



DE LA SALLE ACADEMY



Where Middle School Matters



DLSA

De La Salle Academy (DLSA) is an independent middle school in New York City for academically talented, economically less advantaged students in grades six through eight. We are a diverse community of students commuting from neighborhoods all over the Metropolitan area.

At DLSA, our mission and values are rooted in the Lasallian philosophy that centers social justice education and holds space for the social, emotional, and spiritual development of children. We place a strong emphasis on creating an inclusive community where every student feels valued, respected, and celebrated.

We are proud of our long-standing commitment to providing our students equal access to an affordable world-class independent school education and preparing our emerging young adults with the skills to lead in a diverse and complex world.

DLSA is a member of ISAAGNY, NAIS, NPEA, and NYSAIS and is a registered 501c3.

THE DE LA SALLE DIFFERENCE

91%

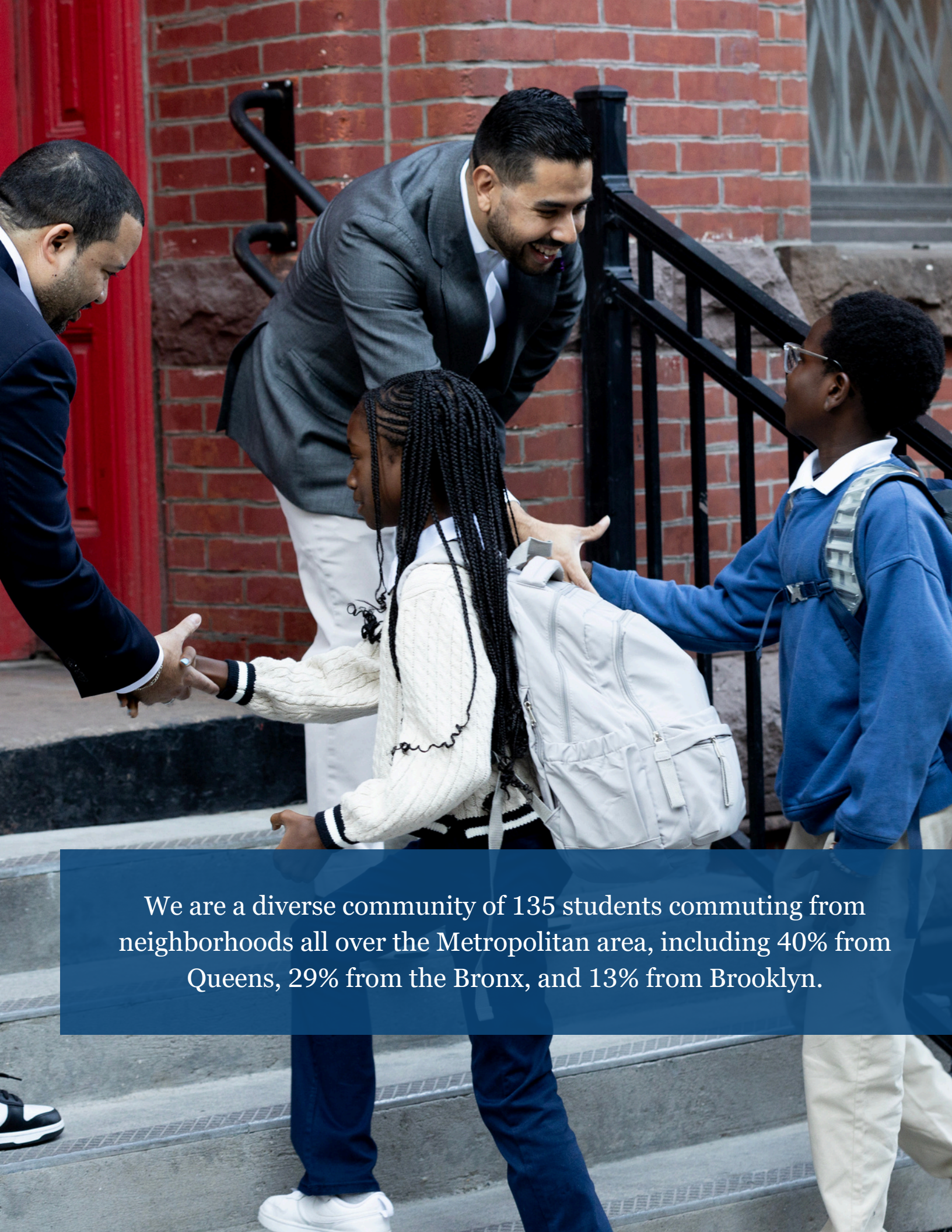
of DLSA
students
identify as
students of
color.

- Dedicated middle school
- Diverse community that embraces and celebrates everyone
- Need-based financial assistance
- Innovative curriculum
- Responsiveness and commitment to student and family
- Individualized academic and social supports
- Preparing students with the social and emotional skills to be leaders
- Personalized high school counseling and college/career access programming



DLSA families are from countries all around the world including: Australia, Bangladesh, Bolivia, China, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Japan, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Senegal, South Korea, Tibet, Trinidad, and Venezuela.

Over 15 languages are spoken in our community.



We are a diverse community of 135 students commuting from neighborhoods all over the Metropolitan area, including 40% from Queens, 29% from the Bronx, and 13% from Brooklyn.

*De La Salle Academy is more than a school.
We are a community with a commitment to each other.*



ACADEMIC LIFE

All students take five core subjects (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Spanish) and a wide range of special topics courses. Every student attends a universal study hall four days a week to receive additional support from teachers, as well as small group tutoring.

In addition to their core subjects, 6th grade students take two foundational courses: Learning to Learn and Introduction to Emotional Intelligence. These courses support their academic, social, and emotional growth as they transition into middle school and high school.

Our teaching methods are diverse and adaptive, designed to meet the unique academic and developmental needs of every student. We work to empower a community of teachers and learners to center both joy and purpose in the learning process. DLSA's academic program invites students to learn in novel ways and connect their learning to the world around them.

Required Courses include:

- **Pre-Algebra and Algebra I**
- **American Studies I and II**
- **Ancient Civilizations**
- **Foundations of Mathematical Thinking**
- **Earth Science**
- **English Language Arts**
- **Living Science**
- **Physical Science**
- **Spanish I, II / Spanish Language Arts**

Special Topics Courses include:

- **Applied Philosophy**
- **Visual Arts**
- **Civil and Human Rights**
- **Drama**
- **Geography**
- **Introduction to Emotional Intelligence**
- **Lab Skills**
- **Learning to Learn**
- **Math Lab**
- **Moral and Ethics**
- **Music**
- **Politics and Society**
- **Personal Narrative Writing**
- **Science and Society**
- **Sociology**

STUDENT LIFE

DLSA offers a wide variety of clubs and programming designed to complement the academic curriculum and provide students with opportunities to explore their interests, develop new skills, and connect with their peers.

Selected activities, clubs, and extracurriculars include:

- **Chess**
- **Choir**
- **Civic Spirit Club**
- **Community Art Club**
- **Crochet Club**
- **De La Salle Magazine**
- **DLSA Debate Club**
- **Drama Club: DLSA Players**
- **Improv Club**
- **Library League**
- **Music Lessons**
- **Painting Club**
- **Young Engineers Club**
- **Intramural Athletics (basketball, judo, rugby, soccer, track)**



NYC AS OUR CLASSROOM



The learning continues beyond our building.



DLSA's location in Times Square enables us to use the City as our classroom. Each year, our students are exposed to a wide range of off-site learning opportunities.

Past experiences have included:

- Broadway shows connected to our ELA curriculum
- A trip to Google to meet with Googlers and learn about careers in technology
- Visiting NYC-based alums in their workplaces
- Attending the Climate Science Fair during NYC Climate Week
- Trips to the American Museum of Natural History, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Frick Collection, the New York Historical Society, the Museum of the City of New York, the New York Aquarium, and the Intrepid Museum
- Exploring Ellis Island
- Indoor skydiving
- Adventure Park

STUDENT SUPPORT



Experts in Middle School Education

At DLSA, we are both a school and a community, renowned for our holistic method of education and our commitment to an individualized approach in recognizing and fostering the individuality of each student.

De La Salle's supportive middle school environment encourages students to take academic risks, explore their interests, and cultivate healthy and positive relationships with their peers and teachers. These relationships serve to support students as they share all of who they are and step fully into their power as scholars and leaders.

Student Support Programming Includes:

- 6th, 7th, and 8th grade retreats
- Advisory/Homerooms
- Individual counseling
- Support groups and partnerships
- Small group tutoring
- Universal study hall
- Community meetings
- High school entrance exam preparation classes



FAMILY LIFE

Family life is an integral part of the DLSA experience. We have learned that a child's success is often linked to their parent/guardian's partnership with the School. The shift to middle school not only affects the student, but the family as a whole. We help families understand what to expect from our school and how DLSA will support their child's educational journey.

Our goal is for families to find value and a sense of belonging in our community. We support and engage our families through our Family Life Committee, community events, child development workshops, guest presentations, parent/guardian retreats, and check-ins throughout the year.





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Tuition at De La Salle Academy is determined after acceptance and is based on a family's ability to pay.

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Nearly 90% of our operating budget is funded by sources other than tuition.



Learning, Leadership, and Legacy

Our goal at DLSA is that upon graduation, every student:

- Possesses strong moral and ethical values.
- Is collaborative, inclusive, and advocates for those on the margins of society.
- Asks critical questions.
- Is a creative problem-solver.
- Embraces multiple perspectives.
- Demonstrates effective leadership and a servant heart.
- Finds joy in learning.
- Is comfortable and proud of who they are.
- Is confident in their abilities and aware of areas for personal growth.
- Is academically and socially prepared for the next step: be it an independent day school, boarding school, Catholic school, or specialized public high school and beyond into their college/university and careers.

PERSONALIZED HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING

De La Salle Academy is committed to providing personalized counseling to support the success of all our students and alums. Our approach to transitioning students to high school is comprehensive and tailored to meet each child's needs. Our priority is to ensure our students are academically and socially prepared for the independent day, boarding, Catholic, and specialized high schools they attend.

We guide families every step of the way as they choose the high school best suited for their child. Our High School Counseling Department provides support and advice to our students and their parents/caregivers through:

- Completing admissions applications
- Preparing for interviews
- Applying for financial aid
- Keeping connected to our alums to support them in their college/career plans



100% of DLSA alums graduate high school

Amherst Pelham Regional High School
Archbishop Molloy High School
Archbishop Stepinac High School
Avenues: The World School
Bard Early College
Bayside High School
Benjamin Cardozo High School
Berkeley Carroll School
Berkshire School
Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School
Brearley School
Bronx Health Sciences High School
Bronx High School of Science
Brooklyn Friends School
Brooklyn Latin School
Brooklyn Technical High School
Browning School
Calhoun School
Cardinal Hayes High School
Cardinal Spellman High School
Cate School
Chaminade High School
Chapin School
Cobble Hill School of American Studies
Colegio Bilingue New Horizons, Santiago
Collegiate School
Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School
Concord Academy
Convent of the Sacred Heart
Cristo Rey New York High School
Dana Hall School
Dominican Academy
Dwight-Englewood School
Episcopal High School
Episcopal School
Ethical Culture Fieldston School
Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Performing Arts
Food and Finance High School
Fordham Preparatory High School
Forest Hills High School Carl Sagan Honors Academy
Friends Seminary
George School
Grace Church School
Groton School
Hackley School
Harmony High School
Harvey School
Health, Education, & Research Occupations High School
Herricks High School
Hewitt School
High School of Art and Design
Horace Mann School
Hotchkiss School
Jamaica Gateway of the Sciences High School
Kent School
Kew Forest School
Klein High School
La Salle Academy
Lawrenceville School
Lehman Manhattan
Leon M. Goldstein High School for the Sciences
Long Island Lutheran High School
Loomis Chaffee
Loyola School
Macy Honors Early College Program at Dewitt Clinton
Manhattan Center for Science and Math
Marymount School
Masters School
Midwood High School: Humanities Institute
Museum School
Nightingale Bamford School
Notre Dame School
Packer Collegiate Institute
Paramus Catholic High School
Peddie School
Phillips Andover Academy
Phillips Exeter Academy
Pine Crest School
Poly Prep Country Day School
Queens High School for the Sciences
Queens High School of Teaching
Regis High School
Riverdale Country Day School
Rye Country Day School
School of the Holy Child
Spence School
St. Barnabas High School
St. Catharine Academy
St. Francis Prep High School
St. Jean Baptiste High School
St. John's Preparatory School
St. Mark's School
St. Vincent Ferrer High School
Staten Island Technical High School
Stuyvesant High School
Susan E. Wagner High School
Taft School
Thacher School
Trevor Day School
Trinity School
Virginia Episcopal School
Westover School
Wilby High School
Xavier High School
Young Women's Leadership School Astoria

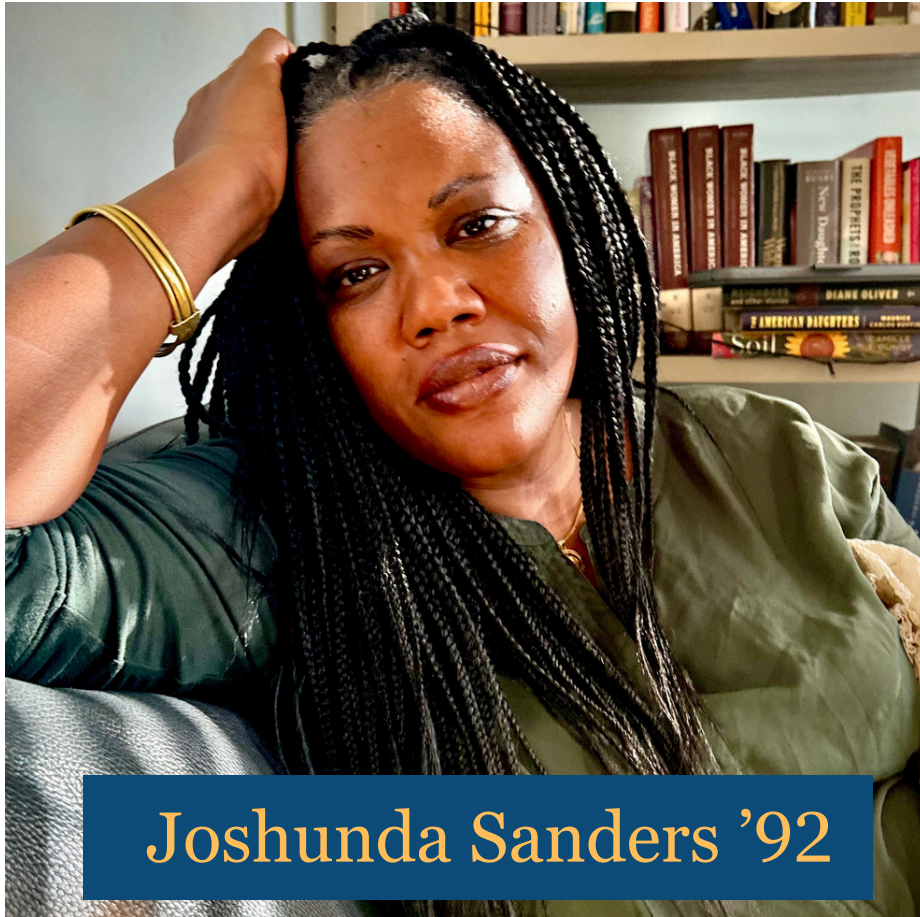
98% of DLSA alums attend college

Adelphi
American University
Amherst College
Babson College
Barnard College
Bates College
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University
Central Maine Community College
City University of New York - Baruch
City University of New York - BMCC
City University of New York - City College
City University of New York - Hunter College
City University of New York - Macaulay Honors College
City University of New York -
 Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education
Colby College
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Cooperative Technical College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Delaware State University
Drexel University
Duke University
Emory University
Empire State College
Fairfield University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Grinnell College
Hamilton College
Harvard University
Haverford College
Hobert and William Smith College
Howard University
Iona University
Johns Hopkins University
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
LeMoyne College
Long Island University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University
Macalester College
Manhattan College
Marist College
Middlebury College
Montclair State University
Morehouse College
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College
New School
New York University
Northeastern University
Northern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Otis College of Art and Design
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Princeton University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Sarah Lawrence College
Scranton University
Scripps College
Skidmore College
Smith College
South Atlanta College
St. John's University
Stanford University
State University of New York - Albany
State University of New York - Binghamton
State University of New York - Farmingdale
State University of New York - Geneseo
State University of New York - Oneonta
State University of New York - Oswego
State University of New York - Polytechnic Institute
State University of New York - Stony Brook
Swarthmore College
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
University of Buffalo
University of Chicago
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of New Haven
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of Virginia
Villanova University
Virginia Military Institute
Washington University - St. Louis
Wesleyan University
West Point
Wheaton College
Widener University
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University

Matriculation list includes Classes of 2016-2020

De La Salle students are the leaders of tomorrow.

With nearly 2,000 alums across the globe, De La Salle Academy cultivates a reciprocal partnership with our network of alums throughout their high school career, college, and beyond. We stay connected with our graduates by providing them opportunities to attend reunions, give back, serve on our board, return as faculty, and mentor the next generations of DLSA students.



Author and journalist Joshunda Sanders '92 visits DLSA, mentors students, and was the featured author at our DLSA alum lecture series!

She recently published her debut novel, *Women of the Post*, which was a finalist for the 2024 Gotham Book Prize. She is also the author of several children's books. She has reported for some of the nation's largest news organizations, including the San Francisco Chronicle and the Houston Chronicle, and her work has appeared in Time, Poets and Writers, The New York Times, Oxford American, and many other publications. She was Press Secretary to the Secretary of Energy during the Obama Administration and Director of Communications in North America for Change.org. She currently works at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in Executive Communications.

"My writing career would not be possible without the values-driven education and care I received at DLSA. I continue to cherish my connection to such a dynamic community of mission, heart-led folks." ~ Joshunda

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