


# De La Salle High School



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

2014



*Induction Ceremony*





# Honorees



Rob Lambert '81

Greg Brown-Davis '97

Joe See '01

Demetrius Williams '01

Matt Gutierrez '02

1985 Football

1996 Soccer

Dr. John Wilhelmy

**Distinguished Alumnus of the Year**

Sean Farnham '96



# A Message from the President

As President of De La Salle High School and as an alumnus, I feel a special regard for the men we honor today. From the Alumnus of the Year, to those entering the Athletic Hall of Fame, these men have taken the gifts that God has given them and have shared them with us. When these students were young, they took on the challenge of being a Spartan, the challenge of not just being good and skilled, but of being responsible to their classmates and teammates and accountable to their coaches and teachers. As student-athletes, they integrated their entire persons into the process of their Catholic Lasallian education. We thank them for that, and we thank all the people at the school and in our local community during these past decades, especially the great supporter who joins our Hall of Fame today. The attention and care of these teachers, coaches, mentors, and supporters helped our students to learn values and build characters that would stand them in good stead in athletics and in life. 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 these Spartan alumni for the men 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.



Mark DeMarco '78

*President*

# 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 has 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
- ~ Steve Abreu '83
- ~ Stephen Lilly '93
- ~ Captain John Louis Hallett III '97
- ~ De La Salle Alumni faculty honored in 2005:
  - Justin Alumbaugh '98
  - Brett Anderson '97
  - Lou Ascaticno '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 2014

## Sean T. Farnham '96

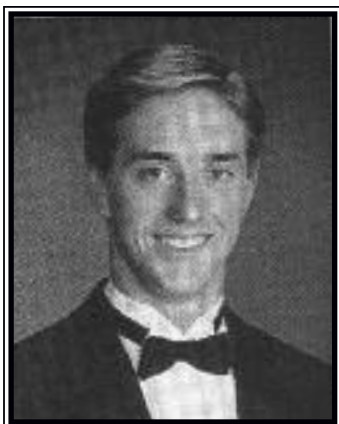
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Sean Farnham is in his 5th year as a college basketball analyst for ESPN television and now occupies the 1st broadcast chair for SEC games. Sean joined the ESPN team after a 10 year stay with Fox Sports. During his career in television, Sean has emerged as a well-known and highly regarded on-camera presence. His love for sports blossomed at De La Salle. After a great freshman year in basketball, he joined the Varsity squad as a sophomore, started as a junior and senior, and was team captain as well as MVP for senior year. After his Spartan career, he journeyed to UCLA after being actively recruited and secured a basketball scholarship.

Five years ago his leadership resulted in the creation of the “Hoops from Home” program. This non-profit initiative brings basketball clinics to children of active military personnel. Of course, this very event, our Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, has benefited enormously from Sean’s generous service as Master of Ceremonies since its inception.

Sean grew up in a loving family with Mom Vicky, Dad Mike, and older sister Shannon, CHS '93. Sean’s Lasallian roots are well established as his dad graduated from the Christian Brothers’ Sacred Heart High School in San Francisco, in 1965.

Sean lives in the Los Angeles area where he and his wife Sarah, another UCLA graduate, (to be inducted into the Notre Dame High School, Sherman Oaks, Hall of Fame in March as a distinguished soccer player) are the proud parents of Jack, age 9, Morgan, age 7, and Kellen, age 3. Sean was the “Voice of the Spartan” as a senior and continues to be the epitome of Spartan values and loyalty!



# De La Salle Hall of Fame

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The De La Salle Athletic Hall of Fame seeks 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. Eligible for nomination are athletes, coaches, teams, members of the athletic staff, and supporters of De La Salle Athletics.

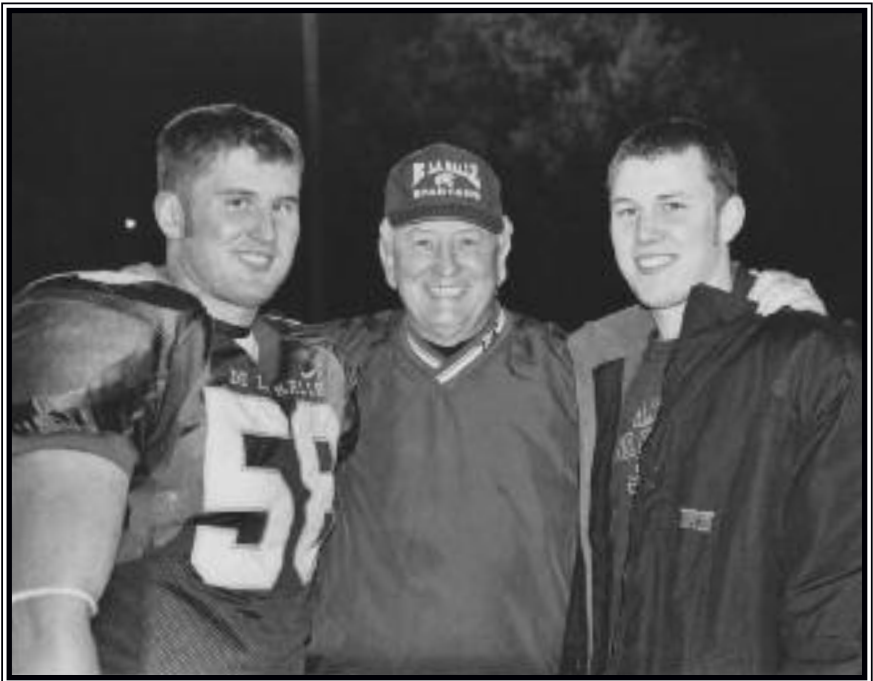
For nomination criteria and nomination forms in all these categories, please visit the De La Salle High School website, and see the Athletic Hall of Fame page.

# Dr. John K. Wilhelmy

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Ortheopaedic surgeon John Wilhelmy has been a member of this school community and an asset to our athletic program for more than thirty years. “Doc,” as he is fondly called, is the father of three De La Salle alumni (Chris '03, Sean '04, and Patrick '07), and is well versed in what it takes to succeed athletically and academically at De La Salle. He was an innovator in bringing the medical world into the athletic world going back to the 1980's. Not only did he fix us when we were broken, but he also worked with the Athletic Department to develop a staff and a facility on campus where injury prevention and rehabilitation can be provided to student-athletes. Doc is a leader when it comes to philanthropy, both locally and globally, and is known for tirelessly putting his medical skills at the service of those in need. Among his many generousities is the Bruce Wilhelmy Leadership Award, created by Doc and his wife Mary (“M’lu”) and named for Doc’s brother. It is given to a DLS senior who displays outstanding academic and leadership qualities in his community. (The photo shows Doc with sons Sean (left) and Chris.)

Dr. John Wilhelmy is being presented by Dr. Charlie Preston.



# The 1985 Football Team

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A true band of brothers, this was also a team that earned many individual All-League awards. The program was on the rise, but this group of student-athletes brought it to a whole new level with our first nationally ranked team, setting a new standard of excellence. The 1985 varsity won the league title and the North Coast Section title, outscoring opponents 323 to 69 over eleven games. This team also opened up our boundaries by taking on teams from outside the Bay Area, at a time when it was thought that a small school like DLS could not meet such a challenge, and it is now recognized as one of the best Spartan teams of all time. Coach Ladouceur summed up their body of work best in a 1985 local TV interview. When asked if he felt his team was the best around, he said, in true Lad fashion, a single word: "Sure."

The 1985 football team is being presented by Coach Terry Eidson and Coach Bob Ladouceur.







**THE 1985 DE LA SALLE VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM NAMES FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: FRONT ROW:** Joe Wolf, Ron Rusca, Greg Carillo, Pat Muller, Nick Lopez, John Whitlow; **SECOND ROW:** Chris O'Rourke, Greg Pron, Bob Wilbur, Skip Ossello, Rob Mitchell, Gordy Ball; **THIRD ROW:** Marshall Cochrane, mng'r, Coach Eidson, Coach Ladouceur, Coach Wurzel, mng'r, Dave Leaf; **FOURTH ROW:** Brian Nehring, Vince Genovese, Antonio Vernon, Tuan Van Le, Russell Lawson, Chris Toffoli, John Erdman, Mark Lynch; **FIFTH ROW:** Rick Freeman, Chris Savarese, Gary Lunceford, Tom King, Rob Strauch, Rick Blanchina, Mike Gipson; **BACK ROW:** Chris Hawkins, Mike Vanderklugt, John Kamola, Jim Starkey, Pat Hannigan, Rob Gepson, Mike Difiori, Tim Ladouceur.

# 1996 Soccer Team

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Winning the league title and getting to the North Coast Section playoffs has become the annual goal of every Spartan soccer team. And the great teams of 1989 and the early to mid-1990s continue to be an inspiration today. The 1996 varsity soccer team achieved an almost incredible record, going undefeated, with 20 wins and 3 draws, and allowing only three goals in those 23 games, while scoring 59 goals of their own, as they won both the league and section titles. Gritty defense, an attacking offense, and superb goalie play were all key to their achievements. And their legacy endures as arguably the best soccer team in De La Salle history.



The 1996 soccer team is being presented by Coach George Sabbagha.



# V A R S I T Y



**THE 1996 DE LA SALLE VARSITY SOCCER TEAM. Back:** Asst. Coach Mr. M. Leighton Simpson II, Team Manager Alexandre Cambria, Greg Peinado, Mario Selva, Adrian Lucero, Bill Riley, Adin Brown, Colin Malone, Dan Brezac, Phil Short, Jason Cassidy, Matt Andrade, Tibor Hites, Coach Mr. George Sabbagha. **Front:** Nick Valenzuela, David Molina, John Wolosz, Geno Peluso, Gautam Prashad, Aaron Crews, Keith De Young, Brian Beavers. **Not Pictured:** Dwayne Harris and Colin Kelly.

# Rob Lambert '81

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Rob Lambert

Baseball 1-4; Football 1-4; First Honor Roll 1-4; Science Award 2; Math Award 1-2; English Award 1; Social Studies Award 2-3; Language Award 1-2; P.E. Award 1-2; Art Award 3

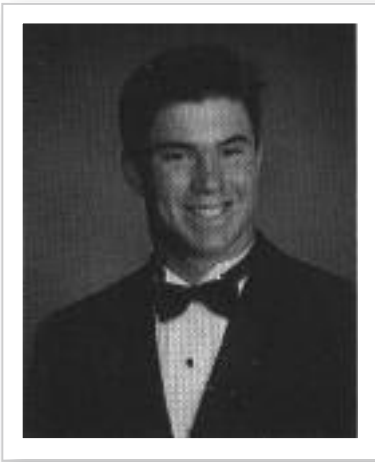
Rob Lambert was a star dual sport competitor, excelling in football and baseball. Named Outstanding Back by his peers on the football team, Rob was a standout wide receiver and defensive back, earning All Northern California honors and leading the Spartan team to its first-ever ranking as one of the Top Ten teams in California. When Rob went from the gridiron in the fall to the diamond in the spring, there was no letdown in effort or achievement. Rob was one of the top players in the area earning All-League and All-East Bay honors. Rob accepted a baseball scholarship to Cal Poly and was later drafted by the New York Yankees. In his senior year of 1980-1981, Rob was honored as De La Salle's Athlete of the Year.

Rob Lambert is being presented by Coach Bob Ladouceur.



# Greg Brown-Davis '97

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Greg Brown-Davis, a De La Salle English Instructor and a coach (wrestling and football), is a rare combination of talents. As a student-athlete, he was football player, wrestler, and aquatic diver. On the gridiron, he dominated on both sides of the line of scrimmage and earned a football scholarship to Oregon State University. On the mat, he was a bear, winning the NCS and placing fourth in the state, the highest place ever to that

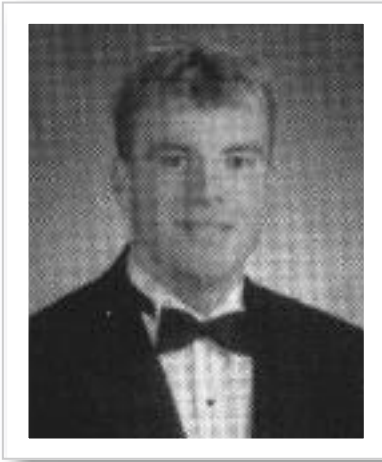
date for a Spartan grappler. And in the pool, or rather above it, he competed in the NCS as a diver with a repertoire of more than a dozen dives. He was co-Athlete of the Year in 1997.

Greg Brown-Davis is being presented by Coach Justin Alumbaugh.



# Joe See '01

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See rhymes with free, as in free throws. Possibly the two most important shots in De La Salle history were the free throws Joe sank in the 2000 State Championship game at Arco Arena. Before Joe even stepped to the line, Coach Allocco leaned over to Coach Sullivan and said, “We just won the championship.” This was the kind of confidence that Joe merited, having started on varsity for four years and having set virtually every Spartan

scoring record. His dedication to De La Salle basketball was instrumental in the elevation of the program to new heights, and he went on to play at UC Santa Barbara. Joe was a prolific scorer, but perhaps his greatest accomplishment was the respect he earned from teammates, coaches, and opponents as one of the hardest-working players ever.

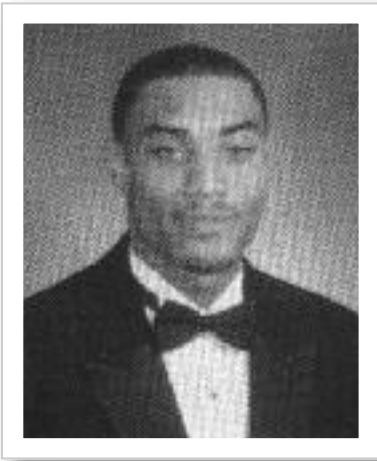
Joe See is being presented by Coach Frank Allocco.



**Back Row:** Govinda Thomas Carter, Joe Robinson, Steve Nelson, Peter Burns, Matt Gutierrez, Taylor Pena, Demetrius Williams, **Front Row:** R.T. Knauff, Charles Brown, Joe See, Erik Hanson, Sean Crockett, **Not Pictured:** Joe Grant and Rekalin Sims

# Demetrius Williams '01

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What do you want to do when you grow up -- play in the NBA or play in the NFL? For most of us, the question does not come up. But an athlete with the talents of Demetrius Williams has to consider it seriously early in life.

Leading the Spartans in 2000 to a state championship in basketball, and racking up huge yards and touchdowns on the football field, his ability and potential were apparent to all. Demetrius accepted a scholarship to play football at the

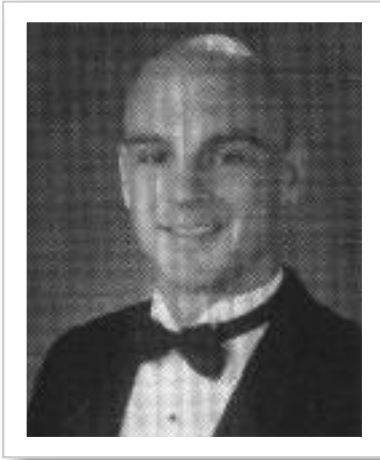
University of Oregon and was later drafted by the Baltimore Ravens, where he enjoyed several productive seasons as a wide receiver. Not too many guys can say that their last play in the NFL was an 80-yard touchdown.

Demetrius Williams is being presented by Coach Terry Eidson and Coach Frank Allocco.



# Matt Gutierrez '02

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Matt Gutierrez was one of the toughest competitors in De La Salle history, and (to quote several coaches) also one of the hardest-working athletes ever to suit up as a Spartan. Matt played three years of varsity football with an undefeated record, quarterbacking the team in the middle of what was known as The Streak. He was also a force on the basketball court, helping to lead the team to the state title in 2000. Matt earned just about every accolade possible, and

after graduating from DLS he played football at the University of Michigan and Idaho State. Matt went on to play several years in the NFL, and more recently is a welcome presence on the DLS campus, helping to mentor today's student-athletes in the football program.

Matt Gutierrez is being presented by Coach Frank Allocco and Coach Bob Ladouceur.





# 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), 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), Adin Brown '96 (water polo, soccer), Thomas Coughlan '97 (swimming, water polo).

## Coaches

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 varsity football team; the 1985 varsity baseball team; the 1989 soccer team; the 1990 swimming and diving team; the 1991 cross country team; the 2000 basketball team.

## Supporters

Kenneth H. Hofmann

# Our Master of Ceremonies

## Sean Farnham '96

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Sean Farnham '96 was captain of the Spartan basketball team that won the school's first NorCal title. He went on to play four years of basketball for the UCLA Bruins and was team captain in 2000. Since 2001, Sean has been a radio and TV analyst covering college and professional basketball, and currently broadcasts for ESPN covering games across ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPNU from various

conferences, including the Big 12 and West Coast Conference. Sean has created the nonprofit charity Hoops from Home, which seeks to serve the thousands of children living on U.S. military bases throughout the world by providing basketball camps and academic scholarships.



# SPARTAN SPORTS 2013-2014



A recap of the year's accomplishments  
by our Hall-of-Famers-in-training:

## **Cross Country**

EBAL Champions  
NCS Champions  
State 7th place

## **Football**

NCS Champions  
NorCal Champions  
State Open Division  
2nd place

## **Water Polo**

EBAL Champions  
NCS Quarter finalist

## **Basketball**

EBAL 2nd place  
NCS Semifinalist  
NorCal Qualifier

## **Soccer**

EBAL Champions  
NCS Champions

## **Wrestling**

EBAL Champions  
NCS Team Dual  
2nd place

## **Baseball**

EBAL Champions  
NCS Champions

## **Lacrosse**

EBAL 3rd place  
NCS Champions

## **Golf**

EBAL 2nd place

## **Swimming and Diving**

EBAL 4th place  
NCS 7th place

## **Tennis**

EBAL 4th place

## **Track and Field**

EBAL 2nd place  
NCS 2nd place  
NorCal 3rd place MOC  
State 3rd place

## **Volleyball**

EBAL Champions  
NCS Semifinalist



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