The Board of Trustees at La Salle University has commenced the search for the University’s 29th President. Located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, La Salle will encourage, for the first time in the University’s 151-year history, lay Catholics and Catholics from other religious orders (in addition to Christian Brothers) to consider this attractive opportunity. The next President will be expected to enhance La Salle’s fundamental sense of community, cast a transformative vision for the University’s future, assume a prominent place in the renewal of greater Philadelphia, and nurture the full potential of La Salle’s people and programs through entrepreneurial leadership.

La Salle is a Catholic university in the tradition of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. To a diverse community of learners, La Salle offers a rigorous curriculum and co-curricular experiences designed to help students gain theoretical and practical knowledge, deepen their ethical sensibilities, and prepare for a lifetime of continuous learning, professional success, and dedicated service. As a Catholic university rooted in the liberal arts tradition, La Salle challenges students to contemplate life’s ultimate questions as they develop their faith, engage in a free search for truth, and explore their full human potential. As a Lasallian university, named for St. John Baptist de La Salle, the patron saint of teachers, La Salle promotes excellence in teaching and scholarship, demonstrates respect for each person, nurtures mentoring relationships, and encourages authentic community. As an urban university, La Salle invites students to enhance their academic experience by immersing themselves in the rich resources of Philadelphia and the region. All members of the community are called to maintain a heightened sensitivity to those marginalized within society as they practice civic engagement, provide leadership with a global perspective, and contribute to the common good.

Within its three schools—Arts and Sciences, Business, Nursing and Health Sciences—as well as its College of Professional and Continuing Studies, La Salle enrolls approximately 6,500 students and offers 54 undergraduate majors, 24 graduate programs, including three doctoral programs, and has 230 full-time faculty. The University’s main campus is located in the northwest section of the city, adjacent to historic Germantown, and six miles from Center City Philadelphia. Classes and programs are also offered at La Salle’s regional sites in two suburban areas outside of Philadelphia and at two international locations in Basel, Switzerland, and Prague, Czech Republic.

La Salle’s 48,000 alumni include CEOs and CFOs of regional, national, and international firms, bestselling authors, elected officials, and other leaders in the fields of law, accounting, finance, education, health care, and technology. School of Business alumni can be found in senior management roles in 50 of the 100 largest firms in the nation. Sixty-seven graduates have been named Fulbright Scholars, including six in the last two years, and 11 have received Emmy Awards.

The Board of Trustees has retained the services of Diversified Search as consultants to the search committee. Screening will begin immediately and continue until an appointment is made. Although applications will be accepted until the time that a new President is selected, candidates should plan to submit materials by November 1, 2014, for the most favorable consideration. Nominations, inquiries, and applications should be directed electronically in confidence to lasallepresident@divsearch.com.

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