



LA LUMIERE SCHOOL

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Notable Alumni Visit La Lumiere and Explore the Concept of Leaving a Legacy

La Porte, IN – October 2, 2009 On the Friday before Labor Day, seven graduates from La Lumiere's class of 1974 paid a visit to the school. The weekend unfolded with events celebrating their 35th reunion. The alumni addressed the current student body (190 students) on the topic of "leaving a legacy." The concept of "leaving a legacy" and making sound decisions is a theme introduced by Headmaster Kennedy and will be a recurring theme throughout the year.

The presenters included Paris Barclay, Carey Dowdle, Bill Igoe, Bill Ketcham, Paul Lawler, Michael Mallardi, and Mike Siwietz. Among the seven there are two graduates of the University of Notre Dame, a graduate of Harvard, an Emmy award winning producer and director, a former NFL defensive back, a well-known architect and several successful business men. They shared examples of pivotal decisions that led to success as well as a few instances of poor decisions that delayed success.

Paris Barclay, a two time Emmy award winner, shared with the students how his decision to attend La Lumiere altered the course of his life. Barclay went from La Lumiere to Harvard to Hollywood. Barclay admitted that a few poor decisions delayed his success and warned the students to avoid such pitfalls. Paul Lawler, who played for the Buffalo Bills, also credits La Lumiere as a key to his success. La Lumiere gave him the chance to shine as a football player which led to a college scholarship at Colgate University and a position as a defensive back for the Buffalo Bills. It was an inspiring seminar for both the students and the presenters.



Bill Ketcham (Long Beach), Michael Mallardi (formerly of Long Beach), Paris Barclay, Paul Lawler (formerly of Long Beach), Bill Igoe, Carey Dowdle and Mike Siwietz (Michigan City)

About La Lumiere School

La Lumiere is a coeducational lay Catholic boarding and day school with an enrollment of 190 students that provides a comprehensive college preparatory education for qualified young men and women from a rich diversity of backgrounds. It seeks to develop character, scholarship, and faith, while remaining both independently accredited and faithful to its Catholic heritage. It is situated on a beautiful rural estate, 25 miles west of South Bend, 60 miles east of Chicago, and 8 miles from both La Porte and New Buffalo.

More information about La Lumiere School can be found at www.lalumiere.org

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