

## Message from the Chairperson:

Dear DLSHCC Alumni,

Welcome to our first ReConnect of 2019. This year our focus has been on just that – RECONNECTING with all our past pupils, from all '3 schools' – De La Salle, Holy Cross Convent and De La Salle Holy Cross College (DLSHCC).

We embarked on a project towards the end of last year, to enter the names of every single person who has matriculated from the school since 1964. This involved our newly appointed Alumni Secretary, **Eliana Connell**, sifting through boxes and files dating back to the first year we had matriculants. I am thrilled to say that as of January 2019, every name of every individual that matriculated from our school has been entered onto our database. Eliana has since then been working tirelessly with Class Champions and following up other leads to populate the database. This has been a laborious process, but we are getting there, slowly but surely. Thank you for your patience.

In February this year we also signed and ratified our official **Alumni Association Constitution**. This is a huge move and was the first step in our Association becoming its own legal entity. Our next steps are opening our own bank account and registering as an NPO – watch this space.

The main aim of the Association is documented as:  
*"3.1 The main aim of the Association is to promote the interests, prosperity, good name and ethos of the College whether by financial or other means."*

### Alumni Survey:

To make our Alumni efforts as effective as possible, we would like to better understand our Alumni community. Please take a few minutes of your time to complete our survey. Stand a chance to win one of 2 fantastic prizes by submitting your survey answers by 5 July 2019.

<https://forms.gle/SUVybs96Z9ZM5mxt9>

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If you would like to join the Committee, please contact [alumni@dlshcch.co.za](mailto:alumni@dlshcch.co.za)

With help from the Alumni, we endeavour to fulfil this.

Please click on the following link, direct to our Alumni page, to read the full document:

[http://www.delasalleholycrosscollege.co.za/images/downloads\\_college/ALUMNI\\_CONSTITUTION\\_Final\\_version.pdf](http://www.delasalleholycrosscollege.co.za/images/downloads_college/ALUMNI_CONSTITUTION_Final_version.pdf)

Our crowning achievement for 2019 thus far has been our **Come Back Give Back Dance**. A little more about this later on.

We still have some big plans for the rest of the year (e.g. starting a business portal where all Alumni can advertise their services and offerings) – see details at the end of this page.

If you know any past pupils that are not on our database, please encourage them to fill out the details form so we can reach as many as possible:

<http://www.delasalleholycrosscollege.co.za/past-pupils-information-form>

Once again, on behalf of my wonderful committee, I would like to thank Debbie Harris and the Board of Governors for all the support they have given us – their support has been instrumental in us achieving all we have so far.

God Bless

*Kathleen Genade*

*Chairperson: Alumni Committee*



### Business Directory:

**Would you like to promote your business to the school community?**

The College recently launched their own school app. It has a facility to advertise businesses linked to our school community. If you would like your business to be listed here at no cost, please email [marketing@dlshcch.co.za](mailto:marketing@dlshcch.co.za) with the following details:

*Logo (size 720 pixels wide by 405 pixels high); Company name; Telephone; Mobile; Address; +/- 50 words about the product/ services.*

To sign up for our Alumni newsletter and to be kept up to date on Events, Happenings & News, please email: [alumni@dlshcch.co.za](mailto:alumni@dlshcch.co.za) or go to <http://www.delasalleholycrosscollege.co.za/alumni/calling-all-past-pupils>

**2019 Matric Dance**

As has been the special College tradition for many years, the **Class of 2019** had their Matric Dance in the beautifully decorated High School hall on 10 May.



*Class of 2019 'survivors':  
13 years at the school  
Grade 0 - Matric.*

**Come Back Give Back Dance**

This year's **Come Back Give Back Dance** hosted by the College Alumni was held on the 11th of May against a backdrop of a beautiful 'Alice in Wonderland' themed Matric Dance Hall.

Attendance surpassed last year, with 320 guests attending the event.

We had the Class of 1979, Class of 1984, Class of 1994, Class of 1999 and Class of 2014 all celebrating their respective reunions.

Through the generosity of the parents and alumni, over 100 blankets were collected and R89,000 was raised which will be given to much needed College Charities, College Outreach Programmes and the much-needed College Foundation.

We all enjoyed dancing the night away to support a great cause.



*Class of 1979  
Seated Karen Beattie and her sister; L - R Melanie Ockenden, Dianne Jaskson, Siobhan Herd, Margy Halley-Wright, Cecile Badenhorst, Sue Pieters, Janet Tunnington, Lydia Clyde-Morley, Louise Hughes, Bronwyn Powell, Bridget Flanagan*



*Class of 1984  
Louise Briscoe, Sue de Klerk, Marianna Toweel, Katie Harris, Karen Constanti, Jenny Forbes*

*Class of 1994  
Claudia Kremnitzer (Walsh), Kathleen Genade (Henry), Declan Jones, Vaughan Cunliff, Patrick Munyembate, Stefano Mugnaioni, Stefan Kruger, Byron Campbell, Margaret Brune (Poltera)*



*Class of 1999  
Back L to R: Craig and Jane (Scott) Peall, Andrea Steinert and Andrew, Leo De Freitas and Marisa, Stephanie (Martin) Malyon and Richard, Diana (Nobelo) Mtonga and Mayembe, Victoria Hall and Lauren, Kerry-Lee (Slevin) Becker; Kevin Stout and partner Elaine, Bridget (Munyembate) Shibambu and Elias. Front L to R: Leanne (Grimshaw) Teixeira and Paul, Dominique (Antonie) Brits and Daniel*

**Highland Gathering 2019**

At 8am on the morning of the 25th of May the tune of a lone piper was carried on the crisp morning air from St Solomon's Field at De La Salle Holy Cross College. He would signal the beginning of one of our community's most beloved events - the **2019 DLSHCC Highland Gathering**.

The field was soon buzzing with all our special guests - the Pipers and Drummers, as well as the beautiful Irish Dancers - who really bring this amazing event to life and entertain our thousands of visitors.

It wasn't just the bands and dancers who attracted the patron's attention - our carefully curated market kept shoppers busy for hours, while their little ones explored the giant inflatables and climbing wall. The many delicious food stalls ensured all our attendees were well fed, and for young and old alike; the tea garden - with its view onto the toddler play area - offered a quiet retreat from the crowd.



Our bustling market-style beer garden had an atmosphere that was hard to beat; and its dedicated Gin, Wine and Beer bars really added to the festival feel of the day.

As is tradition; the mass bands at the end of the day brought with it a moment of awe and goosebumps all round the amphitheatre - the perfect end to a beautiful day. A very sincere "thank you" goes out to everyone who contributed to the enormous success of the event; and to all our visitors who enjoyed a little Highlands Heritage with us on the day.

**Update on #TheShift**

If you haven't heard already, De La Salle Holy Cross College is finally getting their own swimming pool!

In addition to the initial generous donation by De La Salle College past pupil, Gavan Ryan, we needed to raise more than R2 million to complete the project. Due to the generosity of our community we are almost there!

The **Gavan Ryan Aquatic Centre** will include a 25m 10 lane training pool, a separate *Learn to Swim* pool, an upgraded tuckshop and change rooms, a viewing deck over the existing tennis and netball courts and a lovely pool viewing deck and grandstand.

The closing date to have your donations acknowledged on our Donor Board and in our Coffee Table Book is 30 June 2019.

We need to reach our two million and beyond and once again appeal to you to help us if you are in a position to do so!

The huge boulder that had to be demolished and unseasonably heavy rains have resulted in us hoping to be "swimming" in the second week of November.

So with only a couple of weeks to go until the end of June, don't miss out on the opportunity to go down in history as we all work together as a community to make the Aquatic Centre happen.

**Thank you for your contributions to date:**

- Parents / Family donations
- Grade donations
- Alumni donations
- Sundowners Evening 2018
- My School Card
- US Masters Draw
- Highland Gathering
- Matric Dance Committee 2018 and 2019

**Total - R1 862 000.00**



*All of the stones signed by the learners were mixed with the concrete that was laid as the pool base - part of our pool forever!*



**Lasallian Tercentenary Celebrations  
Johannesburg – 15 May 2019**



Under a perfect African sky, an outdoor Mass was celebrated on the rugby fields of the De La Salle Holy Cross College campus in Victory Park to mark the occasion of the Tercentenary of the death of **Saint John Baptist De La Salle**. Archbishop Buti Tlhalagale was the main celebrant with seven priests concelebrating and they were assisted by Deacon Paddy Maddison, a past pupil of the College who has sadly since passed away. In attendance were learners, staff, Board members, parents and alumnae of La Salle College, De La Salle Holy Cross College and the Tsholofelo Community from Phokeng.

The liturgy of the Mass reflected the life of De La Salle and the five core Lasallian principles: concern for the poor and social justice; quality education; respect for all persons; faith in the presence of God. Liturgical dance, marimba and drums, choirs and congregational singing in several different languages made for a meaningful and spiritually uplifting experience.

In 2019, the charism and mission of this great Saint is being

lived out by over 4000 Lasallian Brothers, 94 000 educators and over a million students in Lasallian schools and universities in 83 countries throughout the world. In his address to the 2000 strong congregation, the Archbishop said that, *"John Baptist De La Salle must be smiling down on us from heaven today."* He challenged the young people present at the Mass to take up the work of De La Salle and to continue what he started when he founded the Brothers of the Christian Schools in 1684.

After the Mass, the congregants were treated to refreshments and then the learners participated in a variety of age-appropriate activities across the campus. These included face painting, art, jumping castles, obstacle courses, drumming workshops and motivational talks. The day concluded with a variety concert on the rugby field where learners and staff let their hair down and enjoyed a display of traditional dancing, music from **Joshua Moreira** (a student at DLSHCC) and the local band, **Easy Freak**.

The atmosphere was one of excitement and fellowship and the spirit of Lasallian Association was evident throughout the day.



## Dr Angela Borroughs (class of 2009)

Angela grew up in Johannesburg and went to De La Salle Holy Cross College where she matriculated in 2009.

She went on to study a BSc. at the University of Cape Town majoring in Genetics and Biochemistry. After graduating she was accepted into Harvard's Immunology PhD Program in Boston, where she spent time studying how the immune system can be engineered to either fight cancer, or suppress inflammation in Crohn's disease, organ transplants and type 1 diabetes.

Angela successfully defended her PhD last year and now works as a post-doctoral fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard University under the guidance of Dr. Marcela Maus. She studies Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T cells to fight cancer or suppress inflammation in autoimmune diseases. In April, she will be taking on a scientist position at a biotech company, Poseida Therapeutics in San Diego. She will continue researching CAR T cells to bring them to clinical trials for the treatment of cancers such as multiple myeloma, colon and prostate cancer.



*Angela at her graduation with her parents Don and Debbie Borroughs (her mom, Debbie, matriculated at Holy Cross Convent in 1978).*

## R.I.P.

### Sister Mary Ita

The first principal of Holy Cross Convent Victory Park sadly passed away. She will be remembered and honoured for her lifelong dedication to education.

She was in her mid-nineties and living at Lady Selborne.

### Paddy Maddison

A past pupil of the College (class of 1964), he was also a Deacon at St Charles for many years.

His children also attended the College.



*Deacon Paddy Maddison assisting at the Tercentenary Mass on 15 May*

**Karen Beattie, class of 1979.**

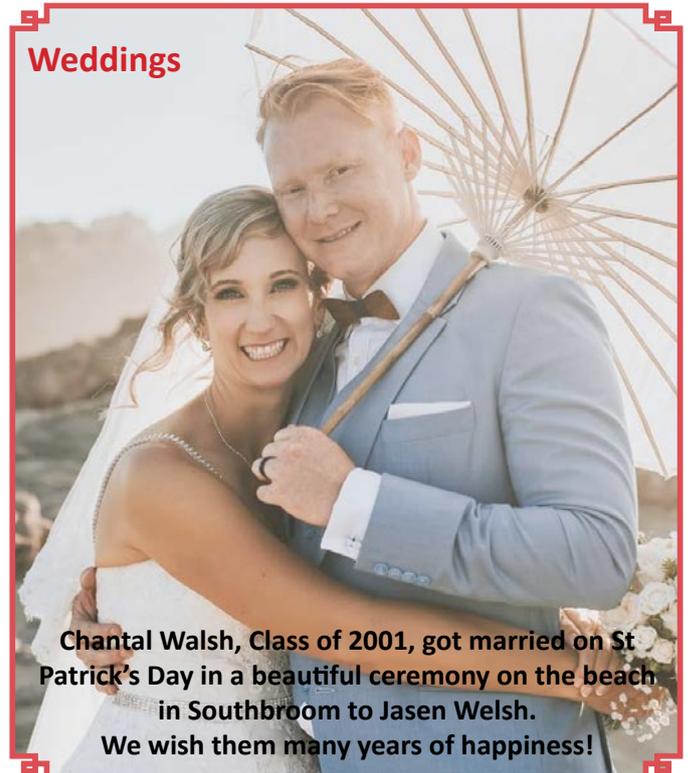
## Reunions

**De La Salle Old Boys** (classes of 1974 – 1981) reunion on the Gold Coast.



*L to R: Paul Robinson, Pat Wright, Ted Nicholls, Enrico Barone, Jimmy Toweel, Mike Griessel, Mark Carrick.*

## Weddings



**Chantal Walsh, Class of 2001, got married on St Patrick's Day in a beautiful ceremony on the beach in Southbroom to Jasen Welsh.**

**We wish them many years of happiness!**

## Anniversaries

**Graham Carroll** (class of 1971) and his wife, **Ann Ryan** (Class of 1969) recently celebrated their **40TH** wedding anniversary. They were married at St. Charles after meeting at school.

Congratulations and we wish them many more happy years together!



*To see what is happening at the College, please follow us on Instagram ([dlshcc\\_alumni](https://www.instagram.com/dlshcc_alumni)) and join the Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2304078967/>*