



## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Greetings, DLSA Community!

This month, De La Salle Academy will have its first ever Lasallian Catholic Assessment Process (LCAP), sponsored by our San Francisco New Orleans District. Preparations for this experience have offered many chances to reflect upon and reinforce our collective commitment to the unique mission we have. While affirming many of our current practices, we are also developing plans to be more innovative in this work for the future. We are grateful that this process incorporates feedback from families, students, and staff. Together we will develop plans to be a strong representative of the San Miguel model of education for all shareholders.

DSLA challenges itself to offer a transformative educational experience for 5th - 8th grade boys, and in order to do this successfully, we must *see the students, graduates, and families* entrusted to our care. A true Catholic education is one of dignity and respect, providing a wide array of learning activities. The scope of opportunities and partnerships that DLSA has accessed over the past several months has only enhanced the mission.

It has also been driven by our dedication to our annual theme of **Partners in Mission & Inspiration**. Recent highlights of the school's commitment to see and hear our students through partnerships have included:

- Renewed engagement with **Ever Forward Club** to enhance our social emotional support for students
- New connections with the **Concord Chamber of Commerce** to provide civic engagement lessons and experiences for students
- Lasallian Partnerships with **Christian Brothers HS (Sacramento)** and **De La Salle HS (Concord)** to strengthen our Lasallian identity during Catholic Schools Week
- Trimester **Honors Assembly** celebrations with students and families and special guests

The more the community engages with DLSA, and vice versa, the stronger our impact in providing the human and Christian education we are called to offer as a Lasallian school.

Thank you to all of our supporters who help amplify the efforts and voices of our De La Salle Academy scholars each day. Your presence in our ministry will empower and sustain us as we move forward in 2023 and beyond!

Sincerely,

Chris Giangregorio

*President*

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### Who we Are?

#### A Lasallian Catholic Education

De La Salle Academy is a Lasallian Catholic school for 5th - 8th Grade boys. De La Salle Academy provides a transformative, life-changing, and accessible Catholic educational experience for promising boys from under-resourced families in the greater Concord area.

De La Salle Academy works with philanthropists and community partners to provide students, graduates, and families with access to quality educational opportunities that might not otherwise be available to them due to geographic or socioeconomic factors.

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

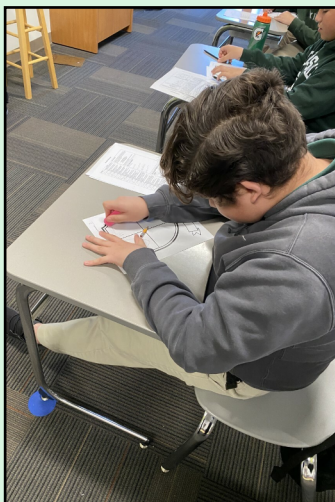
Each year Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is celebrated by many Catholic schools across the country.

This year, DLSA incorporated CSW as a way to highlight various aspects of its community. The week was celebrated with themes and activities that reflect values important to our Lasallian identity.



From January 29 through February 3, DLSA celebrated Catholic Schools Week with Catholic schools around the nation. Our students and faculty participated in a multitude of activities that exemplify who we are and the character of our student body.

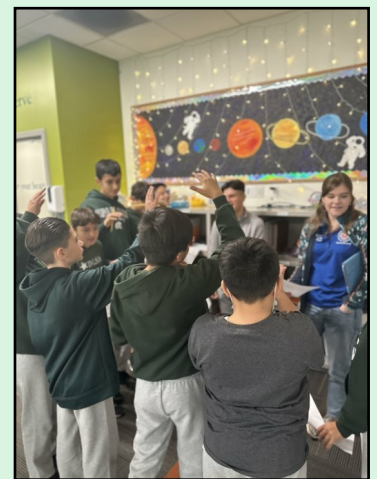
Our community values were on display through **Service, Lasallian Partnerships, Support for DLSA Alumni, and Staff & Student Appreciations**. Each member of our community



Students considered the values of other Lasallian schools and how they influenced their school seals. Then students created their own Personal Values Shields.



Faith Families went around campus and worked on beautifying the space, including planting flowers. The groups challenged each other to assemble the best looking planters!



De La Salle High School & Christian Brothers High School led students in fun activities and led a liturgy for our three Lasallian schools.



student  
SPOTLIGHT

# Meet



## CLASS OF 2026

*Providing a spotlight on our students is one way we share the successes of our programs. In this edition, 5th grader Leon Morelos, shares more about his experiences and aspirations.*

### Q & A

**Q: How did you and your family decide that De La Salle Academy was a good school for you?**

**A:** My parents wanted to get a head start on finding a good middle school for me, and they heard from other families about the good experiences their sons had at DLSA. When I finally visited and saw how nice the building was and how close it was to my house I got excited.

**Q: What have you enjoyed most about your time at DLSA?**

**A:** As soon as I started in summer school, I realized how nice all my classmates were. We were all new to DLSA in 5th grade, and it felt good to know that.

**Q: What has surprised you in your first year at DLSA?**

**A:** I am learning a lot in my religion classes. I am Catholic, but I didn't know I would learn so much by having religion class each day. I also didn't think we would be able to have so many Masses even though we don't have a Church here.

**Q: What are your aspirations and dreams for the future? How will your education help you achieve these goals?**

**A:** I like to design and build, so I would like to do something with engineering or architecture. I might also want to start my own business, so all school subjects are really important as I go to high school and college to learn more about different careers.

**Q: What else would you like people know about you?**

**A:** I am Filipino, and I enjoy eating and helping my family make foods like pancit and lumpia. My family spends a lot of time together and we like having special celebrations.

**Q: What advice would you give to all the new students applying to DLSA?**

**A:** Don't worry about making friends and fitting in. We are all nice here, and in 5th grade everyone is new so it's easy to make friends.

*Leon has earned a 3.99 GPA in his first two trimesters.*

*He is striving for ongoing educational opportunities at De La Salle High School and St. Mary's College.*

*He aspires to be lifelong Lasallian!*

*He is very thankful for his parents, who helped find him an amazing school like De La Salle Academy and who always support him in all he does.*

**AS WE RESPOND TO THE CALL, WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING OUR STUDENTS WITH A TRANSFORMATIVE, AND HOLISTIC EDUCATION.**

# Making a Difference

## *DLSA Graduates Accepted to SEO*

*Students who are accepted into SEO Scholars receive the equivalent of 2.5 years of additional English & 1.5 years of additional math instruction. This helps them close the academic and opportunity gap and graduate high school with the skills necessary to tackle college with confidence!*

DLSA is finding more ways to connect with our students, families and local school partners. A special thank you goes to Esther Lopez, Co-Director of College Counseling at De La Salle High School, who approached Mr. Cisneros about the SEO Scholars program. Ms. Lopez encouraged a number of our qualifying 2020 DLSA graduates to apply. We are excited to announce that our very own

***Edwin C., Sha'him K., Victor V., Jorge M. & Edgar A.***

have been accepted! This is the most acceptances Ms. Lopez has ever seen in her years at DLSHS! Being an SEO scholar means these DLSA alumni are part of a program that features:

- 100% of S.F. scholars admitted to a 4 year college; 75% are attending schools ranked in the top 100**  
according to a U.S. News and World Report
- 90% graduation rate**
- Dual enrollment: Take college courses during summers**
- Mentorship--College application guidance & Financial Aid Assistance**

Our Graduate Support Program will work closely with these scholars as they continue to embark on the journey to attend college. We are proud of their hard work and look forward to having more of our graduates in similar programs.

*Note: Sha'him was also accepted into Students Rising Above*

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