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*Abounding
in Hope*

From the Principal

Dr. Vincent Montoro



Dear CCA Community, Fall Greetings!

As I stroll by my office window on a warm, sunny Autumn day; the green of summer still catches my attention. Although leaves are beginning to change their colors, temperatures have been ideal for early Fall. As we experience the beautiful weather, it is hard to believe that colder temperatures are around the corner. Yet, we know from personal experience that the green of summer will eventually turn into the peak colors of fall and then the white of winter. It is inevitable. Just like we can count on fall and then winter, we can trust God and His word.

Our Scripture theme this year comes from Romans 15:13 (ESV) which states, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” As we ebb closer to our school’s 75th Anniversary, our hope continues to rest in Jesus Christ, the one who brings joy and peace into our lives and into our school. Therefore, we have reassurance through our faith in Christ that no matter what comes our way the God of hope will fill us with joy and peace.

Last school year CCA rolled out some new programs and initiatives, like a Student Leadership Conference, an Enrichment Term, the House System, and the NWEA Map Growth learning assessments. This year we are refining and enhancing these programs. We introduced a new student information system (SIS) this year as well. FACTS should be more user friendly for students, parents and teachers. In addition, we introduced new Christian studies and history curriculums which strongly support a biblical, Christian worldview which our students need to cultivate in a culture that is becoming more and more secular.

We are excited about what God is doing at CCA, especially through our new programs and initiatives. We believe CCA has a bright future and a solid, clear path ahead. We ask you to join us as we journey on the educational path God has forged for us.

Anticipating God’s Best,

Vincent Montoro

Vincent Montoro, PhD

“we have reassurance through our faith in Christ that no matter what comes our way, the God of hope will fill us with joy and peace.”

HEAD PREFECT • *Grace Burr*

Hometown • Buffalo, NY

Crusader Sports • Soccer

Future Plans • I plan to major in equine assisted therapy. Longterm, I plan to open a non-profit women’s shelter that utilizes equine-therapy and the immeasurable love of God to mentor young girls and women with a traumatic past, to help them find healing and to help them find their purpose.

Favorite Verse • *But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*
Isaiah 40:31 (ESV)

Legacy • The greatest legacy I would love to pass on is the continuation of the relationship between Every Child and CCA and the impact of serving others, sharing Christ to kids through kids.

College Apps • Asbury University (1st choice), Houghton University, Bethany College, Cedarville University, St. Andrew’s University, SUNY Morrisville

CCA Prep • CCA has helped me build a solid foundation and a strong relationship with God. The biblical integration within every subject displays God’s hand in every aspect of creation and has truly brought me closer to Him as I learned about the beauty of His creation. The teachers have been incredible and have guided me through my wrestle with God in some of the most difficult times in my life and have supported me through the many trials my life has brought.





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Biak Thang, Oredi Sumuni and Grayden Gasz (Grade 8) with Rick Stefanone Jr. (Grade 7) take in a fall day between classes.



2023 Reigning House Champions



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PREFECT *Spotlight*

Seniors at Christian Central Academy serve as leaders in our Prefect positions. Each Prefect is responsible for helping lead different aspects of our school in areas of academic activities, admissions, arts, athletics, chapel and student care. The students apply and are selected by teachers. Look for Prefect Spotlights throughout *the Academy Advantage*.

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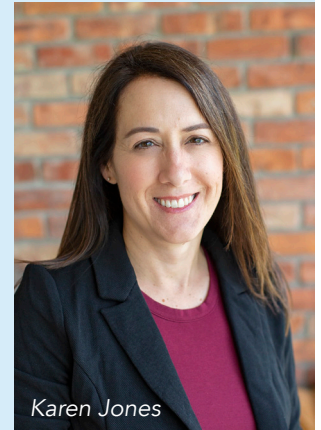
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The Christ-centered school is often at odds with popular culture. Choosing it can be both daunting and expensive. It is, however, a sacrifice that perhaps should not be reasoned away. The future of children's lives and of our country will depend, to a large extent, on the kind of education that shapes their world view. Such a sacrifice will, in the long run, be worth the expense and determine the people they become.

Nurline A. Lawrence, CCA Head of School 1998-2015
CCA Head of School Emeritus 2018-Present
Academy Advantage 2012



Karen Jones

As Christian Central Academy approaches its 75th anniversary (2024-2025), I find my time spent reading over its history and conversing with alumni, former board members, teachers, staff and parents. As I sift through pictures and yearbooks going back to the 70's, I am encouraged. I am encouraged because over and over again I read phrases such as "at CCA we want to shine Christ's light to those who are in darkness," "at CCA we are thankful for our dedicated, godly teachers, staff and administration," "at CCA we want to be committed to Christ and keep our eyes focused on Him," and most encouraging of all I read "at CCA we believe God is the foundation." As I write this today, I can say with certainty, God remains our foundation!

CCA's Board of Directors is grateful for the decades of godly men and women who generously gave of their time, talent and treasure to build upon the biblical foundation laid at CCA. As the current board looks toward the future, we desire to please the Lord with every decision. We are excited to see what God has in store for us. Please pray for us as we work diligently this year to strengthen and position CCA for success for the next 75 years. Wouldn't you agree that Christian education is needed now more than ever, as we battle against the ever-growing darkness that permeates our culture?

Christian Central Academy exists to challenge young men and women to know Jesus Christ as Lord, to love others as themselves, and grow in knowledge and in skill, in order to serve the world through their character and leadership. Thank you for your prayer and partnership in advancing the mission of Christian Central Academy in WNY.

All for the glory of the Lord,



Mrs. Karen Jones

“Pray for us ... as we battle against the ever-growing darkness that permeates our culture.”

Elaine Yan • STUDENT CARE PREFECT



Hometown • Beijing, China

Crusader Sports • Basketball

Hobbies • Writing a novel, Reading, and Watching Movies

Future Plans • I plan to major in English literature and writing.

Favorite Verse • For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Colleges • Wheaton College, Hillsdale College, Biola University, Taylor University, Boyce College, Bob Jones University, Dordt University, Cedarville University, Houghton University, The Master's University

CCA Prep • CCA has prepared me for college, and the career I want to pursue after college.

LIFELONG *legacy*

At the end of the 2022-2023 school year, Mrs. Nancy Basinski retired after 38 years of teaching kindergarten at Christian Central Academy. Since 1985, Mrs. Basinski has left a legacy of love, learning and scripture - written on little hearts. She was presented with a beautiful bouquet, a monetary gift from the CCA community and a flowering chestnut tree planted outside her classroom window. The tree is a momento of the ruby chestnut trees that were in bloom when Mrs. Basinski and her families enjoyed their grand finale field trip to Niagara Falls State Park's Goat Island each year. Here are a few words shared by friends and colleagues.

You demonstrated God's love to your students, hiding God's word in their hearts, embracing each one every morning with warmth and loving care. The students always seemed to joyfully anticipate each school day. You never limited their capacity to learn complex ideas by presenting them in an understandable way. You taught them to recognize types of poetry and the paintings of the great artists. Your students learned to appreciate music and mastered the important skill of memorizing large chunks of prose. Above everything else you pointed them to the love of Jesus.

Nurline A Lawrence

CCA Head of School 1998-2015 ~
CCA Head of School Emeritus 2018-Present



Nancy Basinski, it is difficult to close this chapter, but you have planted deep roots in the hearts of children. You have planted roots of love for the Lord and His Word. These roots will reach into the future because of your investment in the lives of our children. Those roots will continue to grow and thrive long after your path and theirs extend beyond these walls.

Cheryl Smyth

CCA Division Head, Mentor, Long-Time Colleague and Friend

Both my children & I learned to read and write by Mrs. Basinski, but most importantly, we were filled with biblical truths about who God is and His perfect design for His children. Here's the thing about Mrs. Basinski, she leaves her mark on everyone. To this very day, 30 years later, I STILL have Luke 2 memorized and now recite it each Christmas with my boys. I have my kindergarten silhouette portrait hanging right next to my boys', framed on a wall in their playroom. But most importantly, Mrs. Basinski has a way to make living your life for Jesus contagious.

Sarah (Brown) Carson CCA Alumna and CCA parent of 3

Dr. Kevin Leman grew up in Williamsville and returned last May for a reunion with his classmates. Dr. Leman attended school in our building when it was a part of the Williamsville Public School system. He graciously spoke in Chapel during his visit and entertained our Middle and High School students with anecdotes using "birth order" skills and how God designed each of us to be unique and with a purpose. He closed with a message about finding ways to use our gifts and talents to bless others and glorify God.

Dr. Leman is the founder and chairman of the board of LEMAN ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE and the host of the Have a New Kid By Friday Podcast! He is the founder and president of "Couples of Promise," an organization designed and committed to helping couples remain happily married. Internationally-known psychologist, award-winning author of over 50 books, humorist, radio and TV personality, and speaker Dr. Leman raised five children with his wife, Sande, in Tuscon AZ.¹



¹ www.birthorderguy.com



Hometown • Buffalo, NY

Crusader Sports • Stats manager for Track & Field

Hobbies • Reading, Story Writing, Minecraft and Legos

Future Plans • I plan to major in History and Education so I can become a History Teacher.

Favorite Verse • *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.* Romans 8:28 (ESV)

Legacy • I want to use what little time I have left here at CCA to change the student culture to truly exhibit and embody the teachings of Jesus so that students can know Christ in our hallways and in their hearts.

College Apps • Houghton University, University at Buffalo

CCA Prep • Since coming to CCA, 4 years ago, my faith in Christ has grown enormously. Before I really only went through the processes without fully believing. Now, I have wholly given myself, body and soul, to Jesus. I've never felt stronger in my faith, and that's largely thanks to CCA. I now feel confident that I can go out into the world, and defend my faith to others. Not only that, but CCA has also given me the desire to go out and spread the Gospel of Jesus to others, to revive the faith of Christ throughout this world.

OUTlook

This school year two new curriculums were introduced: the Heritage Studies by Bob Jones University Press and Summit Ministry's Christian Studies. The department chairs at CCA give insight into the new programs to develop our students' faith and outlook into the world.

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”
3 John 1:4



This is the verse I desire to hear echoed by parents after an Open House or Parent-Teacher Conference. This is the verse that resounds in my heart as a parent whose child is a student here at Christian Central Academy.

My name is De-Let Abdul and I am a high school History teacher, Senior Advisor, and History Department Chairperson for our school. I am also a proud CCA parent, whose seventh-grade daughter has been here since kindergarten. I have taught in a variety of educational settings for the past 23 years, and it is an honor and a privilege to teach your children about World History, United States History, Government, Politics, and Economics from a biblical worldview and perspective. It is a responsibility that I take seriously, as I pray daily for wisdom, discernment, and “rightly handling the word of truth” (2 Tim 2:15).

In our transition from a New York State Regents curriculum to a biblically-based social studies curriculum, much thought and consideration were put into our objectives for growth. It is paramount that we consider how, and with what, to equip our students for life beyond high school.

We want our students to understand the work the Lord is doing on His earth. Not a man-centered history, where man strives to make his name great through conquest, building, and exploration; but a God-centered history, where God uses all of creation to accomplish His good pleasure. A history of mankind that recognizes God's sovereignty, providence, and provision. A social studies education that equips our children to not only understand the culture but also to understand the mission.

Followers of Jesus are called to be Ministers of Reconciliation and Ambassadors of the Kingdom of God. This is our goal, our objective, and the standard on which we construct our teaching. Best practices compel us to start with the end in mind. It is in this endeavor that we adopted a new curriculum based on a biblical worldview of time, events, and mankind. We are happy to announce that we are using the Bob Jones' Heritage Studies curriculum for the lower school, and their World History curriculum in the upper school. These programs emphasize

a biblically centered framework for learning about our world. It is not revisionist history, but rather a more comprehensive presentation of human history, and how God is always guiding, directing, and advancing His Kingdom. We began using BJU this year with grades 1-3, 5-6, and 9-10. Coupled with the new Christian Studies curriculum by Summit Ministries, our short and long term goals are suitably

aligned to produce ministers, ambassadors, and servants who understand the culture of man, the mission of God, and the tools needed for the task. We welcome you to engage with your child on these matters, review the new study materials, and watch the growth and development of their hearts and minds.

Our school is hosting a 15-week course entitled Perspectives on the World Christian Movement, beginning in January. It is open to students and adults, directly connected to CCA or the wider community as well. It is focused on mobilizing believers to discover their role in God's kingdom work here on earth. This is an international organization which conducts classes all over the world. We are excited to bring it back to Western New York after a long hiatus. I had the privilege of taking this course two years ago, and it has completely changed the trajectory of my life and my teaching. It has been the impetus for changing the direction of the history department. There are very few things in life that can change you fundamentally, but this is one of those things. If you are looking for greater involvement, greater commitment, or greater clarity in how you can labor in God's field, then this course is for you. In His Kingdom work - some go, some send, some pray, some welcome, some mobilize....which are you? You will discover the answer to this question through taking this course, and your life will never be the same again. If you'd like more information on this or any other matter, please feel free to contact me: dabdul@christianca.com.

Godspeed. ■



Pastor, give us a little background.

I was born and raised in Western New York and have a love for this region and a desire to see God transform this region in and through the gospel. I have a Bachelor's in religion, with a minor in Biblical Studies from Liberty University. I earned my Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, with a focus on preaching and teaching, and I am currently working on my Doctor of Education and Christian Ministry, with specialization in Christian Education and Family Discipleship through The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. With this degree I am writing a thesis on the Metaverse and the impact that will have on the church and discipleship. I am married to my beautiful wife Kayla, we have 4 boys (13, 2, 1, the fourth due in April) and we are hosting a CCA international student.

How did you connect with CCA?

My family and I came to the school three years ago when our son Elijah started sixth grade. We wanted to have him in an environment and school that wasn't solely worried about his academics but placed equal importance on his spiritual growth. Christian Central Academy seeks to excel in both areas. That same year I had the privilege of serving at the school to help mentor some of the middle school guys, this led me to teach Christian Studies for 11th and 12th grade the following year. This year I am teaching Christian Studies for grades 9-12 and serve as the K-12 department chair for all of CCA's Christian Studies. I am at CCA as a teacher because I have a desire to see young men and women grow in their faith, know what they believe, and develop the skills needed to be able to defend their faith in a world that continues to grow more hostile towards Christians.

Can you expand on that?

Through discussions, debates, activities, and so much more students are constantly challenged to develop and explain their beliefs, defend their beliefs, and learn to demonstrate those beliefs with love. The young men and women who walk the halls of Christian Central Academy are part of the future of the church, and the future of our nation, and I come to school each day with excitement and anticipation of what God is going to do.

“...defend their faith in a world that continues to grow more hostile...”

Tell us about the New Christian Studies Curriculum.

This year Christian Central Academy has partnered with Summit Ministries which has a rich history of providing Christ-centered curriculum for schools across the nation. Christian Central Academy is now using Summit for all grades K-12. This is allowing us as a school to have one comprehensive path of discipleship for students who attend CCA. The curriculum focuses on 20 truths every Christian should know and understand. From Kindergarten through 5th grade students will be introduced to and learn all 20 truths. When the students enter middle school these truths will be studied in greater detail, and students will develop a rich understanding of these truths.

What about High School?

When the students enter 9th grade they will spend two years studying and developing foundational theology, and learning how this foundational theology can and should be used in their daily life as practical theology. Eleventh grade students will learn about other worldviews, and how Christianity and the Bible respond to those worldviews. Finally, in 12th grade students will learn and develop through Christian Ethics. In this class no topic is off limits, and we spend the year tackling issues that are affecting all of culture, and issues that will directly impact their life as they prepare for college and life after high school. While building Christian Ethics, students will learn how to respond to these issues with humility, truth and love as we seek to point people to the cross and not push them away. ■

CHAPLAIN PREFECT • Aaron Wittlinger

Hometown • Clarence, NY

Crusader Sports • Basketball & Football

Future Plans • I would like to play college football and then start my own business.

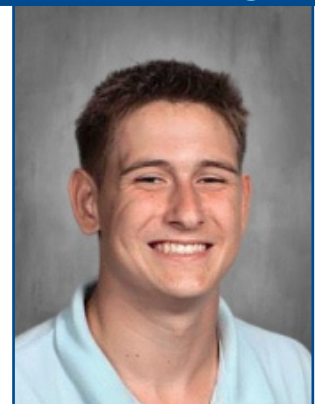
Favorite Verse • *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.* Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Legacy • I want my legacy to be that I was a person who persevered and did not give up when faced with adversity in both academics and sports.

CCA Prep • CCA has given me a Christian foundation and helped me have a better understanding of my Christian worldview, which will help me stay strong in my faith when my values and beliefs are challenged during life outside of high school.

Alumni Relations • 6 Siblings

Hobbies • Sports



Advancement

Michael O'Hara is the Director of Advancement. His children have attended CCA since 2010.



During the second week of school, I was having a conversation with a CCA faculty member surrounding the anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. She mentioned the fact that the terrible events on that day happened before any of our current students were born. It struck me that such a vivid experience for me could potentially have as little relevance to students as the Cold War or D-Day. And, we all know what they say about what happens when we don't know our history. Thanks be to God that at Christian Central Academy our students are not only learning about historical events and facts but also their significance and how God has operated through the events of history to carry out His grand plan of restoring His creation and all that was lost during the fall.

As I remembered the events of 9/11 and the few years that followed, a very particular PSA (Public Service Announcement) came to mind. Although Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood was already off the air, Fred Rogers' producers encouraged him to record messages addressing the attacks. Mr. Rogers didn't shy away from difficult topics during his thirty-three years of television nor did he during the recording of the last four videos he ever recorded at WQED studios in Pittsburgh, PA. As a trusted household name for over 3 decades and an ordained minister to children and families through mass media, no one could speak courage and comfort to the American psyche better. In one of the four PSAs, Mr. Rogers told of his own mother's comfort during his boyhood: "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news; my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." In a continuing message he stated, "I would like to tell you what I often told you when you were much younger: I like you just the way you are. And what's more, I'm so grateful to you for helping the children in your life to know that you'll do everything you can to keep them safe and help them express their feelings in ways that will bring healing in many different neighborhoods."

“
Look for the helpers.
You will always find
people who are helping.
-Mr. Rogers
”

Regardless of how long we have left on the timeline of history, the one thing we can be certain of is that there will always be suffering and pain, wars and strife, things that may rattle and scare us.

However, as long as there are followers of our Lord Jesus on this earth, there will be helpers. There will be those who are moved with compassion and empowered by God's Spirit to be active agents of His peace and restoration. In the darkest of times of history, it has been God's people who have been a faithful

presence in the preservation, comfort, and betterment of communities across the globe. Even in our current time, there are amazing stories of how God is using His followers in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and right here in the broken areas of the United States.

History will no doubt repeat itself. The dates, names, and geography may be different, but pride and the sinfulness of mankind will continue to be at the root of it all. So, now, more than ever, the next generation needs to be prepared for how to, not only exist in a darkening world, but how to engage with it. Less than one year away from celebrating its 75th anniversary, Christian Central Academy stands as a light in Western New York and beyond. Parents of young children rightfully turn to us to partner with them in keeping them safe from confusing and outright evil ideologies that plague many schools, for which younger children do not have the discernment to differentiate. As the children of these parents grow, they are being prepared at CCA to recognize beliefs, whether formal or informal, that are in opposition to God's truths and how life works best for His creation.

In addition to our new Heritage history curriculum that focuses on God's sovereignty throughout history, CCA has also implemented a new Christian worldview curriculum from Summit Ministries that runs the full scope from kindergarten to twelfth grade. These two curricula will not only teach the next generation facts and various bits of information but also teach them to discern God's will and think critically about current events locally and around the world. Paired with CCA's college credit-bearing electives, dedicated faculty who are pursuing professional development in project based and differentiated learning, and more opportunities for student leadership and character development, CCA is positioning itself to not just be proactive but to also be aggressive in propelling the next generation into the world for good. They will be the next wave of helpers bringing safety and healing in whatever neighborhoods they live and work.

There may have never been a time more urgent than now for your prayer and support. There is a spiritual war that CCA is not immune to. As we accelerate in preparing a new generation of disciples, we are being pressed on from different sides. Will you pray for our efforts to bring honor and glory to the King of Kings? Will you also consider a financial gift that is more than simply a tax deduction; will you consider a sacrificial investment into the expansion of God's Kingdom? I simply ask for you to pray and consider how you too can be a helper? ■

Michael O'Hara

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Christian Central Academy's Annual Fund

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Since 1949, Christian Central Academy has been dedicated to nurturing young hearts and minds for Christ in Western New York. Thank you for your continued support! You have helped us continue to foster an environment where children gain knowledge and wisdom, as well as courage, to make a resounding impact in the name of Christ. Your investment in our future serves as a financial cornerstone, enabling CCA to uphold its legacy of excellence for at least 75 more years.

From academics to athletics, the arts to financial aid, your generosity impacts every aspect of our school life. Your donation helps us maintain the high standards of academic excellence, offer financial aid to deserving students, improve and maintain our facilities, provide updated technology, support our dedicated employees, and so much more. Through your support, you directly contribute to the discipleship of our students and the expansion of the Kingdom of God.

As a part of our community, we invite you to share in the joy of empowering our future leaders with the teachings of Christ. So as you consider your giving amount to Christian Central Academy, please do so prayerfully. Your sacrificial gift, alongside the faithful responses of others, will have a profound impact. Remember, your donation(s) before December 31 are tax deductible and those in November aid our school's decision-making processes.

Please feel free to use the donation card and envelope provided to make a one-time gift or help sustain the mission of CCA with a commitment to monthly giving. Donations can be made via check, cash, or by providing your credit card information on the donation card or online at www.christianca.com/giving

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Your kindness and generosity fuel the Christian Central Academy vision, creating a ripple effect of positive change that extends far beyond our school walls, and furthers the Kingdom of God.

Thank you for giving!

Angie Trevino • NEW STUDENT PREFECT



Hometown • San Jose, Costa Rica

Crusader Sports • JV Volleyball & Varsity Soccer

Hobbies • Drawing, Video Games, Swimming

Future Plans • I plan to major in video game design.

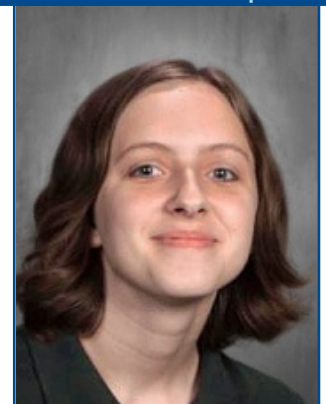
Favorite Verse • *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 6:28 (NIV)*

Legacy • I hope I've had a positive impact and shown how not be afraid to try new things and make new friends.

College Apps • University of Central Florida, UCLA, Penn State, University at Buffalo

CCA Prep • How to have a Christian life even after being out of the Christian teaching.

ADMISSIONS PREFECT • Danielle Napoli



Hometown • Williamsville, NY

Crusader Sports • Middle School co-ed Soccer, Track & Field

Hobbies • Reading, Playing Guitar

Future Plans • I am looking to major in film production and start a career in film.

Favorite Verse • *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28 (NIV)*

Legacy • I hope to be remembered as someone who is patient and respectful.

College Apps • University at Buffalo, Daemen University, Canisius University, Niagara University

CCA Prep • CCA has prepared me for situations involving evangelism and leadership positions.

Homecoming

September

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CCA celebrated “Dancing through the Decades” this year with Spirit Week and Parades. Students in all grades dressed up for themes including Manic Monday, Country vs. Country Club and Twin Day. Friday night held annual powder puff games, a chili cook-off and a bonfire for the whole family. On Saturday morning, elementary students donned their decorated bikes for some laps around the block. Then the Middle and High Schoolers cruised down School Street in a float parade that continued through the Williamsville village. Mr. & Mrs. Mariglia, Mrs. Basinski and Mrs. Wrigglesworth came back to CCA to judge the parade.



▲ Lexi Goldsmith (Grade 2) in the Bike Parade

House Chili Cook-off Competition:

1st Place: Baio Family - [House of Edwards](#)

2nd Place: Amy Kinda - [House of Lewis](#)

3rd Place: Deb Tyson - [House of Edwards](#)



▲ Second and third graders getting excited at the pep rally with the entire school!



▲ Middle School Float Winner: Sixth grade Stone Age, Flintstones



Meegan Martey (#13), Dom Fagan (Goalie), LilyCate Anderson (#8) and Zach Orzechowski (#5) assist in the shutout over the Gow School.

Sophomore Float: 1770's, Founding Fathers won Overall Best Float

The Volleyball team defeated the Gow School.



ATHLETICS PREFECT • *Dominic Fagan*

Hometown · Williamsville, NY

Crusader Sports · Baseball, Basketball, Soccer,

Future Plans · I would like to major in Business (Sales and Marketing).

Favorite Verse · *And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'* Matthew 7:23 (ESV)

Legacy · I want to show the younger generation how to have fun as much as you can while staying mature, responsible, and with a Christ-centered mindset.

Colleges · University at Buffalo, Penn State, Daemen University

CCA Prep · My Bible teacher, Pastor Garcia, has prepared me to stay mentally and spiritually strong despite challenges and circumstances surrounding me.

Alumni Relations · Sisters

Hobbies · Sports and Entrepreneurship



**Embracing the CCA Legacy:
A Journey Through Alumni Spotlights**

Christian Central Academy has nurtured countless individuals, preparing them for diverse paths beyond our halls. Our alumni stand as a testament to the transformative influence of a CCA education. In this edition, we proudly showcase the inspiring journeys of three remarkable alumni, each carving their own unique paths in the world.

compiled by: Heather Mattiuzzo



Andrew Lauto
Illuminating God's Stories Through Video Editing

*CCA, Class of 2011;
Regent University, Class of 2016*

Andrew Lauto, a CCA alumnus with a passion for storytelling, has found his calling as a Senior Video Editor for The 700 Club at The Christian Broadcasting Network. Graduating from CCA in 2011 and then from Regent University in 2016, Andrew cherishes his role as a small but significant part of one of the largest ministries globally. Through his work, he helps share incredible God stories, a task he considers a true honor. Andrew's time at CCA played a pivotal role in shaping the man he is today, reflecting the goodness and faithfulness of God in his journey. ■

**Coach Kevin S. MacNamara
Annual Alumni Soccer Game**



Tyler Craven
Navigating the Skies and the Rink

CCA, Class of 2019, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Class of 2023

Tyler Craven, a graduate from CCA in 2019 and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 2023, is not only pursuing his dream in the skies but also making a lasting impact on the ice. Armed with a commercial multi-engine pilot's license, Tyler expertly balances his love for aviation with a passion for collegiate hockey. His journey embodies the essence of determination, showcasing how one can passionately chase their dreams while embracing every opportunity that comes their way. Recently, Tyler achieved a significant milestone by signing on with PSA Airlines as a senior cadet, further solidifying his dedication and expertise in the aviation field. As he embarks on this exciting chapter with PSA Airlines, we eagerly await the heights Tyler will undoubtedly reach in the aviation industry. ■



Tie Game 2-2



Klaire Maranto
Nourishing Lives and Ambitions

CCA, Class of 2016, Liberty University, Class of 2020

Klaire Maranto (néé Gold), a graduate of CCA in 2016 and Liberty University in 2020, embarked on a remarkable journey during challenging times. In the midst of a pandemic, she turned adversity into an opportunity, dedicating herself to helping others achieve their health goals. After acquiring certifications in nutrition, she became an online nutrition and weight loss coach, later establishing a successful meal prep business in Virginia. Klaire's journey is a testament to her resilience, driven by the wisdom, leadership, and prayer she experienced at CCA. ■



As we celebrate the accomplishments of these esteemed alumni, we're reminded of the lasting impact CCA has on the lives of those who walk its halls. We invite CCA Alumni to continue sharing their stories, for within each narrative lies inspiration and the power to motivate the generations that follow. If you are willing to share your story, we would love to hear from you!

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