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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear CBA Family,

Every Student. All Day. Every Day. When we planned our reopening this summer in the midst of a pandemic, this was our goal and became our motto for the 2020-21 school year. With collaboration from local health, science, and community leaders, and with input from key stakeholders, we developed a plan that ensured continuity of instruction with procedures and protocols to maximize the health and safety of students and staff. Our plan provided an option for in-person instruction for every student, all day, every day. Because our vision is to be the school of choice for young men of the Capital District, we gave our families a choice: in-person or remote instruction.



While our campus looked a little different this year, we strived to maintain normalcy and tradition with our daily routines and events. Our seniors have handled this situation with grace and poise, while their leadership has kept the entire student body spirits up throughout the opening of the school year. We will continue to work together to build the student bond at CBA. Our young men have shown strength, honor, and understanding as we work diligently to give them the CBA experience they deserve. We are beginning to see progress and when this pandemic is under control, we will come out ahead, stronger, and ready to rejoice.

In my annual fund mailer in September, I quoted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort

and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” Everyone in the CBA community has proven their measure and I am proud to lead this school. Given what has been lost and the sacrifices made, our young men daily display a positive attitude with maturity and composure.

CBA has survived the Civil War, two World Wars, the Great Depression, and now a global pandemic. As we navigate through this, we continue to provide the best education for young men in our area. We are the only all-boys school in the region and are thriving because we provide the best education in a faith-filled environment. Our combination of academics, athletics, faith, service, and leadership skills offer the best environment for our young men to develop and make us the premier Lasallian Catholic school in the Capital District.

Sincerely,

Dr. James Schlegel
President

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MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

DR. DENNIS MCKENNA '84

Dr. Dennis McKenna '84, MD, is the president and chief executive officer of Albany Medical Center, the region's only academic medical center. As president and CEO, Dennis oversees the largest hospital system in Northeastern New York, with more than 100 locations in 25 counties.



Dennis graduated from CBA in 1984 and went on to attend Cornell University and Albany Medical College. After graduation from medical school, he spent five years in service to the United States on active duty as a medical officer. In 1997, he joined the reserves and was mobilized to active duty three times after 9/11, including two tours with the Marines in Iraq. When he retired from military

service, he was a Navy captain. Dennis came back to Albany Med in 2000, first serving as an emergency department physician. He then served as medical director of the emergency department, medical director of the hospital, and president of the Albany Med Faculty Physician Group.

Dennis has been a medical volunteer at the Double H Ranch in Lake Luzerne for eight years and serves on the organization's board of directors. Double H Ranch provides children with serious illnesses with a carefree camp experience in the Adirondacks. In 2017, Dennis came to the CBA campus to speak to the 8th grade class about the amazing work Double H Ranch does and how they could get involved. Dennis was also the 2016 recipient of **LTC Todd J. Clark '90** Memorial Service Award for exemplifying the Lasallian characteristics of service to others. The award was presented to him during the 2016 flag raising ceremony by Dr. Schlegel and Jack Clark, LTC Todd Clark's father.

MS. JOLLEEN WAGNER

Jolleen Wagner is chief character initiatives officer of the Brilla Schools Network. After serving for three years as a Lasallian volunteer and teacher at the San Miguel School Gary Comer Campus in Chicago, Jolleen Wagner became the Lasallian Volunteers' associate director in



2007 and director in 2011. She was responsible for the vision and guidance of a faith-based, long-term volunteer program focused on service to at-risk populations through education and social services. In addition to her work for Lasallian Volunteers, Jolleen has been called upon by the De La Salle Christian Brothers to evaluate existing programs and develop new formation programs, lead and design immersion trips, and present at and facilitate various events focused on faith, service, and community internationally.

As a member of the International Council of Young Lasallians and the chair of the Regional Young Lasallian Committee, she led at the international and regional levels to illuminate and invigorate the Young Lasallian voice for the future of the mission of the De La Salle Christian Brothers. A native of Green Island, New York, Jolleen graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Siena College in 2004, where she was honored in 2014 with the Franciscan Spirit Award, a distinguished alumni award.

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2020 ANNUAL CBA GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Monday, August 31, we held our 21st Annual CBA Golf Tournament at Shaker Ridge Country Club. The weather was sunny and beautiful, and 100 golfers participated in the tournament. Thank you to all the alumni, family, and friends of CBA who participated, and to our many generous sponsors, donors, committee members, and volunteers.

SPOTLIGHT ON MATTHEW AGAN '05, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR STUDENTS, AND TODD JOHNSON, COVID COORDINATOR AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

Christian Brothers Academy is proud to have appointed two new administrators this year: **Mr. Matthew Agan '05**, assistant principal for students, and Mr. Todd Johnson, COVID coordinator and dean of students. The two have worked together very closely since starting their positions, as both of them work hard to manage the health, safety, behavior, and wellbeing of our students.



A 2005 graduate of Christian Brothers Academy, Mr. Agan earned his bachelor's degree from St. Bonaventure University before going on to attain his master's degree in education from the University of Missouri. Mr. Agan came back to CBA after finishing his education and has

been a member of our faculty for the past 11 years. He is the school's director of alumni relations and has taught AP American history and AP U.S. history and government — the latter of which he still teaches. In addition to teaching, Mr. Agan was a member of our basketball coaching staff for eight years. In the fall of 2016, Mr. Agan received the **Lynn F. and Eugene J. Zielinski '58 Distinguished Teaching Award**.

Mr. Agan was promoted to assistant principal for students after **Mr. Robert Groelz '94** made the decision to return to the classroom after 10 years of outstanding service to the school while in the position. As assistant principal for students, Mr. Agan is responsible for the day-to-day management of our students and their health, safety, behavior, activities, transportation, and everything in between. He is also responsible for preparing many of our faculty-development exercises and assisting our principal, Mr. Chuck Abba, with administrative tasks.



Mr. Johnson got his bachelor's degree at SUNY Cortland before beginning his career as a physical education teacher. Prior to Christian Brothers Academy, Mr. Johnson taught at St. Anne's Institute in Albany. Since then, he has spent 22 years as a member of the CBA faculty. This year,

he took on a new role, becoming the COVID coordinator and dean of students at CBA. Mr. Johnson is the primary person responsible for ensuring preparedness and safety of school operations in response to COVID-19 and for managing and implementing responses to COVID-19 infections within the CBA community. Taking charge of the coronavirus pandemic is no easy task, as things are continuing to evolve on a daily basis. By monitoring the daily CBA health assessment, following the health, safety, and sanitation of our students and campus, and working closely with the health office, Mr. Johnson has had a massive role in keeping CBA open for in-person instruction.

Mr. Agan and Mr. Johnson would both like to thank the parents and guardians who have been supportive and understanding of the changes and protocols implemented as a result of the coronavirus. They couldn't do what they do without you. Mr. Agan says that "COVID-19 hasn't changed who we are and what we do — our mission to deliver a meaningful LaSallian education is still the same. The only thing that has changed, and changes on a daily basis, is how we deliver our content to the students."

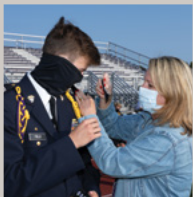


SENIOR OFFICER COMMISSIONING

Members of the class of 2021 were measured in a number of different categories, ranging from GPA and merits to their ability to influence and train fellow classmates. The top candidates were determined by the board, after which they selected the brigade commander and assigned other positions. Following the selection of the top 12 positions, the brigade staff planned and executed the 1st and 2nd Battalions' commissioning ceremony for the entire JROTC class of 2021. **Cadet Colonel Ryan Hotaling '21** and his staff commissioned 40 officers and promoted eight senior NCOs to form the Brigade Student Leadership.

Brigade Commander: Colonel Ryan Hotaling	Band Commander: LT Colonel Luke William Pezzano	Captain Terence Smith	2nd LT Colby Dodson
Brigade Executive Officer: LT Colonel Sean Hendricks	Band Public Affairs & Communication Officer: LT Colonel Daniel Masullo	Captain Ian Lashway	2nd LT Reagan Buhrmaster
Battalion Commander: LT Colonel Jack Murphy	Major Kyle Ellenbogen	Captain Dominic Karrat	2nd LT Peyton Doyle
Battalion Commander: LT Colonel William Vivian	Major Colin Lansing	Captain Mason Tocci	2nd LT Christian Davidson
Battalion Executive Officer: Major Ben Paquin	Major Thomas McAvoy	Captain Michael McAlary	2nd LT Conlon Van Epps
Battalion Executive Officer: Major Jordan Proulx	Major Anthony Zaccaria	Captain Anthony Clement	2nd LT George Parker III
Brigade S-3: LT Colonel John Alexander	Major Tyler John Cox	1st LT Ryan Abatto	2nd LT Aidan Necaie
Brigade S-4: LT Colonel Glen Sauter II	Major Carl Kuentzel III	1st LT Michael Palumbo	2nd LT Jacob LaPlante
Brigade S-1: LT Colonel Ethan Connolly	Major Carson Curran	1st LT Gabriel Stewart	2nd LT JosephDruzba III
Special Staff Officer: LT Colonel Matthew Ucci	Captain Jonah Horst Dohr	1st LT Ryan Roe	CSM Jack Thomas Ryan
	Captain Michael Losavio	1st LT Liam Hotaling	CSM Anthony Carioto
	Captain Gregory Beaulieu	1st LT Jakob Quackenbush	CSM John David
	Captain Andrew Decker	2nd LT Ian Pacifico	1SG Connor Dolin
	Captain George Reynolds-Cotzas	2nd LT Connor Rogler	1SG Ryan Dollar
	Captain Nolan Field	2nd LT Hagen Foley	1SG Brendan Wisniewski
		2nd LT John Daggett	1SG Kyle Shanno
		2nd LT Joshua Pesnel	1SG Noah Ekstein
		2nd LT Vincent Tirino	

SENIOR OFFICER COMMISSIONING PHOTO GALLERY



Pictured from left to right: Kagame Rama-Munroe '24, Nathan West '24, and Ethan Pellerin '25

“VOICE YOUR VIEW OF 2020” CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Five CBA students won the “Voice Your View of 2020” creative writing competition this year! “Voice Your View of 2020” was sponsored by the Albany Civic Theater, and required students to submit a video recording of an original written piece where they voiced their view of the 2020 calendar year. The following five CBA students had their poem, essay, or presentation selected and will receive a \$50 cash prize. Their videos were played on the Albany Civic Theatre’s social media site on December 12.

CLASS OF 2025

Ethan Pellerin
Luka Di Fabio

CLASS OF 2024

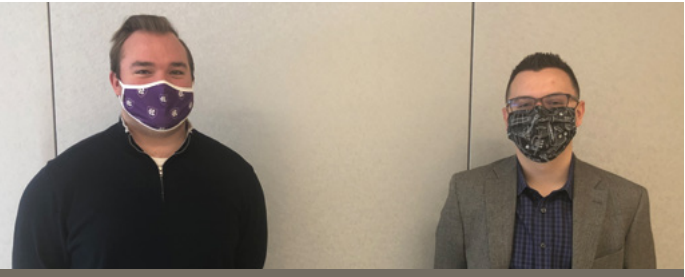
Nathan West
Kagame Rama-Munroe
Hubert Huho



Pictured from left to right: Lynn and Eugene Zielinski '58, Josh Lewyckyj '09 and Jamie Lewyckyj

MR. LEWYCKYJ RECEIVES ZIELINSKI DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Mr. Josh Lewyckyj '09 was presented the **Lynn F. & Eugene J. Zielinski '58** Distinguished Teaching Award. This award was established by the Zielinski family in recognition of great work being done at CBA. This award celebrates CBA faculty members for their accomplishments and outstanding teaching performance. Due to the restrictions placed upon us by the COVID-19 pandemic, the award, which is typically presented every year at our Honors Night program, was given to Mr. Lewyckyj during his period two U.S. history class this fall. Mr. Lewyckyj’s wife, Jamie, was also able to join the Zielinksis to help present the award.



Pictured from left to right: Luke Anthony '18 and Marco Sparato '19

ALUMNI AND YOUNG ADULT PARAPROFESSIONALS

We currently have a group of fantastic alumni and young adults who are serving as paraprofessionals at CBA. These paraprofessionals have been helping our faculty and administration by supervising lunch and recess periods, covering study halls, and monitoring class or activities as needed. The uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus has presented us with many challenges, and situations have come up where a faculty member has needed to teach their students from a remote location. By supervising our students during these periods, they have allowed our school to remain open and taken stress off of our busy faculty. Our paraprofessionals include **Aaron Drescher '07, Max Jones '17** and his sister Beatrice Jones, **Jacob LaChapelle '17, Alec Haring '19, Michael Buyaskas '17, Troy Anthony '13, Luke Anthony '18, Alex Harrison '19, Marco Sparato '19** and **Joe Kolbe '16**. We are so grateful for their incredible help this year!



THE BAND’S VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This year was an especially tough one for the CBA music department, as many of their opportunities to perform were taken away due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sarah Waite, our incredible director of music, worked hard to

ensure that the band still had at least one performance this semester. The CBA music department, along with Music Parents and Friends, proudly put together our first virtual Christmas chamber concert. On Wednesday, December 23, we virtually streamed an evening of music from all of our band members on the CBA Facebook account. Our bands have been reimagined into small chamber groups to help insure social distancing, and each group presented repertoire they rehearsed on their assigned band day. We are so proud of the performances they put on, and we are looking forward to seeing our band perform in person again next year.



FALL OPEN HOUSE

Although our fall open house looked a bit different this year, it was still hugely successful for our school. We invited prospective middle-school and high-school students and their families to take a private tour of campus. These socially distanced campus tours gave families a chance to meet with our faculty and get a feel for the school. Open House is always a great opportunity for prospective students to get a glimpse of the life, culture, and brotherhood CBA offers. Thank you to all of the families who spread the word about this event!

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM (CEP) RAFFLE WINNERS

\$5,000 Prize Pete Bursi, sold by Hayden Engert '22	\$1,000 Prize Joe Rupinski, sold by Connor Rupinski '21
\$3,000 Prize Chris Harrington, sold by Connor Dolin '21	\$1,000 Prize John Karrat, sold by Dominic Karrat '21
\$2,000 Prize Renee Bern, sold by Benjamin Bern '22	\$1,000 Prize: Elena and Joe Smith, sold by Terence Smith '21
\$1,000 Prize The Siegals, sold by Alex Rodriquez '26	\$250 Student Prize: Matt Ryan '24
\$1,000 Prize Dan Coppola '12, sold by Clark Brice '23	Congratulations to our winners, and thank you for participating in the CEP Raffle.

HONORS NIGHT

CBA recognized students' academic achievements for cumulative marks in all of their courses during the second semester of the 2019-20 school year, as well as recognition awards for academic achievements in individual subjects, community service, and athletic performance.

THE BROTHERS LIST

A semester average of 95 in their full Carnegie unit courses with no semester grade under 90.

CLASS OF 2021

Ethan Connolly
Carson Curran
Jonah Dohr
Kyle Ellenbogen
Sean Hendricks
Ryan Hotaling
Colin Lansing
Jacob LaPlante
Michael Losavio
Thomas McAvoy
Ben Paquin
Luke Pezzano
George Reynolds-Cotzas
Glen Sauter II
Terence Smith
Mason Tocci
Matthew Ucci
William Vivian

CLASS OF 2022

Noah Anderson
Benjamin Bern
Ryan Bilka
Christian Blood
Ezekiel Caldon
Noah Caney
Gabriel Donovan
Brandon Gallagher
Elias Hannoush
Robert Hicks
Ivan Huang
Benjamin Huckans
Jack Mangione
Karu Mbugua
John O'Keeffe
John Putnam
Ryan Sala

CLASS OF 2023

Nicholas Abatto
Phillip Bianco
Ryan Brodie
David Clement
Jarvin De Jesus
Dillon Goodwill
Andrew Lugo
Jack McKenna
Jack Mooney
Peter Murray

Ashton Pacanowski
Jack Paradis
Noah Ryan
Jaideep Saran
Noah Smith
Samuel Smith

CLASS OF 2024

Asif Alam
Christian Anderson
Ulderich Boisvert IV
Jonathan Bouton
Jaden Calderon
Matthew Campbell
Giovanni Clary
Christopher Daus Jr.
Aidan Febus
Robert Feranec
Adam Gonzalez
Hubert Huho
Kaelan Leak
Christian Lewis
Blake Mahieu
Thaddeus Mangione
Austin McCabe
Finnegan McFarland
Colin McMahon
George O'Leary
Joshua Peck
Joseph Perry
Jahmir Pitcher
Kagame Rama-Munroe
Francesco Raso
Matthew Ryan
Dominic Sementilli
Matthew Sgambati
Robert Strubel
Alexander Toop
Nathan West

CLASS OF 2025

Michael Calagna
Tyler Campbell
Luka Di Fabio
Conor Garcia
Richard Kinns-Eddolls
Jackson Mackenzie
Jack Marchese
Joshua McSwieney
Anthony Mormino

James Morton
Salvatore Raso
Andrew Sommo
Christopher Strong Jr.
Michael Tan
Isaiah Thomas

CLASS OF 2026

Timothy Barcomb
Brandt Cadet
Aidan Donohue
Gabriel Losavio

Christopher McLaughlin
Edgar Monroy
Alexander Nguyen
Ryan Nusbaum
Joseph O'Shaughnessy
Logan Strubel
Nathaniel Thompson

CLASS OF 2027

Carter Dean
Linus Mangione
Trevor Murray

FIRST HONORS

A semester average of 90 in their full Carnegie unit courses with no semester grade under 85.

CLASS OF 2021

Ryan Abatto
Zain Aziz
Gregory Beaulieu Jr.
Andrew Decker
Ian Lashway
Daniel Masullo
Jordan Proulx
Anthony Zaccaria

CLASS OF 2022

Ahmad Amir
Marc Anson
William Bashford IV
Connor Brown
Antonio Calderon Jr.
Jake Doemel
Brady Dubay
Rion Dugan
Hayden Engert
Evan Gregorius
Connor Hart
Joseph Hitchcock
Cameron James
Micah Moore
John O'Connor
Michael O'Shaughnessy
Jaden Proulx
Joseph Raucci
Joshua Richardson
Aidan Ryan
Thomas Scholz

CLASS OF 2023

Loren Baker IV
Andrew Bulalo
Austin Dean
Ryan Ferguson
Matthew Gregory
Jake Hammond
John Joyce
Colin Lansing
Joseph Morbidelli
Christopher Murphy
Alexander Namorato
Matthew Picard
Luke Szepek
Evan Turcotte

Michael Vogel
Charles Volans

CLASS OF 2024

Benjamin Baker
Keegan Brady
Jake Darwak
James Dixon
Adam Engert
Lowen Estrella
Owen Everett
Thomas Funaro
George Iacobaccio
Victor Pascucci
Samuel Ruggles
Dixon Van Epps
Derek Vogel

CLASS OF 2025

Joshua Albritton
Julius Brown
Liam Coleman
Sean Corcoran
Joseph Darrah
Andrew Hopper
Andrew Metzler
Ethan Pellerin
Sam Thayer

CLASS OF 2026

Andrew Brodie
Thomas Campbell
Matthew Daus
Carter Epting
Brayden Hart
Parker Lachanski
Anthony LaRosa
Kellen Lue
Carmine Petti
Graham Ryba
Sage Starks
Keagan Tan
Cameron Vining

CLASS OF 2027

Michael Berben
Michael Field
Declan Lyman
Zachary Millington

RECOGNITION AWARDS

JOSEPH J. ROMANO JR. '65 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Joseph J. Romano Jr. '65 Memorial Scholarship is given to a student who has demonstrated consistent excellence in the classroom and made outstanding contributions to the CBA athletic program.

Ben Paquin '21
William Vivian '21

JUNIOR ATHLETIC AWARD

The Junior Athletic Award is an award donated by the family of Edward T. Romanzo in his memory and presented to a student who excels in athletics and has demonstrated outstanding character in his athletic pursuits

Colby Dodson '21

OUTSTANDING ATHLETE FALL SEASON

This award recognizes outstanding performance by an athlete in the fall season of his junior year.

Jordan Proulx '21

OUTSTANDING ATHLETE WINTER SEASON

This award recognizes outstanding performance by an athlete in the winter season of his junior year

Hagen Foley '21

EDWARD J. BARRY '34 TOP HISTORY STUDENT, JUNIOR YEAR AWARD

Donated by the Family of Edward Barry '34 in his memory.

The Edward J. Barry '34 Top History Student, Junior Year is an award donated by the family of Edward J. Barry '34 in his memory and recognizes outstanding scholarship and achievement in the study of history.

William Vivian '21

RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE MATH AND SCIENCE AWARD

This award recognizes superlative academic achievement in the areas of math and science and is designed to motivate students toward careers in science, engineering and technology. The recipient of this award, if they choose to attend RPI, is eligible for a \$25,000 yearly merit scholarship.

Colin Lansing '21

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE BOOK AWARD

This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of the student's high-school career and contributions to the CBA community.

William Vivian '21

LEMOYNE COLLEGE HEIGHTS AWARD

LeMoyne College Heights Award is given to a student who has achieved much success while "reaching for the heights" in the classroom and in various school and community activities. The winner, should he choose to attend LeMoyne College, is eligible to receive a \$12,500 annual scholarship.

Nolan Field '21

CLARKSON UNIVERSITY AWARD

Clarkson University Leadership Award is given to a student who displays leadership qualities and academic promise. If our honoree chooses to attend Clarkson, he will be eligible for a scholarship totaling \$60,000 over four years.

Ryan Hotaling '21

AP SCHOLAR

Students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

Sean Hendricks '21
Ryan Hotaling '21
Jacob LaPlante '21
Ian Lashway '21
Jack Mangione '22
Thomas McAvoy '21
Thomas Nattrass '21
Luke Pezzano '21
Glen Sauter '21
Matthew Ucci '21
Brendan Wisniewski '21

AP SCHOLAR WITH HONORS

Students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Ethan Connolly '21
Colin Lansing '21
Jack Murphy '21
George Reynolds-Cotzas '21
William Vivian '21

AP SCHOLAR WITH DISTINCTION

Students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Ben Paquin '21

GENERAL EXCELLENCE FRESHMAN YEAR

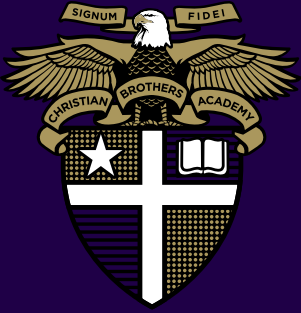
One-hundred-dollar award donated by the Christian Brothers Academy Board of Trustees and the family of Nora A. Smith, BFSC in her memory.

Noah Ryan '23

GENERAL EXCELLENCE SOPHOMORE YEAR

One-hundred-dollar award donated by the Christian Brothers Academy Board of Trustees and the Parents Association.

Karu Mbugua '22



GENERAL EXCELLENCE JUNIOR YEAR

One-hundred-dollar award donated by the Christian Brothers Academy Board of Trustees and the Honorable Harold E. Koreman '33 in memory of Arthur Koreman '40, who was killed in Iwo Jima.

Colin Lansing '21

All three General Excellence Awards are given to the student who is ranked first in their class at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year.

New National Honor Society Recipients

CLASS OF 2021

Reagan Buhrmaster
Daniel Masullo
Gabriel Ucci

CLASS OF 2022

Noah Anderson
Elias Hannoush
Cameron James
John Putnam
Thomas Scholz

CLASS OF 2023

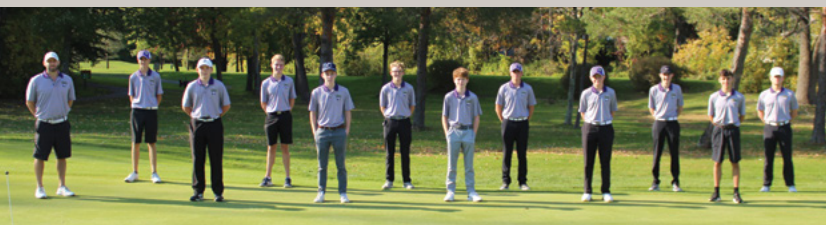
Nicholas Abatto
Phillip Bianco
Dixon Boggs
Ryan Brodie
Jarvin DeJesus
Jake Hammond
John Joyce
Andrew Lugo
Jack Mooney
Christopher Murphy
Jack Paradis
Jaideep Saran
Samuel Smith
Evan Turcotte
Michael Vogel

ATHLETICS

The fall sports season began a few weeks later than usual this year, with practices beginning on Monday, September 21. The pandemic has been tough on our student athletes and coaches, but that did not stop the Brothers from working hard in order to prepare for competitions down the road. This fall we had a number of off-season workouts in programs such as baseball, basketball, football, hockey, and lacrosse. Coaches and players took the necessary steps to participate in a safe and secure environment while still managing to develop their skills. The perseverance of the CBA Community was on display at all levels this fall, and the student athletes at Christian Brothers Academy should be commended for their commitment to excellence.

GOLF 91.82 ACADEMIC TEAM AVERAGE

CBA golf had a very exciting and successful season once they were allowed on the course. The Brothers went through the Suburban Council golf schedule with a 9-3 record, which placed them toward the top of the conference. Senior **Conlon Van Epps '21** led the way with a 41 average throughout the course of the season. While Section 2 golf sectionals didn't take place, the Suburban Council had an end-of-year culminating event at Van Patten Golf Course in Clifton Park, NY. CBA representatives included **Conlon Van Epps '21**, **CJ Strong '25**, **Dixon Boggs '23**, and **Noah Caney '22**.



Varsity Team Roster: **Conlon Van Epps, CJ Strong, Ian Lashway, Dixon Boggs, Kevin Carey, Jack Daggett, John David, Noah Caney, Jake O'Connor**

Exhibition Team Members: **Kyle Ellenbogen, Tyler Cox**

SOCCER 90.53 ACADEMIC TEAM AVERAGE

CBA soccer had another strong campaign in the 2020 season. The Brothers finished in second place in the Suburban Council with a regular season record of 10-2-0. Highlights of the regular season included a 2-1 victory over Saratoga, a 1-0 victory at always tough Niskayuna, and a 4-2 result at Shaker. The Brothers continued their strong play in the postseason defeating Albany 3-1 in the quarterfinals, as well as Niskayuna 4-2 in the semi-finals. The season came to an end in the championship game where the Brothers fell to the Plainsmen 3-2, conceding the final goal with only four minutes to play. Congratulations on a remarkable season.

CROSS COUNTRY 91.94 ACADEMIC TEAM AVERAGE

The CBA cross country team had an excellent season this year. Despite COVID-19 restrictions, they were able to complete a 10-4 record in the competitive Suburban Council. The Brothers ranked in the top 10 for all NYS Class B XC teams. The team was led by Suburban Council All Stars **Sean Hendricks '21** and **Evan Williams '22**. Additional varsity scorers were **Nick Abatto '23**, **Matt Picard '23**, **Kaelan Leak '24**, **Jack Mangione '22** and **Ryan Ferguson '23**. Our equally successful JV squad (11-3) was led by **Thaddeus Mangione '24**, **Ralston Frattarolla '24**, **Jack McKenna '23**, **Dominic Fusco '24**, **Zeke Caldon '22** and **Joe Toomey '22**. Coaches Tom and Aidan O'Malley are very excited about the potential the Brothers have moving forward.



Varsity Team Roster: **Nicholas Abatto, Bryce Cadet, Jaden Calderon, Ezekiel Caldon, Ethan Connolly, Ryan Ferguson, Nolan Field, Ralston Frattarola, Dominic Fusco, Sean Hendricks, Raymond Hotaling, Liam Hotaling, Kaelan Leak, Thaddeus Mangione, Jack Mangione, Michael McAlary, Jack McKenna, Peter Murray, Grady Muscolino, Ashton Pacanowski, Donovan Pacanowski, Adrian Padilla, Matthew Picard, Noah Ryan, Aidan Sheehan, Joseph Toomey, Matthew Ucci, Michael Vogel, Evan Williams, Sam Ungerland**

Modified Team Roster: **Brandt Cadet, Jack Chenevert, Julian Mangine, Jack Marchese, Jake Matusic, Joshua McSwieney, Anthony Mormino, Julian Piontek, Andrew Sommo**



Varsity Team Roster: **Andrew Decker, Connor Dolin, Jordan Proulx, Jack Ryan, Sumahri Stewart, Paul Abbatiello, Dimitris Anagnostopoulos, Benjamin Bern, Jake Doemel, John Putnam, Arjun Govindarajan, Jason Lambert, Adrian Torres, Evan Gregorius, Christopher Murphy, Thomas Stallmer, Carson Leto, Alexander Namorato, Jaideep Saran, Benjamin Baker, Owen Everett, Lincoln Freeman, Vittorio Renda**

to SERVE

SENIOR FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY

On October 22, the class of 2021 came together to perform our annual flag-raising ceremony. The flag-raising ceremony is held every year to signify the official opening of the school and remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. Although the ceremony was a little later and looked quite a bit different this year, our senior class made sure it still took place. The ceremony started with an opening prayer by **Cadet Chaplin Colin Lansing '21** and remarks from **Cadet Colonel Ryan Hotaling '21**.



SENIOR FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY PHOTO GALLERY



Photos taken by Nolan Field '21



REAL BROTHERS WEAR PINK

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, CBA participated in the American Cancer Society's Real Men Wear Pink campaign. The Real Brothers Wear Pink event took place over the course of four days, with students being shown short videos highlighting the importance of the fight against breast cancer. The event culminated on Thursday with a special video from **Giovanni Lisi '16**, a young alumni who lost his mother to breast cancer during his junior year at CBA. Brothers dressed down for the third year in a row in special "Real Brothers Wear Pink" shirts on Thursday, to raise awareness for breast cancer. This year, we raised more than \$3,000 to donate to the American Cancer Society. Special thanks to Camelot Printing and Wicked Smart for helping to make this event a success!



CHRISTMAS SWEATERS FOR LUNG CANCER

Student council and **Rhys Nechtman '27** hosted a Christmas-sweater-themed dress-down day in December to support their lung cancer awareness campaign. Students brought in cash donations, with all proceeds going to the LUNgevity Foundation. We are happy to announce that our students and families raised more than \$2,217 to be donated to the fight against lung cancer. Brothers had a lot of fun getting in the holiday spirit with this festive dress-down day. Prizes were given to the “most festive” sweater in the middle school, high school, and faculty. The winners were Mr. Stanton for faculty, **Jake O'Connor '22** for high school, and **Michael Tan '25** for middle school.

ANNUAL FUND PHONATHON

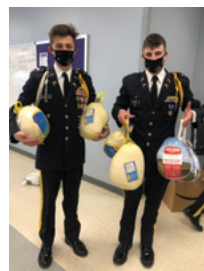
The 2020 Annual Fund Phonathon took place across five nights in October and November. The Annual Fund helps to keep tuition costs as low as possible, maintains and updates our campus, and gives every young man who wants to attend CBA the opportunity to do so through scholarships and financial aid. Student, parent, and alumni volunteers came to campus and volunteered their time to make calls to alumni, family, and friends of CBA. We also sent an EZ-Pledge form in mid-September for those who prefer to skip the call and send their gift ahead of time. We want to thank the entire CBA community for your generosity. You raised more than \$130,00 for the school!



VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES

When the seniors found out there wouldn't be a Veterans Day parade this year, they wanted to find another way to honor our veterans. The Senior Student Council put together a “fitness challenge” on Tuesday, November 10, where each student received sponsors from family and friends to participate in a few fitness activities. All of the money they raised was donated to the VA hospital in Albany. Additionally, on Veterans Day, **Christopher Daus '24** proudly wore his CBA uniform honoring veterans during two wreath-laying ceremonies in Watervliet. We are so proud of Chris for taking the time to honor our vets on his own.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



We are happy to announce that with the help of our students, parents, families, and local businesses, CBA had another successful Thanksgiving food drive! Thousands of canned goods and 288 turkeys were donated in total – 54 of them came from the school, 34 came from 6th grade parent Daniella Redgrave, and 200 from Mr.



Michael Raucci. Mr. Raucci's generous donations were given to Saratoga County E.O.C., while the rest of the food was given to the LaSalle School in Albany and St. John's/St. Anne's Food Pantry in Albany. We also donated more than \$2,000 in grocery gift cards for the families of LaSalle School, and we raised an additional \$2,000 in cash to be donated to both LaSalle and St. John's/St. Anne's. Thank you to every member of the CBA community who donated and made the food drive a success!

ANGELMAN SYNDROME FUNDRAISER BROTHER'S DONATE TO NICK'S FIGHT TO BE HEALED

For the past six years, the hockey team has honored Joseph Fingerhut on their senior night. Mr. Fingerhut was a beloved member of the CBA faculty who passed away in 2014 after a battle with cancer. On their senior night last winter, the hockey team chose to honor Rosie Reeves in addition to Mr. Fingerhut. Rosie is the wife of Sergeant Herb Reeves, and a recent cancer survivor. Mrs. Reeves asked that all of the proceeds from the team's senior night be given to Nick's Fight To Be Healed, a non-profit organization that supports pediatric cancer patients. Due to the circumstances that COVID-19 presented us with last semester, delivering the proceeds to the organization was postponed. This November, **Jack Murphy '21** and **Logan Murphy '23** presented a \$300 check to Janina Cammarata, the president and founder of Nick's Fight To Be Healed.



VIRTUAL CRAFT FAIR

“How do we socially distance over 5,000 shoppers for the 23rd Annual CBA Craft Fair?” was on the minds daily of the CBA Parents Association President Laura Smith, Craft Fair Committee Chair Pam Smith, and committee members, as they pondered when and how to handle their largest fundraiser of the year. Although an outdoor event earlier in the fall was considered, ultimately there was no getting away from the fact that our loyal shoppers would still attend in droves. For the safety of everyone involved, the Parents Association decided to host a virtual event. With

the help of Carolyn Kelly, CBA alumni mom and past CBA craft fair committee chair, the virtual craft fair kicked off in October. A number of vendors graciously donated additional proceeds of their sales and offered additional discounts to customers, as well. The “can do” spirit was alive and well as we celebrated another successful craft fair through the efforts of the CBA Parents Association and our loyal vendors and shoppers.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Some intrepid Brothers braved below-zero temperatures to clear 30 inches of snow and place wreaths on 2,000 graves on Saturday, December 19 at Wreaths Across America at the Gerald B. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery. **Jack Mangione '22** fundraised sponsorships for more than 200 wreaths and has raised more than \$1,000 for CBA's **Michael Flowers '17** scholarship through wreath sponsorships for the second year in a row.





to BUILD COMMUNITY

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear CBA Friends and Family,

**“Let us remember that we are in the
holy presence of God.”**

“Saint John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us!”

“Live, Jesus, in our hearts! Forever!”

These short prayers embody the essence of my experience with Christian Brothers Academy. I was first introduced to these prayers in 1978, as an 8th grader at CBA. I repeated these prayers multiple times a day for the next five years I spent at CBA. There are plenty of phrases and sayings that are familiar to us, in one way or another, including longer prayers. But for me, and I would bet, for any student who graduated from CBA, these prayers are the most recognizable, thought-provoking phrases we know. Nearly 40 years after graduating from CBA, these three simple sentences, once said, immediately focus my mind on what is important -- that we are always in the holy presence of God.

At the writing of this edition of Chronicles, we are in the ninth month of COVID-19. This difficult period, and the time that lays before us, will certainly challenge much of what we know and believe in. People are required to be socially distant, school is disrupted, livelihoods are turned upside down. For many of us, this time is the most trying experience our society has been through. It is hard to imagine what life will be like once this virus has been eradicated. During such difficult times, it is comforting to know that there is a place to find peace. For over 160 years, CBA has remained a guiding light no matter how difficult the times were around it. CBA is and will remain true to its foundation -- a school that ministers to each student's mind and spirit. This spirit is exemplified by the dedicated teachers and staff who have ensured that each student has the most meaningful educational experience during this challenging time. Our students and their parents and guardians are also inspiring in their desire and commitment to continue the CBA mission.

What can be taken away from this entire experience is that CBA has not only weathered this storm, it has become ever closer to the true meaning of the Christian Brothers' mission. While many institutions curtailed their activities in the name of safety, CBA found ways to come together, whether at school or in our community, to share the LaSallian spirit and serve the community.

Fortunately, our current families have remained committed to CBA. Currently, our enrollment is strong and up from the prior year to 553 students. As I have noted in previous Chronicles, CBA's enrollment is the most consistent and strongest of all the private schools in the Capital District. We will continue to face challenges in the future from other schools, but if we stay true to the core mission, we will remain a very attractive place for young men and their families in the Capital District.

As a community, we are saddened by the passing of two very distinguished CBA alumni. **Mr. William (Bill) Toomey '49** was a constant presence within the CBA community and past president of the CBA Alumni Association. Throughout his life, Bill was actively involved in many religious and civic organizations. **Father Peter Young '49**, CBA Hall of Fame inductee, lived to serve to the most vulnerable of our society. His service to those in need in Albany and beyond is unprecedented. At its height, his ministry employed over 600 people, who administered to the poor and homeless in communities across the state. Mr. Toomey and Father Young exemplified the mission of the Christian Brothers, which we should all be extremely proud of and replicate as best we can.

I hope and pray that soon we can all come together again in person, as a united CBA community, and share the spirit that makes CBA so special. I wish everyone a happy and healthy 2021.

Faithfully yours,

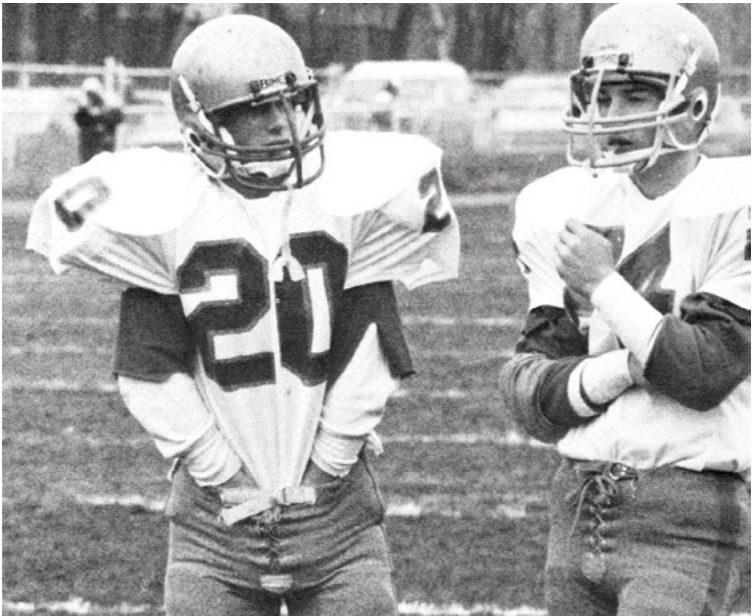
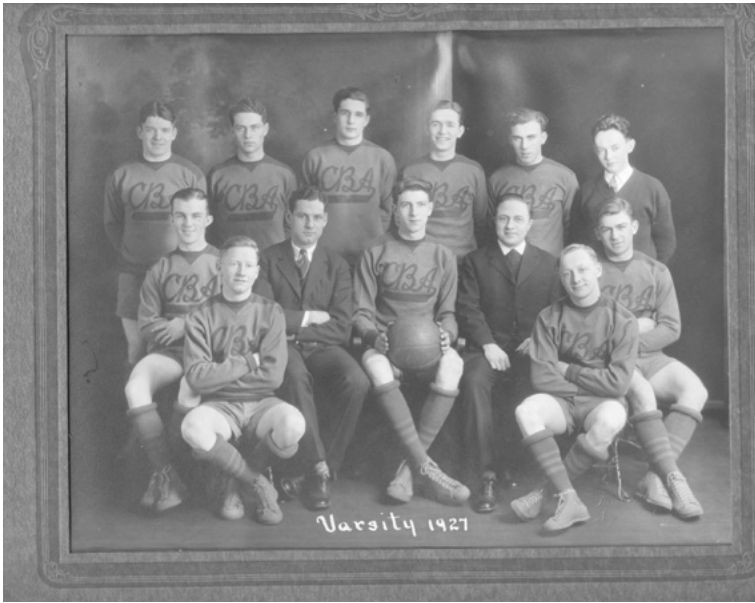
Christopher Scaringe, '82
Chairman of the Board



A Look Back at CBA's History

In 1854, the De La Salle Christian Brothers were invited to Albany to open an orphan asylum. Five years later, Christian Brothers Academy was founded in 1859 on Western Turnpike in Albany as a pay school to help support the asylum – at the time, 80 students were enrolled. Over the next 20 years, the school continued to expand, outgrowing its facilities several times. From 1862-1868, the school was located on Lydius Street; from 1886-1877, CBA was on Beaver Street; and in 1877, the school relocated again to Madison Avenue, where they stayed until 1886. In 1886, the Brothers purchased the former Normal College at 43 Lodge Street from the State Education Department. Classes were held in the Lodge Street building for the next 53 years. The De La Salle Road campus, featuring the Georgian Colonial school building, was where CBA moved to next, opening in September 1939. The school continued to grow at De La Salle Road, with a gymnasium being added to the new building in 1942, and the Brothers' Residence in 1951.

Eventually, the De La Salle site became outdated and overcrowded as the school continued to grow. The University Heights Consortium made a \$8.4 million offer and plans were made to move the school to the Town of Colonie. The new campus on Airline Drive incorporated current technological advancements into its design and structure. Multiple science labs, a technology center, as well as a lecture hall equipped with all the latest media tools, became available to faculty and students. The current 126-acre campus was opened in 1998, and since then the school's buildings and grounds have undergone many extensive refurbishments to keep the campus updated. These renovations included an expanded cafeteria, a second baseball field, and a new wing. CBA now offers over 80,000 square feet of instructional space and over 30 acres of dedicated athletic facilities. Take a look back at CBA's history with these incredible photos!



1973 Graduates Reunited After 47 Years

Frank Dyer '73 has joined Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments ("PKS") as its senior vice president of wealth development. The move reunites Frank with his CBA classmate **J. Peter Purcell '73** after 47 years, and the two could not be happier.



Frank Dyer

Frank was an outstanding basketball player at CBA and at Siena College, as well as a force on the track team. He was inducted into the CBA Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996. He was also a member of the JROTC's Second Battalion staff while at CBA, serving as the Cadet Second Lieutenant Platoon Leader. After graduation, Frank attended Siena College in Loudonville, where he met his lovely wife, Mary. He became the assistant basketball coach at Siena before entering the business world. Frank would eventually hold key management positions at such prestigious firms as Wells Fargo Advisors, McDonald Investments/KeyBank, and UBS.

Purcell was also involved in JROTC during his time at CBA, serving on the First Battalion staff as Cadet First Lieutenant, Executive Officer. After high school, he went to college at SUNY Albany before entering the business world. Purcell has been CEO of PKS for 26 years, and under his guidance the firm has a national footprint with 620 offices in 48 states. PKS is a full-service brokerage firm, supplying retail and institutional brokerage services to individual clients and industry partners.

"I ran into Frank downtown, and when he mentioned he was considering getting back into management, it took us about 30 seconds to ask him to join our team," said Purcell. "Frank has a stellar reputation as both a manager and a genuinely good person. He was exactly what we needed to fill a void in corporate development."

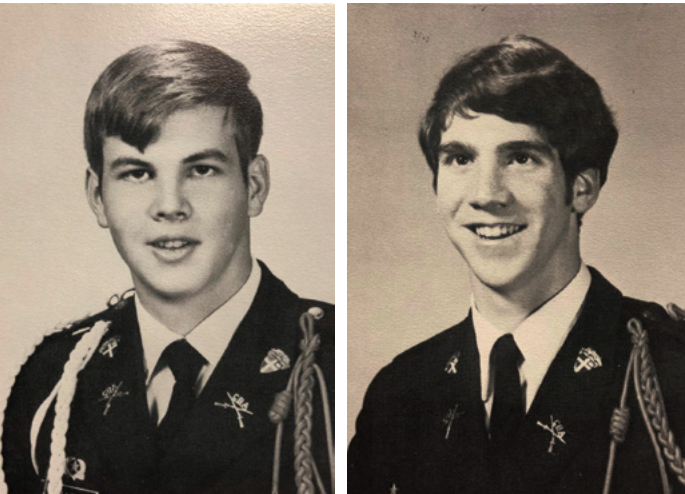
Dyer credits his professional success in large part to his days at CBA. "CBA helped mold my developing character at my most formative years, which in turn helped guide me throughout my career, and when faced with decisions that required sound moral judgement, I had it," says Frank. "Not all

of those decisions were the right ones, mind you, but maybe the outcomes could have been worse! Those four years at CBA were critical in my establishing a solid Christian foundation on which to live my life. I was fortunate to have great coaches and teachers, most notably Bill Telasky and Cliff Lehman. During and after my coaching stint at Siena, I became passionate about financial services, and it's been a wonderful profession."

"Every day Frank and I exchange at least one story from our days at CBA," said Peter. "We have a million stories, and have a lot of fond and funny memories." Frank echoed that sentiment, and has some advice for today's CBA students. "Be sure to stay close to your high-school friends when you go to college. Exchange school visits and enjoy college experiences together, as well. High-school friends are your best friends forever, believe me, forever! Stay involved and go to the reunions. You will be forever glad that you did!" Frank has certainly stayed involved. He has been the auctioneer at numerous CBA fundraising events like our annual golf tournament and The Purple and Gold Gala.



Left to Right: Peter Purcell and Frank Dyer



ALUMNI NOTES

'50s



Joe Reilly '56 has a radio show, "Reilly on the Radio" on Sundays, noon to 2pm, on WVCR 88.3fm The Saint. Joe is a member of the New York Broadcaster's Hall of Fame. He also got married to Lydia Sheremeta over the summer.

John Koreman '58 and his wife celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on December 29. The couple has three children together, and six beautiful granddaughters.



'60s

Kevin O'Neill '62 is dealing with COVID-19 his way, while hunkering-down in Naples, FL. He's thinking of all his classmates from '62 and wishing everyone the best!



Joseph A. Sullivan '68 celebrated 50 years as a real estate licensee. He currently is a licensed real estate broker and Vice President of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Blake, Realtors.

Michael R. Breault '68 retired from clinical practice, and is now serving on the American Academy of Periodontology's board of trustees.

'70s



Patrick Reilly '70 began his 40th year with the New York State Association of REALTORS on December 14. He previously worked for United States Senator James L. Buckley, (C-R NY) in the 1970s, as the executive director of the Young Republican Leadership Program in Washington, DC, as the campaign manager for Congressman Gregory W. Carman, R-NY3, and

public affairs manager for the United States Chamber of Commerce. Patrick will retire as vice president of board and member services for the New York State Association of REALTORS on March 31, 2021 after a lifetime of fond memories. Now it is time for him to enjoy his daughters, grandchildren, and create more family memories.



Mark DeFrancisco '75 was appointed to a term as an appellate court tax judge for the State of Massachusetts.



David Smith '75 was recently recognized for 40 years of service at Siena College and is serving as the vice president of the college under seven different presidential administrations.

Timothy Ford '75 retired in 2013 from the Department of Homeland Security. He got married in 2015 and

relocated to the Syracuse area. He is enjoying his time camping, traveling, attending Dome sporting events, and volunteering for the Meals on Wheels program.



Joe Clemente '77 was presented with the Department of Defense Patriot Award from Brigadier General Natali and Darlene Stanton for his work with veterans through his Tennis for the Troops Program. The program has been a huge success with more than 104 military members joining since its inception last year.



Frank Mancuso '79 is a retired deputy sheriff and supervisor of 25 years at Madison Square Garden. Currently, Frank is working on his third career as an award-winning writer living in NYC and is busy working on his seventh screenplay. He produced a film called Blue Iron that was on Amazon Prime and is currently in post-production on a horror film and a half-hour comedy, hopefully soon to

be released. At the 2020 Top Shorts Film Festival, his screenplay *Non Scordati Di Me* was given an honorable mention, and recognized as one of the top 15 screenplays.

'80s



William J. Anthony '81 is a labor and employment partner at Blank Rome LLP. Will has litigated cases in over 15 states and has trial experience in Connecticut, New Jersey, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and Montana. His trial experience includes defense of class, collective and single plaintiff actions before juries, judges, and arbitrators.

Michael V. Gracia '83 is a special agent for the United States Secret Service, Counter Surveillance Division in Washington D.C.



Johnny Evers '87 currently serves as secretary of the board of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern NY. His stepdaughter Kiley and daughter Lily (with their "mascot" Francis) have raised more than \$10,000 over the last three years through their annual Christmas Holiday Hunger Appeal for the benefit

of the food bank. The effort is part of their service project for Academy of the Holy Names.

Derek Paradise '89 recently began a new career as a Mortgage Loan Officer at M+T Bank in Ballston Lake, NY. He previously worked at Subway Development of Albany as director of franchise sales.

'90s



Anthony Morelli '92 was recently appointed to the Clifton Park Town Board and will run for election in 2021.



Todd Mahar '93 was promoted to colonel in the United States Marine Corps on October 1, 2020. He currently serves as the director of operations and training for Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Atlantic. His parents, who pinned cadet captain insignia on him in 1992, also pinned his colonel insignia on him, along with his wife and kids.



Rocky Fittizzi '95 and his wife welcomed twins, Reese and Rocco, this past year.

Aaron Dorsey '97 has been appointed middle-school English department chair. He has been teaching English for 16 years in the Fayetteville Manlius School District in Fayetteville, NY.



David Wimbush '99, a member of the National Guard in Georgia, was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. In his moving acceptance speech, he thanked his "guardian angel," **Mr. John Picotte '59**.

'00s



Chris Taylor '01 and his wife Mary welcomed their son Jack into the world on May 24, 2020.

Brian Barringer '02 completed the Federal Bureau of Investigations Hazardous Devices School located at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL. The physically exhausting six-week course focuses on academics as well as real-world applications. It is the only

certifying body for public safety bomb technicians in the United States. Out of 700,000 public safety officers in the U.S., Brian is one of 3,500 to successfully complete this course and become certified as a public safety bomb technician.



Cory Chevalier '03 is currently working as associate program director of the internal medicine residency at Cleveland Clinic, director of wellness for graduate medical education, director of the clinician educator track of the residency, and also director of wellness for Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine. Clinically, he is working as a palliative medicine physician, primarily caring for cancer patients. He is enjoying life with his wife Kathy in their home just outside of Cleveland.



Blaine Drescher '04 and his wife welcomed their daughter, Dolly Belle Drescher, on October 1, 2020.

Stephen Astemborski '05 recently started a new job as the director of SC Aerospace. SC Aerospace is a partnership of public, private, academic and nonprofit sectors, connecting the industry's



assets and securing future growth, in an effort to advance and market South Carolina's aerospace industry on the global stage.



Dylan Canterbury '05 released his first album as a bandleader, "Going Places," on March 20. The album has garnered critical acclaim and has received airplay on radio stations across the country, including NPR's "Jazz After Hours." Actively involved in music education, he is also a faculty member at the College of Saint Rose and Schenectady County Community College, where he directs both schools' jazz ensembles and teaches jazz history.

Rob Ethridge '05, recently joined Aetna/CVS Health as a financial crimes investigator. In late September he relocated to Ocala, FL from Ft. Lauderdale, FL with his girlfriend Lauren and their two dogs. All are fully enjoying the laid-back rural life.

William J. (Billy) Burns III '06 had his first son on June 28, 2020, William "Liam" James Burns IV, named for his father, great grandfather and grandfather, CBA class of 1942.



Justin Hearley '08 and his wife Maria welcomed their first-born child Caiden Louis Hearley on August 13, 2020. In June, Justin celebrated his fifth year as a member of the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) and continues to work as the first assistant PGA golf professional at Normanside Country Club in Delmar, NY.



Justin M. Marini '08 and his wife Fallon welcomed their second child, Vincent Alexander, on September 22, 2020. Vincent hopes to attend CBA like his grandfather **Bob '84**, and uncles, **Brandon '09**, **Nick '14**, and **Tyler '18**.



Chris Sand '09, popped the question to his girlfriend Christina Boisvert on November 24 and happily received a positive response. Congratulations to the happy couple!

'10s

Steve Basile '11 is a financial advisor at Ascent Wealth Partners in Saratoga Springs.



His firm provides help with everything from investing and financial planning to tax mitigation and wealth transfer strategies. They have been growing steadily and are quickly approaching \$1 billion in assets under management.

Andrew Stire '14 left for his second deployment in support of Operation Spartan Shield. He is serving as the fire direction officer for all field artillery fires within his unit. His new hobbies include checking CBA's social media sites to make sure grooming and appearance standards are within regulation! He hopes to see the basketball program rise to the top once again! Most of all, he wishes success for the JROTC program.



Jonas Neri '14 has been named one of Albany's 40 Under 40 Rising Stars in New York state politics. Jonas currently works as a legislative director for Brown & Weinraub strategic consulting firm. He has been there since college, completing an internship at Brown & Weinraub after graduating with a political science degree from the University at Albany in 2018.



Michael Strohmaier '15 graduated with his B.S. in finance from Siena College in 2019 and is now working in the business office at Academy of the Holy Names.



Zephaniah "Zeph" Kozakiewicz '16 left for Utica on August 3, 2020 to start his training with the fire academy. When he gets back, he will be working for the Saratoga Fire Department.



Tom Vieldkind '16 graduated in May with a degree in broadcast and digital journalism from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University. He recently accepted a job producing the morning show for WKBW, the local ABC affiliate in Buffalo.



Giovanni Lisi '16 purchased six rental units in Watervliet this past fall and is looking forward to growing his real estate investment portfolio in 2021. He also is looking forward to growing his real estate sales business as he enters his fourth year as a NYS licensed real estate agent.



Max Jones '17 is working hard to earn his bachelor's degree in human developmental and regenerative biology at Harvard University while working as an incoming associate at Boston Consulting Group. Max is also an Ivy League representative on the NCAA Committee – one of only two players from the Ivy League serving on the committee, which will broaden the chance for student-athletes' voices to be heard.



Brian LaFleche '17 earned the spring 2020 Dean's Award with Distinction at Colgate University.



Adam Zebrowski '18, Nick Melillo '18, and Nick Debrino '17 all spent their shortened 2020 summer season playing together for the Albany Dutchmen.

Colin Patricelli '18 was named to Clarkson University's Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester. Colin is a senior majoring in chemical engineering.



Dominic Meola '18 was named a recipient of the 2020 Division 2 Athletic Directors Association Academic Achievement Award. Dominic was also chosen by the College of Saint Rose as a recipient of the 2020 Ruggiero Honors Internship Scholarship Award.



Jordan King '19 received a scholarship to play basketball for the Siena Saints his sophomore year, after an outstanding freshman season as a walk-on.



Marco Spataro '19 had an internship over the summer with Father Matthew Frisoni, judicial vicar for the Diocese of Albany. The internship consisted of assisting Father Frisoni with his three parishes (St. Paul the Apostle, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and St. Adalbert - All in Schenectady NY). He is returning to College of the Holy Cross in the fall and continuing his studies as a history and religious studies double major. His long-term goal is becoming a teacher.

'20s

Winston Clapper '20 has successfully completed military basic training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, IL, and follow-up schooling in Meridian, MS. He is now a personnel clerk for VAQ-131 in Whidbey Island, WA.



Derek DerBoghossian '20 graduated from U.S. Army basic training as PFC, completed military police training, and began the K9 (dog handler) training.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our alumni, parents, and friends who shared their photos with us!

SHARE YOUR NEWS

Alumni notes are a great way to let your classmates know about your personal and professional achievements. To appear in our next issue of the Chronicles, contact Emma Reinisch at reinische@cbaalbany.org.

IN MEMORIAM

as of December 17, 2020

- 2015 Ian R. Leffler
- 1999 James J. Rhoads
- 1979 Pastor Russell A. Bellamy
- 1978 Kevin F. Bulson
- 1969 Matthew J. Dwyer
- 1969 Bryan C. McCarthy
- 1966 Timothy M. Mullens
- 1962 Robert P. Snicker
- 1961 Eugene J. Fish
- 1956 Joseph E. Cronin, Sr.
- 1955 William J. Straney
- 1952 Joseph W. Davidson
William F. Murphy
- 1951 Edward J. Bucci
Charles J. Farone
- 1949 Thomas V. Flanagan
Francis R. Hanlon
William A. Toomey, Jr.
Father Peter G. Young
- 1947 John E. Tooher, Jr.
- 1941 Donald T. Card

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

- Paul J. Deguire, Sr.
- Cameron J. Gill
- Robert Horvath
- Barbara Mesick
- Hillary R. Raimo

TOUHEY FOUNDATION AWARDS
CBA'S HENRY JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Carl. E. Touhey Foundation awarded a grant to support five half scholarships through CBA's Henry Johnson Scholarship fund. The Henry Johnson Scholarship was created by CBA alumnus **Jelani Cowan '97** who was raised in Albany by a single mother. With the support of scholarships and the CBA community, he thrived at CBA and went on to attend RPI. Jelani wanted to give other young men in the city of Albany from a

single household the same opportunity he had and created the Henry Johnson Scholarship. The Touhey Foundation recognized the value of a CBA education, which educates the whole person, and supports this opportunity for our Albany youth. An anonymous donor agreed with this assessment and the need to help provide a good education and has matched that gift to the Henry Johnson scholarship, bringing it to five full four year scholarships for Albany city families in need.

REMEMBERING
FATHER PETER YOUNG '49

Father Peter G. Young '49 passed away on December 9, 2020 at the age of 90. Father Young was a great athlete. He is a member of the CBA Athletic Hall of Fame, traveled with the Negro Baseball League in the 1950s, and was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals. However, his chance to play professional baseball ended when he was drafted into the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. It was during his time in the Navy that he was called



to priesthood. Father Young was ordained a Catholic priest on May 23, 1959 and quickly earned the title of "street priest" while serving as pastor of St. John's Church in the south end of Albany. He saw how the alcohol and drug addiction that encircled his parish destroyed families and lives, and he founded what is now known as Peter Young Housing Industries and Treatment. He also founded the alcohol and substance abuse program, which today provides

treatment services to 10,000 inmates per year, as well as the Big Brothers and Big Sisters in Albany. Father Young changed thousands of lives, and he will always be remembered for his dedication to those in need.

REMEMBERING
WILLIAM A. TOOMEY JR. '49

William (Bill) A. Toomey Jr '49 passed away November 19, 2020 at the age of 88. Bill was a loving husband and father to nine children, grandfather to 11 grandchildren, and great-grandfather to one.



Bill served as district director of the State School of Industrial and Labor Relations of Cornell University for many years before opening a private law practice. Bill was a devout Catholic – he sat on the first U.S. Catholic Bishops' Advisory Council, was a past president of the U.S. Catholic Social Action Conference, represented the United States at the celebration of Rurum Novarum, and was the chair

of the Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for Albany Catholic Diocese for over 25 years.

Bill was also an incredibly proud CBA alumni and a dedicated basketball fan. According to many, "No person has seen more CBA basketball games than Bill Toomey." He was proud of his many children and grandchildren who also became fellow alumni of CBA – at least a dozen members of the Toomey family have graduated from CBA since the first one did, even before Bill, in 1929.

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The Saint LaSalle Society was established to honor and celebrate individuals who have made a provision in their long-term plans to benefit Christian Brothers Academy. If you have included CBA in your bequest or other planned gift, please contact us as we would like to recognize your generosity by enrolling you in our Saint LaSalle Society.

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