



Dear Immaculata-La Salle Alumni, Families and Friends,

ach day we have the privilege of enjoying the beauty of our ILS campus and experiencing the uniqueness of our strong Salesian family spirit because of you, our ILS Royal Legacy! Diverse in languages and cultures, we are, as you once were, one heart vibrating with the Salesian Spirit! The heart of our campus still remains our

students and it is they who make our ILS environment unique.

It's uniqueness is in the relationship between our students and their teachers. It is a relationship that encourages confidence, creates an atmosphere of trust and love, opens to dialogue, promotes a love for knowledge, academic excellence and lifelong learning, witnesses to a joyful response to faith and empowers them to be agents of peace.

For the past 60 years Immaculata-La Salle High School, our 'school by the bay' has been transformed into a modern, technologically-advanced institution of learning, while at the same time preserving our Catholic values and school history.

At this moment in time, we are at a crossroads with our Athletic and STEAM programs. We very much need of expanding our athletic and STEAM facilities in order to match the level of excellence we have established in our classrooms.

I am pleased to introduce our 'Building on the Legacy' capital campaign to raise funds for the construction of new athletic facilities and Fine Arts/Technology building at ILS. Coach Van Parsons and Coach Carmen Grosso have graciously agreed to act as honorary chairmen for this aggressive campaign. Coach Parsons and Coach Grosso have a rich personal history with our school, strong ties with our alumni community, and considerable personal investment in the success of our sports programs.

We continue to celebrate 60 years of presence in Miami which has woven a living legacy and a fruitful educational commitment and care at ILS for the formation of young people to be 'good Christians and honest citizens'.

This capital campaign is a sign of our commitment to continue with the same passion, 'Building on the Legacy' for years to come. Thank you for all you have done and for all you continue to do for Immaculata-La Salle...Go Royals!

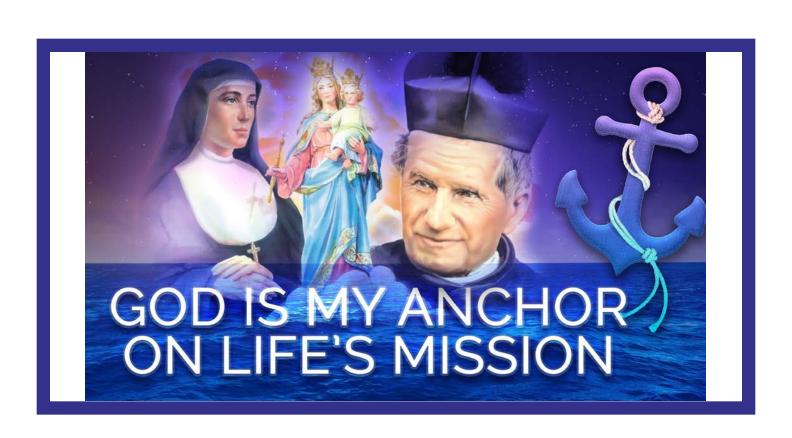
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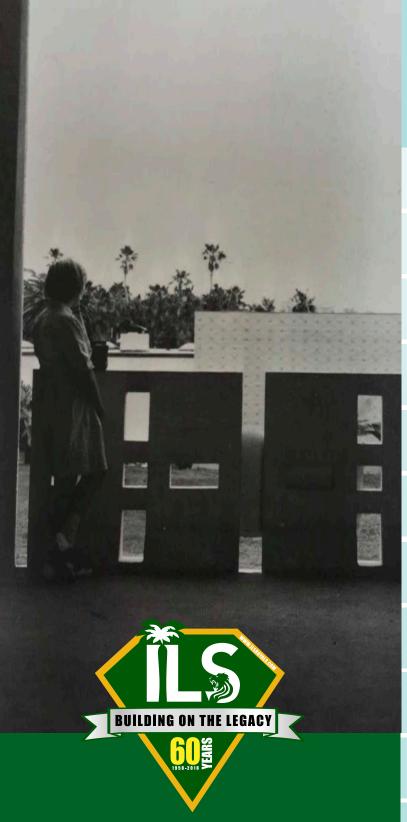
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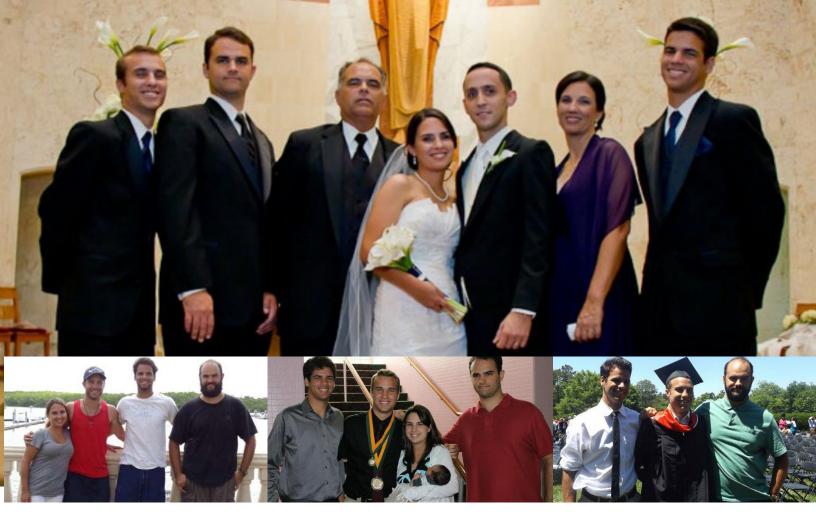
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THE EDUARDO JOAQUIM CERDEIRAS FAMILY

Eddie! Eddie! Eddie! The chant rang out across the American Heritage Delray Schools soccer pitch as beloved ILS trainer, Eddie Cerdeiras jogged on to the field to tend to an injured player. The Boys' Soccer team was playing, far from home, in the Regional Semi-Finals and the outnumbered ILS fans spontaneous outpouring of love and respect for Coach Eddie symbolized our school's admiration for the man.

Coach Eddie Cerdeiras graduated La Salle in 1978, ran track and played Baseball. He participated in one football play in a "Hamburger Drill" during spring practice. A Hamburger Drill lines up an Offensive Lineman and a running back against a Defensive Lineman and a Defensive Back. Coach Eddie was the designated Defensive Back and the Running Back was 1977 La Salle Hall of Famer Tim Brown. Tim Brown slipped the entangled lineman and hit Coach Eddie squarely enough to have him decide at that moment that he was going to stick with Track.

During his senior year, Coach Eddie discovered his life path and he knew that he wanted to be an athletic trainer and to work in Physical Education. He attended Dade College and then FIU getting his Degree in Athletic Training and Physical Therapy. For years he worked in private practice with Outpatient Centers, Hospitals, and with individual clients. In 1984, he married Aimee who was also a Physical Therapist and this marked the beginning of a very special family.

In 1988, Jennifer (Jenny) was born, in 1991, Daniel was born, in 1993 along came Eduardo Joaquim Jr. and finally in 1995, Tomas! Eddie and

Aimee's 4 children all graduated ILS and today, Jennifer and Daniel, both work at ILS.

Jennifer, now Mrs. Bonilla, graduated St. Thomas University with a Bachelors in English Education and a Masters in Theology and she teaches in the Theology Department.

Daniel graduated FIU with a degree in Biology and Wildlife and he works at ILS as our Habitat Coordinator. Eduardo Jr. (EJ) graduated from Belmont Abbey in North Carolina where he ran track. EJ has also taught at St. John Neumann in Naples, our sister Salesian School. Tomas also graduated from Belmont Abby with a Bachelors in Catholic Education and a minor in Sports Management.

Coach Eddie came to ILS in 2007 and in addition to being the Athletic trainer, he teaches a sports medicine class. Aimee coaches Swimming and Track and field and will also be teaching in the Social Studies Department. Eddie and Aimee personify unconditional love and this key ingredient along with their faith guided them in raising 4 successful kids but not without facing a few challenges. When their son Daniel was young he was diagnosed with Autism. Back in the mid 90's, Autism was not as well understood and society not as educated and aware. Unconditional love was at the heart of all of Daniels education and therapy and that came from his parents who knew that along with faith and prayer and through Daniel himself, he would be okay. Today Daniel is a College graduate, a Biologist, a Writer, a Teacher, a Philosopher and a hundred other things that contribute to the good in our world.

The next generation is already underway as grandchildren Ryan-6, Kaelyn-4, and Skylar-2 are in lined up to keep their Grandparents on their toes. The Grandkids are blessed to be surrounded by such family love and the ILS family is also blessed to have the Cerdeiras family as part of our community.



Sr Rosa M. Lopez

Teacher, Coach, Campus Minister, and historian are just some of the roles that Sister Rosa fills for the ILS Community. She is a fixture, bordering on a legend, on the ILS Campus and leads the retreats that are so integral to the education students receive at ILS.

Sister Rosa, a Sister of the Order of St. Joseph of St. Augustine, graduated Immaculata-La Salle in 1979. She was the sixth of nine children born to Roberto Lopez del Valle and Rosa De La Vega Falcon. Her oldest brother Robert, ILS class of 70, and her sister Teresa, ILS class of 72, came as Peter Pan children in 1961. Her parents made the difficult decision to send her brother and sister to the United States because Roberto was approaching the age where he would be forced into the Castro regime's training and indoctrination programs. It was there that the minds of the children would be molded and monitored to ensure solidarity with the communist principles. Sister Rosa's parents, along with hundreds of other parents, put their faith in God and sent their two oldest out.

In Cuba, their mother provided their religious instruction and they went to Mass every Sunday, but the situation was volatile under the Communist regime. The conditions were so grave, that families were taking great risks to leave so the Church made a concerted effort to accelerate the administration of the Sacraments to the children. Sister Rosa was Baptized and Confirmed as a baby, Arturo was Confirmed at 2 years old, Ramon and Carlos received First Communion at 5 and 6 years old and Ramon kept wondering why the Bishop slapped him. The family was reunited in 1965 when she, her father and mother, along with her brothers arrived from Cuba.

Sister Rosa recalls how important and significant a role ILS played in her

and her siblings' lives. Her parents knew that they would receive a solid religious foundation at La Salle, as the school was known then, because they had known the School La Salle in Cuba. Her brother, Roberto graduated ILS in 1970 and her sister, Teresa, graduated in 1972. Carlos attended ILS from 1971-1972 and Ramon graduated class of 1975 with Arturo graduating in 1978. Sister Rosa graduated in 1979 and finally Juan graduated in 1982. This was just the first generation.

When Ramon was looking for a high school for his own children, they decided on ILS which required a commitment of the entire family in part because they lived in Doral and inconveniences and traffic would be an everyday challenge to overcome. Ramon's children, Cristina and Elena graduated in 2000 and 2004 respectfully. Things had changed since Ramon's time. The Sisters of Saint Joseph were no longer there. The teachings of Saint John Bosco were emphasized more and the Salesian Sisters were in charge. What had not changed was the excellence of ILS that not only prepares its students for college but for life with a foundation rooted in faith.

After Sister Rosa graduated, she attended the University of Miami. She knew that she wanted to teach and coach but it was during this time that she began to sense God's call to holiness. She began getting involved in her parish and scripture studies. She spent weekends and days of prayer with different religious orders trying to discern what God was calling her to

After graduating The University of Miami in 1983, she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine. Her life since then has been dedicated to teaching, coaching and Campus Ministry. Sister Rosa leads our religious retreats at ILS for middle schools, and as such has the greatest influence on so many of our young people. Sister Rosa looks to the future under the leadership of the Salesian Sisters who seek to serve the needs of the youth and their families by incorporating and living the Preventative System of Don Bosco. She personifies a school where the young are cared for and encouraged to use their God given talents: where the community flourishes and welcomes all with love and open arms and where unconditional love flows. Sister Rosa brings her faith, her service, and her family's heritage to school with her every day and ILS is blessed to have her.

Mike Parra

Class of 1986



Mike Parra graduated ILS in 1986 and looks back fondly on how fully enriching his time at ILS was. He played Baseball, Basketball, Football and was a Christian Ministry Leader. He was inducted into the ILS Sports Hall of Fame in 2017 for Baseball. With such a full plate, it's no wonder that Mike has a full spectrum of vivid memories to call upon but his fondest memories are reserved for the Christian Leadership Retreats. He described them as simply amazing and unforgettable.

First and foremost, in Mike's life is his faith in Christ and he is blessed being married to his amazing wife, Barbie Parra. They have been married for over 25 years and are the parents of two children, Stephanie, 23 and Michael, 21. Stephanie is married and has given Mike and Barbie their first two grandchildren, Kennedy, 2.5 years old and Kaeden, a newborn.

Michael is attending FSU and preparing to become a lawyer.

Alter graduation from ILS in May of 1986, Mike started college at Miami Dade and ultimately ended up graduating from Duke university's Fuqua School of Business. He started his business career in the transportation industry and spent 10.5 years with TNT Express and the last 22.5 years with DHL Express. Mike's success can be directly attributed to the quality and strength of his character. He is no ordinary employee but rather the CEO of DHL Express Americas Region with the responsibility of over 23,000 employees. His position is a testament to his leadership, talent and hard work, all skills he honed at ILS.

Mike is truly a humble man who knows he is blessed and as such works to give back to others. He works closely with TECHO, an organization sponsored by DHL, that mobilizes young people to empower families living in poverty to transform slums into thriving communities across Latin America. He works with SOS Villages whose mission it is to build families for children in need. He is the Director of Guest Services at his Church in Palmetto Bay, serving every Sunday.

Mike's advice to today's ILS students is to be patient, dedicate time to one's cause, work with integrity and commitment and be devoted to God and to balancing work and life. Today's ILS students need to look no further than Mike Para to see what a good and decent hard working person can achieve in life.



Los Primeros Graduados del High School de La Salle de Miami

JOSE ARELLANO

"Study hard, work harder, do not be afraid to take risks and never look back." Jose Arellano 2018

These are words of wisdom for today's ILS students from one of the six founding students of La Salle High School. In 1961, the Castro regime closed the Catholic Churches in Cuba and expelled all religious orders. This left The Christian Brothers of La Salle, a Roman Catholic religious teaching order, with nothing but their garments. Upon their arrival in Miami, The Brothers were greeted by alumni and supporters from the Cuban exile community, among them were Jose Arellano, his cousin Eduardo Arellano, and friend Oscar Bustillo. The teenagers had come to the realization that their lives in Cuba were in the past and that they needed to move on in America.

The three friends, along with Benny Benach, Nestor Machado, and Eduardo Sanchez and guided by some unknown force, met with Bishop Coleman Carroll and convinced him of the need to build La Salle High School in Miami. The six friends went further and raised funds from the Cuban exile community to support their cause. Two weeks after they met with Bishop Carroll, he informed the young men that the land and money was available and La Salle was built in an amazing ninety-days.

During this same time period, the Catholic Church spear-headed Operation Peter Pan which helped parents get their children out of Cuba and away from a regime that was conscripting children as young as 12 years old to serve in the military. Over 15,000 kids came out of Cuba, during Operation Peter Pan, and The Church saw the need to educate and provide for the spiritual upbringing of these young refugees. Many of the 15,000 "Peter Pan Kids" settled in Miami and attended La Salle.

In 1962, Jose Arellano was one of 30 members of the first graduating class of La Salle High School and all 30 members went on to college. Jose was

a member of the first Student Council, the first Basketball Team and the first Baseball Team that reached the State-semis with a record of 10-2. He recalls how a young student had run away from home and was living in the Vizcaya mangroves, dressed as Tarzan and using a bow and arrow to hunt for food. Brother Roque asked a few of the seniors to find him and though there was a fear of being shot by an arrow, they found and brought the young man back to school. In the process, the boys found the Moon Temple hidden under bushes and covered with Pine needles and mangroves and now a historically protected sight on the ILS campus.

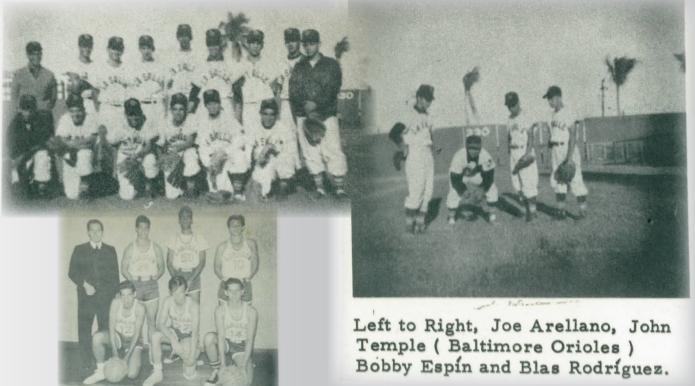
Jose graduated Defiance College in Ohio in 1967 with a degree in Business Administration and a minor in Economics but not before being named First Team, NAIA All-American Linebacker and leading the football team to an undefeated season (9-0) with the number 1 ranked defense in the nation. Jose also won 11 US National Titles and 4 World Titles in Sculling/Rowing.

Upon graduation, he went to work for Marathon Oil in Findlay, Ohio. In 1973, he moved back to Miami to marry Marianne Pichardo (Immaculata Academy, class of 1966). He accepted a job as an oil trader for Ven-Fuel Inc., a Subsidiary of Corporacion Venezolana del Petroleo. He later built an oil refinery in Mobile, Alabama and eventually established his own oil trading firm, Leader Energy Corp.

Jose has been the past President of La Salle Alumni Association (Cuba), La Salle Foundation, the Director of the Miami Rowing Club, President Defiance College Board of Trustees and volunteer football coach at ILS under legendary head Football Coach Willy Trimmer. He has been inducted into 4 Halls of Fame and two of his four children graduated from ILS-Gaston (06) and Diana (08). Gaston has accepted a position at ILS as Director of Campus Operations and Diana has graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in communications and now works for a public relations firm with clients in Mexico, the Caribbean and Central America.

Two of the six students who founded La Salle have passed away. (Eduardo Arellano and Benny Benach). Jose and the remaining 3 founding students get together at least once a month and to this day they wonder what force guided them and how they were able to accomplish so much and create one of the top high school prep programs in the country.





ILS WELCOMES...



Athletic Director Nicholas Fernandez

ILS welcomes Nicholas Fernandez as our new Athletic Director. Armed with

a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education from The University of South Florida and a Masters of Sports Science Administration from St. Thomas University, he is poised to take ILS Athletics into the future.

Nicholas was most recently the Athletic Director of Saint Agnes Academy and has worked across all spectrums of Athletics and Sports Administration. Nicholas is the younger brother of ILS Alum and current Girls' Basketball Coach and English teacher, David Fernandez. Together, the brothers are a formidable force.

ILS welcomes Nicholas Fernandez to the family and we look forward to the future of ILS Athletics.



Coach Pata New Royal Lions Head Football Coach

Coach Edwin Pata arrived at ILS in the spring of 2018 as our new Head Football Coach replacing the departing Coach Dillon. Coach Pata is a native Miamian having graduated North Miami High School in 2001 and beginning his collegiate career as a tight end for the FIU Golden Panthers. He completed his college playing days at Florida State University where he also began his coaching career.

Starting out as a volunteer on the FSU coaching staff, Coach Pata's drive and abilities propelled him upward and onward. In 2007, he became the Tight End and Offensive Assistant coach for Florida A & M University.

Three years later, Coach Pata moved to FIU as a graduate assistant Line coach and subsequently returned to Florida A & M as an offensive coach and, most recently, interim head coach.

Adding to Coach Pata's impressive athletic resume are his academic achievements and his dedication to the student athlete. Coach holds two Bachelor degrees from Florida State, one in Criminal Justice and one in Political Science. He also earned a Master of Science in Sports Administration from Florida A & M University. His dedication to education is second to none and he will hold his student athletes to a high academic standard.

Coach Pata's vision for his team and his student athletes is to win. Both on and off the field, Coach Pata is dedicated to winning and to building in our student athletes the skills, mindset and character to succeed in all aspects of life.

Coach Pata, along with his wife, Daphney are the parents of four daughters, Ellone – six years old, Dallas-three years old, Eres- two-year-old and Daelynn Gabrielle who was born on October 2nd.

Immaculata-La Salle is excited to have Coach Pata on board and we welcome him and his family to the ILS family. Go Royal Lions!



Coach Michael Pena

Coach Michael Pena grew up in Northern New Jersey and graduated North Bergen High School in 2003. In the summer after graduation, Coach Pena enrolled at Rutgers University and made the University's football team as a walk on. Coach Pena played wide receiver and in 2005 transferred to and played for Montclair State University.

Following graduation from Montclair State in 2007 with a degree in communications, Coach Pena returned to his high school for his first coaching job as he took the reins of the girls track team. The following season, he joined the football team coaching staff and in 2011, North Bergen High School won the state championship in football.

Coach Pena holds several titles and duties at ILS. In addition to being the Director of Football Operations and Defensive Backs coach, he is also the head Lacrosse Coach. Adding to his responsibilities is the full class load that coach Pena teaches. He is certified grades 6 – 12 to teach Earth Space Science and is a member of the ILS Science Department.

ILS is fortunate that Coach Pena fell in love with his wife, Maria who was raised in Miami and is an alumnus of Southwest Miami High school in Miami-Dade County. The family moved to Miami in 2013 and Coach Pena and his wife, Maria are the proud parents of two children, their son Logan who is 4 years old and their daughter Lexi who is 1 year old.

The ILS family welcomes Coach Pena and his family. Go Royal Lions!

ILS DEBATE TEAM!



1. Senior debaters at graduation with moderator J.C. Moya (right) and ILS Valedictorian Maria Rocio de Velilla (left).

Immaculata-La Salle Debate Team Continues its Dominance

It was a phenomenal year for the Immaculata-La Salle Royals Debate Team. Once again, an ILS Royals debater was the Valedictorian of Immaculata-La Salle's graduating class. Public Forum debater Maria Rocio de Velilla, was our school's third consecutive valedictorian. This also marks the fifth year in row that an ILS Royals debater was our school's valedictorian or salutatorian.

This past year, ILS debaters took some of the top spots in their district, and we qualified two students for the Florida Forensics League State Championship Tournament. Senior Matheus Marquez-Sterling competed hard to earn a spot in International Extemporaneous Speaking, and Junior, Valentina Alaimo represented ILS in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. On President's Day weekend, the ILS Royals Debate Team travelled for the 10th straight year to the annual Harvard University Invitational Debate Tournament. Our students competed against the best debaters in the country, and came home with winning records!

Throughout the busy 2017-2018 season, Junior, Isabella Fraguio, and Sophomores, Isabella Perez, and Olivia and Sophia Kish, established themselves

as strong Public Forum debaters. Senior and team captain, Cristina Hernandez, proved herself to be a formidable Congressional Debater and a highly respected leader. Cristina, also became the third debater in ILS history to earn a Degree of Distinction from the NSDA Honors Society. This is quite a list of accomplishments!

This past year the debate team graduated seven seniors. Graduates Sofia Herrera, Cristina Hernandez, Samuel Lozano-Briceno, Gloria Gonzalez, Matheus Marquez-Sterling, Ronald Sauer, and Maria Rocio de Velilla, comprised what was one of the best graduating classes of debate team members. Their presence, excellence and leadership, will be missed. Of course there are new members who are ready to take the lead. Rising Juniors, Julia Taquechel, Isabella Perez, Cesar Camacho, Sophia Kish and Olivia Kish, and rising Seniors, Rein Smith and Isabella Fraguio, will work to make the 2018-2019 season our best ever.

ILS Royals Debate Team members are the best of the best, and that's one thing that no one can debate!



Baseball Team

The ILS Baseball team finished the 2017-2018 season with a record of 10-13. They moved on in the playoffs defeating St. Brendan 6-5 before falling to Monsignor Pace 6-2 in the District Semi Final. Two Key wins during the season highlighted the growth of the 2017-2018 squad. The first came against Mater Lakes 3-2, marking the first time in school history that ILS, in District play, defeated Mater Lakes who were ranked in the top ten in the Miami Dade county power rankings. The second big win came against Miami Christian, ranked in the top five, and occurred on the opponent's home field during their senior night celebration; an 8-6 win in an unfriendly environment.

Season standouts include Pitcher Raul Mollera, 5 wins with an ERA of

3.56 and 52 strikeouts; Sophomore Phenom, Roy Waterman, with a .396 Batting Average, 20 RBI'S, 6 doubles and 17 runs scored; Angel Marcano .328 Batting Average with 11 RBI'S; Andy Quintana .323 Batting Average, 9 RBI'S, 5 Doubles and 6 stolen bases; Yiovanni Matias 12 stolen bases, 20 runs scored, 2 home runs and Hansel Monleon, .314 Batting Average and .453 On Base Percentage.

Seniors moving on to play at the collegiate level include, Raul Mollera and Harley Lohuis to Saint Thomas University; Omar Almodovar and Hansel Monleon to De Anza College and Javier Alvarez to Lewis and Clark University.





BOYS BASKETBALL

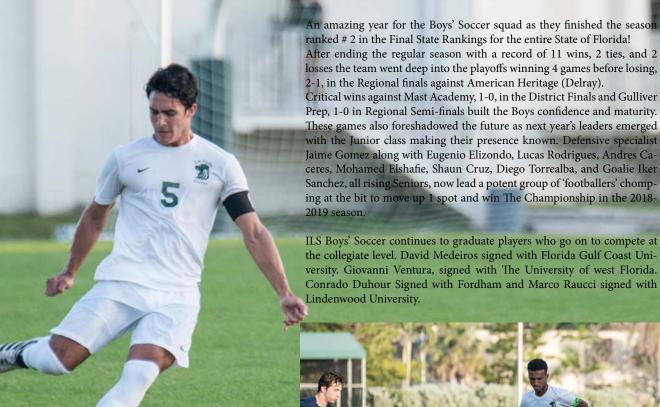
The 2017-18 boys' basketball season was a year of transition with only four returning players from the prior season. Our team did a great job adapting to a new system and competing against some of the best competition in South Florida. Under new first year Head Coach Derrick de la Grana, this group of boys did a great job adapting to Coach de La grana's style and helping him acclimate to ILS.

for the All-Tournament Team of the Adidas Holiday Slam Tournament. Emilio Ramirez and Nicholas Goff did a great job transitioning from JV to Varsity.

Giancarlo Rice and Alex Cicilia gained tremendous experience this season and stand poised to lead the Royal Lions Basketball squad next year.











ILS FOOTBALL

Following the successful 2016-2017 season, the Royal Lions suffered a setback owing in part to the loss of several senior players due to graduation, injuries or transfers. ILS continued its tradition of sending players off to play at the collegiate level as Seniors Daniel Burke signed with Ave Maria University, Justin Diaz signed with St. Johns and Cameron Ryals signed with St. Thomas University.

Climbing to fill the leadership role is rising senior Jimmy Vargas, a throwback player who has started since his Freshman year and who plays both sides of the ball. In addition to anchoring both the offensive line and defensive line, Jimmy also qualified for the shotput in the State finals and so the future is

in the hands of a player who personifies leadership by example.

Joining New Head Coach, Edwin Pata, is Michael Pena as director of Football Operations. Coach Pena will also oversee Linebackers and wide receivers. D'Andre Mickens, an alumnus, who helps out in the summer camps coaching Linebackers and Running backs. Coach Eric West returns to coach Defensive backs and specialteams and Coach Rafi Montalvo, also an alumnus, coaches' quarterbacks. The revamped and retooled Royal Lions head into next season eager to start of the Coach Pata era with a bang.









The girls Soccer squad finished the season with an 11-8 record. The team started off very strong, then got hit with the injury bug, losing 2 starters with season-ending knee injuries. The ILS Girls never shied away from playing tough competition, as we played one of the toughest schedules in the state. This included close losses this year to the class 5A state champion, Lourdes; class 4A state semi-finalist, Archbishop McCarthy; class 2A regional finalist, Gulliver, and class 1A state runner-up, Miami Country Day.

The young squad, having only 2 seniors, experienced a heartbreaking 1-0 loss to Ransom Everglades in the District final. Despite dominating the game. Ransom, whose team was led by 6 seniors, was able to score a goal in the last 5 minutes of the game and ILS lost another key player to season ending injury.

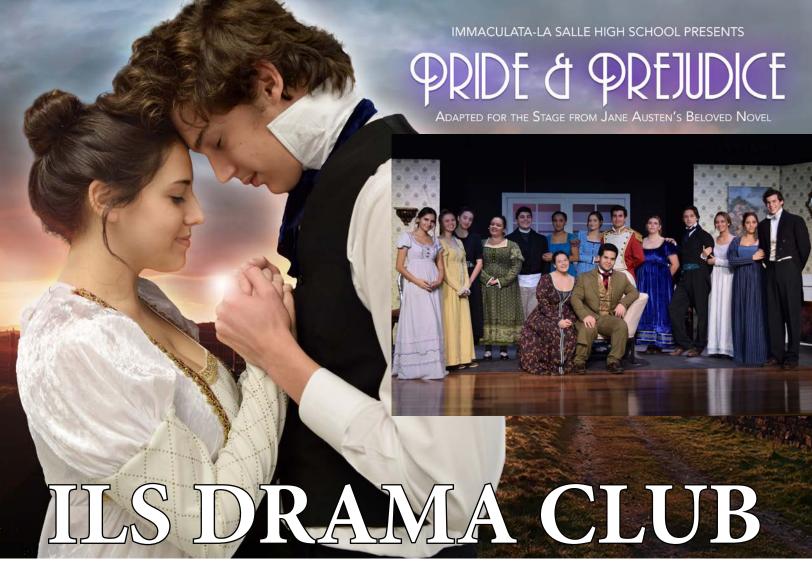
The next game, the regional quarterfinals, pitted the girls against rival Carrollton. The ladies jumped out to an early 2-0 lead, and held a 2-1 lead at the half. Again, a game ending injury to the team MVP, Kiki Maribona, proved to be the downfall as the team ran out of gas and lost another heartbreaker 3-2, thus ending the season.

The girls received many accolades and the great season did not go unnoticed. Captains Olivia Flood and Sofia Miyares were both selected to represent ILS in the Miami-Dade County Senior All-Star game. Junior Kiki Maribona was selected as 1st Team All-County; sophomore Anabel Toledo was selected 2nd Team All-County; and junior Amanda Santin was selected 3rd Team All-County.

Having only 2 seniors on the team this year, many of the younger girls received valuable playing time. This puts The ILS Girls Soccer squad in great position to have a memorable season next year. Expectations are high for Head Coach Anthony Vuono and assistant Coach Dilenia Gomez and the girls are looking forward to the challenge of adding more trophies and restoring ILS soccer as one of the most dominate girls' soccer programs in Miami Dade County.

Alumni currently playing at the collegiate level include; Nicole Baldassini (15) – New Jersey Institute of Technology; Flor Baldassini (16) – Stetson University; Karina Santin (17) – Rollins College; Nikki Maribona (17) St. Thomas University.

GO ROYALS!



This year the drama club, under the directorship of Mrs. Lianne Rodriguez, put on two major productions: Pride and Prejudice and Shrek The Musical. Though Hurricane Irma set back the rehearsal schedule for Pride and Prejudice by two weeks. This disruption taught our student thespians the valuable lesson that plans don't always go smoothly and that by pulling together and disciplining themselves, they can overcome obstacles. Pride and Prejudice opened mid-December to rave reviews. Senior Mariana Gonzalez distinguished herself as Mrs. Bennet and Elena Torrens shone as Elizabeth Bennet.

Shrek opened on the ILS stage in April and the musical presented many technological challenges but thanks to Maestro (I.T. technology wizard) Mr. Eric Taggart, the technical production was flawless and the ILS stage transformed. The chemistry was evident between veteran and seasoned

ILS performers Claudio Pietrobelli and Elena Torrens who masterfully played off each other as Shrek and Donkey sparred throughout the performance. The soaring voices of Sofia Barreto as Fiona and Elizabeth Pacheco as the Dragon rounded out the powerful performance.

In addition to the shows, the Drama Club hosts an annual, Halloweenthemed Charity event. This year, they created a Twilight Zone escape room. Students bought tickets to enter the Black Box in small groups and solve the room's clues before time expired! All proceeds from the event (over \$300!) provided relief for victims of Hurricane Irma in Puerto Rico.

It was a very successful year for Drama Club. Their hope is to continue to grow and foster artistic expression and performance at ILS for years to come!





GIRLS BASKETBALL

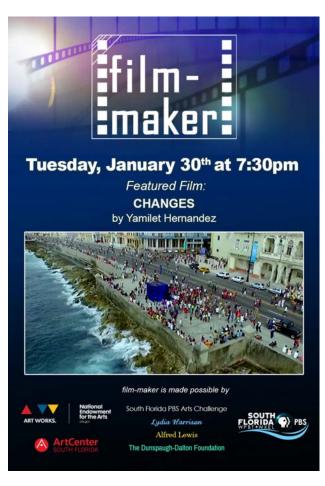
The ILS Lady Royals Lions basketball team embarked on a rebuilding season in 2017-2018, and finished the year with a 9-14 record and lost in the first round of the state district playoffs. Fourth year head coach David Fernandez (class of 1998) was joined this year by a pair of new assistants, Katie Tillman and Carolina Lopez, also both alumni of ILS class of 2014. The team featured 5 freshmen, 4 of which were major rotational players.











Teacher Spotlight: Yamilet Hernandez

This year Yamilet released her first ever documentary, "Changes", which profiles the evolution of Cuba's contemporary art scene. The Public Broadcasting Company South Florida (PBS) aired the film as part of its Film – Maker Series and now has a four-year license for airing "Changes".



Yamilet's intention was for the film to document a forgotten era in Cuban art history and to reunite the Cuban artists from that time, many of whom were forced to leave for creating art the government considered counterrevolutionary. Yamilet wanted to capture the Cuban artists engaging the public in their dialogue and to encourage art fans to advocate for greater cultural engagements with Cuba.

Teacher Spotlight: Elena Capablanca

Elena was one of a select few of FIU alumni who was invited to display her works at the FIU 2018 Art Education Master's Alumni Exhibition. This honor was bestowed upon alumni who have distinguished themselves as professional artists and art educators.

In addition, Elena was also invited to display her art at the Presidential House on the main campus of FIU. The Ronald W. Reagan Presidential

House opened on December 2, 2001 near the east edge of the University Park (now Modesto A. Maidique) campus of FIU. Reagan House is named in honor of our nation's 40th president.

The house serves as the home of FIU President and hosts many faculty, student, and alumni events for the University community. Past visitors to Reagan House include religious leaders such as His Highness the 14th Dalai Lama and heads of state such as Colombian President Alvaro Uribe and the President of the Czech Republic, Vaclav Havel.

ILS is proud that Elena's work is viewed by world leaders and dignitaries.

Teacher Spotlight: Maria Questa

Few ILS alumni can hold a candle to the achievements of Maria as a student. Athlete of the year 12th grade; Member of The Honor Society and The English Honor Society; Member of Rho Kappa; Honor roll; Captain of the Volley ball team – junior and senior year; 4-year varsity member of both Track and Volleyball; Track and Field records in 4X1 and 4X4; Second Team All Miami Dade County- volleyball; 2013 Outstanding Athlete Award – Miami Dade County and the prestigious Don Bosco Royal Lion Award.



Maria graduated ILS in 2013 and graduated FIU with a Bachelors in English Education. After coaching in a league and teaching at Southwest Miami Senior High School Maria joined the ILS faculty as an English teacher and girls Volleyball and Track and Field Coach.

Maria often gets confused for one of the students and many of her teachers who are now her colleagues continue to be amazed by her. She is admired by her students and her athletes, respected and beloved by her peers and an example of all of the good that ILS produces.

The ILS Royal Lions welcome back one of our own and we are proud to have Maria as our teacher, our coach and a shining example of all that is good about ILS.

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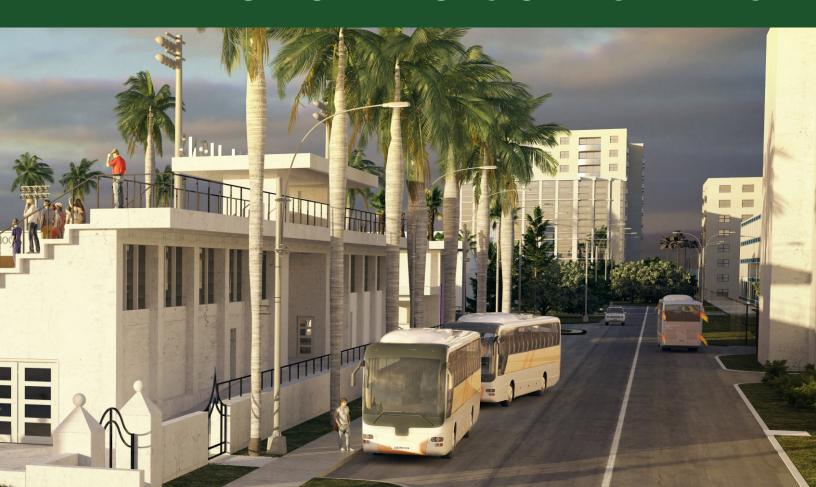
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ILS Robotics Club

This year, Bosco's Bots, the ILS Robotics Club took a year off from competition to gather together and improve their skills. Instead of building a competition robot, they cut their teeth on larger projects, namely Farmbot and prop making. Bosco's Bots also elected their first ever executive board with Matheus Marquez-Sterling (c/o 2018) as president.

Farmbot (kindly named QT-20 by the students) is an open source CNC (Computer Numerical Control) farming robot, made to plant and care for crops through all seasons tirelessly. It has been built and will be installed early next year. The next step of the project will be to have the farm, begin work on caring for plants, as well as taking it "off the grid." This objective aligns with the Class of 2020's goal to make ILS a more environmentally

friendly campus. Farmbot will be run on solar power and all water for the plants will be provided by rain barrels.

This year the Robotics Club also dove into their first foray in prop making for this year's Drama club production of Shrek the Musical! They provided a few small props such as Pinocchio's nose, but their magnum opus was the head for the Dragon. The students enjoyed the project so much that going forward, the senior design project will collaborate with the Drama Department on future productions.

This project brings all the letters of "STEAM" together and allows students to collaborate and communicate with their colleagues and teachers alike.











Seems like the dragon has tooth decay











Head Coach Aimee Cerdeiras was excited this year about Junior Jacqueline Goggins, who transferred into ILS this past year, and qualified for Regionals in Diving.

The girls' swim team made great progress this year, Senior Paloma Sanchez and Junior Gabriella Antonini qualified for both of their events at the State Meet in Stuart FL. Paloma broke the school records in both the 50 Freestyle and 100 Freestyle, swimming 24.09 and 52.21 respectively. Paloma will be continuing her career in college and has signed with FIU.

Gabriella, as a Junior, broke the school records in the 100 Backstroke and 100 Butterfly, turning in times of 57.32 and 56.99 respectively. Paloma and Gabriella along with Sophomore Saleen Grave de Peralta and Fresh-

man Ava Chandler qualified for the 400 Free Relay at the Regional Meet. The girls' team is young and talented with rising Juniors and Sophomores ready to lead next year's team.

As for the boys' team, Senior Francisco "Pancho" Beron Vera qualified for Regionals in both the 200 Free and 100 Fly. He was chased, all season long, by his younger brother, Freshman, Pedro Beron Vera who won Districts in the 100 Backstroke and also qualified for Regionals in the 100 Butterfly. Freshman Yohance Forde also qualified for the Regional Meet in the 200 IM. All three swimmers along with Junior Daniel Perez and Senior Santiago Martinez-Moure qualified the 200 Medley and 400 Freestyle Relays. The ILS Swim and Dive Team are looking forward to next year's season with great anticipation.















Ken Lambert

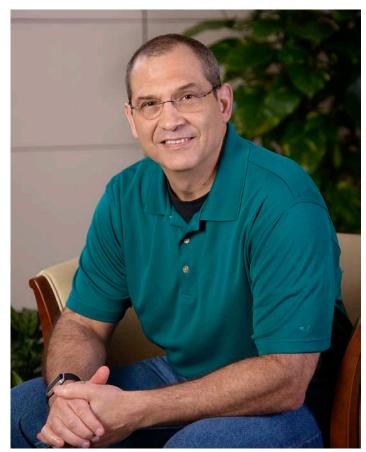
Class of 1979

Imagine working at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory on planetary probes, including Galileo (Jupiter orbiter), Magellan (Venus Orbiter), and Pathfinder (Mars rover), or being part of the team that developed internet routers for technology giant Cisco, and you will imagine just a small part of Ken Lambert's life.

Blessed with his wonderful wife, Tammie, and two fantastic daughters, Ken's Catholic faith is central to his life, Tammie is an operating room nurse, and is heavily involved with the Catholic community – both with the children's school, and youth ministry. Both of Ken and Tammie's daughters attended Catholic school from kindergarten through high school. Their oldest, Melanie, is studying Computer Science and Math at Appalachian State University, and their youngest, Lea, is a Sophomore at Cardinal Gibbons Catholic High School in Raleigh, NC, where the family makes their home.

After graduating ILS in 1979, Ken attended Carnegie Mellon University, where he obtained his BS in Electrical / Computer Engineering and subsequently his MBA in Management and Economics from Pepperdine University in California. In addition to working at NASA and Cisco, Ken has led numerous engineering teams for various companies and continues today to consult and lead engineering teams on leading edge software technologies.

True friendship is dear to Ken's heart and he reflects on how in times of great stress or grief, he has been comforted by his ILS family. He has lived in Pittsburgh and in California, and currently resides in North Carolina, and no matter where he lives, the ILS family reaches out to him offering prayer and support. Some of the fondest memories he holds are hanging out with his football teammates, and getting in trouble for playing basketball with their full football uniforms on. He holds a special place in his heart for his lifelong friend from ILS, Tony Labra. They graduated La Salle together, were roommates in college, and the best man at each other's weddings. Their families have vacationed together, and today they



attend annual La Salle reunions together. He recalls how he, Tony Labra, and Carlos Miyares got in trouble for ripping up the attendance sheet in Mrs. Masciello's English class. He gives credit to Coach Grosso, as well as his other coaches, and La Salle teachers, for shaping him with life lessons and instilling in him a powerful driving faith and determination that has led to the success he enjoys in his personal, professional, and spiritual life.

CLASS OF 1977 REUNION AND COMMEMORATION





Jorge Guarch Jr,



J, as most people know him, after his mom started calling him that because he was a Junior to his father, graduated ILS in 1977. He followed his sister Lynn, who graduated in 1973 and subsequently watched his daughter, Patricia, graduate ILS in 2007. J is married to the former Delia Wise who is also an alumnus and a graduate of ILS's class of 1979. Delia was one of four sisters and a brother who attended ILS and three out of the four sisters all met their husbands at ILS and all have been married for over 33 years, J and Delia for over 35 years. Additionally, all three of the husbands were graduates of St. Michael Elementary School. During his career at ILS, J. played football and was one of the starting wide receivers his Senior year. He also was a track and field athlete who won the award his Senior year for most outstanding track athlete. He served as an assistant ILS track coach for two years after he graduated and has been inducted into the ILS Athletic Hall of Fame. Today J limits his athletic endeavors to his passion for the game of golf, which he has had the pleasure of playing in many parts of the world.

After graduation from ILS, J. obtained his Associates Degree from Miami Dade College and then transferred to Florida State University where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Business. J. then went to work and over the next four years worked for a couple of companies, the most notable of which was the Polaroid Corporation. J was on the fast track in one of the premier companies in the world when he and Delia made the decision to for him go to law school. By this time, he and Delia were married but hadn't had any children yet so with her agreement and support they both quit their jobs, Delia is and was a Miami-Dade County School teacher. They packed up and moved to Tallahassee and J entered law school. He graduated law school in 1988 and went to work for at that time one of the largest law firms in the world Kelly Drye & Warren. He worked there for two years and then, along with Fernando Aran and Danny Correa opened up the law firm of Aran Correa & Guarch P.A. Each of the three put \$5,000.00 into the pot and the rest as they say is history as one of Miami's premier small law firms was born. That firm is still in existence today and bears the Guarch name but

J retired from the law practice a couple of years ago and now is more of an entrepreneur and investor, building and owning UPS stores, amongst other projects which include Miami Sports Management LLC, an agency that represents Major League Baseball players. J comments on the profound and lifelong personal relationships that he has developed over the years and he reserves a special place for his former law partners whom he considers to be amongst his most valued relationships.

The worst fears of every parent were visited upon J and Delia when two months after their daughter, Patricia, graduated from NYU, she was struck by a car and suffered horrific injuries. Patricia had been volunteering with a nonprofit organization specializing in the Arts, on Martha's Vineyard, when she was struck by a car driven by an 85-yearold pediatrician. The injuries were devastating. Patricia's pelvis was shattered, and she suffered a broken neck and clavicle, along with several other injuries. Patricia was airlifted to Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, the hospital where the most severely injured from the Boston Marathon were taken. There she underwent several major surgeries. The most remarkable thing about this ordeal was Patricia herself. She made as full a recovery as could be expected but more amazingly, she invited the pediatrician who had struck her to visit with her in the hospital as she recovered. Patricia understood that it was an accident. There was no alcohol or drugs involved; it was just an older man who had been driving himself back from dinner when he struck her. The family also learned that the doctor had been driving himself back and forth from Boston to receive treatment for cancer. Through all of the pain and trauma of recovery, Patricia's compassion and forgiveness shone through, and that is not only a testament to her character but also to that of her parents who raised her, and a reflection on the values ILS helped build in them. In relaying this story, J. couldn't help but marvel at the strength and fortitude that Delia showed staying by her daughter's bedside for over three months, without ever leaving, until they brought her home. Patricia recovered and today is happily married and a successful entrepreneur.

J. also has a son, Jorge III, who graduated Belen High School in 2010 and subsequently graduated from FSU. Today, Jorge lives in Brooklyn, N.Y. and works with Grammy Award winning producer, Brian Barton. Brian Barton was one half of the duo that made up the group Gnarls Barkley. The other member of the group, was Ceelo Green. Jorge has also recently released two original songs and has found his passion in life. J takes great pride in both his children. For many older Miamians, and especially for many older Cuban Americans, the name Guarch is revered. J's father, the Senior Jorge Guarch, selflessly and virtually single handedly took it upon himself to meet all of the Pedro Pan kids that arrived from Cuba in the Catholic Welfare Bureau sponsored operation that saw thousands of Cuban parents send their young children off to America alone and unaccompanied. Just before the inception of the formal Operation Pedro Pan, Jorge Sr. was walking in the Miami airport and he saw an American woman walking with two young Hispanic looking boys. The lady was carrying suitcases and Jorge Sr asked the boys if they were Cuban and if the suitcases were theirs. The boys

answered that they were, Jorge Sr. "sternly" asked what kind of gentlemen would allow a lady to carry the luggage-they carried their own luggage from that moment on and that led to Jorge Sr. meeting Father Walsh, later Monsignor Walsh, who led the exodus program. He got involved and Jorge Sr. subsequently met virtually every freedom flight that brought these young Cuban kids to Miami. As the kids came in, he would pick them up and take them where they needed to go. There were two camps for the refugee kids, one for boys and one for girls. These segregated camps forced brothers and sisters to be separated and this was heartbreaking for many since one of the things that all the Cuban parents had told their children, as they let them go, was to stay together. J's father kept a handwritten log on each Pedro Pan Kid. The log contained their names, and where they were sent. Some went to relatives, some eventually went to foster homes and some of these homes were in different parts of the United States.

Today, when J meets an older Cuban American and senses they may be a Pedro Pan, he often asks how they arrived in Miami and has subsequently had the priviledge, by his own words, to have met many Pedro Pans received by his father. The reactions have been amazing and emotional and J recounts the times he has given former Pedro Pan kids a copy of the specific page of his father's log, which is kept by his sister, Lynn, that mentions them and watched the emotions pour out. J also tells the story of officiating at a wedding at his home and having a very elegantly dressed lady come up to him and tell him that the first time she ever had Neapolitan Ice Cream was the night she arrived from Cuba, as a Pedro Pan Kid, and stayed the night at his house and his mother gave her the ice cream.

The Pedro Pan Project was extremely risky when it was going on and as a result J's dad never spoke about it much to J. This was partially for security reasons but also because Jorge Sr. took great pride in what he was doing and needed no other form of recognition. J really learned about The Pedro Pan Project and his father's role in it from others and many years after the operation had ceased. Today, things are different. J even had the unique experience of playing his father in a film that was made by a graduate student at FSU about the Operation Pedro Pan and this was a surreal experience. J runs into Pedro Pan kids, who are now adults, all of the time. Most recently, in North Carolina, he ran into former Senator Mel Martinez, who served as Senator from Florida from 2005 to 2009 and J marveled that this man who was a Pedro Pan Kid would grow up and become a member of the United States Senate and that his Dad had played a significant role in that man's life, and that at that event, an FSU Booster Event, Senator Martinez would take the time to explain the significance of that to the President of the University, John Thrasher.

If one spends any time with J, they come away with a feeling of being in the presence of someone who will always be young at heart. He may have retired from his law career a couple of years ago but finds himself busier than ever as he continues his entrepreneurial endeavors. He looks back with tremendous fondness for ILS and we, as a family are honored to be associated with the Guarch family.

Teo Babun

After attending ILS from 1963 to 1965, Teo Babun graduated from Michigan Tech University with a major in Electrical Engineering, and an MBA. He then began his career as an inventor and businessman and in 1981, Dr. Babun received the Outstanding Alumni Award from Michigan Tech University for his innovative business efforts as inventor of the TO-5, then the world's smallest solenoid. He was later inducted into the Electrical and Computer Engineering Academy and in 2006, he received a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from Vision International University.

Dr. Babun is the author of various books and more than 100 manuscripts and reports on Cuban businesses, infrastructure, and economic issues. His works include, The Business Guide to Cuba, a special report dealing with current and post-transition business opportunities in the island (more than 10,000 copies sold). He has also authored reports on the Aggregates & Cement Industry in Cuba, and Cuba's Ports and Airports. His most recent book titled, "The Cuban Revolution-Years of Promise" is a historical account of the Cuban revolution from 1953 to 1963.

After a successful career as an inventor and business owner, Dr. Babun began a Christian mission outreach working with vulnerable at-risk teenagers. His work soon grew into serving victimized children and many less fortunate people in the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere. His work was through Outreach Aid to the Americas (OAA), an organization that responds to the needs of vulnerable people and advances entrepreneurship, organizational skills, education, religious freedoms, and social services.

Upon reflecting back on his ILS days, Dr. Babun recalls his classmates; Alberto "Al" Cardenas and "the terrible 7 (Reinaldo Gonzalez, Carlos "Ziggy" Ziegenhirt, Joaquin Leon, Fernando Espinosa, Jorge "Yoyi" Lizarraga, Ernesto Erdmann and Carlos "Charlie" Erdmann). Al Cardenas (who is now a nationally recognized lawyer, politician, conservative activist, and one of Washington D.C.'s top lobbyists) and Dr. Babun would rush after football practice to dress in their finest clothes and catch a bus to go over to a studio and be part of "Saturday Hop" a local Saturday bandstand program. The show was a huge part of growing up in South Florida in the 60's. The show had "go-go" dancers, guest rock artists, and dance contests, which they often won. The goal was always to get interviewed by Rick Shaw, then Miami's Disc Jockey king of rock 'n roll, so that the girls at Immaculata would be impressed and want to date them.

In 1999, he received an Honorary Doctor of Letters from Miami International Seminary for his philanthropic endeavors. Dr. Babun's charitable and community endeavors are many and include; Director of The



Atlantic Council of the United States, Director of Intercontinental Bank of Miami, The Executive Committee of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Commissioner of the City of Miami's International Trade Board, Commissioner of the Florida Commission on a Free Cuba, Director of the Environmental Economics Council of the National Audubon Society, Director of the National Advisory Board-School of Business & Economics of Michigan Technological University, Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army of Greater Miami, Vice-Chairman and Commissioner of the Miami River Commission, and Board Member of Barry University and of the University of Connecticut's School of Business Administration.

Dr. Babun's message to today's ILS students is to acknowledge that being a high school student can be both stressful and fun. High school is where one starts to really learn what their passions are, and is a place where meaningful lifelong friendships develop. It's where kids begin to mature and to learn who they are. High school is a time when one can make plenty of mistakes and learn from them. There's certainly no handbook that tells kids how to do it perfectly, but one can learn from those who have been there before. He advises today's students to reach out to their parents, to work hard to meet professionals in their areas of interest, to not be shy and to ask questions and probe for answers, but most importantly, to pray to God for direction and wisdom. Dr. Babun also has a message to his old classmates and asks them to do what they can to help place Immaculata-La Salle at the top of the list of the private schools in Miami-Dade County.

Jose J. Valdes ILS Class of 1969



In September of 1961, Jose Valdes and his younger sister, Betty, arrived in the United States by themselves. Jose was nine years old and his sister Betty was eight. They arrived through the Pedro Pan Project, that was headed up by Monsignor Brian Walsh, and count themselves as most fortunate since their parents were able to join them just three months later. Jose recalls that those times were difficult but also exciting. A new country, a new environment, a different language all presented challenges that bound their family together and fostered a powerful sense of family unity. His parents sacrificed significantly so that he and his sister were able to enroll in ILS. Jose enrolled in 1965 and Betty followed two years later. A testament to Jose's character and values is the reverence and gratitude that he feels and expresses towards The United States and his fellow Anglo ILS students. He feels he can never repay the generos-

ity of the country and the love and kindness of the ILS community that welcomed him with open arms.

Looking back with fondness, Jose recalls how he and his friend, Larry Pla, spent so much time in detention during their Junior year that they began to think it was just another class. On the first day of their Senior year, the Principal, Brother Thomas, sat them down first thing in the morning and informed them that their antics would not be tolerated that year. They assured Brother Thomas that they would behave and headed off to their first-period class. Less than an hour later, they were both summarily kicked out of class and sent to the bridge near the cafeteria where there was a bench similar to those at a bus stop. Dismayed, they noticed Brother Thomas walking toward them shaking his head and mumbling to himself, "What are you two doing here?" he said approaching the two friends, to which, Larry responded, "waiting for the bus, Brother." Needless to say, the two friends spent the first five days of their senior year on detention.

After graduating from ILS, Jose attended Miami Dade College and later FIU, where he received a Bachelor's degree in Business with a major in Personnel Management. Early in his career, Jose was Vice –President of Human Resources for Milgo Electronics in Sunrise, Florida. He became the Chief Administrative Officer in charge of Human Resources and the Legal Department for NextiraOne LLC in Houston, Texas. Before his retirement, four years ago, Jose had risen to the Senior Executive management level in Corporate America as Sr. Vice –President at CompuCom Systems in Dallas, Texas, a communications service provider with over 14,000 employees.

For all his success, Jose's pride and joy, and the most important thing in his life, is his family. He and his wife, Cris, whom he met when he was ten years old, celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary in 2018 and they have two adult children-Veronica, who is an ILS alumnus, and Victor (who Jose lovingly calls a traitor), who attended St. Brendan High School. Jose and Cris also have two grandchildren, Viviana and James (Bo). The class of 1969 remains very close and they meet regularly for lunch having upwards of 15 people attend. Jose credits Coach Grosso for helping keep the camaraderie alive by going out of his way to include the class of 69 in school events. Jose looks forward to next year when the class of 1969 will have their 50th, class reunion.



Armando Chapelli Class of 1964



In June of 1961, Armando Chapelli sat in the back of an auditorium at Ada Merritt Middle school watching his eighth-grade classmates practicing for their graduation ceremony, a ceremony that he had been told he could not participate in because he was not graduating and that he was going to have to repeat the eighth grade. Armando was not surprised. After all, he had earned straight F's in all of his classes. By his own admission, in 1961 Armando was a 14-year-old teenager lost in space. He and his family were recent arrivals to Miami, political refugees fleeing the Castro regime and as such, Armando's life was in turmoil. He barely spoke English, Miami was not the most welcoming of places to the recent immigrants, and he missed his country. His parents were struggling with the same issues and additionally they were struggling to find work in order to sustain themselves.

Armando recalls how one day, he and his mother got dressed in their best clothes and went out walking around downtown Miami looking for work. His mother had been a Pediatrician in Cuba and when they stumbled upon a Medical Office, Armando suggested that they should go in and talk to someone. He recalls how kind the Doctor was toward them and that he suggested they go over to the park where the Government had set up a refugee processing center. They walked there and his mother was able to get work administrating the health exam to the recent arrivals as a result of her medical training.

It was this same dogged determination that his parents displayed in making a new life for themselves, that Armando pulled from to lift himself out of his eighth-grade debacle. Sitting in that auditorium watching the other kids rehearse for graduation triggered in Armando that same spirit that allowed him to accept his fate in life and decide to be somebody other than a 'F' student.

Armando had no intention of repeating the eighth grade and he had heard that the La Salle Brothers from Cuba had opened a school in Miami. Making his way, on his own, to the La Salle campus, he found himself at home. The Brothers were able to enroll him and Armando returned home and informed his parents that he was going to be attending La Salle High School in the fall of 1961. His parents were never sure how they were going to pay for it but somehow things got done and Armando entered La Salle.

While at La Salle, he played football, baseball and ran track but soon found himself more dedicated to academics. He was a member of the National Honor Society, the 1964-year book editor and a member of the Spirit Squad. It was also at La Salle that Armando met Brother Kevin Strong, a man who would become a lifelong friend and in many ways a second father to him. During this time, Armando's father had moved to New York in search of work. There were thousands of new refugees arriving in Miami and there was a limited amount of jobs available, especially to those who struggled to speak English. To support his family, and driven by sheer determination, pride, and work ethic, Armando's father moved north to find work. He was not the type of man to accept charity and his grit and determination served Armando well in developing his belief in self-determination. Brother Kevin, became in many ways a surrogate father and he and Armando maintained a deep friendship until Brother Kevin's passing in 2018. They were so close that Armando honored Brother Kevin by asking him to be Godfather to his daughter, Claire.

Armando entered La Salle as a straight F student and left 3 years later with a full academic scholarship to Loyola University in New Orleans. He spent 3 years at Loyola and then transferred to Hunter College in New York, where he obtained his undergraduate degree. He was then accepted into the prestigious Georgetown University School of Government where he earned his Masters Degree in International Relations. When asked about the fact that

Georgetown School of Government was known recruiting ground for the CIA, his response was," no comment."

Armando initially thought his career would be in the academic world and he started down the road towards his Dissertation Thesis and Doctorial degree, when the money ran out. Reality set in and although he had been working since he was 18 years old, he started his professional career as a consultant for a firm in Washington DC. He stayed in that position for about 2 years and after flirting with another firm for a few months, opened his own consulting company on June 11th, 1979. That company, The Washington Consulting Group, is still headed up by Armando today and since 1985 has been the industry leading aeronautic air traffic control technology and training company. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan fired a majority of the Air Traffic Controllers who had gone on strike and by 1985 the work force had been depleted and burned out. Beginning in that year, Armando's company, along with the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration), reconstituted the Nation's air traffic control systems and personnel by modernizing and updating the methods and training systems that today stand as the industry standard. One can appreciate the profound contribution that Armando has made to the safety and security of society in that his standards of professionalism and dedication to qualified rigorous training are an integral part of an outstanding safety record in the airline industry.

Armando speaks with great pride about his two children. His son, Mathew Marin Chapelli is 22 years old, and his daughter, Claire Morgan Chapelli is 26. Both kids live in Los Angeles California. Claire is an actress and Mathew is a singer and actor studying in LA. Both kids are well grounded in their value system and this gives them the tools needed to handle the less than conventional Hollywood scene. Armando is quick to give credit to the children's mother but both kids are doing well because they were raised by loving, well-grounded parents.

The advice he wants to give today's ILS students is to stay in the ILS spirit for the rest of their lives; to stay grounded in the values that ILS stands for; to recognize that character matters; and to embrace the high level of integrity that ILS represents as a way of life.



Julian & Ana Maria Rodriguez

At the core of Julian and Ana Maria's life, is the outstanding family they have built. Ana Maria, whose maiden name was Perez, graduated ILS in 1976 and Julian is a member of the graduating class of 1969. They have been married for over 40 years and they and their children stand as a testament to success, achievement, and excellence. Julian is a certified CPA and has owned his own firm since 1985. Ana Maria is a certified mathematics teacher, a Licensed Optician and a Licensed Real Estate Agent. At ILS, Julian played Football, Basketball, and Baseball and was student athlete of the year in 1969. Julian was also a member of The National Honor Society and went on to attend Biscayne College on a Baseball scholarship. Julian started and played all four years and graduated with a degree in Accounting in 1973. Ana Maria gradated ILS 7 years later in 1976. She was the President of the Student Council, a member of Mu Alpha Theta, and a member of the National Honor Society. In 1976, Ana Maria was nominated for and won the Silver Knight Award for Social Sciences. She was one of the original members and Board Member of the Silver Knight Alumni Legacy and served as its Secretary for 3 years. She attended Miami Dade College and FIU graduating Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor in Science.

Julian and Ana Maria's pride and joy are their three adult children and three amazing grandchildren. Their oldest, Annette obtained her undergraduate degree from the Wharton School of Business and her MBA from Harvard. She is a partner in the New York Private Equity firm, War-

burg Pincus, and is married to Isidro Ferrer. They have two sons, Isidro Julian, who is 5 years old, and Manuel Antonio, who is 3 years old. Julian and Ana Maria's second son, Julian, graduated with a Master's degree in accounting from the University of Florida and is married to Jackie Lopez. They have blessed Julian and Ana Maria with their first granddaughter, Charlotte Grace. Their youngest son, Jonathan, graduated From the Wharton School of Business and works at a hedge fund and is still single.

Julian and Ana Maria have performed missionary work in Mexico, worked in marriage encounters and actively participated in Saint Agatha's parish and school functions. They look back at their ILS days with fondness. Ana Maria's advice to today's ILS students is to work and study hard and to never give up on your dreams. She adds that today's young people need to develop grit and determination and never allow anyone to tell them that they can't do something or be someone. Julian's advice is more pragmatic, "Study accounting," he says. "you will always have a job." By the advice given, one can see why these two alumni have enjoyed both professional and family success and what they have built together is rooted in goodness and reflective of all that is noble about Immaculata-La Salle.



John Mendez A life dedicated to service



John Mendez graduated ILS in 1969 and little did he know then that his education and life work experience would put him in a position to make a difference in the lives of others in need. After leaving ILS, John attended The University of Florida where he obtained his Master's in Education. His professional career consisted of over 40 years of work as a freight forwarder and logistics professional, which gave him access and contacts to people all over the world but specifically Latin America and the Caribbean. John's work placed him in senior level positions in several international logistic companies with

offices worldwide. He managed a 500 million book of business and had the regional responsibility of overseeing 37 offices in 23 countries. He participated in many seminars and political debates with regard to trade regulations, export / import issues and multimodal transportation. He was part of a group that pioneered changes in transportation regulations and customs in the Dominican Republic, allowing for private non-union companies to own trucks and to transport cargo between free zones of trade and commerce. John's innovations in the D.R. and in Guatemala through partnerships, was such that his organization was the first to build and use (GOH) air containers to better ship apparel from these countries. His wife, Mary is also a groundbreaker in the industry having her name placed on a monument to South Florida Trade Pioneers located at the entrance of the Port of

John's lifetime of work, coupled with his compassion and personal values, placed him in the unique position of being able to make a huge difference when disaster struck. In 2010, a devastating earthquake destroyed large parts of Haiti. John was one of the first people to help provide relief to the devastated country. He was able to procure a free 10,000 square foot facility, in partnership with Flagler Development, to store, build, and deploy supplies in Haiti for several NGO's. He provided in-house offices to

be used as a control center for relief operations. He also negotiated free air and ocean transportation so the movement of aid could happen unencumbered during the very long and difficult recovery period.

John's selfless service continues today by providing his logistics expertise in supporting organizations that engage in providing relief and assistance to disaster stricken countries in Latin America. Locally, he has personally helped disabled or the infirm at hospitals and has provided housing to the families of people stricken with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Looking back at his ILS days, John reflects on the good friends he made, and remembers his freshman year particularly as he made new friends, but also reconnected with old friends from his early days in Cuba. His advice to today's ILS students is to follow their hearts and to not be afraid to get involved and to participate. He also cautions today's students to determine things for themselves and to never assume anything.

John's life is a reflection of his personality and his values. He gives and gives and works hard for those less fortunate and disenfranchised and he is a shining example of all that is good in the world and personifies all that is good about ILS.

Brother Andres



On April 17, 1961, the Communist government of Cuba seized the school where Brother Andres taught and coached, and he along with 11 other Brothers were placed under house arrest. After a period, they were moved to the military prison at La Cabaña, and officially sentenced to 50 years in prison for being counter revolutionaries. Eventually, bowing to international pressure, the Cuban government gave the Brothers the option of staying in Cuba and renouncing their vows or remaining Brothers and leave the country. All chose to leave their homeland. Many of the Brothers, went to Miami, but Brother Andres went to Nicaragua where he coached baseball teams traveling all over Nicaragua. One year after he arrived, his baseball team won the National Championship.

Baseball provided a way for Brother Andres to deal with the pain of being exiled from his country and he enjoyed his time traveling around Nicaragua.

Eventually, Brother Andres landed at Camp Matecumbe, the refugee camp in Florida City, and the Superiors sent him to LaSalle to teach Spanish and French. Brother Andres worried about the fact that he didn't speak English but he knew, with God's help, that he would be able to do the job. His first class was to teach Spanish to a group of American and Cuban students and he still marvels today at the spirit between the students of different nationalities and how the American kids helped the Cuban kids and visa-versa.

In 1965, La Salle was officially accredited and the certifying officials were amazed at the behavior of the students. That same year, Hurricane Betsy hit Florida and the school, as well as the Brothers' residence was flooded. School was cancelled for a week and the students did much of the work cleaning up the property.

Brother Andres reflects on the early accomplishments of the students. La Salle was the first private school to win a Miami Herald Silver Knights Award and for several years, the school won conference championships in Baseball and Track and field. His experience at La Salle was unique and although he suffered because of his poor English, he took comfort in the way all of the students supported and loved him.



After his time at La Salle, Brother Andres worked in several schools in the Baltimore area and then spent 7 years at the University of La Salle in the Philippines. He returned to the United States and then spent the next 32 years at the Brothers' University in Memphis, Tennessee. There he taught Spanish and French, and coached Tennis, and his passion, Baseball. Brother Andres recalls his time at ILS as an honor and a privilege and the joy he feels was a result of being in a very special place filled with love and happiness. In his retirement, he is thankful for modern technology that allows him to stay in touch with alumni through e mail. Brother Andres is a living example of the characteristics that ILS guides itself by. He was exiled for his faith and service, but he brought both with him to La Salle, and we are blessed to have had such a special man as part of our school's legacy.

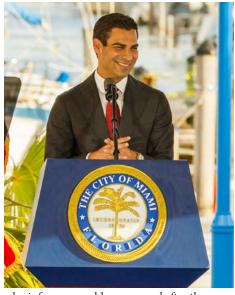
Mayor Francis X. Suarez Class of 1996

Francis Suarez graduated Immaculata-La Salle High School (ILS) in 1996 and looks back with a profound sense of gratitude for the character and values that ILS instilled in him. He was fortunate enough to be taught under the guidance of Principal Father Patrick Angelucci, whom the Mayor credits with saving his belief and his life. Father Angelucci also helped him discover the importance of practicing his faith on a daily basis.

Mayor Suarez will always consider himself to be one of Don Bosco's boys. He emerged from ILS transformed by the love and guidance of the Salesian way. He attributes his growth and maturity to Father Patrick, and others at ILS, who guided him to re-discovering his faith and centering him spiritually. He reflects how today, at the age of 41, he knows that the more complex and complicated one's life becomes, the more one needs God to ground themselves in what is truly important. He believes that the moments that one enjoys the greatest success are the moments when one is closer to God. Conversely, he believes that one's moments of failure are eased by the presence of the Lord.

After graduating ILS, Mayor Suarez enrolled at Florida International University, graduating in 2001, before going on to receive his law degree from the University of Florida Frederic G. Levin College of Law in 2004. He entered the private sector as an attorney, just like his sister and his father, former Miami Mayor and current Miami-Dade County Commissioner, Xavier Suarez.

In 2007, Mayor Suarez married his wife, Gloria, a graduate from Our Lady of Lourdes Academy. Their Catholic faith is reflected by the names of their children. Andrew,



who is four years old, was named after the Apostle Andrew whom scripture refers to as the first called. Their daughter, Gloriana Pilar, is five months old and was named for La Virgen del Pilar, honoring the Virgin Mary's appearance on a pillar of the Basilica in Zaragoza, Spain. Gloria Fonts Suarez, the Mayor's wife, was baptized in this same Basilica when she was an infant.

Mayor Suarez entered public service in 2009, serving as District 4 Commissioner in the City of Miami, representing the area that includes Shenandoah, Silver Bluff, and Coral Gate for eight years. As Commissioner, he had many legislative accomplishments involving safety, innovation, and transportation. He was elected Mayor of Miami with 86 percent of the vote, signaling a fresh generational change. As the first Miami-born mayor, he is committed to working diligently to serve the residents of the community he was born and raised in.

Mayor Suarez views his role as our city's leader as an opportunity to promote a more modern and efficient form of government to bring Miami into the future as a true world-class city. He has worked in both the current hybrid system and the former "weak mayor" system of city government, and knows first-hand the limitation and inefficiencies of both. Mayor Suarez eloquently explains the dysfunction of the current system by stating the simple fact that the City of Miami has had 15 city managers in the last 21 years. The Mayor also points out that under the current system, the most powerful position is that of the City Manager, an unelected official. The Mayor does have the power to hire and fire the City Manager, although the Commission can do the same, but feels that there is something inherently wrong with a system that thwarts the essence of a representative democracy and creates inefficient stumbling blocks to competency and effectiveness. Mayor Suarez did not run for office to keep the status quo. He recognizes his unique position as the first of a new generation of leaders. He believes he is in the right place and at the right time to continue leading the City of Miami to a better and more equitable future.

On October 25th of 2018, Mayor Suarez will be inducted into the ILS Sports Hall of Fame. He excelled at basketball during his high school career. Many Miamians may recall his father's leadership in bringing the Miami Heat NBA franchise to our city and how much of a basketball player and fan the Senior Mayor Suarez is. The apple does not fall far from the tree and the ILS community looks forward to honoring our mayor. The ILS family, both current and past students and employees, can take pride that one of our own, disciplined by our faith and schooled in the Salesian way, is our community's leader.

Ruben Torres Class of 1968 A teacher for life

Athletic Director, Assistant Principal, Maintenance Supervisor, and Transportation Director are just some of the jobs Ruben Torres has held in his 42 years serving in Education. With all of those titles, Ruben refers to himself as simply, a retired Physical Education Teacher. He spent 31 of those years working in the Miami Dade Public School System, 23 years at Bent Tree Elementary and his last 8 years at Devonaire K-8 Center. His wife Elina is also an educator having taught gifted students and currently working as an administrator in the Public-School System. Early in his career, Ruben worked with the Special Olympics, The Boy Scouts, and at risk 'low income kids' from Miami to Boca Raton giving of his time and energy and setting an example for his children, as well as his students, that character matters. Ruben and Elina have three children; Ruben Jr. is an accountant in Hollywood; their daughter Tikki, is a Sales Rep and Marketer for a Drug



Company in New York City, and their youngest, Ryan, who is 20 years old, works part time and studies at Miami Dade College. Ruben's pride in his children is such that he considers them as his best coaching job and he knows that the unconditional love and support of Elina anchored their family in success and in achievement. During his days at La Salle, Ruben played Baseball 9th and 10th grade and played Basketball 10th, 11th, and 12th grade. He was the team captain in 1968 and was that year's Most Valuable Player. He also wrote for the School's

newspaper. Some of his fondest memories are playing Basketball at Columbus High School, dances in the cafeteria, and wearing his Varsity Sweater around campus, along with his teammates. After graduating, Ruben attended Florida Atlantic University, in Boca Raton, obtaining his B.S. in Education and then receiving his Masters in School Administration from Nova University.

Ruben and his La Salle classmates are still as tight as they were back in 1968 and he values how special that is. His best friends today are the same guys that he played sports with and hung out with from La Salle and he draws on the key reason for that when asked what advise he would give today's ILS Students. "Worry more about your character than your reputation. Your character is who you are and your reputation is what others think you are." Character is everything! It is the one thing that stands out over time and it is what allows you to build lifelong friendships and to be truly successful in all things that really matter.

Jose Rafael Montalvo Comes Home



ball. His dream was over.

Jose Rafael Montalvo, known to everyone as 'Rafi' graduated ILS in 2011 and as far back as he can remember, his dream was to play football at the highest level. He played Quarterback and safety for ILS and his dedication, skill, and perseverance landed him the opportunity to play for several schools but he chose the United States Naval Academy because it was the toughest program and he always challenged himself to perform at a highest level. In addition to the football training and conditioning, Rafi reveled in the physical and mental resilience that the

Naval Academy drilled into their officer cadets.

Rafi made the Navy team as the backup Quarterback and his collegiate football career was underway. He returned home to Miami in late November of 2012 to spend Thanksgiving with his family and friends and that's when tragedy struck. After leaving a late-night party of old High School friends, Rafi and another friend were involved in a one-car accident that left Rafi, who was not wearing a seat belt, seriously injured. His friend survived with a major injury to his leg but Rafi suffered severe injuries and was placed into an induced coma for 16 days. Rafi's recovery took over 7 months and he returned to the Naval Academy and continued his rehabilitation at Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda Maryland. He remained at the Naval Academy until 2014 and then upon being honorably discharged, enrolled in FIU with the intent of continuing his passion of playing football. It was at this time that doctors, from

Rafi did not allow this shattering news to hold him back. If he couldn't play football well at least he could teach it and so began his coaching

the University of Miami, found that he still had scars on his brain from

the accident and he realized that no school would allow him to play foot-



career. He was a student coach, under FIU coaches Ron Turner and then Butch Davis and graduated FIU in 2017 with a degree in Sports Management. Looking back, Rafi didn't know it but his whole life had been in preparation for the fight he has waged since that devastating accident. His physical strength, from playing football; his mental toughness, from the Naval Academy; and the faith and trust in God, that he got from his family and the Immaculata-La Salle family gave him the strength to overcome devastating injury and heartbreaking disappointment.

Rafi joins ILS as our conditioning and strength coach and he brings with him a quiet intensity and toughness born from his knowledge that he has overcome tremendous adversity. His mere presence on our campus is a testament to our students of what real faith, courage, and strength look like. We are fortunate to welcome one of our own back home.

ILS ARTWALK

During the 2017-2018 school year, ILS and the fine arts department hosted it's very first Royal Art Walk. This event celebrated the artistic successes of the student artists at Immaculata La Salle. Simultaneously happening at this event was student created music, student made videos playing, art and photography students exhibited their works, drama actors and actresses put on a Show and creative students sold their hand made goods. Participants were able to view and be a part of a variety of artistic elements all the while walking around, enjoying the bay breeze and snacking on some delicious goodies from food trucks.

This year we invite you to come and enjoy our Royal Art Walk on Thursday November 15, 2018 at 7pm.

Alumni Elena Capablanca, Lianne Rodriguez, Giovana Spencer, Eric Taggart, and Camille Wildenburg will be working diligently in the Fine Arts department to make this event come to life. We would love to see other alumni at our very special and artistic community event. All are welcome and participation in any way is greatly appreciated.



Chris Crotty



How many 7 year olds do you know who have had dinner with the Emperor of Japan?

Coach Chris Crotty, the man, the myth, the legend, the towering presence over ILS, for the last 25 years, has lived a most extraordinary life and the ILS family has been the major beneficiary of all of his experiences.

He was born in Springfield Illinois and his father was a Corporate Executive whose work moved the family around the world. He lived for 2 years in the Bronx and then for 14 years in Connecticut. It was during this time, when Coach was 7 years old, that his father was conducting business in Japan. Coach spent about 11 months in Japan and that was when he dined with the Japanese Emperor Hirohito. He remembers his father being very thorough in teaching him that there were very disciplined rules for dinning with the Emperor.

Coach Crotty attended The University of Arizona for one semester and then transferred to Franciscan University of Steubenville Ohio. It was at Franciscan that he met his future wife, Araceli Ferrer, from Hollywood Florida. They had both just completed taking a CLEP exam in French and Araceli was boasting about how easy it was. Coach's antennae went up and he responded to her by calling her an undesirable name based on her linguistic arrogance. Thus, was the beginning of a wonderful relationship. Araceli was a young 17-year-old Freshman and Coach was a 3-year repeating Freshman/Rising Sophomore working on his last chance at college before having no option other than to go into military service. Enough said! Things worked out and Coach Crotty received his Bachelors in History and Araceli graduated with majors in French and Spanish. Three years after meeting, they were married in 1992, in Hollywood Florida, Araceli's home town. Araceli started teaching at Arizona State University and Coach was accepted into Arizona State University Law school. Coach attended Law School for one day and decided, on that day, that his future was in teaching and coaching.

In August of 1993, the young couple packed up their Ford explorer, drove from Arizona and arrived at La Salle High School and moved in, literally. They occupied a small apartment on the third floor of the main building and lived on campus for nine years.

La Salle in 1992, had a student enrollment of 387 kids. Araceli was hired as a French and Spanish teacher and Cheerleader Moderator and Coach was hired as a History teacher and Basketball Coach. The school had no gym and no air conditioning in the classrooms. Coach had experienced

rain delays in football and baseball but not having a gym and coaching on an outdoor concrete court in the Florida weather, was a whole different experience. Coach's arrival at La Salle coincided with the Salesian System of education being fully implemented into the school. The love and graciousness of this path of education, one that creates a home that welcomes, a school that prepares one for life, an evangelization of God, and a playground where friends can meet quickly got noticed, and the local community learned the value of a Salesian Education. The school has not stopped growing since.

During his career at ILS, Coach Crotty has coached Boys Basketball, Track and Field, Girls Basketball and a couple of games of Baseball. In 1997 Coach replaced Jose Alvarez, who was a 1978 alumnus, as Athletic Director. Jose Alvarez became Father Alvarez and is currently serving at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Miami Lakes, Florida. Father Alvarez comes and speaks to the students at his Alma Mater on a regular basis and is a testament to the continuity of service ILS alumni give back.

In 1997, The Crotty family welcomed their first child, daughter Raquelle. The Boys Basketball team was in action against Ransom Everglades and just as the game got underway, Coach got the call that Araceli needed an emergency 'C' Section. He rushed over to Mercy Hospital and Raquelle was born happy and healthy but the Boys Basketball Team lost the game 28-3. Raquelle is studying English and French with a minor in Medieval History, a passion she gets from her father.

Their son, Rafael, came along in 1999, and he played football for 4 years at ILS, ran track and was the most outstanding Senior of his graduating class. Rafael is studying Nursing at FIU.

When asked about the highlight of his career, Coach gave a most unusual answer but one that speaks to his appreciation, respect, and value for greatness. Six years ago, during a Regional Basketball Final against The Pinecrest School, ILS was leading by 14 points with 4 minutes left to play. The star player on the Pinecrest Team was Brandon Knight, the same Brandon Knight currently starting in the NBA for the Phoenix Suns. Brandon Knight scored 24 points in the 4th quarter and 56 points for the game. He told his coach, when down by 14 points, not to worry that "I got this." ILS lost that game and to this day Brandon Knight considers it his greatest performance. Coach Crotty calls it the single greatest performance he has ever witnessed and it speaks volumes as to the character of the man that he could appreciate such a great performance while being on the losing side of it.

As Coach enters his 26th year at ILS, he has taken on another role. His new title is Associate Director of Athletic Advancement, a position and an office dedicated to the development of ILS High School. In his new role, Coach will be instrumental in expanding and growing ILS. Completely immersed in the Salesian System, and driven by a love and passion for what he does, Coach is the perfect ambassador for ILS. As a school and a community, we are blessed to have him. Here's to another 25 years Coach Crotty!

Domino Night

On January 12th, 2018 ILS launched what is sure to become an instant tradition by hosting a fun night of eating, drinking, dancing and music topped off by a very competitive Domino tournament. The night also included a silent auction where the proceeds, along with the entrance fees, were donated to the Capital Campaign.

The Jazz band, Local Traffic, provided the entertainment and the traditional dish of Cuban Arroz Campesino was served, which is a delicious Cuban version of the Spanish dish Paella.

The big winners was the team of Joe Echeverria and Lily Batista. Joe is a member of the class of 1980. Second place went to the team of John Khoury, son of alumnus Bill Khoury class of 1969, and Roy Perez. Finishing in third place were the teams of Cris Valdes, the wife of ILS Alumnus Joe Valdes class of 1969, and James Langfitt as well as the team of Rafael and Carmen Puga. Rafael is a member of the class of 1969.

The night was a lot of fun and a great success and ILS looks forward to future Domino nights and to the success of the Capital Campaign.

























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HONOREES:

Br. Francisco Martin Ramiro Castro.....1965 Roberto Parente....1972 Al Diaz....1976 Monica Orelle....1994 Benny Benach....1962 Joaquin Jack Leon....1965 Frank Buttacavoli...1973 Rodolfo Fofi Vidal....1979 Frank Miro....1964 Joe St. Pierre...1968 James Paul....1974 Jorge Polo....1980 Juan Gonzalez....1965 Victoria Todd Smith...1969 John St. Pierre....1974 Mike Parra....1986





























Humberto Perez A lifetime of service and dedication

If one has walked onto the ILS campus any time in the last 40 years, they would have encountered Humberto Perez. Humberto began working for the Archdiocese of Miami over 47 years ago spending his early years at Gesu school and the last 40 years at ILS in the maintenance department.

He has had a front row seat to all of the growth and changes that have gone on and he holds a lifetime of ILS memories and experiences dear to his heart. He fondly recalls when the Salesian Provincial visited the school. He dressed in a tuxedo and top hat and drove the Sister around the campus in a golf cart. He holds dear his memories of Brother Carl, Father Pat, and Ms. Maliga, and since his beginning at ILS, he has witnessed only good and positive changes. What makes him happiest is when alumni return and tell him about the success of their children and grandchildren and he takes great pride in their success, and feels that in his own small way, he had a little something to do with it.

Humberto congratulates the Salesian Sisters for their wonderful mission, their hard work and the love and care they give the students. He makes special mention of our former Principal, Sister Pat, and our current Principal, Sister Kim, and knows that he has had the great fortune to work with those two very special people.

He asks God to grant him more years and good health so he may continue at ILS, a place so dear to him that he considers it his second home. The ILS community is blessed to have such a dedicated and decent man walk amongst us and be a living example of kindness and love for our young people.







Derrick De La Grana

Coach De La Grana's appointment as the boy's head basketball coach at ILS had been years in the making. He is the son of current Miami Heat Assistant Coach, Octavio De La Grana, and when he was in 7th grade he met Coach Eric McNelly, who at the time was coaching at Holy Cross Day School in North Miami. Coach McNelly, who would later become the boy's head Basketball Coach at ILS, and Coach Derrick's father, Octavio, started coaching together and a strong bond and

relationship between Coach McNelly and a young Derrick was formed.

During Coach McNelly's tenure as ILS, Coach Derrick was attending High School and playing for Florida Christian School and he played against ILS for all four years of his high school career. During the summers of his high school years, Coach Derrick would work out in the ILS gym, under the guidance of Coach McNelly, 4 or 5 times a week.

For 5 years, prior to his arrival at ILS, Coach Derrick was the athletic director of Calusa Preparatory School and he oversaw the boarding of international athletes who came to the United States to play basketball. Parents from the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, just to name a few, entrusted him with the responsibility of their children and this speaks to the character and integrity of the man.

Coach Derrick's vision for the young men he coaches at ILS is that they will develop discipline through athletics that will benefit them long after their playing days are over. He seeks to establish a basketball culture rooted in good sportsmanship, dedication and integrity, and to teach our young men the value of teamwork and achievement. ILS welcomes Coach De La Grana and looks forward to years of success under his leadership.



Valedictorian:

Maria del Rocio Velilla



To the Top Two ILS Royals of 2018

May the Lord continue to guide your education & life's journey.



Salutatorian:
Shannon Hurley

Great job to Immaculata-La Salle's class of 2018!

Earning \$18,340,203 in scholarship awards over the next four years!



Alumni support education by helping others attend our high school and making futures brighter!

ALUMNI 2018 LIST OF COLLEGES

Immaculata-La Salle is proud to announce the list of colleges and universities to which last year's seniors were admitted. It is an impressive list, with several Ivy League schools represented. \$18,340,203 in scholarship money was awarded to our graduates over the next four years. Congratulations to the ILS Guidance Department for a job well done.

(College Freshmen acceptances for 2017-2018)

The University of Alabama Allegheny College American University Appalachian State University

Arcadia University Arizona State University The University of Arizona Auburn University Montgomery

Ave Maria University Babson College Barnard College Barry University

Baruch College of the CUNY

Baylor University
Benedictine College
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Bradley University
Brandeis University
Broward College
Brown University
Bryant University
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University of California, Berkeley University of California, Los Angeles University of California, San Diego University of California, Santa Cruz Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

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The Catholic University of America University of Central Florida City University of London

Clark University Clemson University

University of Colorado at Boulder University of Colorado at Denver Colorado State University Columbia College Connecticut College

Connecticut College
Cornell College
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Coventry University
Curry College
University of Dallas
University of Dayton

De Anza College

Dean College University of Delaware University of Denver DePaul University Drew University Drexel University Duke University

East Carolina University
East Tennessee State University

Eckerd College Elon University Emerson College Emmanuel College Fairfield University Fitchburg State University

Flagler College

Florida A&M University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Florida State University

University of Florida Fordham University

Franciscan University of Steubenville

George Mason University
The George Washington University
Georgia State University

University of Georgia
Gordon College
Graceland University
Grinnell College
High Point University
Hofstra University
Hollins University
College of the Holy Cross
IE University - Madrid
IE University - Segovia

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Illinois Institute of Technology Indiana University at Bloomington

Iona College Istituto Marangoni Ithaca College Jackson State University Jacksonville University Johnson & Wales University

Kaplan Holborn College/Kaplan Business and Law

School Lasell College Lesley University

Lewis and Clark Community College

Lindenwood University
Long Island University, Brooklyn
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University New Orleans

Lynn University Marist College Marquette University

McDaniel College

University of Maryland, College Park

MCPHS - Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health

Sciences

University of Massachusetts, Amherst University of Massachusetts, Boston

Mercer University
Mercyhurst University
Miami Dade College
Miami Dade Honors College
University of Miami
Mississippi State University
University of Mississippi
Muhlenberg College
Universidad de Navarra
New College of Florida
New England College
New Lesson Institute of Techn

New Jersey Institute of Technology University of New Orleans

New York University Nichols College

University of North Carolina at Wilmington University of North Carolina School of the Arts

University of North Florida Northeastern University University of Northern Colorado University of Notre Dame Nova Southeastern University The University of Oklahoma Old Dominion University Otis College of Art and Design Pace University, New York City Pennsylvania State University University of Pittsburgh Point Park University

Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile

Pratt Institute Purdue University Quincy University University of Richmond

Ringling College of Art and Design Rochester Institute of Technology

Rollins College

Royal Holloway, University of London

College of Saint Benedict Saint John's University Saint Joseph's University Saint Leo University Saint Louis University

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Saint Michael's College Universidad de San Andres

San Diego State University University of San Diego University of San Francisco

Santa Fe College

Savannah College of Art and Design

Seton Hall University Sierra Nevada College Sophia University University of South Alabama

South Dakota State University University of South Dakota University of South Florida, Tampa University of South Florida, St. Pete

Spring Hill College St. Edward's University St. John's University St. Thomas University Stetson University Stonehill College Suffolk University Syracuse University

Tallahassee Community College The University of Tampa Temple University Texas State University The New School - Parsons Tufts University

Tufts University
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