1985. He is one of only two athletes in the history of De La Salle to win Athlete of the Year multiple times. Mr. Joseph played three years of varsity football where he received All League, First Team All East Bay, and All NorCal accolades in 1984. He was a four-year varsity wrestler and was 38-3 overall his senior year. He was the League Champion in 1983, 1984, and 1985. He returned to De La Salle as a coach in the 1990s, where he

helped coach the Freshman Football Team and was the Junior Varsity Wrestling Head Coach.

Thomas Joseph is being presented by Robert Ladouceur.

# Kevin Keane '89

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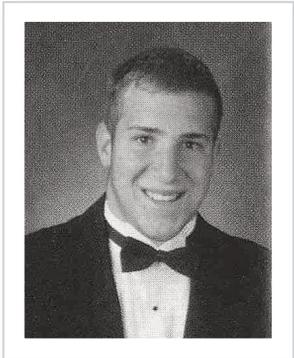
During his time at DLS, Kevin Keane / Class of 1989, was an all-star track and fielder as well as basketball player. Within the track and field discipline, Mr. Keane excelled at high jump where he cleared 7' ¼" in 1989 breaking the DLS record that he still holds today. Most notably, he was a Co-Athlete of the Year in 1989, won second place in the North Coast Section championship in 1987 and placed first the following year at the North Coast Section Championship as well as placing second at the California State meet in 1988. After graduating DLS, Mr. Keane continued his track and field

career at UC Berkeley where he was a two time Pac 10 Champion, jumping 7'3.5", and competed in the NCAA Championships in 1992 & 1994. After college Mr. Keane competed on the Irish National Team where he was the National Champion in 1994 and later competed for a spot on the Team for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

Kevin Keane is being presented by Jeff Rogers, John Crain, and Keith Riley '87.

# Derek Landri '02

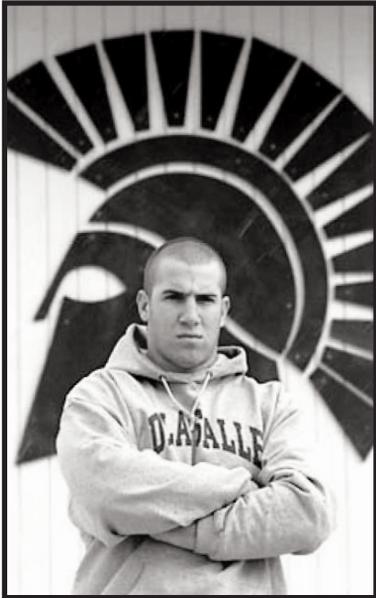
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Derek Landri is being inducted twice this year – as an individual and as a member of The 2001 Football Team. Mr. Landri was a First Team All American by *USA Today Prep* and was rated as the top lineman by *Parade*. He was named the Lineman of the Year by CalHiSports during his final season, a season where he and his teammates gave up only six touchdowns. He was the third De La Salle player to win California Player of the Year after Amani Toomer in 1991 and D.J.

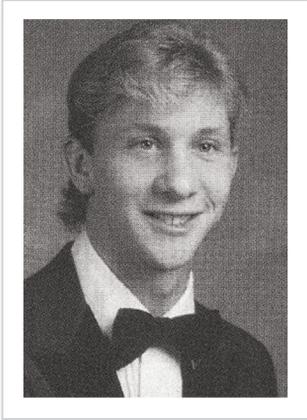
Williams in 1999. He was also a three-year starter on offense. In the historic game against Long Beach Poly, Mr. Landri was instrumental in matchups against his opponents, Manuel Wright and Winston Justice, who would both go on to play in the NFL. Mr. Landri graduated from Notre Dame and played in the NFL for the Jacksonville Jaguars, Carolina Panthers, Philadelphia Eagles, and Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Derek Landri is being presented by Robert Ladouceur and Terry Eidson.



# Michael Salvemini '87

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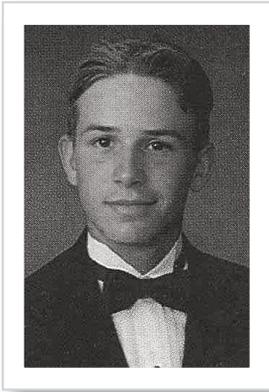
Michael Salvemini was a four-year varsity soccer player and was the Soccer Player of the Year in 1987. In 1987, De La Salle was the first U.S. soccer team to ever compete in the 40-year-old FISEC soccer tournament for European Catholic Schools. In that tournament, De La Salle beat the top-seeded Flemish-Belgium team, and Mr. Salvemini scored in every game. While at De La Salle, Mr. Salvemini received the NCS Scholar Athlete Award with a 3.5 G.P.A. He was a

wide receiver and kicker on the football squad in 1986, where he scored 83 points (4 field goals, 4 touchdowns, and 47 PATs). After graduating De La Salle, he played for the UC Berkeley Men's Soccer team where he was team captain. Mr. Salvemini was the Junior Varsity Soccer Head Coach at De La Salle, also.

Michael Salvemini is being presented by Robert Ladouceur and Derricke Brown.



# Nicholas Schnabel '96



Nick Schnabel was a three-year starting shortstop for the De La Salle varsity baseball team. According to one coach, he was one of the best shortstops in De La Salle history where “his defense was like poetry.” Mr. Schnabel made the All-Defensive Teams his junior and senior years and All-League his senior year. On offense, he was known for his strong execution on hit-and-run as well as bunting plays. He was drafted by the Montreal Expos (now Washington Nationals) and made it to AA. He graduated from East Carolina in 2003. Mr. Schanbel is a current coach and recruiter for the University of Michigan.

Nicholas Schnabel is being presented by presented by Matt Castello.



**NICK SCHNABEL**  
 Height: 5'9" Weight: 170 Born: 3-16-78  
 Bats: R Throws: R Hometown: Greenville, NC  
 Acquired: 31st Round Selection, 2000 Draft

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Nick was drafted out of East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. He played for the Gulf Coast League Expos in 2000 and started the 2001 season at Extended Spring Training.

Year/Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
2000/GCL Expos	.233	13	43	5	10	0	0	0	4

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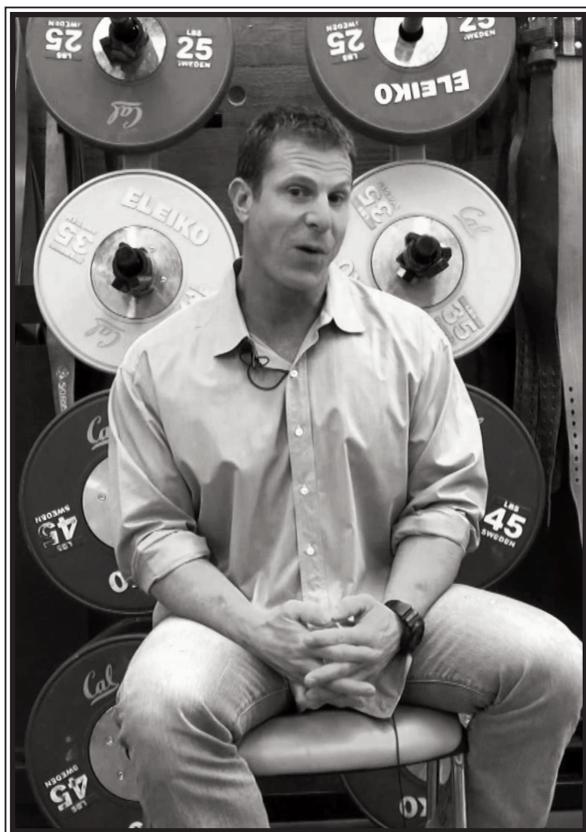
# Coach Michael Blasquez

## Strength and Conditioning

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Mike Blasquez was a Strength and Conditioning Coach at De La Salle from 1992-2002. During that time, De La Salle varsity football teams achieved a record of 138-0. He was named the Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year by Professional Coaches Society in 1998. After leaving De La Salle, Mr. Blasquez went to the University of California where he worked with the basketball and football teams and was instrumental in the design for the 18,700-square foot Simpson Center for Student-Athlete High Performance.

Coach Michael Blasquez is being presented by Robert Ladouceur, Terry Eidson, and Maurice Jones-Drew.

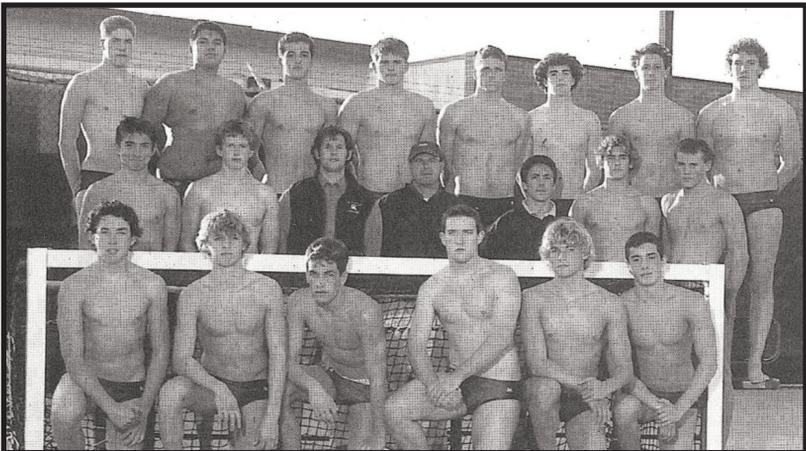
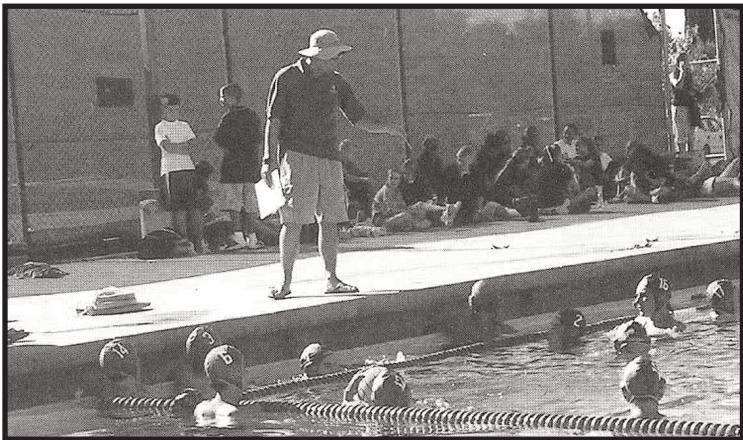


# The 2002 Water Polo Team

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The 2002 Water Polo Team was a NCS and BVAL champion team. They are the only De La Salle NCS Water Polo team in history to go undefeated with a record of 28-0. Playing multiple games a day – including the NCS semi-finals and finals on the same day – their undefeated mark is incredibly impressive. At least 11 players on the roster continued to collegiate-level teams. Many members of the team have gone on to teach, coach, and serve others.

The Water Polo Team will be presented by Scott Hirsch.



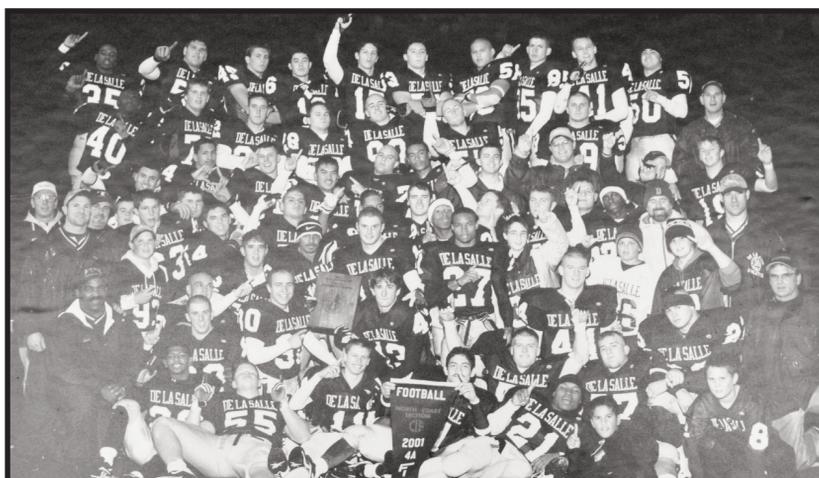
THE 2002 WATER POLO TEAM

# The 2001 Football Team

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The 2001 Football Team was one of the best football teams in De La Salle history. Featuring future NFL players Matt Gutierrez '01, Maurice Jones-Drew '03, and Derek Landri '02 as well as many NCAA-bound athletes, the 2001 team finished the season 12-0 and brought "The Streak" to a 125-0 record. During this season, the team played what was dubbed "The Game of the Century" and defeated Long Beach Poly (then-ranked #1 in the nation) 29-15. They outscored their opponents 567-87 that year.

The 2001 Football Team will be presented by Robert Ladouceur, Terry Eidson and Maurice Jones-Drew.



THE 2001 FOOTBALL TEAM

# Tradition

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The De La Salle Athletic Hall of Fame will consciously seek to mirror the whole history of the growth and maturation of sport at De La Salle by selecting the best of the best from all decades of the school's existence.

And so, in addition to players and coaches, eligible nominees may be athletic department staff members, supporters of sports and even entire teams from a particular year.

Seventeen selectors serve as members of the voting committee who decide who will stand on the podium for each class. They represent all constituencies of the school community, and together they have over 300 years of work experience and association with De La Salle.

Please join in these efforts to identify individuals and teams who have made athletics such a significant part of De La Salle's identity. If you would like to make a nomination, please contact Lloyd Schine III '94, Director of Alumni Relations at 925-288-8171 or [SchineL@dlshs.org](mailto:SchineL@dlshs.org)

# Hall of Fame Members

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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), Mike Gibson '87 (football), 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), Michael Hurlbut '98 (soccer, swimming, volleyball, and water polo), John Baker '99 (baseball), D.J. Williams '00 (football), Joe See '01 (basketball), Chad Taylor '01 (water polo, swimming, soccer, track), Jonny Tucker '01 (football and baseball), 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 1997 swim team, the 1998 football team, the 2000 basketball team.

## Supporters

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



DE LA SALLE  
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

## Athletic Hall of Fame Criteria for Nomination

1. Nominees may be former athletes, coaches, teams, members of the athletic staff, or supporters of De La Salle athletics.
2. Any athlete who has graduated from De La Salle and met the eligibility requirements of his time is eligible for consideration, provided that 10 years have passed since his period of eligibility. A team is eligible for nomination 10 years after the completion of its season of sport.
3. Former coaches who have had outstanding success in their sports, athletic department members who have had a lengthy period of distinguished service to the school, and particularly dedicated, long-time supporters of athletic programs shall be eligible for consideration.
4. Athlete candidates shall have competed with a high standard of sportsmanship and positive spirit and with their own efforts and achievements oriented to the success of their team. A similar standard of ethics shall have characterized the years following their time at De La Salle.

Coaches considered for induction shall have been attentive to the continual athletic improvement and personal development of each team member. The same ethical and life standards expected of his athletes shall also characterize the life of the coach.

Nominated teams should be those which brought honor to De La Salle by performing at a high level or exceeding expectations, always demonstrating a distinguished degree of team play and sportsmanship.

Exceptional supporters of De La Salle athletics, including athletic staff members who are nominated, shall have provided opportunity and encouragement to teams or the athletic department as a whole.

As with candidates who were athletes or coaches, their service and dedication shall have advanced the maturation of Spartan athletes and programs.

5. As a guide to selecting outstanding athletes and teams, the following criteria should be considered to be of great importance. (The list is not presented in order of importance.)
  - a) DLS Athlete of the Year
  - b) All-league selection
  - c) All-East Bay selection
  - d) All-state selection
  - e) All-American selection
  - f) Section champion
  - g) State champion
  - h) Record setter or holder
  - i) Participation or recognition at the national level
  - j) Distinguished post-high school career
  - k) Winner of special awards given by teammates or coaches

The Selection Committee will have the flexibility to recognize outstanding individuals whose qualifications are not on the above list.

# 2016 / 2017 De La Salle Spartan Athletic Team Accomplishments

## Football

NCS Champions,  
CIF Open Division State 2nd place

## Cross Country

2nd in EBAL, 4th in NCS

## Water Polo

2nd in EBAL

## Basketball

2nd in EBAL, NCS Champions,  
NorCal Semifinalists

## Soccer

2nd in EBAL, 2nd in NCS

## Wrestling

NCS Champions,  
NCS Duals Champions,  
7th @ CIF State Meet

## Baseball

2nd Place EBAL, NCS Champions

## Track and Field

2nd @ EBAL Meet

## Swimming and Diving

3rd @ EBAL Meet

## Golf

3rd in EBAL

## Volleyball

2nd in EBAL, 2nd in NCS

## Tennis

Singles – Daniel Nomura 2nd Place

## Lacrosse

2nd in EBAL, NCS Champions

## National Letter of Intent Signees

1. John Burke – Rutgers University – Lacrosse
2. Ryan Cole – University of Notre Dame – Baseball
3. Jackson Gabler – UC Berkeley – Diving
4. Cullen Kafka – University of Oregon – Baseball
5. Daniel Nomura – Villanova – Tennis
6. Milton Vrionis – St. Mary's College – Baseball
7. Tre White – San Jose State – Football
8. Wade Willet – Cal Poly SLO – Football
9. Omar Jiron – Sacramento State – Soccer

## Coaches Honors

David Jeans/Baseball –  
Prep2prep Coach of the Year



For more information and to submit nomination forms,  
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