

BIOGRAPHY

The origins of the La Salle Military Academy Alumni Association, of course, have their roots in their Alumni, graduates of the prestigious La Salle Military Academy of Oakdale, Long Island, New York – although the school was actually founded in Westchester, New York in 1883 as Westchester Institute. Soon thereafter, the school relocated to Clason Point in the Bronx, New York, and was renamed Clason Point Military Academy. In 1926, the school purchased the estate of Frederick Gilbert Bourne, of the Singer sewing machine company, which featured a 110-room mansion, Indian Neck Hall, overlooking Great South Bay, Long Island, where it flourished, turning young Cadets into leaders.

The earliest records of the Association show its first president to be John Mersfelder, Class of '07, and he was followed by the likes of Richard Arnold, Class of '33, Michael Lorenzo, Class of '23, and Frank Prial II, Class of '38, These early pioneers likely encouraged gatherings of Alumni to support the Academy's functions, as well as aid in the war effort, and further the ideals taught at Clason Point, and then La Salle.

The Alumni Association was strong at Clason Point, and continued to be so at LSMA into the 1950's, under the liaison work of Brother A. Andrew and Brother B. Philip. The cultivation of Alumni diminished in the late 1950's and 1960's and was renewed in the 1970's. Perhaps because he was an Alum himself, much of this effort can be attributed to Brother Louis DeThomasis, Class of '57, who revitalized the outreach to graduates of "The Long Grey Line." His dedication, along with the efforts of several Alum, most notably Robert Lucchese, Class of '46, Charles Gallo, Class of '52, and Anthony Cutrona, Class of '56, fostered a mutually beneficial symbiotic relationship through the 70's and 80's, and into the 90's. The latter, in fact, made such an impact, that the distinguished alumni award is named in his honor.

Although the Academy unfortunately closed in 2001, it is a testament to her that her alumni continue to meet, celebrate her, and do good works in her name. The Alumni Association is more active than ever, not only having Social gatherings, such as: sports nights; car shows; and culminating in its Annual Reunion, but also demonstrating its philanthropy, benefiting various and varied causes, including: Wounded Warrior Project, Semper Fi, the Beacon House for Homeless Veterans, Molloy College, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and The De La Salle School. "The Long Grey Line" from Oakdale have become the older and wiser Lasallian brothers to The De La Salle School students in Freeport ensuring that the continuity of the Christian Brotherhood that Saint La Salle had envisioned will remain a powerful influence on Long Island.



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Friday, 1 June 2018
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