



# La Salle Academy

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

*Annual Report 2009*

## President's Letter

Dear Friends of La Salle Academy,

Our economic times have caused us all to be stressed and stretched. Yet, so much good continues to happen each and everyday at La Salle Academy, and not only for the children, but for all involved. During our annual picnic at Whitaker's, Elaine Whitaker overheard one of our third grade students tell his teacher, "this is the best day of my life." We all have so much for which to be grateful, and we are grateful to each and every person who contributes in anyway to La Salle Academy. I am reminded of the words of Martin Luther King, "***No one of us can do what all of us can do together.***" Together, we are making a difference in the lives of our students and their families.

After six years and two graduations, La Salle Academy will officially begin the process of Middle States Accreditation. As a school, we are ready. In June 2009, seven out of fifteen of our graduates received academic scholarships to high school. Yes, we are proud of our accomplishments. However, it is important for us that we continue to prepare and educate our students for the future.

We continue to be true to our mission to educate children whose parents and guardians desire but can not afford a Catholic education. In September of 2009, La Salle Academy will be 46% Latino, 35% African American and 19% Caucasian. We will have 47 boys and 43 girls. Our average gross income for a family of four is \$20,016 and 96% of our families qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Although these are the current statistics of our students, they do not reflect their individual beauty and accomplishments.

We can only do what we do because of the generosity of others. Our tuition brings in less than 1% of our financial expenses. However, each year we reach our goal. We are asking you to continue your support to our children and to La Salle Academy.

With prayerful appreciation for all,

*Sister Jeanne McGowan, SSJ*



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President



## Chairman's Letter

Dear Friends and Supporters of La Salle Academy,

As you can see from President Sr. Jeanne McGowan's and Principal Teresa Diamond's letters, La Salle Academy and our students continue to **flourish** *because of your help and your generosity.*

In the face of significant economic adversity, La Salle Academy has completed a very successful year of fundraising. Most significant, this year LSA established an Endowment Fund that will sustain our mission, our school, our students and our future. I also note that despite these difficult times, we managed to end the year with a small surplus after meeting all our expenses.

Indeed, this past year was a success for LSA from all perspectives: educationally, fiscally, and socially. This past year permits me to look to the future with cautious, very cautious, optimism.

Difficult economic times have impacted all of us and seem likely to continue for the near future. Many of you - our donors, our supporters, our friends and our Board Members - have suffered economic loss and difficulty. Individual giving and family donations are lower, our benefactors' personal wealth is lower, foundation portfolios have decreased, the State's EITC program is in danger of being slashed. Yet, even as economic woes beset our sources of income, those same economic woes increase the needs of our students and their families. Thus, LSA confronts a served population with increasing need and a donor population with shrinking resources to meet that need.

This past year is a manifestation of the hard work, dedication and generosity of our Board, benefactors, teachers, friends, families – all of you. Faced with the economic realities of our times, our Board of Trustees has committed to redoubling their efforts. I also ask you to continue to support La Salle Academy, our students and our mission. It is your giving that allows our school and our students to flourish. It is your giving that provides our students with an educational opportunity. We need your help if we are to sustain our mission.

Thank you again for your past support.  
May God continue to bless you,

*Bro. Kevin Dalmasse, F.S.C.*  
Brother Kevin Dalmasse, F.S.C.



# Principal's Letter

Dear Friends,

On June 13, 2009 the La Salle Academy community rejoiced as it graduated the Class of 2009. Fifteen graduates are excitedly beginning their freshman year at the following High Schools: John Hallahan High School, La Salle College High School, Little Flower High School, Mercy Vocational High School, North Catholic High School, Philadelphia Electrical and Technology Charter School, St. Hubert High School and SS. John Neumann and Maria Goretti High School.

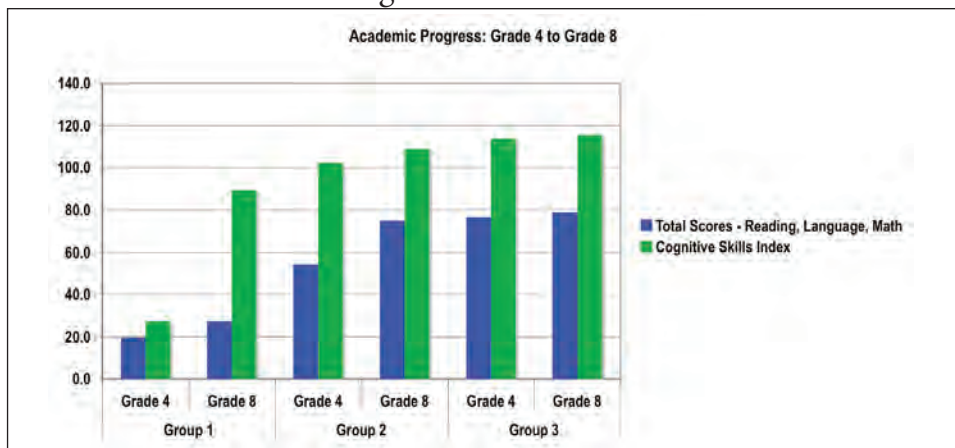
If asked the question posed in Dr. Seuss' book, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*,

**“Will you succeed?”**

The graduates can confidently respond,

**“Yes, we will indeed!”**

The goal of La Salle Academy is to reach all of our students at all educational and skill levels. Thus, we seek to improve the educational skills of our students over their time in our school. The following Terra Nova scores demonstrate improvement from 4th grade to 8th grade for students in each of our skill based groupings. The graph below with the Total Scores and the Cognitive Skills Index scores demonstrates our success in this area in achieving our mission. As an example, note the significant improvement over 4 years of Group 2 in the Total or combined scores of Reading, Language and Math. Though all groups increased their scores, this 21 point gain shows excellent educational steps and reinforces the value of a La Salle Academy education.



In addition to the standard test results, success is evident in the seven academic scholarships offered to the graduates of 2009. One of our graduates, Terrence, was sure to share with us that La Salle Academy set him on the path to succeed in life “because the five goals that were stressed (peaceful, responsible, motivated, respectful, and responsible) and remembering these goals will help keep me focused.”

**Will you succeed?**

**Yes, you will indeed!**

Thank you for the role you played to help our students succeed.



*Teresa Diamond*

Teresa Diamond  
Principal

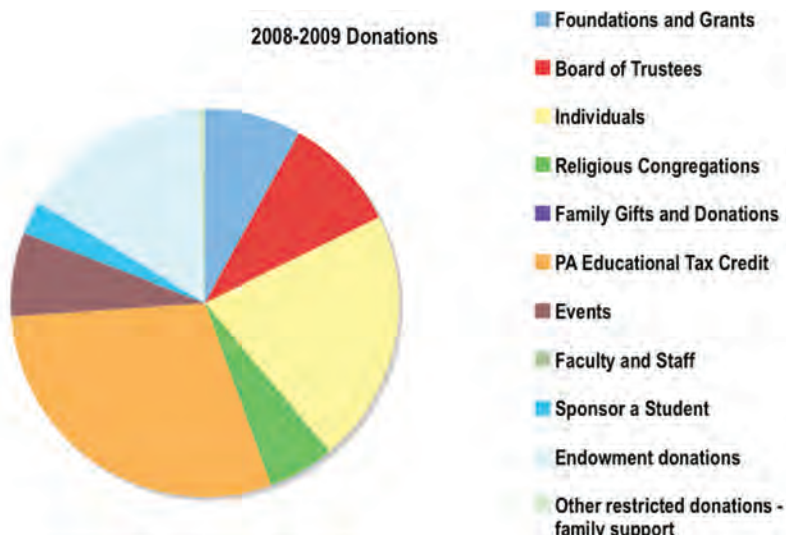


# Financial Summary

La Salle Academy is fortunate to have a strong network of Board Members and Supporters who demonstrate consistent generosity. Fiscal Year 2008-2009 proved to be another successful and gratifying year. Our development revenues exceeded our goals for the year. We are deeply grateful for our faithful benefactors who continue to provide an exceptional education for our students.

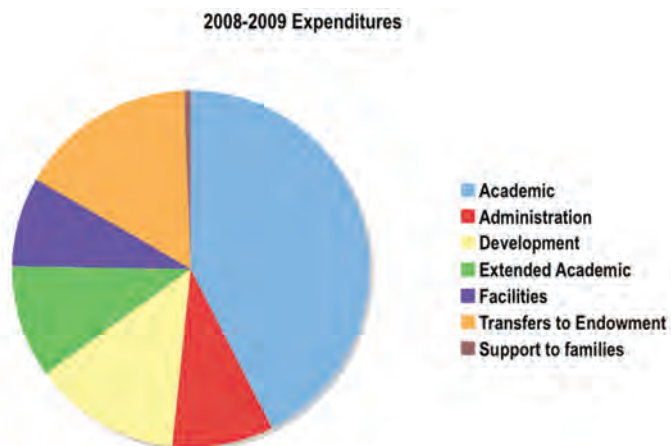
## Where our funds came from...

Source	Amount
Foundations and Grants	\$105,095
Board of Trustees	\$127,810
Individuals	\$281,206
Religious Congregations	\$70,692
Family Gifts and Donations	\$2,015
PA Educational Tax Credit	\$386,322
Events	\$91,473
Faculty and Staff	\$2,145
Sponsor a Student	\$33,800
Endowment donations	\$210,500
Family support	\$7,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,318,257</b>



## Where our funds went...

Purpose	Amount
Academic	553,592
Administration	119,671
Development	172,674
Extended Academic	133,593
Facilities	104,232
Transfers to Endowment	210,500
Support to families	7,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,301,461</b>

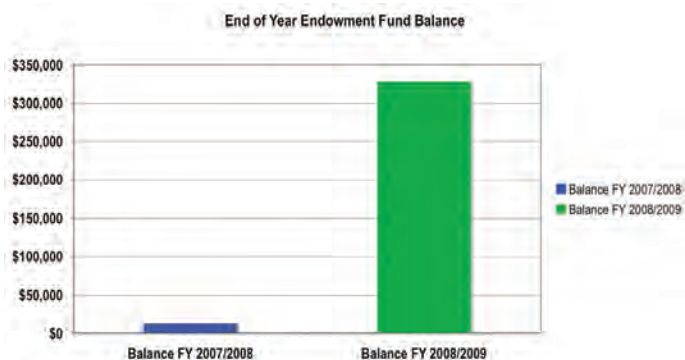


## Our Endowment

Donors who gave **directly** to the Endowment during the current year: James Basile, Ronald Bradshaw, La Salle Academy, Tom and Jill Nerney

Summary of Endowment Fund balances:

Fund Balance FY 2007/2008	\$13,313
Fund Balance FY 2008/2009	\$328,124



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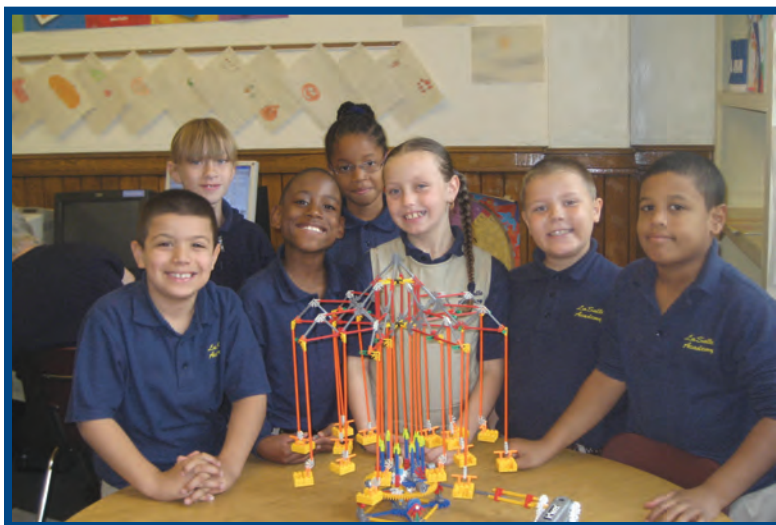


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The Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program has become a significant portion of the donations brought into La Salle Academy. We are very grateful to these companies that donate to LSA through this program for supporting our students' educational costs. These companies are:

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Please contact Megan G. Thomson to learn more about how your business can participate in the EITC program.

## Sponsors of Students

The cost to educate a student at La Salle Academy is approximately \$10,000 per child per year. This includes the Extended Day Program, the Extended Year Program, the salaries of the master teachers on our staff, and various field trips. Every student at La Salle Academy receives an almost full scholarship, though every family does pay a small yearly tuition. Tuition accounts for approximately 1% of our total budget. The Sponsor A Student Program is an important and growing program at La Salle Academy. **The following are generously sponsoring the cost to educate a child at LSA:**

Arthur Burke, Esq.  
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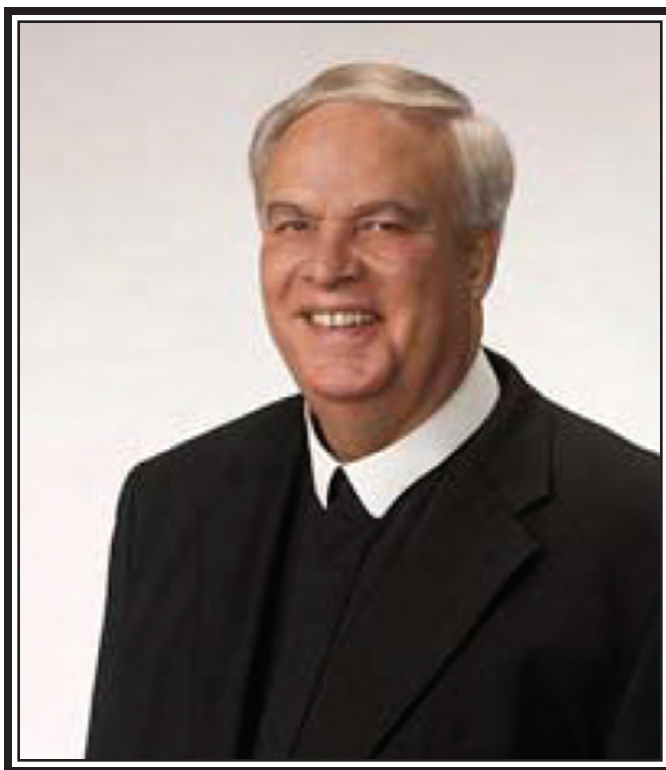
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Brother René Sterner, F.S.C. passed away on Monday, May 11, 2009 after battling cancer. Brother René spent 18 of his 45 years in education as a member of the faculty, administration and president of La Salle College High School.

Brother René relished learning and the process of education. In 2003, Brother René co-founded La Salle Academy. He held LSA close to his heart as it combined his love of Catholic education with his desire to bring a quality Catholic education to all regardless of their economic condition.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle said: ***“You can perform miracles by touching the hearts of those entrusted to your care.”*** Truly Brother René believed in these words. He touched the hearts of everyone at La Salle Academy - the Board of Trustees, the administration, the teachers and the students.

*Thank you and godspeed, Brother René.*



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