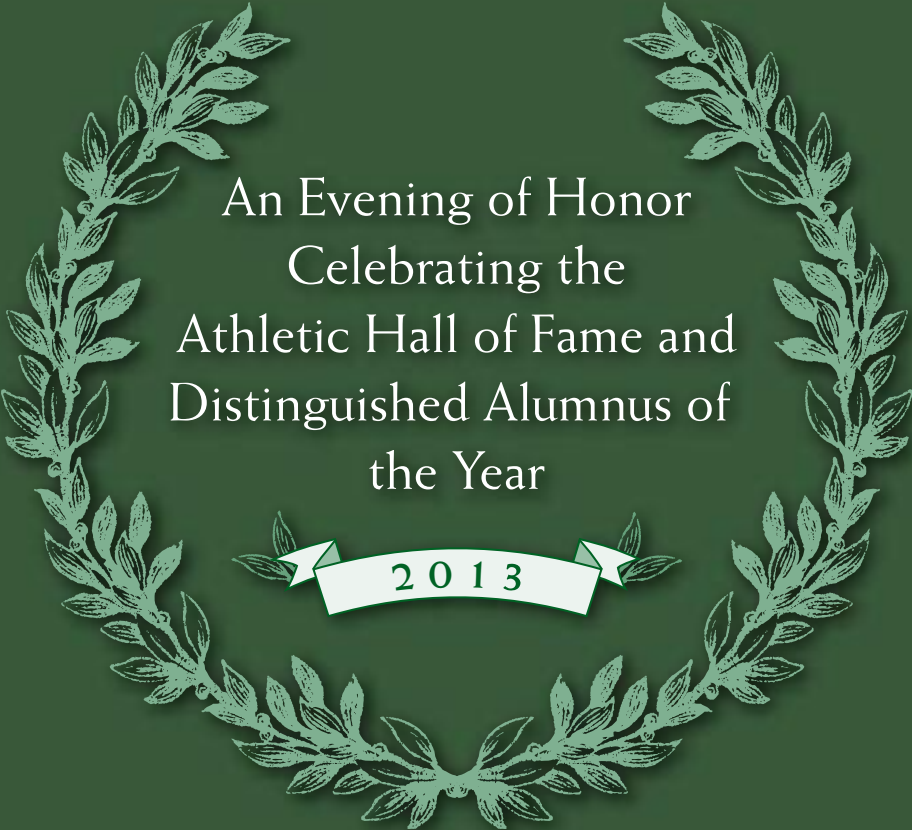


De La Salle High School



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

2013

Induction Ceremony



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Inductees

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Patrick Oswald '83

Antonio Vernon '86

Douglas Brien '89

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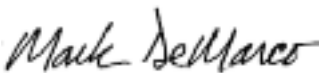
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Distinguished Alumnus of the Year

Thomas A. Baldacci '77

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. Tonight 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 live out the meaning of our ESLRs – 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
- ~ 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 '95
 - Brett Anderson '97
 - Lou Ascatigno '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 2013

Thomas A. Baldacci '77

Tom Baldacci is a principal of the Castle Companies, a home-building company “with the warm touch of a family business,” and a principal of Baldacci Family Vineyards, which “blends a deep passion for winemaking with the timeless traditions of family.” Family is a major value for Tom and wife Brenda, and De La Salle High School has benefited from being part of the Baldacci family circle for years. Tom was the first Baldacci to attend, followed by brothers Louis '82 and James '83, cousin Philip '94, and Tom's four sons: Kevin '07, Michael '08, Thomas '10, and Matthew '13. Tom has served DLS on advisory boards, campaign committees, and event committees, and remains supportive of the school's mission, even though—as reported on the Baldacci Family Blog—he and Brenda are now empty-nesters: “After nearly 25 years of school, baseball, soccer, football, saxophone classes, packed lunches, swim meets, pool parties, weird friends, St. Isidore runs, broken arms, concussions, dinners, dirty dishes, and 72 pounds of laundry every day, Tom and Brenda have gotten all four boys off to college and on to bigger and better things.”

Tom is being presented by Joe Lawton '77 and Kelly Young '77.



THOMAS A. BALDACCI
Varsity Football 1-4; Varsity
Basketball 1-4; Swimming 3.



De La Salle Hall of Fame



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 Athletics Hall of Fame page.

Kenneth H. Hofmann



Kenneth H. Hofmann is honored today as an exceptional supporter and partner of De La Salle athletics since 1987. He has long recognized the value that our sports programs add to the life of the school, giving our students opportunities to grow in health and strength and fitness, to learn teamwork, to form friendships, and to develop the virtues of responsibility, accountability, self-discipline, and sportsmanship. Our athletic programs are a prime area in which Spartan Brotherhood is

created and strengthened. Mr. Hofmann's generous support extends beyond Spartan athletics, however, to encompass the entire educational mission of this school. He understands how a well-rounded education prepares one for life, and he consistently supports our efforts to make



this education more effective and more accessible to all families in our community who want a Catholic, Lasallian education for their sons. Everyone who has been associated with this school during the past quarter-century, whether as a student, teacher, coach, parent, or friend, is indebted to him.

Ken Hofmann is being presented by Brother Mel Anderson, FSC.

The 1989 Soccer Team

The Spartan soccer program had won league titles but the North Coast Section title had long eluded them, with Amador dominating the section as the team to beat. The 1989 Spartans were committed to bringing the NCS title home, and they went undefeated and unscored upon in league play. The NCS series was a demanding schedule, with three games in four days. The Wednesday game went well, sending the Spartans to the Friday semi-final, which went to double-overtime, and DLS, showing great stamina, won in the penalties. The final, against Amador, was a physical game, but the Spartans showed excellent technical skills and great form; with another victory in penalty kicks, they brought the trophy home. With that game began a tradition of soccer prowess that continues. The Spartans went on to win the NCS title in 1991, 1993, 1995, 1996, and beyond. Today, no high school has won more NCS championships than DLS.

The 1989 soccer team is being presented by Coach George Sabbagha.



Front: Brian Vest, Dennis Brien, John Schreiber, Doug Tarabini, Mike Corritone, Todd Scheid, Victor DeMelo, Kevin Walker, Dan Vela, and James Merrick.

Back: Sean Mason, Jason Krane, Pat Giffins, Matt Beavers, Chris Enea, Greg Glassner, Dom Mazotti, John Giffins, Doug Brien, Matt Pugh, Phil Lolonis, Rob Novak, Kevin Dolan.



Coach Sabbagha pepping up his soccer team



Soccer: The most mind-boggling sport here at DLS

The 2000 Basketball Team

The 2000 Spartan basketball team elevated the De La Salle basketball program to an entirely different level. A team-first group, they were the epitome of Discipline, Love, and Sacrifice. After losing in the NorCal Regional final the previous season, this team truly became a “band of brothers,” determined to bring to De La Salle its first-ever state championship in basketball. They embraced the theme: “We are building a cathedral, not chipping stone,” and developed into one of the hardest-working teams the school had ever seen. After “building their cathedral” with a great win in the NorCal final, they continued to exemplify cooperation, commitment, and effort in the California State Championship Game, coming away with a last-second, one-point win. In a program steeped in great tradition, this legendary group of competitors is still the standard of outstanding performance and excellence.

The 2000 basketball team is being presented by Coach Frank Allocco.



Varsity Basketball Back Row: Matt Gutierrez, Connor Famulener, Chris Schlatter, R.T. Knauff, Demetrius Williams

Second Row: Doyle Rich, AJ Kuhle, Chris Hodoh, Peter Burns, Mick Cashman

Front Row: Charles Brown, Joe See, Sean Crockett, Govenda Thomas-Carter



LOOK OUT
AJ Kuhle brings fear
into the eyes of his opponents.

SKILLS
Charles Brown jukes
a Pirate as he drives
the lane with speed.



LET'S GO
Coach Allocco encourages his team from the sidelines.

Mark Viera '71



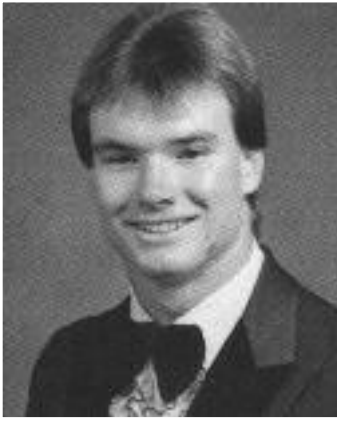
Mark Viera was a three-year varsity starter in basketball, earning All-League honors, and as a senior was the first Spartan named to the All-State basketball team (and in that all-star game he led all scorers). As a high jumper, Mark went to the state finals in track and field, jumping 6'8" to finish third. He was DLS's Athlete of the Year in 1971. These were great achievements, and those who saw him perform would agree that he is possibly

the best basketball player ever from the Diablo Valley. But Mark's accomplishments flowed from more than talent. The sense of community and the principle of selflessness were fundamental for Mark, as for his teammates and many other DLS students. Mark believed in the brotherhood principles taught at DLS and has lived them to this day. We as a school community can take great pride in his foundational contributions to the great traditions of De La Salle athletics.

Mark is being presented by Robert F. "Ducky" O'Toole '71.



Patrick Oswald '83



Pat Oswald competed in three sports, and was recognized as Athlete of the Year in 1983. He wrestled, he earned All-League and Catholic All-American honors on the Spartans' first-ever NCS champion football team, and he hit "double-lead-off" for the 1983 league champion baseball team. The ultimate team player, Pat's great contributions to our athletics program testify that success in sports is less a matter of size and brawn than of dedication, hard

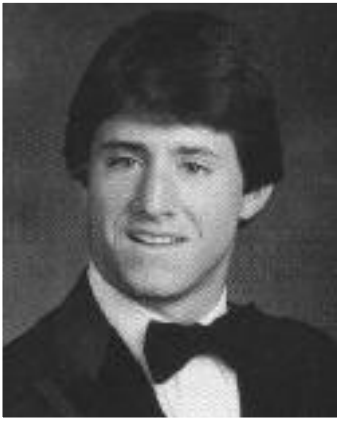
work, tenacity, and a willingness to give your all to benefit your team.

Pat continued as a coach for years at De La Salle, mentoring other student-athletes, and remains an avid supporter of the mission of the school. Pat resides in Danville. His wife Elisa is a CHS alumna of 1984 and his four sons, Patrick, Jack, Joe, and William, represent the DLS classes of 2011, 2013, 2015, and 2017.

Pat is being presented by Coach Bob Ladouceur and Coach Terry Eidson.



Antonio Vernon '86



Antonio Vernon played varsity football and baseball as a student at De La Salle, winning NCS titles in both sports (football 1984 and 1985, baseball 1985). At UC Santa Barbara he played four years of varsity baseball for the Gauchos, two years as a starter, and later played in the premier amateur baseball association, the National Baseball Congress (a two-year starter for the Humboldt Crabs, and a four-year starter for the Santa Barbara

Foresters). Known as “the badger” to his high school teammates and friends, Antonio exemplified what a Spartan student-athlete is all about: He listened to his coaches, believed in their philosophies and abilities, and committed himself to a work ethic like no other, in training and on the field. Antonio was (and still is) the teammate you want on your sideline and in your dugout.

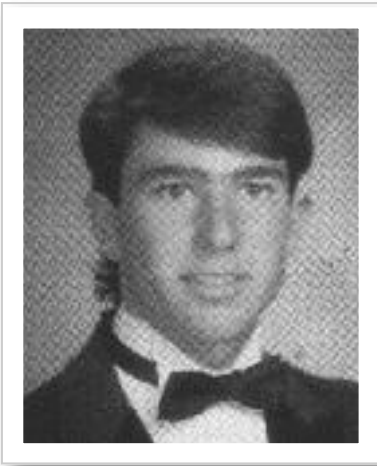
Antonio is being presented by Rick Bianchina '86 and Coach Terry Eidson.



FIRST ROW (L-R): Antonio Vernon, Chris Taffol, Dave Lutz, Tom Van Le, Mark Van Meesterink, Greg Pynn, Ben Reese, Chris O'Rourke, John Whitlow, Joe Wolff. SECOND ROW (L-R): Paul Sell, Brian Hedberg, Mike Andrews, Rob Forrester, Nick Lopez, Greg Carr (lib), Skip Gordon, Tom King, Pat Pluder, Russell Lawson, Woody Mason. THIRD ROW (L-R): Coach Eidson, Andy Zyle, John Erdmann,

Dary Lunsford, Rob Mitchell, Chris Severese, Bob Miller, Rich Harshbarger, Bob Stouch, Marshall Cochran, Mark Lynch, Vince Denzawa, Gordon Ball, Coach Laddowick, Grant Wulfer. FOURTH ROW (L-R): Tom Cera, John Kankola, Jim Starkey, Pat Harshbarger, Dave Brown, Mike Difort, Mike Vandeklag, Mike Gibson, Rick Freeman, Rob Geyson, Chris Harshbarger.

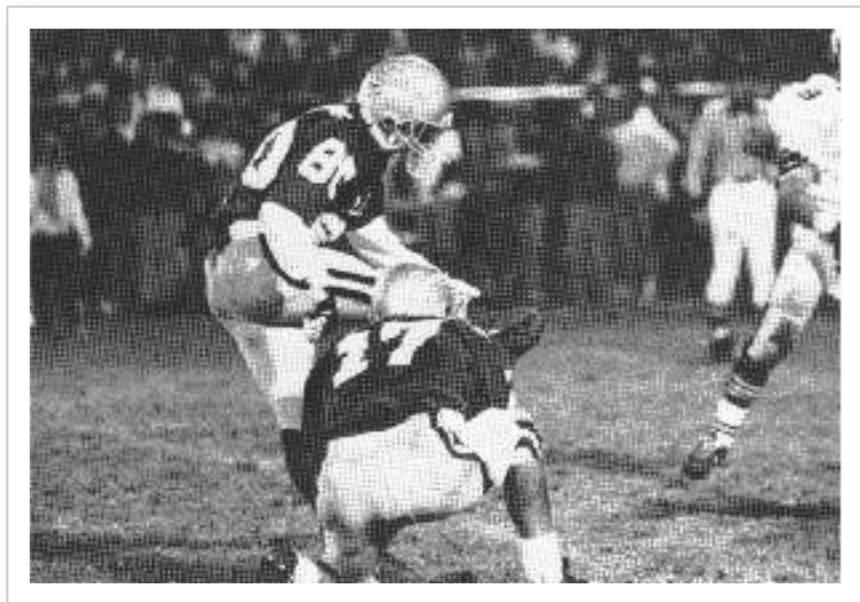
Douglas Brien '89



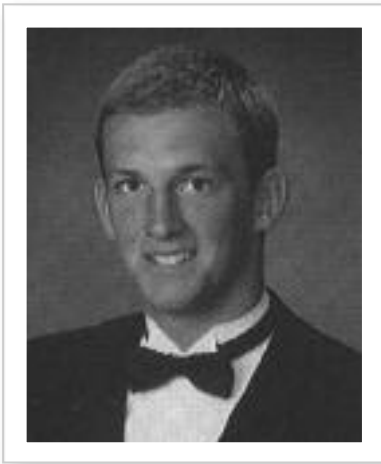
Doug Brien played three years of varsity soccer for DLS and captained the first NCS championship team in 1989, earning All-League and All-NCS honors. In the fall of 1988, Doug joined the Spartan football team as a placekicker—and won All-League honors and a spot in California’s all-star Shrine Game. At UC Berkeley he walked on as a football player, and went on to earn a scholarship as a placekicker and multiple PAC-10 awards. His scoring mark of 288

career points is still a Golden Bears record. After graduating in 1994, he was signed by the San Francisco 49ers, won the 1995 Super Bowl with them, and went on to play 12 seasons in the NFL. During his football career he earned an MBA from Tulane University. Doug is a founder, and co-CEO, of Waypoint Homes. He lives in Piedmont with his wife Shanti and his three children, Lili (12), Ceci (11), and Zach (5).

Doug is being presented by Dennis Brien '90.



Thomas Coughlan '97

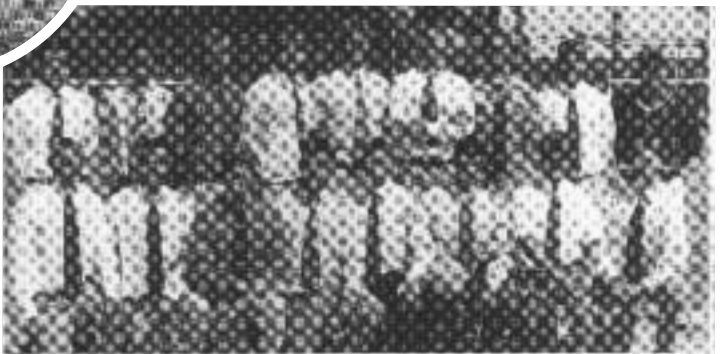


Tom Coughlan is one of the most decorated and dominant athletes in Spartan aquatics history, making his contributions in both water polo and swimming. For the 1996 league championship water polo team, Tom was captain and league MVP, and won scoring titles, All-East Bay honors, and several national recognitions. As a varsity swimmer for three seasons, Tom took individual NCS championships and partnered with his relay teammates to

earn All-American status in multiple races. Tom continued in water polo at UC Santa Barbara, where he was All-American and team MVP, and went on to play professionally in France and Ireland, helping his teams to qualify for the LEN Trophy (European Professional Water Polo Tournament). Tom

has coached water polo at the youth level as well as at De La Salle and Justin-Siena High Schools. Tom remains close to the mission of our school while raising a family with his wife Jenna in the Napa Valley.

Tom is being presented by Coach Scott Hirsch '82.



VARSITY POLO: Jacks Hall, Justinia, Mike Brown, 1996 Captain, Tom Coughlan, Mark Ayres, Brett Anderson, Mike Smith, David Scott, Hirsch, Robert, Earl, Jonathan, Don Meadows, Brian Darrin, Jeremy Harris, Robert, Jason, Greg Bruner, Greg Peasley, 1996 Staff.

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), 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), Jason Clark '85 (diving); Robert Hinckley '85 (football), Mark Panella '85 (football, baseball), Nicholas Lahanas '86 (swimming); Mike Vontoure '86 (track, baseball, basketball); Jon Barry '87 (basketball), Brent Barry '90 (basketball), Aaron Taylor '90 (football), Joe McLean '92 (basketball), Amani Toomer '92 (football); Patrick Walsh '93 (football), Aidan Brown '96 (water polo, soccer).

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 1990 swimming and diving team; the 1991 cross country team.

Our Master of Ceremonies

Sean Farnham '96



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 confer-

ences, including the Big 12 and West Coast Conference. Recently, Sean has developed 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 2012-2013



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

Cross Country

EBAL 3rd place
NCS 2nd place
State 12th place

Football

NCS Champions
NorCal Champions
State Open Division
Champions

Water Polo

EBAL Champions
NCS Semifinalist

Basketball

EBAL Champions
NCS Semifinalist
NorCal Semifinalist

Soccer

EBAL Champions
NCS Champions

Wrestling

EBAL Champions
NCS Champions

Baseball

EBAL 2nd place
NCS 2nd place

Lacrosse

EBAL Champions
NCS Semifinalist

Golf

EBAL Champions
NCS 2nd place
NorCal Champions
State 5th place

Swimming and Diving

EBAL 4th place
NCS 14th place

Tennis

EBAL 4th place

Track and Field

EBAL Champions
NCS 2nd place
NorCal 5th place MOC
State 13th place

Volleyball

EBAL 4th place
NCS Quarterfinalist



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