

# THE CARDINAL

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## ART EXPO: A GREAT SUCCESS

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LaSalle Academy's own Mrs. Straub organized an outstanding event on May 18, 2011. LaSalle Academy's Annual Art Expo was a great success and was given positive feedback by the people who attended. The Expo went from 2:00-4:00 and every minute was amazing. Some of the work shown was from Mrs. Straub's Studio Art and Advanced art classes. There were awards given out and LaSalle Academy's own Christian Castellon and Edgar Galvez walked home with trophies from the masterpieces entered in the competition.

We received positive information from the food being delicious to

how beautiful the art work was that was displayed. Some categories of art work shown were still life, landscapes, and portraits. There was also water-colored work displayed that was simply outstanding. My personal opinion is Mrs. Straub delivers each and every year and the art work is progressively getting better. This was the first Art Expo in the new school and Mrs. Straub did a fantastic job with the new environment.

We had guests from elementary schools to high schools and everyone enjoyed themselves and had a great time. With that being said I can't wait for next year's expo and I think I speak on behalf of everyone when I say we hope it will be as good as this year's Art Expo.



# CARDINAL SUCCESS

*By Stephen Daarol and David Marino*

La Salle Academy's Sports Award dinner took place on May 20, 2011 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Dinner was provided to everyone and overall it was a joyous occasion. The presentation and awards given to the players expressed the coaches' and the students' hard work and dedication towards each of their sports. The word "student athlete" was used numerous amount of times during the presentation and fully emphasized what it means to be a true athlete of La Salle. All of the presenters gave "up-lifting" speeches about their players or sport, letting time just go by without anyone noticing it. Mr. Aberer was the main presenter of all the sports and talked about some of the history behind La Salle Sports.

The night was filled with praise and ultimately paid tribute to the coaches, students, former coaches, and former students. The Parent's Association and Brother Joe were thanked personally by Mr. Polanco when Mr. Aberer had to step out for a moment. The presenters of the various different sports did very well. They spoke well and gave their speeches very eloquently.

The Coaches Award in Baseball went to Ryan Clarson. The Coaches Award in Bowling was awarded to David Montiel. Martin Wilson received the James McDermott Award for outstanding loyalty and sportsmanship in Interscholastic Basketball. Anthony Aguayza won the Bowling Award, while the co-winners of the Baseball Award were Ivan Rodriguez and Luis Rodriguez.

The Leo O'Brien award is an annual award given to a senior who represents himself as the best

student athlete of his class. This year the award was given to Senior Brendan Dugan for his dedication to both the Basketball team and the Track Team. A captain on both, Brendan was able to keep the highest average among senior student athletes and become the latest recipient of the Leo O'Brien award.



Having played all four years on the different stages of La Salle Basketball, Brendan was given the honor of being a captain throughout his senior season. He mentored many of the underclassmen on the team and provided leadership to a very young Varsity Basketball team. Despite not reaching their goal of winning a championship, the leadership on this team

was clearly present when two sophomores were voted as CHSAA All Division. This would not have been possible without great coaching and great role models.

Apart from being on the basketball team, Brendan was also a captain on the Varsity Track Team. Here is where Brendan arguably made the most impact with Coach Thomas saying Brendan was "highly dedicated and put up great times to help bring up the program". Coach Thomas' first year could have been a completely different experience if not for the leadership Brendan provided. Brendan earned a spot on John Carroll's Track Squad and plans to run for them in the upcoming season. He has set up a lifeline for future La Sallians who want to continue their education and run at the college level. A true example of not just an athlete but a student athlete dedicated to La Salle.

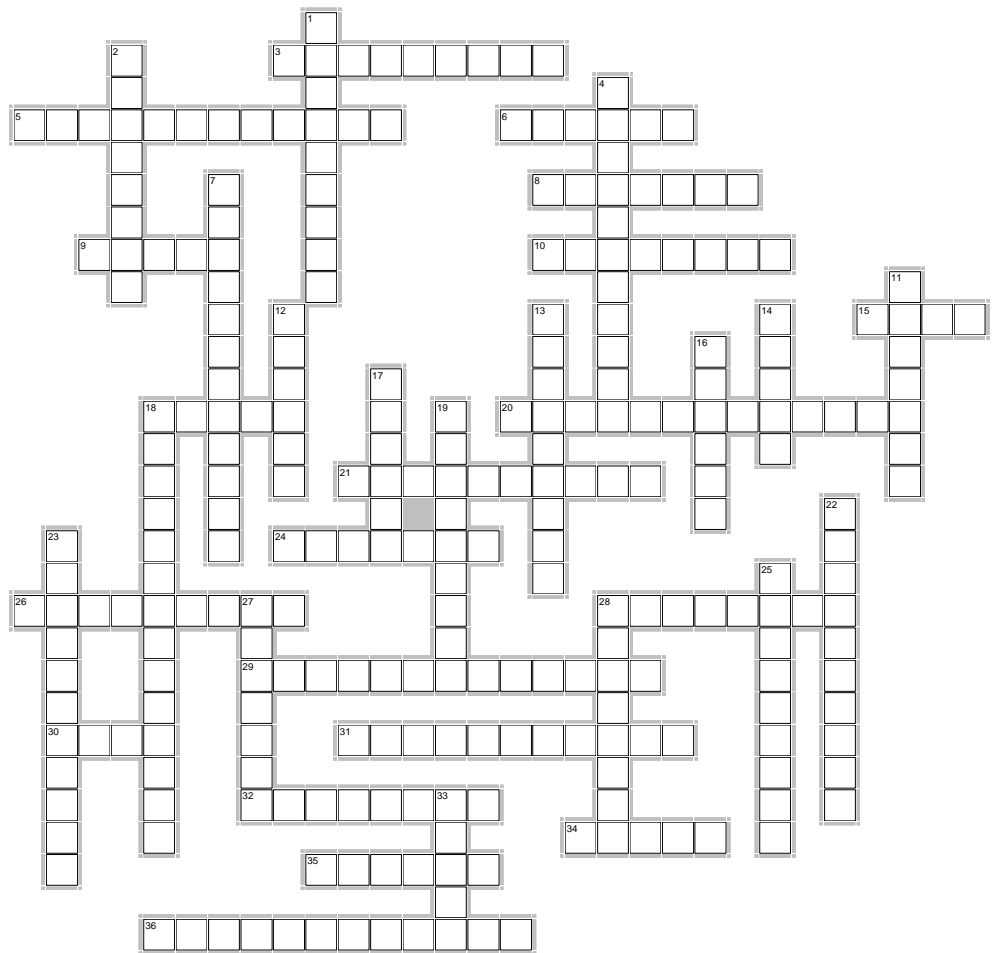
# SENIOR GOODBYES

- Since I started going to La Salle I have experienced many changes, but what I will miss most about La Salle is all the friends that I made. Each one of them helped me grow somehow and had many different things to offer. Not only will I miss them but I also appreciate them to the fullest. God Bless America and God bless La Salle. –David Rivas
- These past four years at LaSalle Academy has had a great transitional process, not only for us seniors, but the schools itself. Going from 2<sup>nd</sup> street to 6<sup>th</sup> street I have become part of history as I transitioned from a grammar school student to a high school student, from a kid to a young man, and soon to be from a high school student to a college student. This goes to show that I am ready for any new experience that comes my way and I thank LaSalle Academy for teaching me many life long skills. –Savion James-Marcelle
- I first heard about La Salle when I was in fourth grade. Every year, a handful of guys from my elementary school went on to go study at La Salle when they graduated. When it was time for me to decide where I would end up, La Salle was my first choice. You could feel the La Sallian tradition and spirit as soon as you stepped in the building. It was a total essence of love and family. All the memories from our historic freshmen year leading up to the big move my senior year, will never be faded. I've built great friendships with my brothers at La Salle and I plan to continue building on them after graduation. I truly am blessed to be able to graduate with this senior class as a true La Sallian. I will always have La Salle in my heart and I will definitely miss the good times I've had here. –Christian Castellon
- When I first took the field with the varsity baseball team as a sophomore, I didn't know what to expect. I knew it wasn't going to be easy and I expected to make many adjustments. With the help of my captains and other upper classmen on the team, I adjusted, and it showed out on the field. Now 2 years later as a senior, I feel that it became my job to step up and offer my leadership to my fellow teammates. I took that to heart and went from there. I was always there to pick up a player when they made an error out on the field, gave them a few words of encouragement, and let them go out and correct their mistakes. Personally, I had a lot of successes and failures both as a player and as a team. The moments I recall most came from the great wins we had as a team. That's ultimately what it comes down to, team success. The saying "You win as a team and you lose as a team" has never been more accurate. Whenever we played with such high cohesiveness, we always pulled through with the win. With that said, from 3 years of baseball at La Salle, what I learned most is that you rely on your own teammates more than you do on yourself. Team cannot be stressed enough. –Luis Rodriguez
- Looking back on my four years at La Salle it is hard to pin point exactly what moment changed me. Maybe it was the detentions after school or maybe it was getting yelled by Polanco. Coming in I knew I was not the most disciplined kid and I had a lot to work on, but like every other stubborn freshman I fought it. Somewhere along the line La Salle helped me realize that to be successful I could not continue to misbehave and disobey teachers. Along with many of the seniors in my class, I found a way to persevere and become a man who truly represents the La Sallian tradition. I could not have done it without the support of my brothers here and I'm sure the case is the same for the rest of the students. I will miss all the students, teachers, and rest of the staff because the truth is we are family. – David A. Marino

# PATH OF THE CLASS OF 2011

## Across

3. NUNEZ
5. K. ROMERO
6. RIERA
8. FRIEDEL
9. MACHADO
10. FORCINO
15. URENA
18. JIMENEZ
20. AREVALO
21. L. RODRIGUEZ
24. A. BETANCO, FELIPE, GOMEZ,  
HOPKINS, NILAJ & SANCHEZ
26. RAMOS
28. JAMES-MARCELLE &  
ARRINGTON
29. COOLEY
30. KIKABIDZE
31. DUGAN
32. MARINO & NG
34. FRANCIS & WILSON
35. HUANG
36. CASTELLON



## Down

1. MUNOZ
2. D. BETANCO, ESTEVEZ,  
MORALES, OSORIO, PEREZ &  
S. WRIGHT
4. GARCIA
7. CLARSON
11. BRAVO
12. HERNANDEZ
13. APONTE
14. NEGRON
16. ACEVEDO & ROSA
17. AGUAYZA
18. URBAEZ
19. WON & MONTIEL
22. RIVAS
23. PANTOJA
25. C. ROMERO
27. R. RODRIGUEZ
28. J. WRIGHT
33. I. RODRIGUEZ

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