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CBA Chronicles

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear CBA Family,

As we welcome the New Year, I am very pleased to report on the status of Christian Brothers Academy. Over the last five school years, our enrollment has grown by over one hundred students. While we've been getting bigger, the focus has been on getting better. This growth has allowed us to add talented faculty and introduce programs to enhance the academic experience for all of our students.

This year, we introduced Project Lead the Way, the nation's leading Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics program. Three classes of high school students have opted to take engineering classes this year, with a new class in the sequence added in each of the subsequent four years. The PLTW program will prepare our students for college majors in engineering and engineering technology fields.

CBA is the first private school in the area to offer Project Lead the Way. The PLTW program has complemented our existing STEM courses, which include two levels of Physics and Computer Science. The program has been so popular that we are investigating the program for the middle school.

Our students continue to honor the institution with excellence in academics, music, athletics and community service. In the fall athletics season, our football team returned to the Section 2 Super Bowl, our golf team captured a sectional championship, and every one of our teams qualified for a NYS Scholar-Athlete team award. We set a goal of 20,000 cans for our Thanksgiving food drive and our students collected a CBA record 27,120 cans. The fine young men of CBA are a source of pride for the school and alumni everywhere.

As a school, and as a community, we are moving in the right direction to ensure the continued success of Christian Brothers Academy. Thanks to the support of the extended CBA family, including our faculty and staff, we will continue to provide quality education in the Lasallian tradition, allowing for each young man who walks the halls of CBA to reach his personal best.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts, forever!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Schlegel".

Dr. James Schlegel
Head of School

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear CBA Family,

I am pleased to announce that the past school year finished with a balanced budget for the 5th year in a row and this current school year continues our positive trend of enrollment growth. Over the last five years, enrollment has grown 37 percent, with the largest increase coming from our middle school (grades 6-8). The middle school is the largest “feeder” school for the high school and we continue to focus on ways to strengthen this foundation of CBA. As you will read in the following pages, our students are accomplishing extraordinary achievements, both inside and outside of the classroom. Our students’ achievements and the positive image they exhibit in the community, play a key role in the success and growth of CBA.

Over the last several months, CBA has invested in significant improvements of the facility. Thanks to your generous support, the cafeteria has been renovated and can now also function as an interactive media center. In addition, the weight and training room has been completely renovated with state of the art equipment. Finally, all 23 roof-top heating and cooling units have been replaced and an advanced computerized climate control system has been installed throughout the building. This project cost \$365,000 and a majority of the cost was financed with a bank loan.

I was saddened by the passing of one of our most devoted alumni volunteers, Robert Kisselback '45. Bob was co-chair of the CBA phone-a-thon, and worked the phones for as long as anyone can remember. He loved sharing time with the current students and talking to alumnus on the phone. His tireless efforts, year after year, helped raised critical funds which were used to provide financial aid to many CBA students. The cost of educating a student at CBA exceeds the tuition charged, which currently is \$12,100 at the high school level. Without the generous support from the CBA community, a majority of our families could not afford to send their son to CBA. Bob understood how important it was to raise money every year, so that a CBA education is made available to as many young men as possible. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I can assure you that every dollar contributed and every hour volunteered is helping provide an opportunity for many young men to experience an exceptional Lasallian education of the mind and spirit.

I wish everyone a joyous Christmas Season and a healthy and Happy New Year.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Scaringe". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Christopher Scaringe '82
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

TO TEACH

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY SCHOLASTIC HONORS NIGHT

On October 8th, CBA held its Fall Honors Night to recognize students' academic achievements for the second semester of 2013-14. Students received academic achievement awards for cumulative marks in all courses, as well as awards for academic achievement in individual subjects, community service and musical performance.

THE BROTHERS LIST

Students with a semester average of 95 in the full Carnegie unit courses with no semester grade under 90.

Class of 2015

Anthony, Ben Thomas
Scaringe, Dustin George

Class of 2016

Carnavos, Michael Lawrence
Hartman, Tyler James
LaFleche, Kevin Peter
Lauria, Joseph Stuart
Lewis, Nicholas Robert
Macfarlane, Paul Joseph
Philbin, Daniel Edward
Raimo, Elliott James

Class of 2017

Beauregard, Ian Mathew
Carbone, John William
Demeter, Andrew James
DeNicola, Nicholas Robert
DiNovo, Andrew Nicholas
Esposito, Justin Andrew
Gauna, Collin Daniel
Jones, Maximilian Joseph
LaFleche, Brian John
Parisi, Nicholas Gerard
Quinn, Jevaun Matthew
Rento, John Thomas
Swanson, Ian Karl
Vanderhoef, Justin Elliott
Zelker, Zachary Hank

Class of 2018

Boyan, Casey William
Italiano, Christian Michael
Meola, Dominic Vincent
O'Hara, Jack Patrick
Skinner, Keegan Carl
Zaccaria, William Anthony

Class of 2019

Arena, Maxwell Grant
Calagna, Sean Thomas
Farrell, Benjamin Joseph
Foster, Nathaniel David
O'Toole, Peter Edward
Scaringe, Tucker David

Class of 2020

Basile, Ryan Domenic
Gold, Rollin Knappek
Henges, Brandon Parker
Kelly IV, Daniel Joseph
Konopka, Zachary Joseph
O'Brien, James Ryan
Patterson, Joshua Steven
Picchione, Jonathan David
Proper, Tyler David
Ringer, Joseph

FIRST HONORS

Class of 2015

Cline, Seth Derek
Decker, Justin Michael
Fuda, Salvatore Giovanni
Graham, John Robert
O'Brien, Liam Patrick
O'Brien, Nicolas Christopher
O'Neill, James Edward
Stanton, Thomas Joseph
Vivian, Donald Gordon

Class of 2016

Byron, William Kenneth
DiFiore, Aaron Christopher
Gleason, Quinn
Karrat, Johnny Frederick
Keith, Noah Anthony
Kolbe, Joseph Charles
Krohn, John Evan
MacLeod, Dale A
Mullady, Kevin Michael
Munro, Connor Nielsen
Newcomb, Riley
Raia, Justin Caius
Roche, Brendan Joseph
Sausville, Noah Christopher
Van Beusekom, William Leo
Weaver, Austin
Zebrowski, Brendan E

Class of 2017

Blaauboer, Nicholas Robert
Bundy, Jake Tyler
Close, Peter Michael
Coleman, De'Jeir
Fernandez, Henry James
Holtzman, Thomas W

Isabella, Nolan Morandi
LaChapelle, Jacob Tyler
LaMarco, John Michael
Parsons, Jeremy Robert
Rapp, Alexander Michael
Terry, Zackary James
Trobbridge, Scott Edward
VanDeloo, Jared James

Class of 2018

Maggs Jr., Timothy John
Melillo, Nicolas Angelo
Pacifico, Aidan Patrick
Patterson, Matthew Ryan
Raia, Nathan Anthony
Renaud, Kevin Charles
Seymour, Sloan Patrick
Stollmeyer, Sebastian Alexander
Tucker, Brian Anthony
Wasula, Pryce Joseph

Class of 2019

Carmer, Britt Hammond
Curro, Benjamin Thomas
Henges, Justin Paul
Spataro, Marco Peter
Torres, Moses Javier
Tunny, Declan Blaise

Class of 2020

Clapper, Winston Michael
Foster, Ethan James
Harris, Brenden Lee
Mabeus, Andrew James
Mandato, Nicholas James
Santiago, Nicholas Gabriel

OPEN HOUSE

On October 30th, CBA had nearly 100 new families show up to see our Brothers in action.

Our next Open House will be on March 19th from 6-8 pm.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

The John Philip Sousa Band Award

Awarded to James Avery '15

Most Improved Sophomore in Band

In memory of the Honorable Philip and Bennie Jo Coffey

Awarded to Evan Meyers '16 and William Van Beusekom '16

The College of Holy Cross Book Award

Awarded to Dustin Scaringe '15

LeMoyne College Heights Award

Awarded to Matthew Hamel '15

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Mathematics and Science Award

Awarded to Dustin Scaringe '15

CBA Parents' Association Citizenship Award

Donated by the Parents' Association
Awarded to James J. Smith '15

Rochester Institute of Technology Innovation and Creativity Award

Awarded to Salvatore Fuda '15

Junior Athletic Award

Donated by the family of Edward T. Romanzo in his memory
Awarded to Donald Vivian '15



Joseph J. Romano Jr. '65 Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to Liam O'Brien '15

Edward Barry '34 History Award

Donated by the family in his memory to the top history student
Awarded to Dustin Scaringe '15

General Excellence Award, Freshman Year

Andrew DiNovo '17

General Excellence Award, Sophomore Year

Elliot Raimo '16

General Excellence Award, Junior Year

Dustin Scaringe '15



Dustin Scaringe '15 and Justin Decker '15 loading a CBA bus full of gifts

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

The National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society collected toys for the Adopt-A-Family Program to benefit families in need in the Capital Region. On December 16th, members of CBA's chapter of the National Honor Society packed up and delivered gifts for 36 children from 17 families who attend an Albany City School. Christmas gifts were provided through the generosity of CBA students, parents, families, faculty and staff.

CBA HEAD OF SCHOOL COMPLETES DOCTOR OF EDUCATION PROGRAM

James Schlegel, CBA Head of School, successfully completed the Doctor of Education program at Sage Graduate School in Albany this November.



When asked about the importance of continually educating ones' self, Dr. Schlegel stated, "In education, we use the expression: 'lifelong learner.' I try to set good example for our students and I felt that this demonstrates the importance of education."

Dr. Schlegel worked on his doctorate while leading CBA through a very successful academic and financial growth plan. Under his guidance, CBA has become the fastest growing private school in the Capital Region, one that is academically sound and boasts 100% college acceptance of all CBA graduates since 1980.

Schlegel stated, "I would like to thank the faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees at CBA for their genuine interest in my studies, in my professional growth, and for the advice and support throughout the program."



From left to right: Nathaniel Erker, Daniel Erker, Amy Erker, LTC Daniel Erker, Nicholas Erker

CBA SENIOR ARMY INSTRUCTOR LTC DANIEL A. ERKER

LTC Daniel Erker, our new Senior Army Instructor, joined CBA in November 2014. After more than 20 years of service to our country, LTC Erker retired and accepted the leadership role at CBA.

LTC Erker and his wife Amy have been married for 19 years and have three sons: Daniel (16), Nicholas (13) and Nathaniel (13). LTC Erker attended Grand Island High School in NY and Bowling Green State University in OH. LTC Erker studied Music Performance and Aero Technology. After graduation LTC Erker moved to Fort McClellan, AL., where he attended the Military Police Officer Basic Course. After course completion, he went on to the U.S. Infantry Ranger School. LTC Erker then assumed command of a Military Police Platoon in Fort Polk, LA.

LTC Erker commanded numerous units and operations for our nation with a remarkable and well established reputation as a commanding leader.

SMITH WINS ZIELINSKI DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

Congratulations to Mr. Michael Smith for being awarded *The Lynn F. and Eugene J. Zielinski '58 Distinguished Teaching Award*. Mr. Smith is the Director of Technology and teaches mathematics. The award was presented to him at the Scholastic Honors Night in October.



The Lynn F. and Eugene J. Zielinski '58 Distinguished Teaching Award was established by the Zielinski's

From left to right: Eugene Zielinski '58, Michael Smith, Emily Smith, their son Noah, and Lynn Zielinski

in recognition of the well-being and longevity of the great work being done at CBA and that it starts with a strong foundation of dedicated and outstanding faculty. The goal of this award is to honor and reward faculty members at CBA for their accomplishments and for outstanding performance in teaching.

"This CBA teacher is making a difference for my son!"

-Bettina Dill, mother of Hanover Dill '16

CBA INTRODUCES STEM COURSES

Christian Brothers Academy has partnered up with Project Lead the Way, "the nation's leading provider for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programs" to add a new and exciting Engineering curriculum. CBA is the first private school to offer a STEM curriculum. This program is meant to prepare students for real world situations and applications. Students will be able to make connections from the classroom directly into the engineering career field and be provided with phenomenal future opportunities.

The first course introduced to students in September was

Principles of Engineering. This course takes students through many different fields of engineering, from electricity to fuel cells, bridges to statistics. High levels of mathematics and physics are also involved.

"Students are excited about this program."

- Megan Hoffman

The next course CBA will launch is Introduction to Engineering and Design. This foundation course will involve several computer programs such as Inventor, a program that helps students design technical drawings. Students will work on three-dimensional modeling and designs. Our future goal is to add different courses such as Computer Integrated Manufacturing, Digital Electronics, Aerospace Engineering and Civil Engineering and Architecture.

Project Lead the Way currently has 62 students enrolled. The numbers are likely to build because "students are excited about this program," said Mrs. Megan Hoffman.

Hoffman, currently the only teacher involved with this project teaches Principles of Engineering to three different sections of students. She has taught six years of Physics in public and private schools and continues to expand her knowledge for teaching. Hoffman recently attended training at Rochester Institute of Technology for Post-Occupancy Evaluation where she learned several skills she uses in the classroom today. Hoffman is a big supporter of Project Lead the Way and looks forward to what the future holds for this program.

FIELD TRIPS



7th Grade trip to the Saratoga Battlefield

On November 14th, our 7th graders visited the Saratoga Battlefield and learned to drill like American Continentals.



6th Grader's visit to the Natural Stone Bridge and Caves

On October 1st, the 6th grade went to the Natural Stone Bridge and Caves in Pottersville near Schroon Lake. The knowledge they developed from studying minerals in science class came to life as they took a hike through the beautiful Adirondacks to learn that a river eroded an immense stone bridge and caves. The students were able to "pan" for minerals, choose a geode to crack open, and create a piece of jewelry to take home.

6TH GRADE D.A.R.E PROGRAM

The D.A.R.E. program began in October for all 6th grade students. The D.A.R.E program will bring further awareness to students regarding the dangers of drugs and alcohol, drinking and driving, tobacco, internet safety and bullying.



From left to right: Justin Decker '15, Noah Frese '15, Tim O'Connell '15, Austin Thomas '15

STUDENT ATHLETES SIGN NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT

On November 18th, a signing ceremony was held in the Alumni Library for four CBA scholar athletes to sign their letters of intent.

Justin Decker '15 signed a letter of intent to play baseball for Dominican College of the East Coast Conference. Decker was the Co-MVP for the Big 10 and an integral part of the CBA Brothers baseball team that reached the Section 2 Final in 2014.

Noah Frese '15 signed a letter of intent to play lacrosse for Dominican College of the East Coast Conference. Frese was a Big Ten Lacrosse All-Star pick in 2014.

Tim O'Connell '15 signed a letter of intent to play lacrosse for Mount Saint Mary's of Maryland of the Northeast Conference. O'Connell was named to the Long Island Lacrosse Festival All-Star Team and was a first team Big Ten Lacrosse All-Star pick.

Austin Thomas '15 signed a letter of intent to play lacrosse for Assumption College of the Northeast-10 Conference.

JROTC RIFLE TEAM

The Christian Brothers Academy JROTC Rifle Team competed on December 3rd against LaSalle Institute JROTC Rifle Team at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's rifle range. They placed 1st and the team's high score was 509 by Robert Cassidy '17.

*From left to right:
C/SSG Jacob Bonney '16,
C/SGT Robert Cassidy '17,
C/LTC John Robert Graham '15,
C/SSG Benjamin Gochee '16*



FALL PEP RALLY

To kick-off Homecoming weekend, the entire CBA student body and faculty showed their school spirit and enjoyed a fun, friendly, and competitive Pep Rally. Grades 6-12 got fired up and ready to play! Students from each grade represented their class in relay races, pie eating contests, and tricycle ride races. JJ Smith '15 and Jimmy O'Neill '15 did an awesome job as the masters of ceremonies. Congratulations to our seniors for taking home the Pep Rally Champion Title.



Patrick Pastore '15 rode backwards across the finish line for the win

FALL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

CBA KEEPS THE SABRE HOME

CBA Varsity football defeated the Lasalle Cadets in the 'Game for the Sabre'. After a well fought battle, the Brothers took the Sabre home and shut out the Cadets 35-0.

*From left to right: Pat Pastore '15, Don Vivian '15,
Ben Anthony '15, Nasir Tune '15, JJ Smith '15*



BROTHERS HONORED WITH ATHLETIC AWARDS

SOCCER

Congratulations the Varsity Soccer team on an impressive overall record of 14-3-1. They had a team academic average of 91.95.

TRACK AND FIELD

Outstanding Varsity Runner
Kevin LaFleche '16

Outstanding J.V. Runner
Matt Van der Veer '17

Outstanding Frosh Runner
Nick Tirino '18

Outstanding Modified Runner
Nick Mandato '20

Most Improved Runners
Michael Carnavos '16
Robert Cassidy '17

**Coaches' Award for
Leadership & Dedication**
Michael Crisafulli '15



*From left to right: Michael Buyaskas '15,
Nick O'Brien '15, Liam O'Brien '15,
Kevin LaFleche '16, Michael Carnavos '16,
Kaushik Pilar '15, Michael Flowers '17.*



*From left to right: Declan Tunny '19,
Winston Clapper '20, David Garvey '21,
Nicholas Mandato '20, Ethan Foster
'20, Ryley Moran '19, Nate Sullivan '20,
Maxwell Arena '19.*



*From left to right: Jack O'Hara '18, Connor
Adams '16, Kyle Adams '16, Tyler Hartman '16,
Coach Lucas Lasterza*

GOLF

The Varsity Golf Team had an impressive season both on the course and in the classroom. As a team, they were Section II Class A Co-Champions with Shaker High School. Their academic team average was a 96.28.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Jack O'Hara '18- New York State Qualifier
Connor Adams '16- Section 2 Runner up
Kyle Adams '16- Independent Invitational
Champion

O'Hara will play in the State Tournament held at Cornell University in June, 2015.

BROTHERS HONORED WITH ATHLETIC AWARDS

FOOTBALL

INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Varsity Football

Polsinello Award Special Teams

Matt Hamel '15

John P. Liuzzi Award Most Improved Defensive Player

Jason Vrolijk '15

John P. Liuzzi Award Most Improved Offensive Player

Tom Stanton '15

Robert Schneider Award Attitude and Effort

Noah Frese '15

Gene Kelsey Memorial Award; Dedication, Determination and Desire

JJ Smith '15

Frank D. Bolognino Memorial Award Outstanding Lineman

Patrick Pastore '15

Coaches Award Defensive Excellence

Jakil Paul '15

Coaches Award Offensive Excellence

Austin Ellis '15

Career Award for Excellence

Josh Wynn '15

John Elacqua Ironman Award

Nasir Tune '15

Defensive Player of the Year

Don Vivian '15

Offensive Player of the Year

Jaylen McIntyre '15

Don Crotty Leadership Award

Ben Anthony '15

Brother Aloysius Memorial Most Valuable Player

Patrick Pastore '15

JUNIOR VARSITY

Leadership Award

Maximilian Jones '17

Attitude and Effort Award

Nicholas DeNicola '17

Loyalty Award

John LaMarco '17

Most Improved Player

Amir Taylor '17

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Leadership Award

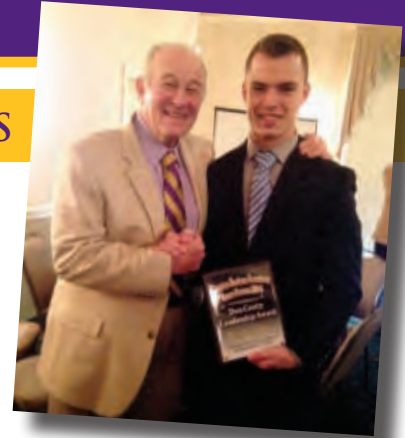
Chase Irish '18

Attitude and Effort Award

Pryce Wasula '18

Loyalty Award

Nicolas Melillo '18



Ben Anthony '15
and Don (Dice) Crotty '56

"We never give up and never give in. Coach always talks about there being a bump in the road coming. We just stick together when things get tough."

- Ben Anthony '15

MODIFIED FOOTBALL

Leadership Award

Tyler Marini '19

Attitude and Effort Award

Nate Rodriguez '20

Most Improved Player

Justin McCarthy '19

Loyalty Award

Dan Kelly '20

TIMES UNION SECTION II CLASS AA EMPIRE DIVISION FOOTBALL ALL-STARS

All-Purpose

Player of the Year

Don Vivian '15

First Team Offense

Jaylen McIntyre '15

Austin Ellis '15

Tom Stanton '15

Matt Hamel '15

Second Team Offense

QB: Joe Kolbe '16

OL: Noah Frese '15

OL: JJ Smith '15

First Team Defense

DL: Patrick Pastore '15

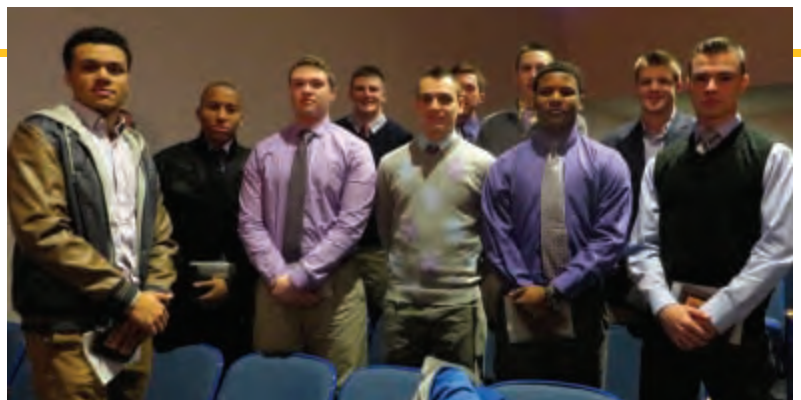
DL: Nasir Tune '15

DL: Jason Vrolijk '15

LB: Jakil Paul '15

DB: Ben Anthony '15

DB: Josh Wynn '15



Pictured from left to right:

Josh Wynn '15, Jaylen McIntyre '15, Jason Vrolijk '15, Don Vivian '15, Austin Ellis '15, Matt Hamel '15, Tom Stanton '15, Jakil Paul '15, Patrick Pastore '15, Ben Anthony '15

TO SERVE



'NICK'S RUN TO BE HEALED 5K'

On September 28th, Liam O'Brien '15, Nick O'Brien '15 and Matt Van Der Veer '17 participated in 'Nick's Run To Be Healed 5K' held in Clifton Park for Nick Rychcik, a 9-year-old boy from Ballston Spa diagnosed with Desmoplastic Small Round Cell Sarcoma.

Nick won in his age group and Liam placed 2nd.

From left to right: Nick O'Brien '15, Matt Van Der Veer '17, Liam O'Brien '15

CBA BLOOD DRIVE

On November 5th, the American Red Cross held a blood drive sponsored by the National Honor Society at CBA. As a school, we collected 42 units of blood which could potentially save 126 lives. Thank you to all of our donors.



SENIOR SERVICE DAY

On October 15th, Christian Brothers Academy held its first official Senior Service Day at the nearby Shaker Heritage Society. This gave our students a chance to delve into a piece of local history as they cleared out storage areas for the Society.



The Wansboro Rifle and Drill Team participates in NYSARC's 65th Anniversary Celebration

This summer on July 11, First Sergeant David Spicer and the Wansboro Rifles and Drill Team participated in NYSARC's 65th anniversary celebration held at the steps of the NYS Capitol.

There were over 1,000 people in attendance. These young men proudly represented their school and community.



FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Christian Brothers Academy remembers those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 during our annual flag raising ceremony. The annual tradition marks the beginning of the new school year while remembering the events of 9/11.



VARSITY FOOTBALL ACCEPTS AND COMPLETES ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

On August 18th, Coach Joe Burke and the Varsity Football team accepted and completed the Ice Bucket Challenge to raise awareness for ALS. Coach Burke then nominated Shaker Football Coach Greg Sheeler and his varsity team, as well as Time Warner Cable News Sports Reporters, Marisa Jacques, Chris Watson and everyone else involved with the Albany Sports Show.



TAYLOR '17 WINNER OF WORDS CAMPAIGN

Taurian Taylor '17 was a chosen winner of the 'WORDS CAN HURT OR WORDS CAN HEAL' campaign held by the Albany County District Attorney's Office for showing acts of kindness. Taurian volunteered his time to help cook healthy food options for the kids at the Arbor Hill Community Center. Taurian is seen as a leader in the community center and his actions have influenced other kids to eat healthy foods!

District Attorney P. David Soares and Taurian Taylor-Adams '17

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

This year we surpassed our goal of collecting 20,000 cans of food. As a school, we raised over \$3,000, collected 57 turkeys and gathered 27,120 cans of food. We served the St. John's/St. Ann's and Blessed Sacrament Food Pantries.

Thank you to all of the CBA community for contributing and a special thanks to Mrs. Melanie Carroll for keeping us focused on our goals throughout the month of November.



Jack Ladd '15, James O'Neill '15



*Nathan Daigle '16,
William Van Beusekom '16*



Jared Hunter '16



*C/ LTC Lorenzo Horvath '15 representing
Mr. Fingerhut*

ALBANY'S 59TH ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

On November 11th, the CBA Brigade marched in the Veteran's Day Parade in Albany, NY. The Brigade was led by Cadet Colonel Donald Vivian '15. In memory of Mr. Joe Fingerhut, all of the Brothers wore armbands during the parade.

THE WANSBORO RIFLE DRILL TEAM DONATES TO THE RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

The Wansboro Rifles Drill Team did a can and bottle drive resulting in \$153 in profits towards our trip to Florida.

They also donated the pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House Charities. The RMHC recycles aluminum tabs for money to fund their operations.

From left to right: Aidan Sausville '18, First Sergeant David Spicer, and present parent Michael Gleason.



TO BUILD COMMUNITY

FALL HARVEST RECEPTION

We would like to give a special thank you to Monica and Bob Marini '84 for hosting the Fall Harvest Reception in September. With the finest wine and spirits, delicious hors d'oeuvres and great company, the evening was a perfect way to begin the fundraising season.

Monica and Bob Marini '84



WE REMEMBER THE KISSELBACK'S DURING THE 2014 PHONATHON

We exceeded our \$100,000 goal! This fall, CBA held its annual Phonathon in the Alumni Library to raise funds for the 2014-2015 school year. Students, alumni, parents, and faculty helped to make this event a great success. Thank you to our volunteers and our donors; it is you who allow for our success. During this time we remember Susan and Bob Kisselback '45. Both Susan and Bob volunteered at the Phonathon for as long as we can remember.



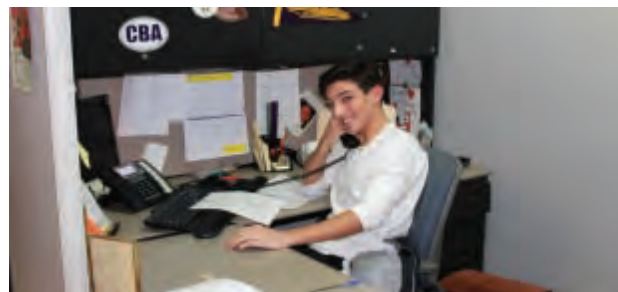
Joe Scrima '17 and present parent Michelle Frost



From left to right: Joe O'Hagan '58, Don Vivian '15, Joe Kolbe '16, Leo Dean '41, Nick Parisi '17, Luke Anthony '18, Tucker Scaringe '19

29TH ANNUAL GOLDEN PLUS LUNCHEON

On September 24th, over 50 alumni gathered at the Century House for the 29th Annual Golden Plus Luncheon. Every year, this event is held for alumni who graduated at least 50 years ago. This year's graduates ranged from the class of 1940 through 1964. One of our most distinguished alumni, Hugh F. Walsh '40 was presented with a special coin, designed by the Class of 2014 for their years of dedication and service to CBA.



Johnny Karrat '16

THE THANKSGIVING THANK-A-THON

Donors who graciously gave gifts during the 2014-2015 school year beginning July 1st through November 21st received phone calls during our Thank-A-Thon. CBA students Ethan Mendel '16, Daniel Philbin '16, William Bryon '16, Connor Munro '16, Evan Meyers '16, Johnny Karrat '16 and members of the varsity basketball team volunteered their time to call alumni, family and supporters of CBA to simply say thank you, let them know how much their support means to the students and wish them Happy Holidays.

CBA ALUMNI GATHERING IN NYC

CBA had its 14th Annual New York- Metro Alumni Reception on Thursday, November 13th, at the New York Athletic Club. We had an awesome time! Thank you to our kind host, James O'Keefe '66 and to all of our alumni who came for making it a success. We had over 30 of our alumni in attendance.





CBA CRAFT FAIR

Another amazing and successful day at the 17th Annual CBA Craft Fair held on Saturday, November 22. The CBA Craft Fair continues to be the most popular craft fair in the Capital District, with thousands of patrons attending. Proceeds from the Craft Fair, sponsored by the CBA Parents Association, provides funding to support educational programs and extracurricular activities as well as lecture hall and weight room refurbishing, technology projects, senior scholarships, student achievement awards, band supplies, and community service projects.

Photo taken by Jill Peck Vona

WINE & CHEESE HOLIDAY PARTY

On December 17th, the Purple & Gold Gala Committee hosted a Wine & Cheese Holiday Party to collect bottles of wine to be donated to the Wall of Wine at the Purple & Gold Gala on April 25, 2015. Proceeds from the Wall of Wine will go directly to the Mary E. Fitzgerald Praticco Scholarship Fund. Gourmet cheese was provided by Eric Paul, father of Terran Paul '16 and owner of The Cheese Traveler, LLC.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM (CEP) RAFFLE WINNERS!

First Prize- \$5,000 - Debra Rappazzo *(ticket sold by John (Jack) Alexander)*

Second Prize- \$3,000 - James Doty *(ticket sold by Michael Fitzgerald)*

Third Prize- \$2,000 - Kim Merecki - *Alumni Parent*

Fourth Prize- \$1,000 - Wendy Vanderwiele *(ticket sold by Jake Bundy)*

Fifth Prize- \$1,000 - Nancy Olekoski *(ticket sold by Adam Olekoski)*

Sixth Prize- \$1,000 - Patrice McGill *(ticket sold by Jared Hunter)*

Seventh Prize- \$1,000 - Shirley Marozzi - *Friend of CBA*

Eighth Prize- \$1,000 - The Fingerhut Family *(ticket donated by the Mesick Family)*



ANNUAL FATHER-SON DINNER

The CBA Parents Association held their Annual Father- Son Dinner on November 16th, at the Italian- American Community Center. The evening was filled with great food, entertainment, and raffle prizes.

Maxwell Arena '19 with his father Christopher

Photo taken by Katherine Murphy

HONORING OUR CHAMPIONS; HOMECOMING 2014

As part of our Homecoming this year, we asked our State and National Champions to come back to our school to be recognized during halftime.

The individuals recognized were

- Fred Decker '79 for his 1979 State Championship in shot put
- Felipe Reyes '04 for his 2004 State Championship in Triple Jump & Long Jump
- Michael Chaires '07 for his 2006 and 2007 State Wrestling Championship

The Championship teams recognized were

- 1945, 1947, 1948, 1949, and 1956 National Championship Rifle Team
- 1979 and 1981 State Champion Track and Field Team
- 1986 State Championship Baseball Team
- 2010 State Championship Basketball Team

THE CLASSES OF 1954 AND 1964 HAD A GREAT TIME AT THEIR TAILGATE PARTIES BEFORE THE HOMECOMING GAME.



The Class of 1954

From left to right: Dave Riker, Thomas O'Toole, Donald Yezzi, John Elacqua, James Lindsay, Chester DiLallo and Don Crotty '56.

The Class of 1964

From left to right: Mike Neylan, John Hanifan, Terry Christenson, Thomas Harkin, George Clemons, Dick Gavigan, George Porter, Bill Goergen, Dave Momrow, Joe Smith.



2010 Basketball State Champions

From Left to Right: Estor Reynoso '10, Kameron Ritter '10, Coach David Doemel '71 Max Macielak '10



1986 Varsity Baseball State Champions

From left to right: Bryan Amedio '87, Kevin Graber '87, Michael Preisser '86, Randolph Gambelunghe '86, Coach David Doemel '71, Nicholas DiLeva '88, David Gillespie '86, John Evers '87, Craig Tynan '87



The 1979 Track & Field Champions

From left to right: Kenneth Bruce '79, Reggie Mills '81, Keith Flood '81, Fred Cassin '80, Scott Early '80, Robert Logan '80, and Theodore Disalvo '81

"Be patient. When you get impatient is when you make mistakes. Rewards come with patience."

- William Hoffman '43.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

William (Bill) Hoffman '43 is the founder of a very popular business in Latham, Hoffman's Playland. Bill has given back to CBA in many ways by providing CBA students with seasonal jobs at Hoffman's Playland and as a generous benefactor. In 2007, the bookstore was named in honor of him. William believes that CBA is so special because it provides young men with the proper education. Through-out his years as a businessman and working at Hoffman's Playland people respected that he was a graduate of CBA and he is proud to be attached to the reputation portrayed. During Bill's time at CBA he learned to conduct himself with respect. He wants to teach current students one lesson that has stuck with him forever, he said, "early is on time and on time is late." Bill thanks his childhood friend **Earl Fieden '41** for influencing him to attend CBA.

ALUMNI NOTES

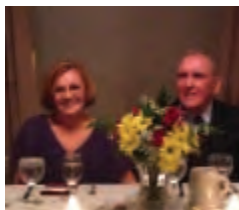
Rev. Michael J. Kennedy '40 frequently celebrates mass for The Christian Brothers at LaSalle University. Michael is retired from the Congregation of the Mission.

Capt. Charles L. Mull '45 and his wife Sally moved to a retirement living complex in Maine where the rest of his extended family also lives.

William F. Murphy '52 is a full-time businessman as the president of WFM Supply. William has retired from the Albany Police Department and is a retired New York Army National Guard Warrant Officer 2.

Edward V. Girzone '55 and his wife Kathleen are thoroughly enjoying being grandparents to twelve grandchildren.

George P. Catalano '56 is vacationing in Jamaica and Las Vegas for two months this year!



William Clark '59 and his wife Michele celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 15, 2014. Congratulations!

Terry and Joseph Losito's '59 50th Wedding Anniversary



Congratulations to Terry and Joseph Losito '59 on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Left to right: Bill Adams '59 and his wife Cathy, Terry and Joseph Losito '59 and Anamae and Ronald Smith '59.

John Leonard '60, President and CEO of Maine Employers' Mutual Insurance Company enjoyed a visit from the Governor of Maine, Paul LaPage.



Edward C. Chute '62 works part-time for a local oil company as a service technician.



Joe Raimo, '63 is a very proud grandfather of Anthony Raimo '16 and Michael Raimo '18. In this photo, he is representing CBA in a terrific way. Check out that cast!

Robert Sheahan '64 and his wife Joan are enjoying the Charlotte area. They moved from Glens Falls, NY to Fort Mill, South Carolina in April to be closer to their two grandchildren. He gives his best to the Brothers of 2014-2015.

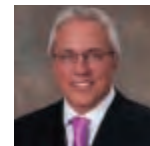
James P. Fiore '65 is a proud grandfather! On September 9, 2014 his daughter had her 2nd baby boy, John Patrick and his son got married in November, 2013. Congratulations James!

Bruce M Venter '66 is the president of America's History LLC, a tour and conference company.

Dr. Michael R. Breault '68 is the Past President of New York State Dental Association and elected Vice Chair of Dental Quality Alliance of American Dental Association.

Zygmunt J. Palasz '70 is enjoying retirement after a demanding four years at Sasebo Naval Base in Japan as the program manager for Pacific Architects & Engineers (PAE). Zygmunt retired in 2013.

Ray G. Martin '74 is the manager of Ray Funeral Service, Inc. in Castleton, New York.



Congratulations **Joseph Nicolla '75**, President and Founder of Columbia Development on being named Albany Business Review's 2014 Game Changer!

Sean Crotty '79 says greetings to his fellow Brothers. His years since graduation has taken him over 60 countries as first a USAF pilot and most recently a B747-400 Captain for an international airline. He and his family moved back to Saratoga seven years ago. He has two children in college and one in high school. Sean hopes to reconnect with as many of his fellow classmates as he can in the coming years. "I have never chased the dollar- more into chasing dreams and that has made me a happy man, good father and a decent husband".



Joseph J. Toomey '79 has been recently promoted to Executive Deputy Chief of the Albany Fire Department.

Jason K. Duncan '81 is a Professor of History at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Congratulations to **Chris Scaringe '82**, CBA's Chairman of the Board, CFO & General Counsel of North American Services Group for being awarded the *Albany Business Review* CFO of the Year!



Christopher D. Wohltmann '83 is the Associate Professor of Surgery at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield, Illinois.

Gregory S. Christenson '85 is the CFO and SVP of NA Finance and Information Technology at The WhiteWave Foods Company.

Michael Van De Loo '90 and his wife Kate welcomes baby Aidan Jack into their lives. Connor Van De Loo is a very proud big brother.
Aidan and Connor Van De Loo



Greg Murphy '94 and his wife had their second daughter Alexandra in September 2013.

Jason M. Arcangeli '95 is currently working as the landscaping and lawncare professional at Arc's Lawncare.

Patrick Collins '98 and his wife welcomed Grace Elizabeth on May 26th.

Kevin (K.T.) Smith Jr. '02 married Erin Henderson on September 28, 2013. K.T. is currently working as the Senior Financial Planner for The Ayco Co, LP.



Michael Gambacorta '03 joined the Albany Charter School Network as Director of Communications.

Rahul Gupta '04 is married and works in IT consulting in Cincinnati, OH. He is Business Relationship Manager.



Matthew Agan '05 got engaged to fellow St. Bonaventure graduate Sara Krawczyk. They are getting married this upcoming June. Matt is Director of Alumni Relations, Freshman Basketball Coach and History Teacher at CBA.

Congratulations to Alexandra and **Stephen Scaringe '06** on their marriage.

Pictured here from left to right: Carmen Francella '06, Nicholas Bourne '06, Palen



Andreozzi '06, Christopher Maiello '06, Jonathan Lewyckj '06 from Stephen's wedding celebration.

Alumni from the Class of '08 reunited at a friend's wedding in September 2014.



Pictured here from left to right: Matt Jacques '08, Travis Santa Barbara '08, Jonathan Bourne '08, Shane McMahon '08, Colin O'Reilly '08, Nick Centanni, Matt LaBombard, Andy Sawicki '08.

Gene C. Messercola '10 graduated from Boston University in May of 2014 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and is currently pursuing a Masters of Engineering at Clarkson University.



Cameron Fisher '11 is the Vice President of production for Saratoga Courage LLC, the makers and developers of Pick Six Vodka and Devils Den Moonshine. He is responsible for the brand manufacturing of products, point of sale promotion and market strategy to support business growth. In 2014, New York State International Spirit Competition awarded Pick Six Vodka as New York State Vodka of the year. Devils Den Moonshine, the first legal moonshine in Saratoga, NY hit the holiday market in two flavors, Apple Pie and Strawberry Jam, both can be found at local retailers.



Jack O'Toole '12 is currently at the Villanova School of Business '16 studying Finance and Accounting. **Griffin Guarino '11** is also at Villanova University, College of Engineering '15 studying Mechanical Engineering. Griffin is the First Class Midshipman, and Company Commander of Alpha Company.

Upon graduation, Griffin will be commissioned as a Naval Flight Officer. Both are members of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

This photo was taken at the Fall Review at Villanova Oct. 7, 2014.

Nicholas Gentile '12 is currently a member of the Sacred Heart University Football team which has won back to back Northeast Conference Championships and competed in the FCS playoffs for the second year in a row.

Michael Kramm '12 is a junior at the University of Notre Dame majoring in IT Management with a concentration in Business Analytics. Last summer he was an IT intern at John Deere World Headquarters. For the summer of 2015 he will be interning at Deloitte Consulting in Chicago as a Business Technology Analyst.

Thomas DiNovo '12 is currently a junior at Boston College, majoring in Accounting and Finance. He recently ran his first half-marathon, and is also looking forward to his summer internship with J.P. Morgan working in the Commercial Banking division.

Jackson Raimo '12 worked as a Legal Intern with The Law Office of Cameron Robinson in Washington D.C. and is currently serving as a team manager for the Iowa Hawkeyes Men's Basketball Team.

SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Alumni Notes are a wonderful way to let your classmates know about your professional and personal achievements. To appear in our next issue of the Chronicles, please contact Matt Agan '05 at agan@cbaalbany.org, (518) 452-9809 ext. 165 or Fallon Witte at (518) 452-9809 ext. 120, witte@cbaalbany.org

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CLASS OF 1949 REUNION

They gather at Martel's (Capital Hills Golf Course) the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 12 p.m. All are welcome!

First Row; l to r. Dominic Donato, Joseph Marcy, Father Alan Somerville, Garrett Murphy, Joseph F. Rizzo, Raymond Lyons

Second Row; l to r. John Murtagh, Joseph Cabill, Vincent Vanina, Robert Lyons, William Toomey, Joseph Herold, Joseph C. Rizzo

CLASS OF 1954 REUNION

The Class of '54 celebrated their 60th reunion on Homecoming weekend this past September. Members of the class came together to tailgate at the Homecoming football game on Friday afternoon and helped cheer on our Brothers to victory over Ballston Spa. On Saturday, classmates met for dinner at the Century House where Alan Weaver had prepared a slideshow of pictures for the class to view. We would like to give a special thanks to Dave Riker and Don Yezzi for organizing this reunion and to all of the members of the class of '54 that attended.

Standing left to right: Jay Lindsay, Richard Eberle, C. Dillalo, Joe Tierney, Tom O'Toole, Don Yezzi, Adam Del Torto, Robert Stephens, Jerry Melucci, Phil Clemens, Alan Weaver. Seated left to right: John Elacqua, Dave Riker



CLASS OF 1964 REUNION

The Class of '64 celebrated their 50th reunion at the Homecoming football game this past September. Members of the class tailgated and then returned to campus on Saturday

for a tour of the school. This was the first time that some of the alumni had ever been to the 12 Airline Drive campus. They were excited to see the facilities and the new academic programs being put in place. The reunion celebration concluded with a dinner at the Wolferts Roost. We would like to give a special thanks to Dave Momrow and Terry Christenson for organizing the reunion and to all of the members of the class of '64 that attended.

Front Row: Mike Gallivan, Frank DeRoberts, Dave Lando, Brian Leaderer, Gene Hallock, Joe Hughes, Terry Christenson, Mike Neylan, Dick Green, Matt Quackenbush, Joe Ginsburgh

Second Row: Dave Momrow, Brian Farrell, Bill Young, Mike Martin, George Clemens, Dick Gavigan, Jack Hanifan, John Kearns, Bill Goergen, Tom Harkin, Peter Mason, Bob Green, Joe Smith, Harold Westover, Terry Kindlon, Mike Barrett, Mike Shannon

Photo taken by Joann Hoose

CLASS OF 1969 45TH REUNION

The Class of 1969 celebrated its 45th reunion on the weekend of October 11-12, with a Friday night gathering at Maggie's Café, a Saturday morning golf outing at Western Turnpike Golf Course organized by Herb Moreland '69, and a Saturday evening dinner-dance for alums, spouses and guests at the Marriott Hotel in Colonie that was organized by reunion chair Paul Forget '69 and his committee.

CBA Guidance Counselor Marty McGraw '77 and Guidance Director/Coach Dave Doemel '71 spoke about today's CBA. Brother Peter Furland '58 gave an invocation and a remembrance about former CBA faculty members Brother William Sullivan, Brother Aloysius Myers and Brother William Spellman who have died in recent years.



Class of 1969 Reunion Dinner, October 12, 2014.

Front, kneeling, l. to r.: Tom Mottolese, Andre LaBier, and Bob Conway. Standing, front row, l. to r.: Ray Fox, Doug Lechleiter, Paul Forget, George Collins, Bill Maxwell, Steve Quay, Joe Igoe, Brother Peter Furlong, Tim Monroe, and Rich Swim. Standing, rear row, l. to r.: Pete Stephens, John Ray, Mike Podgorski, Phil Maiello, Tom Barletta, Frank Comes, John Hale (partially blocked) and Tom Cavallino.

ALUMNI CLASS REUNION INFORMATION:

Reunions 2015: All Classes whose graduation years end in "5" or "0" will celebrate their reunions this year. If you are interested in assisting your class in planning a reunion, please contact Matt Agan '05 in the CBA Alumni Office at 518-452-9809 ext. 1165 or agan@cbaalbany.org.

Class of '49: The class of '49 meets every third Tuesday of each month at Martel's Restaurant at Capitol Hills Golf Course. All are welcome. Please contact William Toomey at williamtoomeyjr@gmail.com for more information.

Class of '53: The class of 1953 meets for lunch at 1:00 pm on the second Friday of every month at the Desmond Hotel on Albany-Shaker Road in Colonie. You are welcome to attend. Please contact Paul Cooney at pfcpeles@aol.com for more information.

Class of '59: The class of '59 has been meeting for lunch every other month since January 2011. Currently they meet every other month at either Lanie's or Beff's. Please contact Dave Yezzi at cdyezzi@aol.com for more information.

Class of '60: The class of '60 meets for lunch every second Tuesday at Lanie's Café in Loudonville at noon. Contact Ed DeCosmo at cosemed@yahoo.com for more information.

Class of '65: The class of '65 is currently working on their reunion, scheduled to take place this upcoming fall. Please contact Jerry Spicer at jspicer@st.cath.org, 518-462-0233 or James Fiore at Jpfiore@yahoo.com, 518-783-1054 update your contact information to receive an invitation to the event. If you have any questions please contact Dave or Jim.

Class of '05: The class of '05 will be celebrating its 10th reunion this year. The guys have already started talking about plans. A Facebook page has been created and updated contact information is needed. Please contact Matt Agan at agan@cbaalbany.org or 518-452-9809 ext. 165 to update your contact information and get more information.

Class of '50 celebrates its 70th Reunion

Class of '55 celebrates its 65th Reunion

Class of '60 celebrates its 60th Reunion

Class of '65 celebrates its 55th Reunion

Class of '70 celebrates its 45th Reunion

Class of '75 celebrates its 40th Reunion

Class of '80 celebrates its 35th Reunion

Class of '85 celebrates its 30th Reunion

Class of '90 celebrates its 25th Reunion

Class of '95 celebrates its 20th Reunion

Class of '00 celebrates its 15th Reunion

Class of '05 celebrates its 10th Reunion

SAVE THE DATES:

CBA ALUMNI GATHERING IN FLORIDA

Get ready for sunny Florida! CBA will be holding our third annual gathering for all Alumni. Mark Mottolese '82 once again has generously offered to host a reception in Bonita Springs on Saturday, March 7th from 4-7 p.m. If Bonita Springs is too far out of the way then join us in Vero Beach as Ed Hodgkinson '60 will be our host for this event on Sunday, March 8th from 4-7 pm. Invitations will be mailed and emailed shortly and we will also keep you up to date on our website (www.cbaalbany.org) and Facebook Page (facebook.com/cbaalbany). Mark your calendars; we hope to see you there!

A big thank you to Mark and Ed for keeping our Brothers connected!

PURPLE & GOLD GALA

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Please join us for a fun and memorable evening with enjoyable music, wonderful food and drinks and great company in celebration of CBA at Ninety State Street in Albany, NY. Don't miss out! This event brings together hundreds of CBA families, alumni and friends. Formal invitations will be sent in February. If you can help with a donation for the gala, please contact Fallon Witte at (518) 452-9809 ext. 120 or Witte@cbaalbany.org. We hope to see you there!





SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Eric DeMichele '04 and The Walters Air Conditioning Co. Inc. replaced 23 Carrier high efficient rooftop units in two days. Thank you!



THANK YOU HIPPO'S

Thank you to Anthony Hazapis, President of Hippo's Home Entertainment for the support in helping CBA obtain three 65" televisions for our cafeteria. These additions allow CBA to use our cafeteria as an interactive media center for students, faculty and staff.



CBA CHAPEL DOOR DONATED IN MEMORY OF GRACIE FOLTS



Lynn and Gene Zielinski '58 donated a glass door to the CBA Chapel in memory of Lynn's mother Gracie, who recently passed away. The glass offers a view into the beautiful chapel from the hallway. The Chapel is open to everyone and provides as a private sanctuary cared for by the Director

of Campus Ministry, Owen O'Leary. Mr. O'Leary had wanted this door for quite some time for students to feel comfortable entering the chapel and receiving quite time for prayer and reflection as needed. The Zielinski's and Mr. O'Leary's plans for the Chapel do not end here. It is their hope to install a stained glass window currently in campus storage next to the Chapel door in the very near future. What a wonderful way to remember Gracie Folts.

WEIGHT ROOM RECEIVES A LIFT

This summer the CBA weight room received a fantastic renovation courtesy of the Facilities Committee and staff, and with funding support from the Parents Association. The room



has been refurbished and reconditioned into a great place for our students to work out and stay in shape. Thank you to Bob Marini '84 for his oversight and guidance and to the Parents Association for their hard work and financial support of this much needed update.

CREATING A LEGACY

Why I Joined the De La Salle Society

JOSEPH A. REILLY '56

"I've been very fortunate in life. At a critical juncture in my early years, Christian Brothers Academy nurtured a mediocre student into a young man with a new found passion for learning. I left CBA for college determined to make something of my life. The fire was ignited while at CBA. I believe in the mission of the Christian Brothers. I am especially in awe of the college acceptance rate of 100% of CBA graduates for the past 34 years. Most of all, I want to help insure the future of this great institution that is Christian Brothers Academy."



Joseph A. Reilly '56 drew upon his CBA education to attend and graduate from Seton Hall University and follow his passion into the radio broadcasting business. After a great deal of success he retired as President and CEO of The New York State Broadcasters Association in 2011. In his post as chief spokesman and lobbyist, he advocated for the broadcast profession before state and federal legislative bodies and represented the Association throughout the nation. Not one to slow down, Joe is currently President and CEO of Empire Broadcasting Corporation with radio stations in Albany, Schenectady and Saratoga counties.

Joe's education at CBA included the mission of the Christian Brothers to give back to your community and he serves on the boards of the Broadcasters Foundation of

America; The Teresian House of Albany; Capital Bank and Trust Company; and the Board of Trustees at Christian Brothers Academy. He received his Doctor of Laws degree from Mount Saint Mary College. Awards for his outstanding accomplishments include Empire State Society of Association Executives "Distinguished Alumnus" award, and the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Silver Circle Award, NY Chapter. Joe was inducted into the New York Broadcaster's Hall of Fame in 2007. Two hubs of Siena College's broadcasting program were dedicated as the Joseph A. and Carol M. Reilly Broadcast Centers.



*Cadet Captain Reilly
at the 1956 Military Ball*

CYNTHIA PETTIT

Parent of Graduate Brandon Pettit '03



Once a CBA Mom, always a CBA Mom! That is how Cindy Pettit feels about Christian Brothers Academy. Cindy's son Brandon graduated in 2003 as a Lieutenant Colonel, Brigade S-3. He went on to The Catholic University of America for his undergraduate degree and Masters. He is now the Associate Director of Communications and Special Events at the Basilica of the National Shrine

of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. While a student at CBA, he was Flag Detail Commander, Color Guard Commander and a member of the Honor Company. He was on the Mock Trial team, played soccer and ran track. All of that supported his development into a young man of honor, integrity and faith.

"I am grateful for the education and experiences CBA provided to Brandon. I believe in the mission of CBA and decided to extend my support beyond the Annual Fund to a bequest as a legacy gift to the school. My estate planning was a time to reflect on what organizations had a lasting, positive impact on my family and CBA was an obvious choice for a bequest," said Cindy Pettit.

"I have wonderful memories of Mother Son Breakfasts, parades, annual trips to NYC for the St. Patrick's Day parade and Mother's Day Review. I will always treasure CBA and our CBA memories. Go Brothers!"

- Cindy Pettit, mother of Brandon '03.

LYNN F. AND EUGENE J. ZIELINSKI '58

GENE'S STORY – In the summer of 1954, my parents and I visited Christian Brothers Academy. As I was from Schenectady, I knew little of the school or its' history. However, by the time we left the school that day, I was enrolled as an incoming student for the fall semester. From Plebe Week to Graduation, I was afforded both spiritual guidance and a well-rounded education in the Lasallian tradition. That education laid the groundwork for me to move forward, confident and proud, trusting in God.

Continuing my education at Siena College led me to a career in insurance, both in the company ranks and as an independent insurance agency owner. Being community minded and sharing my time and talents to help others, I was a fireman and EMT in a volunteer company retiring in 2004.

Realizing what a privilege it was to attend CBA, I feel young men living in this area should be given the opportunity to share what I experienced through my financial support, now and beyond.



LYNN'S STORY - Thirty-five years ago, I sat in Blecker Stadium on a cold night. I watched the game but I was more intrigued with the fans and the family-like atmosphere they exhibited. Like my new husband, many were CBA alumni. They became one voice that night. All united, no matter their age, in a tradition of support to their school team and each proud to be a part of a whole that encompassed the prestigious Catholic school.

I then realized that this was just routine for the Brothers Boys; just another game; just another chance to come together as one very special group. I felt that night that I was about to become a part of something very special, too!

My husband, Gene, and I have been fortunate to attend many functions and each event proved to me that the administration and staff continues to take great pride in giving an amazing education to each and every student. I have been a teacher for 33 years and I am amazed at how much maturity the young students possess. They all seem to have a much better sense of their self-worth than most young men of the same age.

Over the years, I have watched Gene and his friends/ classmates raise money to support CBA in any way they could. There is such a true commitment to CBA with an overwhelming sense of community and of family. I have become part of that wonderful family. It is with a deep sense of gratitude and purpose that I now serve on the Board of Trustees for CBA. A while ago, Gene and I felt the need to make CBA part of our legacy to help CBA continue in the tradition of a true Catholic education for the young men of our area.

PLANNED GIVING

Saint LaSalle Society – Shaping the Future of Christian Brothers Academy

The Saint LaSalle Society was created as a giving society for supporters who wish to remember Christian Brothers Academy in their wills. The Society's name honors Saint John Baptiste De la Salle (1651-1719), the founder of the Christian Brothers and the patron of Christian Brothers Academy.

The Saint LaSalle Society recognizes and honors all individuals who provide support for CBA in their wills, trusts, life insurance designations, and retirement assets. By joining others who have taken this step, you can take satisfaction from knowing that you are part of an important legacy.

When an individual joins the Saint LaSalle Society this act of support reaffirms Saint John's promise to our boys about the future. With an education, it will be better, and that they are needed to make it better, and that a legacy of education will serve them.

By informing CBA of your intended bequest or other planned gift, you will be invited to enjoy recognition as a member of our Saint LaSalle Society.

St. John Baptiste de La Salle, pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts, forever!

SAINT LASALLE SOCIETY

Paul Carpenter '57	Francis Mulderry '50
Gregory Christenson '85	Peter Neumann '22
Edward DeCosmo '60	Robert Novak '64
James Ford '50	William O'Brien
Irving Gale '32	Cynthia Pettit
Richard Huether '51	James Puleo '52
John Jennings	David Quinn
Gerald Kelleher '26	Nicholas Quinn '61
Raymond Lauterborn '34	Joseph Reilly '56
John Liuzzi '37	David Smith '75
Patrick McCann	George Weber '40
Todd Mesick '85	Eugene Zielinski '58

Please contact Colleen Ward at 518-452-9809 ext. 113 or ward@cbaalbany.org if you would like to leave CBA in your will and join the Saint LaSalle Society.

IN MEMORIAM

Christian brothers Academy lost a devoted member of its family this past fall. Joe Fingerhut, a dedicated and beloved teacher, administrator, and coach for eight years at CBA, passed away after a courageous battle with colon cancer. At CBA, Joe was loved and respected by colleagues, students, and parents for his dedication, sense of humor, and the joy he brought to the school. Joe taught middle school and Advanced Placement U.S. History, and coached baseball and football. After his family, the passion of Joe's life was teaching at CBA. Joe cherished the relationships he formed with the students and teachers at CBA, the colleagues who became beloved friends. Joe is survived by his devoted wife, Kendra (Smith) Fingerhut, two daughters, Baylee and Avery, and a son, Joseph Fingerhut, CBA Class of 2030.



Joseph Fingerhut

October 31, 1973-
November 7, 2014

Dear CBA Family,

I hope you have enjoyed the Chronicles and our evolving format over these past few years. We strive to update parents, alumni and friends about the wonderful developments at CBA and in the lives of our alumni, and to gratefully acknowledge our donors and their generous support.



With so many events to report about CBA and our community we have decided to use the Chronicles just as a newsletter, and add an Annual Report at the end of each fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th) highlighting the outstanding support of our community and the financial strength it creates at CBA. The Annual Report will serve as our standard presentation of annual achievements and benefactor recognition, to provide us a way to share our financial highlights.

You are a vital part of CBA's enduring progress – thank you for your ongoing support. Just as our legacy of greatness was built on bold hearted visionaries, so too must our future be inspired and shaped by the same courageous spirit.

Contributions great and small are appreciated and necessary to sustain our school and its' mission. With a clear vision to direct us and the spirit and commitment of the CBA family to propel us, we continue to produce outstanding leaders. Thank you for your part in this accomplishment.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts, forever!

Colleen Ward

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Director of Institutional Advancement

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Mary Anthony
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- CBA Military Ball
 - Honors Night
 - Winter Recess
 - Red Cross Blood Drive
 - Florida Alumni Receptions
 - Spring Open House
 - Officers Dining In
 - Spring Recess
 - Junior/ Senior Prom
 - Purple & Gold Gala
 - Mothers' Review
 - Graduation Liturgy
 - Senior High Graduation
 - Officers Commissioning
 - Last Day of Classes
 - 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
 - CBA Alumni Golf Tournament
- January 18th
 - February 12th
 - February 16th- February 20th
 - February 25th
 - March 7th & March 8th
 - March 19th
 - March 23rd
 - April 6th- April 10th
 - April 24th
 - April 25th
 - May 14th
 - May 16th
 - May 17th
 - May 18th
 - June 11th
 - June 12th
 - June 15th

Entrance Exam Dates

- February 7th
- April 18th