



Highlights

Welcome to Highlights, a publication to help DeLaSalle alumnae/i and friends stay connected with each other and with the many current accomplishments of DeLaSalle students and staff.

DeLaSalle Remembers

Brother Dietrich Reinhart OSB, '67

There have been, blessedly, the exceptional and extraordinary in our time on Nicollet Island -- those few among us uniquely called by grace to seek appropriate places and times and share abundant gifts for the betterment of our culture and our future.



Thomas Edward Reinhart, DeLaSalle Class of 1967, was such a person. Intelligent, unassuming, inquisitive and accessible, Reinhart graduated magna cum laude from St. John's University, entered the novitiate of St. John's Abbey in 1971, and became Brother Dietrich Reinhart, OSB. He earned his master's and doctorate degrees, taught history to undergraduates, and finally accepted the call to become president of St. John's, a 17-year tenure of unsurpassed accomplishment for the University.

Brother Dietrich, 59, died on December 29, 2008, from a malignant metastatic melanoma that had been diagnosed just a few months earlier. Without question, his legacy lives on among the historical giants of Catholic education within Minnesota, and in many contexts, around the globe.

Though he devoted his adult life to the Benedictines, Brother Dietrich stayed connected to his high school. He spoke at DeLaSalle's Commencement Exercises and while keeping up with news from De, he would, on many occasions, send a personal note of congratulations or gratitude to Brother Michael or another staff member. DeLaSalle recognized his many accomplishments by awarding Brother Dietrich the Lasallian Award in recognition of his vision of Christian leadership, support of education, and service for the world in which we live. We will miss him.

School News Corner

Beginning in 2007-2008, the academic year at DeLaSalle is split into two semesters; as such, the students just took semester final exams in mid-January. Graduation requirements include 60 hours of Christian Service and eight semesters each of theology and English courses. In other subjects, while fewer semesters may be necessary for a DeLaSalle diploma, all requirements meet common college admission standards. Also, there are opportunities for students to go beyond minimums and take as many as four years of courses in fine arts, languages, mathematics, science, and social studies – or to earn even more credits with elective course choices.

On January 20, the first day of the second semester, the entire school assembled for a viewing of President Obama's inauguration ceremonies on large screens. As with any inauguration, this broadcast presented valuable lessons about our government and its history, the peaceful transition of the presidency, and our role as citizens. This day also was extraordinarily personal for students – certainly for students of color whose forebears were denied basic human and civil rights (or worse in earlier generations), for students from more recent immigrant families, many of whom have escaped poverty and strife and sought promise in the Twin Cities, and in some way, for all De students who have personally, or alongside their families, embraced the Catholic Church's teachings about social justice. Of note, if demographic changes in our country continue at their current pace, by the time today's high school students are in their mid-40s, there will be no racial majority group in the United States. Theirs will be a different world in so many ways, yet sustained we hope by time-tested virtues – a commitment to Gospel values, complimenting a sound base of knowledge and a lifelong love for learning.



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2nd Annual Alumnae/i Naples Area Luncheon Tuesday, March 31, 2009

WildCat Run Golf and Country Club

Estero, Florida

11:45 a.m.



Bernie Hanson '54, Tom Glodek '54,
and Jerry Downes '54 at the 2008
Naples Area Luncheon.

Are you in the Florida area? Please consider being the guest of DeLaSalle President, Brother Michael Collins, FSC, '55 at the second annual Naples Area Luncheon and enjoy conversation with fellow graduates of DeLaSalle. Please contact Kristi Anderson, Alumni Relations Director, at 612.676.7687 or kristi.anderson@delasalle.com to receive more information. We look forward to seeing you in Florida!

Upcoming Alumnae/i Social Gatherings

Saturday, February 14, 2009

Basketball and Cheer Team Reception

Robert Casanova Room

6:45 p.m.

DeLaSalle vs. Minnehaha

Girls' Varsity Game 5:45 p.m.

Boys' Varsity Game 7:45 p.m.

Friday, March 27, 2009

Theatre/Music/Arts Reception

Br. Basil Rothweiler Room

6:30 p.m.

Les Misérables Musical Production

7:30 p.m. Florance Center

50 x \$50 Online Giving Challenge

We have a goal of 50 online gifts of \$50 or more in the month of February...can you help? Check back here in April to see if we have reached our goal!

Please visit our website

www.delasalle.com

Under the heading Development click on:

Make a Gift to DLS.

Please Note...Correction!

In the December issue of Highlights we indicated the '84 reunion will be held on 8/1/09 at the Millenium Hotel. The correct location is the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Minneapolis, MN.