



# DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Friend of De La Salle:

Greetings, and well wishes to you and yours.

It is hard to believe our school year is now in its 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, and as our Easter holidays approach, we move to the events that so resonate with high school students and often leave them with their fondest memories: Graduation, Prom, Senior Fun Day, and the last day of school.

Today, I share with you the good news recently bestowed upon De La Salle and its academic program by the College Board.

The College Board is a national membership association with over 6,000 college and high school institutions, and its purpose is to assist and support high school students in their transition to the university and college level.

The College Board oversees the SAT standardized test that many high school students take, and it awards the distinction of National Merit Semi-Finalist on less than the top 1% of high school students nationally who take the PSAT standardized test.

In more recent years, the College Board has identified the high schools throughout the United States whose Advanced Placement (AP) programs have met certain standards of excellence.

As many of you know, Advanced Placement courses are college courses and exams taken at the high school level which can provide the student with earned college credit as based on two criteria: the student's score on a national Advanced Placement test, and the particular college or university's academic policies.

The College Board recently informed us that De La Salle is one of 48 high schools in the state of Louisiana to achieve one of the four distinctions: *Bronze*, *Silver*, *Gold*, or *Platinum*.

De La Salle was named a 2025 AP Honor Roll Recipient *Silver Tier* school.

In the New Orleans metro area, including the North Shore, nine Catholic high schools were recognized, only one of which received a higher distinction than De La Salle. The entire list of Louisiana schools awarded this honor can be accessed [here](#).

The criteria for the *Silver Tier* distinction includes the following (language below taken from the College Board):

College Culture: 50% or more of the graduating cohort took at least 1 AP Exam during high school.

College Credit: 30% or more of the graduating cohort scored a 3 or higher on at least 1 AP Exam during high school (The score of a 3 merits the earning of college credit; the lowest AP Exam score is a 1; the highest is a 5).

College Optimization: 3% or more of the graduating cohort took 5 or more AP Exams during high school. At least 1 of those exams was taken in 9th or 10th grade, so that students are spreading their AP experience across grades rather than feeling disproportionate pressure in any single year.

I sincerely hope that you, like all of us here on campus, share our pride in celebrating this particular honor.

Our philosophy at De La Salle is to encourage not only our most academically advanced students to maximize their gifts through AP coursework, but also those students who have not previously been a part of our AP program or honors curriculum, yet are willing to stretch themselves beyond their own expectations.

We take particular joy in the College Board's recognition of the benefits of our decision to encourage students toward, rather than exclude them from, these courses.

Please accompany me in congratulating our students, our faculty and staff, our Assistant Principal for Academics, Ms. Perry Rogers, and our Principal, Mr. Richard Neider, on this achievement.

With continued pride and faith in the young people of De La Salle, and in the Lasallian charism which infuses our community, I wish you and yours a blessed and peaceful Holy Week and a Happy Easter.

Sincerely,



Paul Kelly '83  
President