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Well guys, you did it.

I know there were days when you felt like this day would never come. You're finally about to leave these hallways and embark on one of the most exciting periods of your life.

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You have probably been getting advice from almost every person in your life in the past few months. Your other teachers, parents, friends, other relatives, family friends you haven't seen in ten years, and random people in the street have been giving you suggestions.

Here's my little piece of advice: don't forget your roots. You may never see this place again after today. It doesn't matter. Remember the little school in Lincroft, NJ where you grew up.

It's only when you look back and know the past that you are able to move forward. I'm sure you've heard your history teachers say something similar. Remember where you came from so that you can go far.

Congratulations!

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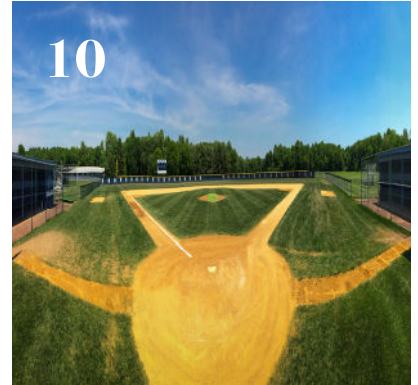
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2014: Remembering Freshman Year In Pop Culture

Jack Coleman '18

Well, we made it. Senior year is nearing its final days, and yet Freshman year seemed like it was just yesterday. The first taste of Dolly's cookies and the first barrel ever awarded were really four long years ago. The countless tests and midterms stressed over matter no more. The long days spent laughing and joking with our fellow brothers are all just recent memories. Now before we take that long walk into CBA Alumni status, let us take a look back at the end of eighth grade and summer leading into Freshman year by reminiscing on all the best things in pop culture from 2014.

Let's begin by looking at the top songs of the year. No doubt you "randomly got something stuck in your eye" anytime you heard Sam Smith's beautiful rendition of "Stay with Me." Any eighth grade dance however could not have been complete without a strong booty-shaking anthem like "Shake It Off" or "All About That Bass" by Taylor Swift and Meghan Trainor respectively. Forget Cardi B, it was Iggy Azalea who was the rap queen of the time with her hits "Fancy" and "Black Widow." No doubt you can remember the chillingly fantastic and weird ballet dancer in the music video to Sia's "Chandelier." During the summer you surely remember every radio station blasting the tropical-sounding love ballad of "Rude" by Magic. This was also a time when Bobby Shmurda was not in prison and his rap hit was sure to be present at every CBA Freshman dance. Drake was steadily reaching his prime with his track "0 to 100/The Catch Up." Lastly, no one could resist the tempting sounds of Nicki Minaj's remix of M.C. Hammer's "Can't Touch This" with her song "Anaconda," or Bruno Mars in the undeniably funk-tastic hit, "Uptown Funk."

While "Boyhood," "The Grand Budapest Hotel," and "Birdman" were some of the more critically acclaimed movies of the year, everyone remembers the first time their minds were blown watching when watching "Interstellar." Block-buster hits like "The Lego Movie," and "Guardians of the Galaxy" were sure to have been seen by just about everyone. Besides "Guardians," there were other super-hero essentials that came out in the form of "X-Men: Days of Future Past," and "Captain America: The Winter Soldier." "American Sniper" retold the tragic tale of an American hero, as did "Unbroken." The comedy classics of "22 Jump Street" and the first "Neighbors" movie also came out this year. Lastly, 2014 saw a strong pull of movies based upon books. "The Fault In Our Stars" was a must see date movie and crushed everyone's hearts. "The Hunger Games" met its final portrayal in the first part to "Mockingjay." Also, "The Maze Runner," "Divergent," and "The Hobbit" all got movies in 2014.

Surprisingly, much of television currently acclaimed shows were still as popular in 2014. "Game of Thrones" was still on top, as well as "The Walking Dead." "True Detective" had its first season, which is considered by many to have been the singular greatest season in all of television history. HBO standards such as "The Leftovers" and "Silicon Valley" also began in 2014. "House of Cards" was only in its second season and "American Horror Story" reached one of its highest rated seasons.

It has been a wild ride, and hopefully this was a nice trip down memory lane. Writing this article, I was actually incredibly surprised at how old some of these pop culture facets actually were. Good luck to all the seniors and never forget these cherished years at the Academy!



Our Senior Year In Review

Joseph Broehl '18

When Ms. Biloholowski first told me that I had to write an article for the “Senior Issue” of the Academy Torch, I thought I would just write a simple article about this year’s biggest events/accomplishments, and maybe ask the administration what they thought about the year, this is where things got a little more complicated. I sent an email to Brother Frank, Mr. Fales, Mr. Nunan, Mr. Meehan, and Mrs. Szablewski asking them three questions:

1. How do you think this year went overall?
2. What three things do you consider the school’s greatest achievements over this past academic year?
3. What words would you use to describe the class of 2018?

At the end of the email, I included a fourth point, asking them if they would like to comment on anything else, or elaborate on this recent school year or us, the class of 2018. The reason why this whole thing got a lot more complicated, is because all of the administrators had so much to say. I really wish I could include everything put everything every one of the administrators said, but that would go way over my word count, so I am going to summarize their main points, and put in as many direct quotes as I can.

When presented with the question of, “How do you think this year went overall?” everyone seemed to agree that it has been an amazing academic year, that really stood out at the Academy. No matter if it was in the classroom, on the field, on stage, or just walking throughout the halls, our administration was thoroughly impressed with how we carried ourselves and the accomplishments we achieved this year. For Mr. Meehan, “The student body really embraced the LaSallian goal of developing as whole persons. In my first year at The Academy it became clear to me that whether in the classroom, the theatre, the court or field, our students really give their all.”

Continuing, this year was filled to the brim with accomplishments, so much so that, as Mr. Nunan puts it, “Our student body challenged themselves to push past what they thought themselves capable of, and the results were that they came through with exemplary achievements in academics, athletics, and the arts.” When I initially asked the administration to name the top three accomplishments of this past year, almost every one of them responded with, “The are so many, it is not easy to single out three.” Overall, however, some things did stand out: CBA was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, we won out 9th Shop-Rite Cup, we excelled academically, athletically, and in the arts, we ran five service trips this year (two to the De La Salle Blackfeet School in Browning, Montana; two to the Romero Center in

Camden, New Jersey; and an additional trip, coming up in June, to the LaSalle Educational Center in Homestead, Florida), there were three National Merit Scholars and eight Commended Scholars in the class of 2018, and we were accepted into some of the top schools in the nation. As Mrs. Szablewski puts it, “This class stood out from the start. As freshmen they took charge from the beginning [...]”

At the end of every year, the seniors graduate, and the juniors take their place; this year, it is our turn, we will all be leaving the Academy, and moving onto higher education and starting our lives. You always hear that CBA, “Takes boys and makes them men,” and the administration all agreed that they succeeded in their mission for the class of 2018. The leading word the administration used to describe the class of 2018, was “men”; talented, dynamic, committed, eclectic, passionate, men; men of character and purpose; men who, according to Mr. Fales, are “ready to go forth from these hallowed halls to make the world a better place.” For the administration, we really stepped up and we are leaving a long-lasting legacy for years to come.

To sum up, this year really stood out and I am so proud to say that I was apart of this. Finally, I’ll leave you with a word from Brother Frank, “Although you may be leaving the campus, you are not leaving CBA. Your common experiences, friendships, memories, and this special bond, will go with you throughout your lives. CBA is not just a four year experience, but an experience that will stay with you throughout life!”

photo by Larry Levanti



THE GREATEST MOMENT DURING OUR TIME AT CBA

Quinn Kiernan '18

After four years at CBA, there are a few moments we will all remember. They electrified, leaving packed hallways buzzing with disbelief and energy. There is one in particular, however, that reflected the unique experience of being a CBA student. If you feel I am wrong, just fill the arena with boos when my name is called tonight. Without further ado, I present you with the most iconic moment from our four years at CBA

It was ten years in the making. Revenge of the Sith, the final installment of the prequels hit theaters in 2005. The prequels divided the loyal and devoted Star Wars fanbase who grew up with these films. Nearly ten years later, there was A New Hope. A new hero emerged to unite the disappointed fan base once and for all. Its name was Star Wars: The Force Awakens. After being announced

three years earlier, the enormously anticipated sequel trilogy hit theaters on December 18th, 2015.

That same day, CBA held its student-faculty dodgeball game. It was the final day of classes before Christmas break and we were anxious to get away for two weeks. Exciting in its own right, the game commenced with its usual antics. Minutes after the final participant was eliminated, we were doing whatever we could to miss a little bit more of first period. Then, above the sound of students clapping for no reason, John Williams's iconic theme blared from the speakers. At that moment, the hero of our story emerged from the darkness, wielding a Lightsaber and donning a Stormtrooper helmet. Mr. Speidel ran to center court with the speed and swiftness of a young Jedi. He showed

off his craft, working on his Lightsaber attacks that made Skywalker V. Vader in *The Empire Strikes Back* look like amateur hour. It was Epic. The combination of reaching the finish line of the notoriously grueling race to Christmas break and preparing to finally see the new Star Wars was the perfect storm for what served as the apotheosis of our excitement, relief, and anticipation. At that moment, Mr. Speidel was a lot like *The Force Awakens*. He gave us hope; he united us, making that brotherhood we always talk about seem tangible. We forgot about our differences and, even if for only a few minutes, we were all present in the moment, overcome with sublime elation. It captured everything I love about CBA.

Gentlemen, it has been a pleasure.

The Times They Are A'Changing

Aidan Picadio '18

The last four years at CBA have been great, and now that we are graduating, it is time to reminisce on them. These years have also been a time of great change at CBA, and next year's freshman class will not have the same experience that we did. For starters, our freshman year Principal was not Mr. Fales, but was Mr. Santanello. It feels as though Mr. Fales has been here forever, and that would be because he was once the dean of students when Mr. Santanello was here. Speaking of that position we have also had three different dean of students' here at CBA over the last four years. After Mr. Fales we had Mr. Finn for two years, followed by Mr. Meehan this year and for the foreseeable future.

In terms of the teaching staff at CBA, there have been many teachers who have come and left over the last four

years. There are too many for me to go into great detail about, but there are some very important figures who have retired.

The first person I am talking about is Mr. Keane, the legendary teacher and equally legendary soccer coach. During his time here, Mr. Keane was well-respected by his peers, and synonymous with the phrase "ease into the weekend" (which sadly many current and future students do not know of). He also coached the soccer team to great success in the Shore conference and helped shape of the great soccer teams in the State of New Jersey. The second CBA legend who retired (this year) was Mr. Matson who was head of the history department and was also a soccer coach. It makes me a little sad that no one next year will get to experience a

twelve page Matson paper with a five word prompt.

The last two things I want to touch on both are new changes to the school, both happening this year. The first is the closing of Henderson hall, which saved this years freshmen from getting soaked trying to get to religion class. The second is the addition of the new enrichment periods, which seemed so bizarre to me just last year, but now I cannot imagine a Wednesday morning without. These last four years at CBA have been a time of great change, and it is important to remember these changes when reflecting on our experiences of high school.

Class of 2018 College Choices

William Acken, Yale University
 Ryan Alkin, Providence College
 Michael Antonucci, University of North Carolina
 Kent Anzano, College of William & Mary
 John Askin, Monmouth University
 Matthew Barnes, Shenandoah University
 Jackson Batta, Marist College
 Brendan Behan, Bentley University
 John-Gabriel Bermudez, Yale University
 Christian Bordak-Roseman, Catholic University of America
 John Borenus, University of Rhode Island
 Ryan Bragg, Rutgers University
 Kevin Brennan Jr., University of Rhode Island
 Aidan Broderick, Boston College
 James Broderick, Loyola University Maryland
 Joseph Broehl, University of Miami
 Mitchell Bundschuh, Catholic University of America
 John Butterfield, Providence College
 Christian Caceres, Loyola University Chicago
 Matthew Caceres, Loyola University Chicago
 Matthew Camera, Rochester Institute of Tech.
 Andrew Canale, Bryant University
 Lucas Capone, University of St Andrews
 Luke Caponegro, Brookdale Community College
 Michael Carroll, Bucknell University
 Connor Cassidy, Rowan University
 Christian Cesario, Drexel University
 Timothy Chenoweth Jr., Drexel University
 Stephen Chu, New York University
 Jake Cindrario, Loyola University Maryland
 Vincent Cirillo, Southern Methodist University
 James Clabby, University of Miami
 Ryan Clements, University of North Carolina
 Jack Coleman, Boston College
 Clayton Comerford, The University of Tampa
 Dylan Conaghan, St. Bonaventure University
 Dean Congiusta, Fairfield University
 Hunter Connellan, University of Southern California
 Thomas Convery, Seton Hall University
 Declan Cooper, Brown University
 Frederick Corbett, Stevens Institute of Tech.
 Mark Criscito, Elon University
 Luke Croken, University of Scranton
 Cameron Cummings, Pennsylvania State University
 Connor Cummings, Loyola University Maryland
 Stephen D'Agostaro, Virginia Tech
 Andrea Dalatri, Brookdale Community College

Andrew Dalton, Brookdale Community College
 Matthew Damaskinos, University of Delaware
 Peter Daniels, Syracuse University
 Christopher Darby, Stockton University
 Michael DeMasi, Lehigh University
 Dean DiFazio, University of South Carolina
 Cameron DiGiorgio, Iona College
 Alexander DiResta, College of the Holy Cross
 Jack DiStefano, Seton Hall University
 Christopher Dolan, Elon University
 Liam Donnelly, University of Delaware
 Michael Dowden, Marist College
 Christopher Downey, Skidmore College
 Daniel Draganoff, University of Pennsylvania
 Nicholas Drosos, Stevens Institute of Technology
 Edward Dudek, The College of New Jersey
 John Dudek, The College of New Jersey
 Joseph Duffy, University of the Sciences
 Michael Ehnot, George Washington University
 Lars Enstrom, University of Vermont
 Dominic Esposito, Boston College
 Max Feniello, Villanova University
 John Fernandez, Catholic University of America
 Nicolas Fernande,z Syracuse University
 Conor Finan, Stonehill College
 Brendan Fitzgerald, National University of Ireland
 Matthew Fitzsimmons, Montclair State University
 Kyle Flammer, University of Dayton
 William Foley, Providence College
 Kyle Foltz, Duke University
 Olivier Fortune, LaSalle University
 Zachary Francese, Quinnipiac University
 Seva Galant, The College of New Jersey
 Cosmo Gallaro, Stevens Institute of Technology
 Thomas Gana, Stevens Institute of Technology
 Dominick Gangemi, Rutgers University
 Felicito Garcia, Stockton University
 John Geiger, Providence College
 Dean Genakos, Saint Joseph's University
 Michael Gilbride, College of the Holy Cross
 Daniel Goetz, Iona College
 Matthew Goetz, Florida Gulf Coast University
 Jonathan Goldstein, University of Pittsburgh
 Ian Gonzalez, Seton Hall University
 George Gosden, York University
 Joshua Grano, Stockton University
 Julian Greco, Rutgers University
 Thomas Greenwald Jr., University of Michigan
 Luke Grover, Bucknell University
 Michael Guarino, Georgetown University

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Riley Guerrero,	Salisbury School	Dimitri Maldonado,	Rider University
John Guirguis,	Pennsylvania State University	Mateo Malek,	Catholic University of America
Liam Hack,	University of Miami	Anthony Malkov,	Rowan University
Ryan Hagan,	Stevens Institute of Technology	Christopher Manganiello,	Marymount University
Alexander Halpin,	Lehigh University	Edward Manganiello,	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Bryan Hampton,	Northeastern University	Anthony Manzone,	Rowan University
Shane Hanney,	Sacred Heart University	David Marcano,	La Salle University
Jack Harnisch,	Fordham University	Michael Martorano,	Christopher Newport University
John Harrington,	Rutgers University	Brian Mason,	Brookdale Community College
Joseph Harvey,	Clemson University	Sawyer Matthews,	Gordon College
Peter Hegel,	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	John McCafferty,	Pennsylvania State University
Michael Henicke,	New York University	Kenneth McVey,	University of Miami
Robert Hermansen III,	Merrimack College	Daniel Mead,	Cornell University
Brian Hill,	University of Michigan	John Meany Jr,	Fordham University
Evan Hochstadter,	Catholic University of America	Nicholas Menicucci,	Marist College
Nicholas Hohenstein,	La Salle University	Isaac Mercado,	Rutgers University
Sam Houston,	Marion Military Institute	Matthew Meyer,	Ohio State University
Richard Howard,	Manhattan College	Spencer Michals,	University of Delaware
Matthew Jaworski,	Stevens Institute of Technology	Ryan Miele,	Bucknell University
Dylan Johnston,	University of Delaware	Paul Mlodgenski,	University of Pittsburgh
Sean Judge,	Seton Hall University	Louis Monetti,	University of North Carolina
Christopher Junquet,	Ohio State University	Andrew Mullaghy,	Rutgers University
Kevin Junquet,	Ohio State University	Liam Noonan,	Stockton University
Edward Kachinski IV,	Gettysburg College	Matthew Notaro,	Rutgers University
Thomas Kalinowski,	Fairfield University	Thomas O'Boyle,	Purdue University
Shane Keenan,	University of Connecticut	Christian Pacifico,	Marist College
Conor Kelly,	Duke University	Michael Paduano,	Tulane University
Sean Kenney,	University of San Diego	Corey Palazzolo,	Gettysburg College
Matthew Kern,	University of South Carolina	Peter Palmieri,	The College of New Jersey
Maazin Khan,	University of Delaware	John Paragioudakis,	University of Miami
Vincent Kiechlin,	Jacksonville University	Russel Parentela,	University of Delaware
Quinn Kiernan,	Boston College	Ryan Paris,	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Ryan Knoeller,	University of South Carolina	Jesse Pellegrino,	Loyola University Maryland
Evan Koczan,	Catholic University of America	Jamis Perrotta,	Stevens Institute of Technology
Richard Koehler,	Rider University	William Petersen Jr.,	Pennsylvania State University
John Krall,	University of New Hampshire	Demetri Petrou,	Rutgers University
Charles Krummel,	Monmouth University	Aidan Picadio,	Pepperdine University
Luke La Corte,	Brookdale Community College	Bruno Pillari,	University of Vermont
Thomas Lamentino,	Quinnipiac University	Paul Piperno,	Villanova University
Stephen Langan,	Pennsylvania State University	John Prioli,	New Jersey Institute of Technology
Jake Lawrie,	Marist College	Perry Quartuccio,	Montclair State University
Michael Lemoine,	University of Arizona	Aidan Questore,	Mount St. Mary's University
Nicholas Lidondici,	Rutgers University	Colin Quinn,	University of Notre Dame
Jack Lotosky,	Ohio State University	Shane Quinn,	James Madison University
Nico Lubrano,	Elon University	Francis Radics,	Providence College
Logan Lukenda,	Dartmouth College	Christian Recanatini,	The University of Scranton
Nolan Madden,	George Washington University	Brendan Reed,	Brookdale Community College
Luis Magana - Contreras,	Monmouth University	Brian Rhoomes,	New York University
Robert Mahala,	Siena College	Nicholas Rienzo,	College of Charleston
Andres Maldonado,	Rutgers University	Robert Rizzuto,	North Carolina State University

Class of 2018 College Choices

Nicholas Robertson,	University of Scranton	Daniel Treval,	Providence College
Jonathon Rocco,	Brookdale Community College	Ryan Tumulty,	Drew University
Thomas Rodgers,	Muhlenberg College	Henry Vaccaro,	Quinnipiac University
Conor Ruckert,	Salisbury University	Luke Valentino,	Trinity College
Christopher Ruggeri,	Pennsylvania State University	Blake Vastola,	University of Pennsylvania
Joseph Russo,	Fordham University	Blaise Venancio,	Saint Joseph's University
Andrew Salm,	George Washington University	Dylan Villanueva,	La Salle University
Robert Sandbach,	Loyola Marymount University	Cahill Wall,	Bryant University
Mark Schmitt,	Fairfield University	Graham Walsh,	Brookdale Community College
Gerald Sharpe III,	Catholic University of America	Peter Warshaw,	Loyola University Maryland
John Sheridan,	University of Notre Dame	Nicholas Weichel,	Villanova University
Kenneth Skelton,	Stevens Institute of Technology	Stephen Weihs,	Rochester Institute of Technology
Christopher Smallwood,	Syracuse University	Christopher Werthmuller,	The College of New Jersey
Daniel Smith,	Villanova University	Michael Werthmuller,	The College of New Jersey
Marc Sorrentino,	New York University	Joseph West,	Seton Hall University
Matthew Tajanlangit,	Johns Hopkins University	Kyle Wicklund,	University of Delaware
Anastasios Thermos,	Seton Hall University	Erik Wicks,	University of Pennsylvania
Andrew Thomson,	Boston College	Cameron Willemstyn,	Syracuse University
Ryan Tierney,	St. Lawrence University	Connor Wright,	Fordham University
Kieran Traynor,	Virginia Tech	Nicholas Zanghi,	High Point University
Quinlan Trent,	Bates College		

Graduation: the End of Childhood

Joseph Sandbach '18

These next few weeks are going to be very weird for all of us seniors. As we leave Christian Brothers Academy behind and enter the summer months it's important that we take a step back and acknowledge this great change. College is going to be amazing for all of us, and without a doubt success is in our futures. Right now though, it's okay to be sad.

None of us will ever be high school students again. A feat in and of itself, but still sad as this chapter is over and cannot be repeated. Whether or not you dreaded CBA every day, or were excited to wake up and attend, reflect back. Graduation for me signifies the end of childhood. We're no longer high school kids who can use our immaturity or youth as an excuse for anything.

After graduation we're college students. Coming home for summer break will be different than our previous vacations. Some people may not even come home for summer.

While I know most of this sounds like a downer, or melancholic it's not. I chose graduation as the end of our childhood as my topic for this piece because I think we all could use a reminder to slow down. It sounds incredibly corny and cheesy to say, but take some time to celebrate the end of such crucial time. Graduation may be the end of our childhood, but it is also the beginning of adulthood.

CBA SPORTS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FROM LAST FOUR YEARS

Aidan Broderick '18

The athletics program at Christian Brothers Academy is arguably the most prestigious in the state of New Jersey and ranks highly in the entire nation, winning state championships and competing against the best in the United States in every sport imaginable (except football of course). During my four years at CBA, our sports teams continued this tradition by bringing home bounteous amounts of trophies, similar to the amount of pizza Mr. Frake brings to every single S.A.D.D. meeting.

CBA XC has run at the Nike Cross Nationals, or NXN, for nine consecutive years, including their appearance during the 2017 season, with seniors Brian Hill and Ryan Miele leading the team to Portland. The cross country team won the Meet of Champions in 2014, 2015, and 2017, while the dual meet winning streak surpassed 350 consecutive victories this September and still lives on today.

The track team at CBA have been just as dominant as its cross country counterparts. Led by seniors Dan Mead (shotput) and Corey Palazzolo (high jump), the Colts won the indoor track program's 50th state championship this February; the team also won CBA's 23rd Shore Conference title just a few weeks beforehand behind an impressive performance by senior Andrew Canale.

CBA baseball's "Quadruple Crown": overall state group championship, Shore Conference Tournament title, county tournament championship and Shore Conference divisional title. The team was led by Luca Dalatri and Brandon Martorano, both of whom now play for the UNC Tar Heels. Luca was twice named Gatorade Player of the Year in New Jersey while playing for the Colts (2015 and 2016).

CBA swimming has won the state championship every year from 2010 to 2018 except for the 2017 season; this year, seniors Peter Warshaw, Connor Wright, and junior Paul Retterer led Coach Vito Chiaravilotti's team to the title. In the 2018 state championship, the "Aqua Colts" won nine of the eleven events at the competition, placing in second and third in the two events they were not victorious in.

Who could forget the CBA hockey team's overtime victory over Delbarton to take home the 2015 Non-Public State Championship? Chris Hayes' shot deflected off the glove of Dean DiFazio, a freshman at the time, and into the net to win the thrilling championship game. CBA appeared in the 2016 state championship to attempt to win a three-peat, having been named co-champions in 2014, but unfortunately Delbarton topped the Colts and got revenge for last season's defeat.

photo by Larry Levanti

The CBA basketball team appeared in the Non-Public State Championship under the leadership of Pat Andree '16, the program's all-time leading scorer and current forward for the University of Lehigh Mountain Hawks. This season, seniors Robert Mahala, Nolan Madden, and JP Harvey led a youthful team to a 17-8 season that included a run to the Shore Conference Tournament semifinals.

CBA soccer appeared in three consecutive state championship games, falling to Delbarton in 2015, defeating Seton Hall Prep in 2016, and then losing again to the Green Wave in 2017. Senior John Askin started on both the 2016 and 2017 Colts teams, while the 2016 championship team was led by Matt Thorsheim '17 who now plays for the Bucknell Bison. The CBA golf team has won five straight Shore Conference Tournaments, including a victory this year behind juniors Jack Wall, Brendan Hansen, and senior Michael Paduano. The 2017 golf team also brought home the program's first state championship trophy since 2013; Wall and Hansen, along with Manny Lazzaro '17 and Chris Gotterup '17, edged out Bergen Catholic in an impressive victory.

The rest of the sports teams at the Academy are just as impressive; the crew and track teams will be sending multiple seniors, such as Will Acken (Yale) and Dan Mead (Cornell) to Ivy League schools. Additionally, programs such as the fencing, rugby, and bowling teams continue to grow in both popularity and prestige. The lacrosse team picked up a huge win over Manasquan recently, continuing their unbeaten start to the season; at the time this article was written, the lacrosse team hold a 10-0 record in 2018.

Overall, our four years at CBA have included some amazing moments for our sports teams, but as students at such a legendary and prestigious school, we should have expected nothing but greatness from the Colts; our athletes' combination of respect, teamwork, and maximum effort is a recipe for success, as we have witnessed firsthand so many times in the past four years.



What It Means to Be a CBA Alumnus

Connor Cassidy '18

Our career at Christian Brothers Academy is finally coming to an end. It was an amazing run for everyone and we are all ready to move onto the next chapter in our life. Since we are finally set to graduate in less than a month, this means we are also ready to become alumni of this prestigious academy.

Earlier in the week I had the wonderful opportunity to talk to History teacher and CBA Graduate, Mr. McGann. We had a great 5 to 10 minute conversation about changes throughout the four years of CBA and what it truly means to become an alumnus for the Academy. One word that was brought up numerous times throughout the conversation was the word "discipline." Discipline can be defined as a branch of knowledge, typically one studied in higher education. Mr McGann stated how CBA teaches it's students so well

in discipline and teaching its student how to become better not only in the classroom, but in life and use the best of their own ability.

Mr. McGann also shared how after Seniors graduate from CBA, most are so caught up with work and other things going on in their life in College that it difficult to comprehend the real benefits CBA has had on them. That is until they graduate College. Students who graduate Christian Brothers Academy and become alumni get great connections between other graduates of the school which can eventually help lead to jobs. Once you become a graduate of CBA, you are put into the same pool as thousands of other men who were once in your shoes. You now join them in being able to compete four years at such a prestigious school and it's quite amazing.

One last thing I took away from my conversation with Mr. McGann was how each year or so, CBA alumni come back to work for the school they once went too. That's amazing. Mr. McGann explained how these teachers who were once in our shoes, going through four years at the Academy, have come back to give their mentorship and guide young students into becoming real Christian Men. Some of these teachers even took pay cuts and denied high class jobs to continue to spread the positive effect on its students just as they've experienced during their time at Christian Brothers Academy.

As I said before, our CBA career is sadly coming to an end and it's time for the next chapter. Although most of us may never see each other again we will all cherish these moments as a CBA student, and not an alumnus.

Things We Overcame Through the Years

Jack Butterfield '18

In all of our years at CBA, we've had to overcome an obstacle laying in the way of the day we all have marked on our calendar: graduation day. That day has finally come, and I would like to look back on one thing we overcame each year at CBA.

Freshman year: Freshman year was a new and exciting time for all of us. We just started a new chapter of our lives and it was very different for us all. New school, new teachers, having more homework each night, and trying to make new friends. Most of us did go into school knowing at least one person, whether it was an incoming freshman or a member of the student body already at CBA, but establishing that first friendship and first friend group is important

to this day. Most of those friendships last to this day, and will last for a lifetime.

Sophomore year: We finished our first year strong, and now the teachers expected more from us. They pushed us to succeed and wanted us to become better students and better people. This year was the first year that all of us had to write the infamous research paper. 20 notecards took forever and kept a lot of us up late at night, but we all completed them and we all finished strong. We were halfway through our CBA careers, ready to take on the upperclassmen roles.

Junior year: The research papers returned, but the main focus of this year was to start the college search. This was

a long process, but one that determined where we would go for the next four years after CBA. With the help from our guidance counselors and our teachers, this set us up for a great senior year.

Senior year: Senior year was definitely the most fun year at The Academy, but also the most stressful. This was the year we had to pick a school, a school that we will be at for the next four years. We are all going to great schools next year, and hard work definitely pays off.



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Christian Brothers Academy; do solemnly
promise before God
To live always with honor and integrity
To serve and to stand for those in need
To strive for wisdom in our
pursuit of knowledge
To uphold the legacy and proud
tradition of our Academy
St. John Baptist de La Salle
Pray for us
Live Jesus in our hearts
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