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Dear Brother Thomas,



I am writing this letter to thank Christian Brothers Academy for providing me with a comprehensive college preparatory education. I am currently a sophomore Bioengineering and Pre-med major at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA. My curriculum consists almost exclusively of science and mathematics courses, with the exception of a single humanities elective each year. I would not have been prepared to succeed at the college level had I not been exposed to the work intensive, yet highly rewarding, math and science classes that CBA offers.

The math program at Christian Brothers Academy was particularly beneficial to me during my first two semesters of college calculus. At a research institution such as the University of Pennsylvania, professors do not take the time to review high school concepts. Therefore, understanding the ideas of trigonometry, pre-calculus, and AP Calculus before entering college is crucial. The Math Department at CBA made these concepts instinctive to me. This could not have been achieved without the caring, meticulous approach of people like Mr. Keough, Mr. Lovecchio, and Mrs. Killion. With challenging class work and exams, these teachers forced me to master the material. When I failed to, they were more than willing to set time aside before or after school to give me the extra help I needed.

Engineering applies the principles of mathematics to scientific situations. Consequently, understanding mathematics is only half the battle. A strong background in chemistry, physics, and biology are just as essential to the successful completion of an engineering program. The structure of the CBA science curriculum was, for me, its most powerful asset. Learning the fundamental ideas of earth science, biology, and chemistry early in high school provided a foundation. Extension of knowledge in these fields through Advanced Placement courses allowed me to build that foundation into the complete cross-disciplinary comprehension that is needed for college success.

Coursework alone does not make a successful engineering student. Another important aspect is the capacity to create and innovate. CBA assisted me in the formation of these skills through participation on an engineering team. During my junior and senior years at CBA, I participated in the Sensis Corporation Student Engineering Contest with a team of several of my classmates. Under the guidance of our physics teacher, we worked together to evaluate a design problem, formulate design goals, and build a working device to solve the problem. The experience of going through this engineering process was invaluable. I continue to reap the benefits of it today.

Thank you Brother Thomas and thank you Christian Brothers Academy for equipping me with the skills I needed to become a successful engineering student and, one day, a successful physician. I continue to feel pride and gratitude for my years spent with you.

Sincerely,

Nicholas A. Trasolini '07



Senior Shows Spirit

As a member of the CBA varsity basketball team, Michael Goodman '09 knows how much impact an enthusiastic crowd can have on the outcome of a game. He says, "It's easier to get fired up for a game when there are a lot of people watching and cheering you on." When Mike isn't in uniform for his beloved "Brothers," chances are he's in the stands cheering on his teammates. Mike is well known around school for his "Brothers Spirit," as he tries to attend every sporting event possible, including soccer, football, swimming, lacrosse, volleyball, baseball, and softball.

There is some work involved in attending the games, especially for the informal "cheerleader in the stands." Mike says his classmates will often approach him to get the chants started. His favorite go-to chant? This year, it's been the time-tested "Mighty Brothers."

In the middle of September, students, staff, and alumni celebrated Homecoming and Spirit Week, a school-wide celebration of CBA. One of the most-anticipated events of Spirit Week is the Pep Rally at the end of school on Friday,

and Mike knew he wanted to be directly involved in this year's Pep Rally. He and fellow senior, Danielle Lemon, were the emcees of the event, and they achieved their goal of "making sure everyone was having fun." Mike remembers one of the first pep rallies he attended at CBA, and he wanted to emulate the enthusiastic hosting duties of Ryan Gensler '05.

Like most CBA students, Mike is involved in several extra-curricular activities, including Peer Ministry and Multicultural Club. Mike appreciates the different backgrounds and cultures he's learned about through the Multicultural Club, and of Peer Ministry he adds, "it has helped me be a better person." Mike also enjoys helping out at the Junior High Sports Mania Night, and for the past few years he has been a key contributor to the faculty basketball team that competes against the champion intramural team at the end of the night. This year he wasn't able to lead his team to victory, but Mike hopes that some of the seventh and eighth graders who did win will follow in his spirited footsteps.

Not Too Busy To Help Out

“If you want something done, ask a busy person.” This thought most surely was a consideration when Dolores Darwish, President of the CBA Parents’ Club, and Brother Thomas Zoppo nominated Joanne Corasaniti as Treasurer of the club last spring. Joanne, the working mother of two CBA students, Ashley ’13 and Peter ’10, has volunteered in several capacities at the school including: working at the concession stands during football and baseball games; selling raffle tickets at Carousel Mall for the past 4 years; helping with the Lasallian Auction; and serving on the planning committee for the 2008 7th Grade Grandparents’ Luncheon.

She never considered the possible time constraints this position could put on her already loaded schedule. Joanne has embraced the CBA experience and incorporated her school-related activities seamlessly and selflessly into her life. She believes that being an involved parent of a CBA student is hugely beneficial to her children’s education process.

She also feels that volunteer involvement has given her a unique opportunity to meet her children’s friends and their parents. When her children entered CBA, Joanne was worried that as she and her husband were not CBA graduates, they might feel like ‘outsiders.’ She quickly realized that her family was immediately welcomed by the entire community

– dedicated teachers, administrators, and other parents – and that her involvement in school events bolstered this feeling of belonging.

Joanne has also learned that the CBA community spirit extends well beyond the school’s local districts. President of the Booster Club, Eileen Chase, recruited Joanne in December 2007 as the Chairperson of the 2008 Lasallian Athletic Hall of Fame dinner. After months of tireless planning and coordination with the Athletic and Development Offices, Joanne’s attention to detail and hard work resulted in a lovely dinner with over 200 attendees. She was struck by the “show of Brotherhood” displayed by the alums from several generations and their families who travelled from as far away as Arizona, Florida, and Alabama to celebrate and honor the nine inductees.

Her children are also very active participants in the CBA experience – excelling in their academic pursuits, playing several sports, and enjoying a supportive and wide circle of friends. Joanne feels strongly that, “The commitment and sacrifices parents make to send their children to CBA are worthwhile. You can’t put a price on academics and lifelong social bonds made here at the school.” Her hope is that her efforts will enhance and cement the “Brothers’ spirit” in the hearts, minds, and souls of her children.



Joanne Corasaniti with Ashley ’13 and Peter ’10

“CBA must be doing something right,” Millie McDade Woods remarked during a phone conversation with Brother Thomas Zoppo in August of 2008. Millie had been motivated to call the school’s Principal by a discussion she recently had with her son, Joseph Woods ’80, during which he announced that, “CBA really shaped me.” She felt vindicated and proud of the boldness and foresight that had originally inspired her, over 30 years earlier, to call Brother William Martin, the Principal of CBA in the summer of 1976.

Joe was scheduled to attend the ninth grade at a Syracuse public school, and had begun to befriend youngsters who Millie felt were exerting strong, negative peer pressure on her son. She was concerned that as this was a critical developmental stage in Joe’s life, he could stray from the family values she and her husband had worked so diligently to instill in their son: strong faith, and a commitment to community service. Although the couple both worked in the public school system, they realized that their son would not thrive in that environment.

Millie made the fortuitous call to Br. William, which led to a conference and interview. The parents were encouraged by what they learned about CBA. It was clear that the school was there for Joe – to set goals for him, to shape him and help him to reach his potential, and to provide a controlled and disciplined environment for her son to flourish academically and spiritually. And they were not disappointed.

As Joe’s statement to his mother indicates, he fully agrees. While at CBA, he performed well in the classroom and participated in football and track. He remembers his teachers and coaches with fondness and reverence and was particularly influenced by Vice Principal, Br. Charles O’Connell’s advice to embrace all programs: academic, sports, and extracurricular. Joe received a bachelor’s degree from Alabama A & M University in Business Management, and felt his CBA experience had made him, “rungs above the rest of the students academically and in

maturity.” He lauds the school as, “an excellent institution that prepares youngsters for their journey to higher education and beyond.”

Joe went on to receive his Teacher’s Certification in the Masters in Elementary Education Program at SUNY Oswego and thus began his commitment to teaching and community service. He taught at the elementary level at Danforth Elementary School in Syracuse and in Prince George’s County schools in Maryland. About ten years ago, Joe volunteered to work on Jack Johnson’s political campaign for Prince George’s County Executive. After Johnson’s victory, Joe was appointed to the Prince George’s County Health Department as Special Assistant to the Director, a position he currently holds.

His formal title is Chief of Tobacco Control for the County, and as such, he oversees a \$1.1 million/year grant from the state of Maryland, funded by the Tobacco Industry restitution payments. His duties include: smoking cessation; community outreach; school-based initiatives; and enforcement. During his tenure with the county, Joe has helped to open two medical clinics in underprivileged areas that service over 50,000 individuals.

Joe credits CBA with instilling in him the desire to get involved with his community and to inspire others to do the same to change things for the world. He and his brother, Shadrick, now share a dream – to open a charter school in Maryland based on the CBA model and to incorporate his alma mater’s mission to mold, shape, and produce tomorrow’s leaders.

Millie could not be prouder of the son who the public school administration told her over 30 years ago would not make anything of himself. She knew better. She knew that, “it doesn’t matter what others think can’t be done with children. We as parents and teachers need to peel away the veneer to uncover their hidden potential. We need to be bold and determined and involved.”

CBA Was There For Him



L to R: Dr. Donald Shell, Prince George’s County Health Officer, **Joe Woods ’80**, Special Assistant to the Health Officer, Jack B. Johnson, County Executive, and Olympic Gold Medal Winner, Jackie Joyner-Kersey at the grand opening of the Prince George’s County Government Suitland Health Center in Maryland on May 2, 2007.



Peggy Perkins with special guests at the Lasallian Youth Christmas Lunch in December.

Lead me. Guide me. Direct me.

Margaret “Peggy” Perkins officially joined the staff of Christian Brothers Academy on June 14, 2008 as Director of Campus Ministry, but she has always had strong ties with the school. Her father, Al Krause, was one of the original architects involved with the design of the Randall Road campus. Al, a strong advocate for faith-based education, was honored last summer with a Purple & Gold Award from the CBA Alumni Association for his tireless leadership and support of the school as a Co-Chairman of the *To Be the Best* comprehensive campaign. Peggy and her husband are the parents of CBA alumni Luke '02, and Sadie '04, and current 8th grader, Sidney.

Peggy earned a bachelor’s degree in Psychology from St. Lawrence University and a master’s degree in Student Personnel and Counseling from Albany State. Before she had children, Peggy held the position of Assistant Dean of Residential Life at Siena College and worked as a counselor and academic advisor at Utica College. As Siena is a Franciscan institution, she was encouraged to integrate her interest in fostering the students’ spiritual dimension.

After her children were born, Peggy focused much of her time and energy on parish work, where her personal spirituality could grow and flourish and benefit the overall church community. For twenty years, she was the Director of Religious Education at St. Patrick’s in Otisco, and simultaneously, for the past 16 years, held a similar position at St. Leo’s in Tully. From 1992-1994, Peggy was enrolled in the Formation for Ministry, a Diocesan program which prepares individuals for ministry. Her quest for furthering her spiritual vocation continued when she pursued a

master’s level certificate from 2003-2008 at the Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension program, focusing on Youth Ministry.

In May 2008, Maureen Lasda accepted a full-time teaching position in the Religion department here at the school, thus vacating her position as Director of Campus Ministry. Maureen approached Peggy about interviewing for the job, feeling that given Peggy’s experience and love for ministry she would be a perfect fit. This has certainly been the case. Her duties include: overseeing the Peer Ministry program which incorporates the elements of spiritual life (liturgy), Christian formation (student retreats), community outreach, and social justice; daily announcements and prayer; faculty retreats; Mass planning; and Mother-Son and Father-Daughter Communion breakfasts. She sums up her role as one who helps to, “form the spiritual dimension of the school.”

Peggy stresses that her decision to accept the position was cemented by her feeling that, “this was what God had intended for me. It seems that the last twenty years have been groundwork for my ministry here.” As an avid runner and triathlete, when Peggy is not ministering to the CBA community, she is using her enormous energy and strength to help others in need. She and her husband ran the Marine Corps marathon in 2007 and participated in the 2008 Skinnyman Triathlon to raise money to fight the battle against Leukemia/Lymphoma. The school is most fortunate to enjoy the buoying benefits of Peggy Perkins’ unending spirit.

Heard in the Halls

Girls Swimming and Diving Team Wins Sectional Championship



The CBA Girls Swimming and Diving team climbs the podium to accept the Section III Overall Team Championship trophy.

The CBA Girls Swimming and Diving team completed an undefeated season and won the Section III Overall Championship for the first time in school history, scoring 397.2 points, nearly 100 points higher than the second place finisher. Seven different members of the CBA team won individual Section III championships in the following events, and moved on to compete in the NYSPHSAA State Meet in Buffalo:

- 200 yard Medley Relay (Summer Schmitt '13, Kathryn Coughlin '13, Destiny Cerlanek '11, Aubrey Letourneau '10)
- 100 yard Backstroke (Summer Schmitt)
- 500 yard Freestyle (Ruthie Speidel '11)
- 200 yard Freestyle Relay (Juliette Wetzel '10, Summer Schmitt, Kathryn Coughlin, Maggie Fletcher '12)

The following swimmers also earned State qualifying times in the listed events:

- 100yd Butterfly (Summer Schmitt)
- 100yd Breaststroke (Kathryn Coughlin)
- 400yd Freestyle Relay (Juliette Wetzel, Destiny Cerlanek, Aubrey Letourneau, Maggie Fletcher)

Hundreds Attend Open House



Nick Sindoni '10 demonstrates a scientific experiment with magnets.

On Sunday, October 26th, over 200 families attended the annual Open House. This year's Open House theme was, "Discover the Treasures of CBA," and an estimated 800 visitors toured the campus and sampled the variety of opportunities CBA has to offer.

Prospective students and their families viewed numerous classroom demonstrations, ranging from panning for gold in the Earth Science Lab to testing cars and calculating distances with junior high math students. Over 200 current students volunteered their time by serving as tour guides and classroom assistants, and prospective students were given the opportunity to play web-based math games, sample ethnic food, create scroll necklaces, and much more. All current faculty and staff were on hand to answer questions, as well as athletic coaches and representatives from extracurricular clubs. Student members from the Salsa Dancing Club performed throughout the day in the Spanish room.

Those attending Open House also had the opportunity to sign up for CBA's Entrance Examinations, held on November 8th and 22nd. Over 200 students took the tests this year.

Mother/Son Communion Breakfast



Garrett Barnard '09 and his mother, Elaine Barnard.

The annual CBA Mother-Son Communion Breakfast was held on Sunday, December 7. Approximately 275 mothers, sons, and grandmothers attended the event hosted by Parents' Club and Campus Ministry. Fr. John Ahern was the celebrant, and he invoked a special blessing upon the sons and their moms and grandmothers. The inspirational speaker at the breakfast was Lisa Matto, Confirmation Coordinator for High School Faith Formation at Immaculate Conception Church. Lisa included personal stories, humor, and Scripture in her presentation to the group to reflect upon the special bond between mothers and sons. After the Mass, everyone gathered for breakfast in the cafeteria.

National Honor Society Leads Three Charitable Drives



Tyghe Speidel '08 and Andrew Wendl '08 with some of the food donated by the CBA community to the St. Lucy's Church Food Pantry.

The CBA National Honor Society worked with the entire school community to provide needed items to local charitable organizations through three different drives. In October, three seniors (Emma Taylor, Haley Hornstein, and Alex Martino) worked with the National Honor Society to fulfill their personal goal of providing incoming refugees to the Syracuse area with warm winter clothing. CBA students and staff donated hundreds of winter apparel items including hats, gloves, scarves, jackets, and coats to make this clothing drive a great success. The items were then distributed to refugees via Catholic Charities and the Northside CYO, with the help of the NHS and Peer Ministry members.

In November, the National Honor Society held its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. All students were asked to bring in nonperishable food items to their homerooms during the month. The food was donated to the St. Lucy's Church Food Pantry to help those in need in the Central New York community. The food drive was such a success that Honor Society students had to make several trips to the Food Pantry to deliver all the donated items!

In addition, the NHS members raised money through the community for the American Red Cross. Working with a matching grant from Hyundai, the students presented \$600 to the American Red Cross.



Choreographer, Mrs. Christina Ciereck '96, leads the students during a dance audition session.

Spring Musical

For eight days in December, CBA students danced, sang, and read for the opportunity to be a part of the upcoming spring musical. This year's performance will be "Once Upon a Mattress", a musical comedy loosely based on the fairy tale, "The Princess and the Pea". Rehearsals began on Monday, January 8, and the play can be seen on April 4 & 5 at 7:00 at Nottingham High School. The members of the cast are:

Minstrel: Daniel LaCombe
 Princess No. 12: Corinne Gavigan
 Wizard: Matthew Kirkman
 Lady Larken: Amy Callahan
 Queen Aggravain: Tori Scalzo
 Prince Dauntless: Joseph Pietrafesa
 King Sextimus: Brett Keegan
 Jester: Dan York
 Sir Studley: Robert Dwyer
 Sir Luce: Kyle Mooney
 Sir Harry: Hersh Sangani
 Princess Winnifred: Betty Etheredge
 Lady Rowena: Laena Frechette
 Lady Merrill: Natalie Sportelli
 Lady Lucille: Jane Kallmerten
 Lady H: Becky Scullin
 MaBelle: Sarah Kitts
 Lady: Colleen Daly
 1st Lady: Christina Pietrafesa
 2nd Lady: Allie Levick

3rd Lady: Kathleen Kirkman
 Knight #1: Evale Chandler
 Knight #2: Amani Jackson
 Knight #3: Cole Speidel
 Knights, Servants, and Ladies-in-Waiting:
 Shawna Brazell
 Kaleigh Sweeney
 Colby Hollington
 Nick Petrognani
 Elizabeth Domachowska
 Courtney Cupelo
 Emily Doherty
 Amanda Macri
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Wrestling Returns to CBA



Varsity 103 pound wrestler J.T. Romagnoli pins!

We are pleased to announce that CBA has begun a wrestling program at the Varsity, Junior Varsity and Modified levels. The Brothers have combined with Solvay High School this year for Varsity and JV. A number of our athletes have earned starting varsity positions while others are gaining valuable experience on the JV. You can follow the team's progress at www.cnywrestling.com, and find the schedule to come root on the team.

Looking toward the future, CBA has also combined with the Jamesville-DeWitt district for a modified wrestling program. As soon as we have sufficient experience—perhaps as early as next year—we anticipate that the Varsity and JV will enter into a long term combination with JD and wrestle across the street at the JD middle school.

Back in the 70's, the Brothers had one of the best wrestling programs in the area. This year's wrestlers hope to build on that proud tradition.

Alumni Notes and Quotes

1918

Mark Atkinson's son, **Bernard '50** and his family were presented, in July, with a posthumous CBA diploma in recognition of Mark's educational and life experiences. Mark was unable to graduate with his class, as he was called to duty to serve during World War I.

1943

Ralph Brown is retired from General Electric. He is a member of St. Ann's Church in Manlius, NY, the Syracuse Rotary Club, and Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE).

1944

Members of the class gathered at the Limestone Grille (Craftsman Inn) in Fayetteville on December 16 for their annual Christmas luncheon. They are very much looking forward to celebrating their 65th Reunion this June.



Seated: Br. Edmund Dwyer, Jim Furcinito, Dick Long.
Standing: W. Dennis Owen, AFSC, Dr. Frank Bersani, Dr. William Stack, Eugene Allen.

1953

Joseph Scuderi was presented with the Business Award and inducted into the Northside Walk of Honor at a dinner reception held at St. Peter's Catholic Church during the three-day Columbus Weekend festivities in October. Joe, founder of Widewaters Group Inc., grew up on Syracuse's North Side and was recognized for his continued generosity to local organizations.

1969

David Canino is on the Board of Trustees of the Syracuse Rescue Mission.

Stephen Quilty has left Bowling Green State University and moved to Florida. He is embarking on a fourth career in the aviation industry in airport consulting and training.

Daniel Kocunik became a grandfather to twins. His son and daughter-in-law welcomed Keira and Colin on June 25, 2008. Their big brother, Connor, who is two years old, is a great help.

1973

Ronald Burns recently retired from New Process Gear/Chrysler in Dewitt, after 30 years with the company. He and his wife, Donna, celebrated their 30th anniversary in October, and are now living in Myrtle Beach, SC. Ron is enjoying his semi-retirement working part-time for a golf course community in Myrtle Beach. He also spends time visiting with his sons: Kevin, an assistant lacrosse coach at UMass; and Peter, who works in the payroll department of the Philadelphia Eagles.

Mark Reed has been named a fellow of the IEEE, one of the most prestigious honors given by this professional association for the advancement of technology. Most recently, Reed has designed a new approach for creating nanodevices that allows them to integrate directly with microelectronic systems, a technology which has applications for medical diagnostics and therapeutics. Reed is the Harold Hodgkinson Professor of Engineering and Applied Science at Yale University and the associate director of the Yale Institute for Nanoscience and Quantum Electronics (YINQE).



Mark Reed '73

1976

David Ridley just returned from a six month tour of duty in Baghdad, Iraq, after being activated as a Captain by the U.S. Navy. Dave has been a Navy Reservist since 1980 and has volunteered for a second tour. His son, David, graduated from the College of William & Mary in May and his daughter, Nicole, graduated from William & Mary in 2005.

1983

Dr. David Dombroski is a Radiologist at the University of Rochester Medical Center. He is currently spending a year on sabbatical at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore, MD, studying heart MRI technology. David lives in Pittsford, NY.

1985

Lt. Col. Michael Roche is a Professor at DAU (Defense Acquisition University) in Kettering, Ohio.

1987

Jon Maryak has been working as the General Manager of a large restaurant in Phoenix, AZ for the past year. He married a Syracuse native in Hendricks Chapel on the Syracuse University campus 4 years ago, and the couple has a 3 year old son.

1988

Peter Dombroski is the Territory Manager for Boston Scientific's Neuromodulation Division, which manufactures spinal cord stimulation devices used in the treatment of chronic pain. Peter was recently inducted into the Legacy Club as one of the company's all-time top 20 representatives. He lives in Pittsford, NY with his wife and children: Evan, 8; and Edie, 6.

1990

John J. Murphy IV and his wife, Paula welcomed Kate Jacqueline Murphy to their family on November 25. Kate is joined by her two older sisters.

1991

Jeff Maryak lives in Raeford, NC, and after 7 years of active duty service in the Army, has served 14 years as an Army Reservist. Jeff began his career as an M1A1 Armor Crewman and then served as a Psychological Operations Tactical Team Leader. He is currently an Airborne Military Intelligence Analyst working for the US Army as a Personnel Security Manager in a civilian capacity for the United States Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (USACAPOC). Jeff has two children, Bela and Jakob.

1992

Former member of the class, **Steve (Wy-Shen) Wong** graduated from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario with a bachelor's degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering in 1997. He was a partner in a software industry start-up company which was acquired in 2004 by BMC Software. Steve is currently a Senior Technical Director at BMC. He recently joined the Board of Trustees at the Toronto Montessori Schools, where his son attends, and is a member of the Advancement Committee at the school, which is launching a capital campaign to support the development of a top tier secondary school.

1993

Mary (Randall) Kirby and her husband, Shaun, welcomed a daughter, Casey Marie Kirby, on August 4. The family lives in Alexandria, VA and Mary works for Tiffany & Co. as a Business Sales Executive.

1995

Benjamin Monreal has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Physics at UC Santa Barbara. Previously, he was at MIT for over nine years. His wife, Sarah Bagby, will be a Post-Doctoral candidate in Geomicrobiology at UCSB.

1997

Daniel Glover and his wife, Bridget, welcomed their first child, Michael Sullivan Glover on October 14.

2001

John Gunerman is an active duty US Naval Officer. He was deployed to the Persian Gulf in late 2007.

Garrett Peterson is the Operations Manager for Downtown Decorations who designed and installed the banners displayed around the CBA campus in honor of *To Be the Best* campaign.



Garrett Peterson installing CBA banner on light pole.

2004

Brady O'Malley graduated *cum laude* from Adelphi University where he was captain of the Adelphi lacrosse team. He is presently attending Syracuse University College of Law.

2005

On Saturday, November 15th in Hanover NH, former CBA football teammates found themselves on opposite sides of the line of scrimmage. Dartmouth football players **Rich Cummings, Eric Estabrook, and Joe Battaglia '04** faced off against **Mark Callahan '06** of Brown University. It was Senior Day for the Big Green of Dartmouth and parents of all 3 players were on hand to wish them well.

2006

Michael Kenien (Cornell '10), Christopher LaBerge (Cornell '10), and Whitney Marx (West Point '10) reunited after an Army vs. Cornell Sprint Football game in October. Cornell won the game with a score of 12 to 10, and LaBerge scored one of the key touchdowns for Cornell.



2006 alums: Whitney Marx, Chris LaBerge, and Mike Kenien gather on the sideline after the big Army-Cornell game.

Several classmates reunited on Friday, November 28 for the 3rd annual “Turkey Bowl” football game, refereed by Steve Khanzadian P’o6 and Joe Nicoletti P’o6. After the game the group gathered at the home of Steve and Laurie Khanzadian to share a meal.



Front L to R: Kevin Robinson, Greg Khanzadian, Matt Schoeneck. 2nd Row: Dave Kanter, Joe Nicoletti, Bill Urciuoli, Tom DiStasio, Pete Giordano. 3rd Row: Matt Kinnan, Adam Drescher, Mike Suits, Mark Callahan, Kasey Burst.

Yasmin Eltaher, an exchange student from Italy during the 2005-2006 academic year, continues her studies in Bellagio and wishes to be remembered to the CBA Class of 2006.

1940

*Epilogue to our fall’08 story highlighting the Mullin family legacy: **Dr. Ed Mullin**, who passed away in November, had misplaced his beloved CBA class ring while at a nursing home. Mark Hettler ’73 heard of his plight, and as Mark’s father, **Nelson Hettler**, had been a classmate and dear friend of Ed’s, Mark’s mother, Beatrice, offered to give Nelson’s ring to Dr. Mullin. This offer and the spirit it represented were a great comfort to the Mullin family. This is another touching example of the support and lifelong bond between CBA “Brothers.”*

Weddings

1998

Dr. James McGowan and Emily Clarke were married in Charlottesville, Virginia on October 11, 2008. Brother of the groom, Paul McGowan ’01 was best man and sisters, Mary McGowan ’07 and Sarah McGowan ’03 were bridesmaids. Jim’s brother, John McGowan ’95 also attended and Class of 1998 alums Daniel Malay and Daniel Thomsen were groomsmen. Also in attendance was Christie Sciacca Atkins ’98. The couple lives in Boston, Massachusetts.



[Dr. and Mrs. James McGowan ’98]

1999

Joshua Haun wed Samantha Braswell on August 10, 2008 in Jensen Beach, Florida. The couple resides in Charlotte, North Carolina.

2000

Andrew Barno and Sistina Giordano were married on August 2, 2008 in the bride’s hometown, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Andrew Greacen ’00 was best man and fellow 2000 classmates, Michael Antonacci and Andrew Gorman were groomsmen. The groom’s sister, Meagan Barno ’02, was a bridesmaid. CBA alumni Clare Bigelow ’00, Donald DeKay ’72, Jess D’Eredita ’04, Ross D’Eredita ’00, and Robert Owens ’78 along with Br. Michael Shubnell attended the wedding. The couple resides in New York City.



[Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Barno ’00]

Where in the World Are...???



The Development Office has begun planning the 2009 All-Alumni Reunion Weekend which will be held on June 27-28. Alums move, change careers, or retire and sometimes do not have a chance to notify their alma mater. We hope you will help us find the following individuals for whom we are missing important contact information.

If you are aware of current information for any of these alumni, please let us know by contacting the CBA Development Office at 315-446-5960 ext. 1140 or email us at development@cbasyracuse.org.

Class of 1964

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Mr. Lawrence W. Agne
Mr. Daniel J. Beers
Mr. Robert M. Bill
COL Stanley E. Chorazy
Mr. Michael D. Coffee
Mr. Steven F. Fasekas
Mr. James R. Feehan
Mr. Robert J. Frank
Mr. Michael J. Gorman
Mr. Anthony J. Mangel
Mr. Ronald D. Miller

Mr. August Musi
Mr. Michael D. O'Connor
Mr. Daniel J. Ryan
Mr. P. Ryan
Mr. Thomas J. Shea
Mr. James F. Sladky
Mr. Michael J. Sullivan
Mr. Lawrence Wagne
Mr. James C. Woods

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Mr. John S. Bahouth
Mr. Edward F. Barker
Mr. Donald R. Burke
Mr. Dennis P. Dennison
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Mr. John M. Druke
Mr. Brian Duarte
Mr. Richard C. Eckert
Mr. Paul Gainsback
Mr. Sam C. Galster
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Mr. Philip J. Iaconis
Mr. Grant H. Leeb
Mr. Kevin P. Malick
Mr. Kevin B. McDonough
Mr. Robert J. Melino
Mr. William P. Merrigam

Mr. David C. Monteleone
Mr. Timothy Murphy
Mr. John R. Murray
Mr. Francis M. Mydlinski
Mr. Jeff D. O'Neill
Mr. Thomas S. Parkhurst
Mr. Brian K. Parzych
Mr. Robert W. Pike
Dr. Matthew J. Robinson
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Mr. William M. Speth
Mr. Salvatore Stagnitta
Mr. William P. Tedesco
Mr. Louis F. Troendle
Mr. Robert J. Whitbread
Mr. John Williams
Mr. Kevin R. Williams

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Miss Nicole Baroncelli
Mr. Richard J. Blair
Mr. Stephen C. Borsh
Mr. Philip G. Fortino
Mr. Daryl Gladden
Mr. Mark C. Humpleby
Mr. Michael A. Konseck
Mr. Timothy J. Lannie
Mr. Gregory C. Mills
Mrs. Natalia Schembari-Joseph
Mr. Andrew V. Spina
Mr. Alexander Stenzel
Mr. Jeremy C. Vanderloo
Mr. Randall C. Wasserman

In Memoriam

ALUMNI

Rev. Francis Joseph Case '58
John L. DiMillo '58
Robert P. Halloran '36
E. James Heitzman, Jr. '68
Dr. Edward Mullin '40
Thomas H. Speno '59

FRIENDS

Willard Alcott (Grandfather of Andrew '04, Philip '07 & Mackenzie '10)
Mary Emery Barnhill (Mother of Richard '86)
Letizia Carrino Corapi (Grandmother of Steven '82 & James '86)
Elizabeth Anne Chapman (Grandmother of James '05, Natalie '06 & William '09)
Gary Chase (Father of Shaun '00, Kara '01, Griffin '05 & Kyle '09)
Frank D'Eredita (Grandfather of Ross '00 & Jess '04)
Arnie Freeman (Executive Director of Temple Adath Yeshurun)
Robert Legler (Father of Mark Legler)
Helen Malinowski (Mother-in-law of Robert Bewley; Grandmother of Kelly Bewley '12)
Hon. Edward McLaughlin (Father of Roderick '77, Ted '81 & Christian '85; Grandfather of Alexandra Betgeorge '07)
Br. Andrew O'Gara, FSC (President, Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft, NJ)
Caroline T. Paduano (Mother of Leonard '57)
Frank P. Satalin, Sr. (Grandfather of Brian '91 & Terence '92)
Richard P. Storto (Father of Richard '67; Grandfather of John Ascenzo '99 & Ross Ascenzo '03)
Kathleen Urtnowski (Sister of Br. Stephen McCabe, FSC)
Harold "Jim" White (Brother of Maintenance Staff member, Ralph White)

*Sancte Iohannes Baptista de
La Salle, ora pro nobis.
In cordibus nostris Iesus in
aeternum vivat.*

*St. John Baptist de LaSalle,
pray for us.
Live Jesus in our hearts,
forever.*



Christine '14 and Julie '10 Thomson-Basha

The Spirit of CBA

Everyone at CBA is familiar with this beautiful prayer. We recite it before every class, Mass, prayer, meal, and event. Our teachers, coaches, and athletic teams also pray together before every game or match. This prayer really is the essence of our CBA School Spirit in that we acknowledge the omnipresent love of Jesus Christ, The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as we go through our day. This unifies us because CBA is not just a school; it is a way of life.

It is awesome to see and feel CBA spirit amongst my classmates. If you have ever been to a CBA sporting event, then you have truly experienced the heart of CBA school spirit. At any event involving one of our numerous sports teams, there is rarely a quiet CBA fan in the crowd. When the students pack into the stadium or gym and start to cheer, you can feel the faith, support, and encouragement poured out to fellow classmates. As an athlete, I have felt this support myself when I have played, win or loose. That is CBA Spirit.

The process of faith formation in building our Catholic identity is fostered at CBA. Integrity is expected from every student. Our school's philosophy and academic programs are designed to promote our success. We are close to our teachers, coaches, and councilors. They are all very demanding and encourage us not only to keep up our grades and foster intellectual knowledge, but I feel they really care and want us to lead happy lives and to grow in self-understanding. We learn we have obligations to the world and our Creator. We are all expected to volunteer in community projects which help us to develop spiritually, with a deeper sense of friendship and CBA Spirit.

A special project in which I hope to participate is making a pilgrimage with CBA Peer Ministers to Washington DC for the National Youth Rally and the March for Life on Pennsylvania Avenue, to celebrate the sacredness of life. The trip would give me an opportunity to demonstrate my faith in action and have an impact on others.

In my family, just like at CBA, we are always there for each other. Like all of the alumni I see, I know my friendships, experiences, and CBA spirit will stay with me forever. I am now in my junior year and my little sister Chrissy is a 7th grader. We are proud to be members of the CBA family!

Go Brothers!!

-Julie Thomson-Basha '10

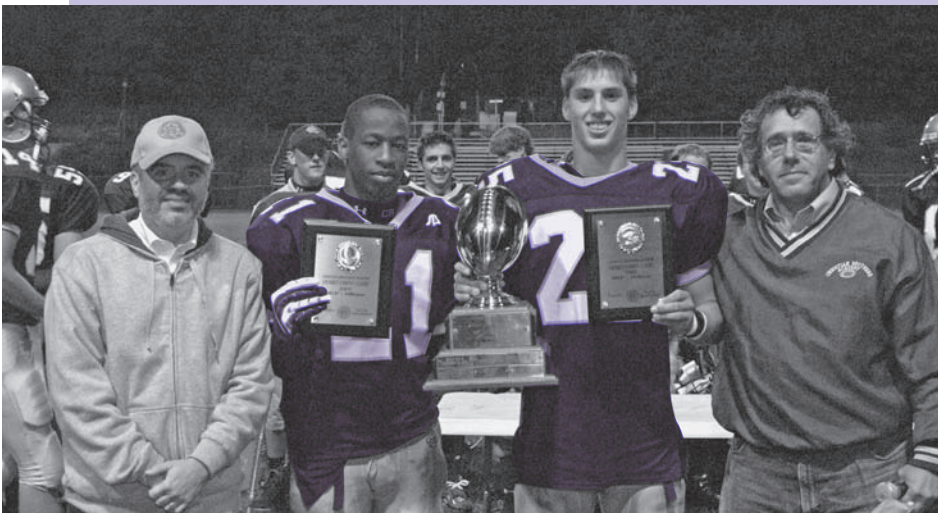
Alumni Homecoming Tailgate 2008



[Dave Venditti '78 at the grill]

Bright blue skies and a warm breeze greeted the more than 300 Alumni Association Tailgate revelers who gathered on the CBA practice field following Br. Thomas Zoppo's announcement of *To Be The Best* campaign on Friday, September 19. Alums, parents, teachers, students, and friends of CBA enjoyed mountains of hot dogs, supplied by the Association, and a huge assortment of salads, side dishes, casseroles, and desserts offered by members of the extended CBA community. Mike Hennigan '73, owner of Nichol's Supermarket, very generously donated the hot dog rolls and soda for this memorable and special event.

Many thanks also to the volunteers who helped with set-up, cooking, serving, and clean up including alums: Mark Carroll '74, Tom Dadey '87, Mark Grenga '74, Michael Vavonese '76, and Dave Venditti '78 (chief cook and grill supplier) and parents Osupa Davis, Sheila Lowe, Mary Nicoletti Watson, Marilyn Potega, Leslie Smith, and Julie Venditti.



[(left to right:) John Marzocchi '77; Fajri Jackson '10, MVP-Offense; Bryant Moore '10, MVP-Defense; Frank Vavonese '67]

Much spirited conversation and camaraderie was shared in anticipation of what turned out to be an exciting win for CBA over rival, Fayetteville-Manlius. Frank Vavonese '67 provided the play-by-play commentary and Anthony Donati '55, John Marzocchi '77, Richard Storto '67, and Michael Vavonese '76 were the judges for the Alumni Association MVP awards selection. Fajri Jackson '10 was selected as the offensive MVP and Bryant Moore '10 for his outstanding performance on defense. Both players received a plaque and their names will be placed on the school's MVP trophy.

Alumni Events



2008 Alumni Football players: (Kneeling L-R) Mark Grenga '74 and Tony Lenkiewicz '76. (Standing L-R) Lorenzo Jackson '84, Bob Battaglia '76 and his son, Robert '13, Paul Mullin '76, John Mullin, Mike Vavonese '76, Paul Vavonese '04, Matthew Vavonese, John Marzocchi '77, referee.

1st Annual Alumni Football Game

The skies were clear and the air was brisk for the inaugural alumni football game on Friday, October 3. Eight alums (and a handful of enlisted future alums) hit the muddy CBA practice gridiron for some grueling flag football play. Referee John Marzocchi '77 kept an eagle eye on the game, and Joe Riccardi '67 and several CBA friends and family members cheered on the teams from the stands.

After an exacting 20 minutes, Matthew Vavonese, youngest son of Mike Vavonese '76, made a dramatic touchdown catch, just at the ending buzzer, to tie the game. Players were then treated to pizza and wings in the cafeteria, where they shared memories of games and school days gone by. As this was such an enjoyable evening for all in attendance, it is certain that the event will grow in years to come.

Thanks to Mike Vavonese for helping to plan and execute this event, and to all who joined us:

Bob Battaglia '76
Mark Grenga '74
Lorenzo Jackson '84
Tony Lenkiewicz '76
John Marzocchi '77
Paul Mortensen '74
Paul Mullin '76
Joe Riccardi '67
Michael Vavonese '76
Paul Vavonese '04

If you would like to help plan next year's football game, or have suggestions for other alumni events, please contact Helen Kelley at (315) 446-5960 ext. 1122 or hkelley@cbasyracuse.org.

2008 Alumni Phonathon

The 2008-2009 Annual Fund Alumni Phonathon sessions were conducted this year from October 15-23. This event, a key fundraising initiative for the school, was made particularly challenging as the economy had taken a nosedive immediately before the “call went out.” Twenty-three alumni callers from 11 graduating classes steadfastly contacted their classmates imploring them to dig deep and support their alma mater. Agents from an additional 5 classes signed letters to their fellow alums asking for their support.

The Annual Fund, used for operating costs such as teachers’ salaries, technological upgrades, and financial aid, helps to bridge the gap between tuition revenues and the actual cost of educating a CBA student. During difficult economic times, support for the Annual Fund is even more vital in keeping tuition increases at a minimum to ease the burden on our families.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the following alumni who generously donated their time and energy to this year’s phonathon:

Dick Anderson '81
Joe Bergovec '97
*Mark Carroll '74
Bill Colucci '77
Jim Corapi '86
*Tony DelCoro '79
Ivan Drazek '97
*Ernie Etoll '53
*Mark Grenga '74
*Christopher Harrigan '90
*David Hayes '61
*Mark Jones '86
*Jon Law '74
Mike Luton '77

*Class Agent

Jerry Manganiello '77
*John Marzocchi '77
*Ed Moses '61
Paul Mullin '76
*Brad O'Connor '97
*Anthony Oliva '87
*Beth Owens '98
Mark Pitzonzo '76
“Skip” Pfohl '77
Laurence “Fritz” Sovik '50
Ronald “Roy” Spadafora '50
Jim Steves '69
Jim Terrinoni '70
*Mike Vavonese '76
*Stacy Zdep '96

For those who made a pledge during this event, we truly appreciate your support. If you have not sent a gift to the Annual Fund, please consider adding Christian Brothers Academy to your list of charitable priorities. If you would like to learn more about the Annual Fund or other giving opportunities at the school, please contact Helen Kelley, Coordinator for Alumni and Annual Giving at (315) 446-5960 ext. 1122 or hkelley@cbasyracuse.org.



Skip Pfohl '77 and Jim Terrinoni '70 work the phones during the Alumni Phonathon in October.

Alumni Events

Members of the Class of 1996 came out in force to revel at the NYC Alumni Event. (Left to Right) Erin (Vartabedian) Zick, Jeffrey Kirk, Courtney Hopkins, Sarah Vrabel, Kevin Dougherty, and Nando DiFino.



2008 New York City Alumni Event

Over 30 Alumni and their guests filled the second floor party room at Stitch Bar & Lounge on Wednesday, October 29 to reminisce and catch up with fellow Big Apple denizens. The revelers enjoyed pub fare and flowing spirits while mixing and mingling with both classmates and alums from graduating classes spanning a 36 year period. Brother Thomas Zoppo, Principal, was in attendance and enjoyed chatting with his former pupils.

Those gathered were able to take a few hours out of their frenetic, fast-paced schedules to savor the memories and shared experiences of their CBA days. Classroom, teacher, staff, and sports stories were exchanged and relived as if they had happened just yesterday. Family photos were proudly displayed and business cards passed out with heartfelt promises made to stay in touch. Thanks to the generosity of A.J. '86 and Beth '89 Storinge, the following

door prizes were awarded: A \$100 Gift Certificate to Bliss Spa to Kathryn Nave '02 and 2 pairs of tickets to a NYC professional sporting event to Lennie DiFino '97, and to Sistina and Andrew Barno '00.

The CBA Alumni Office is very pleased to offer regional events, throughout the year, in areas such as: Western New York, DC, and Boston. Plans are currently underway to add an event in the Albany area as well.

Please watch for information about these events on the CBA website (www.cbasyracuse.org), the Alumni Newsletter, and on Facebook (Helen Kelley). If you have any questions about these or any alumni events or would like to help with planning an event in your area please contact: Helen Kelley at (315) 446-5960 ext. 1122 or hkelley@cbasyracuse.org.

Spring 2009 Calendar of Events

For more information, please call the school at (315) 446-5960.

FEBRUARY

- 16-20 Winter Recess-No Classes
- 25 Ash Wednesday
- 28 9th Annual John Downes Memorial Alumni Hockey Game

MARCH

- 19 Honors Night
- 21 Lasallian Auction 6:00 pm

APRIL

- 3, 4 Spring Musical
- TBD Alumni DC Event (date/time TBA)
- 9-17 Easter Recess- No Classes
- 24 Junior Prom

MAY

- 1 Br. Basilian Track Meet/Carsky Run
- 3 Father/Daughter Mass
- 4 Board of Trustees Meeting/Dinner
- TBD Alumni Boston Event

CBA Inducts Nine Honorees into Lasallian Athletic Hall of Fame

On Saturday, November 1, Christian Brothers Academy inducted nine outstanding athletes into the school's Lasallian Athletic Hall of Fame. Over 200 guests attended the dinner and ceremony at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel.

The members of the Class of 2008, joining thirty-three previously inducted hall of famers, are:

Howard "Barney" Werner- Class of 1940
2 years All-City Basketball and Baseball
Syracuse University Letterman of Distinction Award winner in 1985

Norb King- Class of 1947
Captained baseball team and basketball team (twice) to City League Championships
Member of the LeMoyne College Athletic Hall of Fame

Mike DeLucia- Class of 1954
Three years All-City Football Team, played four years of varsity football without losing a game
Member of the Villanova University Hall of Fame

Richard Storto- Class of 1967
Three years C.N.Y. Cities League All-Star Baseball Team
Played varsity football at Cornell University, team MVP in 1970

Pat Murphy- Class of 1977
All-CNY Baseball Team, 1977
Division I Collegiate Head Baseball Coach since 1988, has won over 950 games

Marc Jones- Class of 1986
1st Team All-CNY running back
3 year varsity letterman at University of Tennessee, won 2 SEC Conference Championships

Mark Adams- Class of 1988
All-CNY Basketball Team, 1,000 point scorer at CBA
Graduated from St. John Fisher College as fifth-leading scorer in school's history

Jeff Segar- Class of 1997
1st Team All-State Baseball and Basketball Teams, won state championships in baseball and basketball
Drafted by the New York Yankees, played 4 1/2 years of professional baseball

Coach Pete Vercillo Twenty years coaching football at CBA
CNY Coach of the Year, 1971



The CBA Lasallian Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2008 (L to R): Richard Storto '67; Pat Murphy '77; J.B. Werner, son of the late Howard "Barney" Werner '40; Mike DeLucia '54; Jeff Segar '97; Coach Pete Vercillo; Marc Jones '86; Mark Adams '88; and Mary King, daughter of the late Norbert King '47.

Alumni Events

2008 Alumni Memorial Mass

Mass participants John Marzocchi '77, Mark Carroll '74, Frank Vavonese '67, Fr. Charles Vavonese, Anthony Oliva '87, and Richard Senecal '49.

More than 100 alumni and their families and friends joined together on Sunday, November 9 in De La Salle Hall for the annual Alumni Memorial Mass. Fr. Charles Vavonese, a member of one of the largest extended CBA legacy families, celebrated the Mass.

John Marzocchi '77, president of the Alumni Association, called the group to worship, and alumni lectors included: Mark Carroll '74; Anthony Oliva '87; Richard Senecal '49; and Frank Vavonese '67. The songs were performed beautifully by members of the CBA Select Chorus, led by



Robert Caraher. Names of the departed were placed on the altar during the Offertory and were added to the Mass program as a keepsake of the service.

Following the Mass, those gathered were treated to a lovely and bountiful breakfast buffet, prepared by Claire Downey and Lisa Rathbun, parents of current CBA students. This special and memorable event is an early November tradition at the school. Join us next year to honor and remember those who are no longer with us.

2008 Young Alumni Event

The Empire Brewing Company in Syracuse was host to the annual Young Alumni Event on Friday, November 28. Approximately two dozen CBA alums who graduated from 1990-2004 and their family members gathered in the rear dining area of the restaurant to mingle, reminisce, and kick-off their holiday party season. The restaurant provided a great spread, and the service was superb. Many attendees were treated to an interesting and informative private tour of the microbrewery. A wonderful time was had by all.

For decades, young CBA alumni attended a "Smoker" held at the school during the Thanksgiving holiday where recent alums enjoyed good food, spirits, and casino games. This very popular event format was forced to change in the early '80's when the drinking age was raised from 18 to 21. In order to encourage and facilitate the gathering of recent alums, the event was restructured to include only 'legal' alums, and moved to an off-campus venue and re-named, "Night for the Nineties." The hearkening of the new millennium prompted another name change, and the gathering is now known as the Young Alumni Event.

The Development Office has worked diligently to try to maximize attendance at this event, experimenting with different venues and times. One of the greatest challenges is to get the word out to these young alums about the event, as their contact information typically changes often during the first decade after they graduate. The use of e-vites and communication via Facebook has been very effective in notifying these individuals about the gathering.

We encourage alumni to get involved with the planning of all of our events, and much thanks to Beth Horlander Owens '98 for her efforts to make this a memorable one. If you are interested in helping to plan next year's Young Alumni Event, or would like to make suggestions about future venues or timing, please contact Helen Kelley at (315) 446-5960 ext. 1122 or hkelley@cbasyracuse.org.



L to R: Jennifer (Agnello) Borreggine '96, Marisa (D'Orazio) Galavotti '96, Stacy (Gradoville) Zdep '96, Henry Withers '03, Nicole (LeBeau) Hanna '96 enjoy some spirited fun at Empire Brewing Co.



Now, More Than Ever

We all have a lot on our minds these days as we sit down with our personal budgets to consider our giving options. For many of us, philanthropy has become a way of life, an automatic line item in our yearly list of expenditures. Today's headlines have all of us wondering and perhaps waiting to see what might happen next. The fact of the matter is that the economic forecasts are quite uncertain right now, yet what is certain is the ongoing needs of the special institutions we care most about.

At Christian Brothers Academy, our mission is more vital than ever. As CBA challenges its current students to achieve excellence in all aspects of their lives, encouraging them to live as moral, responsible, contributing, and successful members of society, its graduates go on to do just that.

The experiences of learning together, growing and developing into outstanding individuals and citizens, and preparing to apply those lessons throughout their lives provide the camaraderie, the *Brotherhood*, that bind alumni to each other and to the school. The evidence is all around us in the level of excellence and dedication demonstrated by CBA graduates who are physicians and plumbers, educators and attorneys, developers and contractors, volunteers, parents, and grandparents.

And the evidence is right here at school, where CBA provides a rigorous curriculum and an intellectually challenging environment while helping to shape moral, spiritual, and virtuous individuals. With the special guidance provided by the tenets of St. John Baptist de La Salle, trained educators model and instruct students.

So as you consider where your donation dollars will go this year, don't wait too long to make the choice that is closest to your heart. As a member of the CBA family you know what it means to be a "Brother" and you understand the impact of a Brothers education. Demonstrate your commitment to the vitality of Christian Brothers Academy by sending your gift today.

Are you a United Way Donor?

CBA is eligible to receive United Way funds through donor designation. If you have the opportunity to give to the United Way at your workplace, you may select CBA as the recipient of your donation by writing 'Christian Brothers Academy - Syracuse, NY' on the eligible donor designated agency line.

It's Baaaaaack... give from your IRA tax free!*

Of the many federal actions taken this fall in an attempt to control the U.S. economy, on Friday, October 3, Congress approved and the President signed the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (H.R. 1424).

The legislation includes the immediate and retroactive extension of the popular Pension Protection Act of 2006 provision which allows taxpayers over 70½ years of age to make tax-free distributions from their traditional and Roth IRAs (Individual Retirement Accounts) directly to charity in 2008 and 2009.

With the enactment of the IRA charitable rollover, eligible donors who direct IRA funds to approved charities can exclude up to \$100,000 per year in IRA gifts from their ordinary taxable income. The provision applies to donations made between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009.

How Does It Work?

The donor requests his or her IRA plan administrator to transfer funds to CBA.

The donor notifies CBA to expect the gift so that it may be tracked and credited accordingly.

The IRA administrator transfers the funds to the school.

This "qualified charitable distribution" is excluded from the donor's adjusted gross income.

Your financial advisors can help you determine what course of action is best for you. If you would like more information about the IRA rollover provision or other aspects of planned giving, please contact CBA Director of Development and Alumni, Patti Callahan at 315-446-5960 X1139 or pjcallahan@cbasyracuse.org.

*The Pension Protection Act of 2006 expired on December 31, 2007. This action re-instates the provision and is retro-active to January 1, 2008.

Teaching the Importance of Giving

Students at CBA learn many lessons that are taught in the classroom, but the Lasallian mission of the school also teaches them the important lessons of humanity, community service, and helping others. The eighth graders who are lucky enough to be in Sister Sue Dunn's homeroom class learn those lessons every day. For virtually every school-wide fundraiser or spirit event, Sister Sue's class is at the top of the list for involvement and productivity.

Sister Sue takes her responsibilities as a homeroom teacher very seriously. She says, "I believe it's my responsibility to educate them on the reasons why we do community service, the importance of getting involved, and helping them learn those little lessons of life." For this year's National Honor Society Thanksgiving Food Drive, Sister Sue spoke to her students every day about the impact of poverty and hunger in our community, especially among children. She didn't offer incentives, but did have the students write their names on the board, along with the quantity of food being donated, when they brought in items. She believes that if you simply teach them the importance of getting involved, they will gladly do it, which has clearly been the case in her homeroom for the past fifteen years.

Sister Sue is also the advisor for the Junior High Student Senate, and she works closely with this group to conduct events that appeal to a wide range of the seventh and eighth grade students. She stresses to her students the

importance of selecting events, "that are not just interesting to you, but to many different students." This goal of variety is evident in this year's Junior High Student Senate calendar of events: Back to School Night; Sports Mania; Pizza and a Movie; Snow Tubing; Roller Skating; and the year-end Talent Show.

The first year of the talent show (2006), Sister Sue had to recruit students to compete, but since then, the potential stars come to her! She is very proud of the increased level of student participation in all the junior high events. Overall, the camaraderie and community involvement of CBA students continues to be impressive, thanks in no small part to the work of Sister Sue.

[Sr. Sue Dunn]

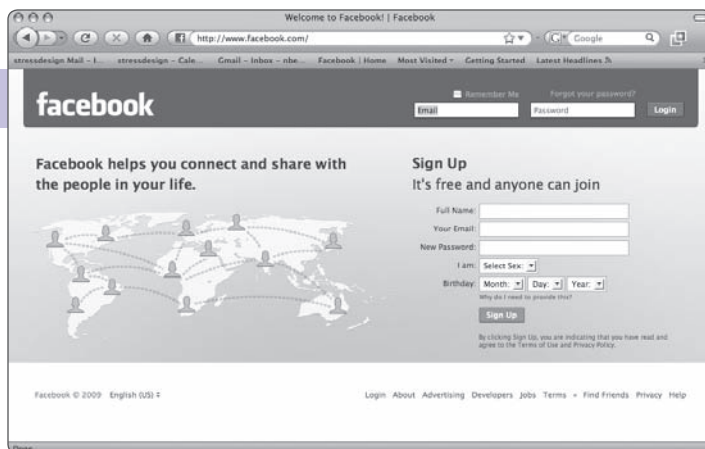


Will You Be My Friend?

The CBA Alumni and Development Office has officially entered into the 21st century by establishing an alumni Facebook page. Our initial tentative foray into the world of social networking has proven to be an invaluable communication tool for our office, especially with young alumni whose contact information is a continually moving target.

For those who are not familiar with Facebook, it is a social networking website launched in February 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg who, at the time, was a sophomore at Harvard University. The website was initially designed for use by Harvard students, and the name refers to the paper “Facebooks” depicting members of a campus community that some US colleges and preparatory schools give to incoming students, faculty, and staff as a way to get to know others on campus. Its use now extends to anyone aged 13 and over. The website currently has more than 120 million active users worldwide, is available in over 32 languages, and employs over 700 people.

Users can join networks organized by city, workplace, school, and region to connect and interact with other people. Members can post profiles detailing biographical information about themselves such as marital status, hometown, religious beliefs, favorite books or movies, and include email or “snail mail” addresses and phone numbers. As a security measure, an individual can only access this information and openly interact with this person if he/she is an established “friend” of this person, a status which is reached only if both parties agree to be friends.



The more than 900 alums who are friends of our page share information, photos, news links, videos, and opinions about issues such as career choices, education, child rearing, politics, and social issues...all in ‘real time.’ We are able to update them on what is new at their alma mater, and invite them to attend events and reunions hosted by CBA. Many of these alums are reconnecting and finding each other through our page and expanding their own networks every day.

This vehicle is not only utilized by the young alumni. A search of CBA graduating classes through Facebook helped our office to find a ‘missing’ alumnus from the Class of 1958, who will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee Reunion in May. This gentleman is currently living in France, and would not have been found if not for this tool.

If you are currently a Facebook member, please ask to be our friend...search for *Helene Kelley* (with a profile photo of the exterior of the Randall Rd. school), and tell your classmates to do the same. If you are not a member, please consider signing up. Membership is free, and the benefits are many.

***Correction to CBA Annual Report 2008:** Several individuals were inadvertently omitted from the list of donors who contributed to the endowed scholarship in honor of the Class of 1967 40th Reunion. Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the Annual Report, and we apologize for the omissions. The following is the entire list of Class of 1967 donors to the scholarship:

Dr. Dennis R Cabrey
Mr. John E Cerio
Dr. John A D’Addario
Mr. Frank L Fernandez
Mr. Thomas F Hanley
Mr. Anthony P Iannettone
Mr. James N Jerose
Mr. David S Kerr
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Mr. J. Terrence Lynch
Mr. Terry A McLane
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E Myers

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Mr. Richard M Storto
Mr. Kevin D. Sullivan
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social event of the year!

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