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2016-2017 Gratitude Report





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Chesapeake Bay Academy has served the Hampton Roads community for over 28 years, filling a critical need and providing essential services to intelligent children who struggle to learn in traditional school settings. Over that time, through our excellent service to the community, CBA has changed the lives of not just our students, but entire families.

As board chair I've had the opportunity to interact with the faculty, students, and parents and can fully understand why CBA was recently selected as a 2017-2018 "School of Excellence" by the National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASSET). The award is an important milestone for CBA, and I commend the faculty and staff for their dedication and commitment to our students.



As much as the award is a great honor, CBA will not rest on our laurels. The pursuit of excellence continues at all levels of the institution. CBA has always transformed the lives of our students. Now we move ahead, entering a new phase in our development, ensuring that our students receive a cutting-edge education.

CBA has often collaborated with regional colleges and universities to provide their students with student teaching and internship opportunities. This year CBA expanded this collaboration by facilitating research studies with graduate and doctoral students from Old Dominion University and Eastern Virginia Medical School. In addition, CBA is conducting its own study to evaluate the effect of the MAKE CBA program on student attitudes and motivation. It's an exciting time in education and CBA is taking a leadership role in the professional landscape.

CBA's mission is to serve the community, but we can't accomplish it alone. The CBA experience is made possible by the generous support of you, our donors. Your gifts are critical and make the difference in allowing CBA to offer an outstanding educational experience. I encourage you to read this year's Gratitude Report and to learn more about the excellent work we do for our students and the larger educational community. I am proud to lead this community and grateful to each of you for all that you do on behalf of Chesapeake Bay Academy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Stanley F. Baldwin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stanley F. Baldwin
Chair, Board of Trustees

unique

adjective \yŭ-'nēk\

1. being the only one

Being unique can have many meanings – it can mean different, or rare, or valuable, or unlike anything else. When applied to Chesapeake Bay Academy it means all of these things.

In its simplest terms, we know that CBA is the only specialized school of its kind in the Hampton Roads region. Only CBA focuses 100% of its resources on embracing students with learning differences and creating individualized instructional plans for each child to clear a pathway to learning.



Plans, of course, are only as good as the people who carry them out. At CBA we take great pride in the faculty who each day use their heads, hands and hearts to find ways to successfully implement those plans. The ways that they deliver the curriculum is truly different, and rare and valuable.

It's easy to talk about this work; it is another thing to actually do it. Over the course of the past year, CBA was visited by an accreditation team from the Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VAIS). Their main purpose was to establish whether, indeed, CBA does what it says it does. Do we educate our students in ways that are personalized to meet their needs? The answer was a resounding YES. The visiting team said:

“Clear and rich indications exist in the hallways, classrooms and daily extra-curricular activity of a mission driven program that gives attention to individual student’s needs. **The teachers know their students’ strengths and how they need to work to become better learners.** This daily effort from a dedicated and professional staff is intentional and shapes the way the curriculum is approached in the classroom. The individualized attention also shapes the sense of belonging each child feels and the strong community fabric.”

- VAIS report, April 5, 2017

In this Gratitude Report, it is our pleasure to share the confluence of people, organizations and programs that have come together over the last year in support of CBA. To all who have made this work possible through your generosity, from the entire CBA community, please accept our most sincere gratitude and know that you are part of something that is different and rare and valuable – that is truly unique. As you move through these pages, please remember that there’s only one CBA.

With deep appreciation,

Dr. Judy Jankowski
Head of School

CBA Named “School of Excellence” by NASET

For the first time, CBA was selected as a “School of Excellence” by the National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASET). This is the highest level of recognition a private special education school can achieve. It is presented to schools that meet rigorous professional criteria and have demonstrated exceptional dedication, commitment and achievement in the field of special education. NASET was founded to promote the professionalism of special education teachers and to provide a national forum for their ideas. CBA is proud to be honored for providing an outstanding educational experience to our students.



VAIS Accreditation Visit a Success

It was a very productive and meaningful school year as administrators, board, faculty and staff worked tirelessly to prepare for CBA’s 5-year interim accreditation visit by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VAIS). A team of four educators, led by Dr. Louise Bagwell Robinson of Millwood School, spent three days visiting classrooms, talking with students and parents, and reviewing a mountain of documentation to ensure that CBA met the high standards for VAIS membership.

In preparation for the team’s visit, the faculty and administrative team worked diligently updating the curriculum, revisiting policies and procedures, and making certain the facility was in tip-top shape. The visiting team was welcomed with a celebration of music, art and poetry presented by CBA students and

faculty. In the end, not only did CBA exceed the standards for accreditation but also received a commendation for our adherence to our mission, which serves as the backbone of the accreditation process.

The CBA community takes great pride in this achievement and extends our gratitude to all of those whose efforts made it possible.





I Heart CBA: 21st Annual Auction & Gala

February 11, 2017

“A Night on the Town in Support of CBA” was celebrated by over 280 friends of CBA who collectively raised over \$180,000 in support of our critical mission. The Westin Virginia Beach Town Center was buzzing as volunteers rolled out the red carpet to welcome our special guests. This year’s Fund-A-Cause, “Growing the CBA Community”, was dedicated to providing tuition assistance, offering professional development opportunities to faculty, and supporting programs that create a diverse learning environment for our students. Thank you to our sponsors, attendees and volunteers for sharing your warm heart for CBA and making our biggest fundraiser of the year such a huge success!

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7th Annual Golf Classic

May 2, 2017

It was perfect spring weather as CBA and Bayville Golf Club welcomed numerous golfers, sponsors, and a host of volunteers to our annual best ball tournament. All proceeds from the golf classic benefit the school and help provide tuition assistance to our students. To all who hit the links and helped our kids - THANK YOU!!!

Congratulations to our first place winners!



First Flight: Brian Kubicki, Kevin O'Brien, Greg Courier & Ali Itani

Second Flight: Mike Rashkind, Cecil Cutchins, Chip Cutchins, Bill Uebelhoer

Third Flight: Ned Griffith, Alan Davis, Dustin Jones, Alex Rotruck

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Chesapeake Bay Wine Classic Foundation

Since its inception in 1991, the Chesapeake Bay Wine Classic Foundation has raised and distributed millions of dollars to organizations that support the youth of South Hampton Roads. The annual Grand Auction is held at the home of Bob Stanton and his wife and CBA board member, Eleanor Stanton. For the past four years, CBA has been fortunate to be a beneficiary of the tremendous work of this prestigious foundation.



The Edward E. Ford Foundation

The Edward E. Ford Foundation is a distinguished national granting organization that supports programs for students in grades 9-12 developed by members of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). The grant making process is rigorous and includes an extensive application, a 1-1 meeting of school leadership with the executive director, as well as an on-site visit. CBA was fortunate to receive a \$50,000 matching grant in order to renovate the makerspace that houses our MAKE CBA Entrepreneurship Program.



Southeastern Virginia Community Foundation

The Southeastern Virginia Community Foundation is a nonprofit corporation committed to improving life for all in the community and building a legacy through philanthropic giving. CBA was fortunate to receive an award from this important foundation to support the expansion of the Maker curriculum across the K-12 program, expanding design-thinking and entrepreneurship school-wide.

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Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters (CHKD) & CHADD of Hampton Roads

The 3rd Annual ADHD Symposium, Connecting with ADHD, was generously sponsored by CHKD as part of an on-going partnership with CBA. The event featured keynote speaker Dr. Ned Hallowell, psychiatrist, NY Times bestselling author, and world-renowned authority

in the field of ADHD. The symposium drew over 160 clinicians, educators and families from all over Southeastern Virginia. Breakout sessions were offered by Amy Courtney, M.S., Jennifer Flaherty, Ph.D., Mindy Schwartz, M.S., John Harrington, M.D.,

Linda Miller-Dunleavy, M.S.Ed. and Scott W. Sautter, Ph.D. The symposium is an extension of CBA's on-going commitment to the cause of ADHD. This was the fourth year CBA has hosted monthly meetings of the Hampton Roads branch of CHADD.



Julia Willinger & Tenisha Leonard



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Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS)

Students at CBA have the opportunity to receive art therapy services thanks to the Department of Art Therapy and Counseling at EVMS. This year, CBA welcomed three EVMS graduate students who worked with our students to support positive character development and personal expression. CBA is truly grateful for this important partnership.



LEAD Hampton Roads eXcel Leadership Academy

Miles Zugelder, senior at Chesapeake Bay Academy, is the second CBA student to graduate from the eXcel Leadership Academy. The eXcel Leadership Academy is a LEAD Hampton Roads youth program that connects high school juniors and seniors to community, business and government leaders, preparing the participants for future leadership positions in the Hampton Roads region. Students were offered first-hand insights related to leadership and important economic, political and social issues in the community.



Old Dominion University (ODU)

CBA is proud to announce a new research partnership with the ODU College of Education. Three studies have been designed by doctoral candidates in the School of Communication Disorders and Special Education at ODU, and will be carried out this fall. CBA trustees, Linda Miller-Dunleavy, senior lecturer in the Darden School of Education, and Dr. J.D. Ball, professor emeritus of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Eastern Virginia Medical School, were instrumental in developing the partnership. Both trustees are members of the Education & Research Committee of the CBA board, which is committed to keeping the school positioned at the forefront of educational innovation.

Virginia Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (VBIDA)



CBA again partnered with the Tidewater Branch of VBIDA for their annual Poker Run on October 22, 2016. The event generates needed funds to support tuition for a CBA student diagnosed with dyslexia and highlights National Dyslexia Awareness Month. Dana Calo, CBA's director of enrollment management, serves on the board of VBIDA.

Celebrating Community



Fun Run & Family Spaghetti Dinner

September 23, 2016

CBA families came out in force to support the Fun Run and Family Spaghetti Dinner. This year 56 runners completed 825 laps, raising over \$11,400 in support of CBA athletics. CBA students Austin Schriks, Sam VanHook and Braden Muller completed the most laps per division. Afterwards, runners and their families enjoyed a delicious spaghetti dinner courtesy of the Parent Association. We run, then carb-load - that's the CBA way!

Thank you to our Fun Run sponsor!



Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure®

October 15, 2016

For the fourth consecutive year, the CBA Pink Dolphins participated in the Susan G. Komen 5K, to raise funds for breast cancer research. CBA's team of thirteen participants enjoyed a beautiful morning at the oceanfront. Each October our volleyball team works to raise breast cancer awareness throughout the month by donning their pink uniforms. Go Lady Dolphins!



Friendship Bench Dedication

October 18, 2016

The CBA Friendship Bench, our newest addition to the MaryAnne Dukas Outdoor Learning Lab, was generously donated by the Louis and Mary Haddad Foundation. The concept of the Friendship Bench was invented by a

young girl named Acacia, founder of Tiny Girl Big Dream. Acacia believes that if we can begin to put the spotlight on goodness, random acts of kindness, and yes, friendship, then we will see a brighter, more vibrant world.



Homecoming: Welcome Back Alumni!

January 27, 2017

After a fun-filled spirit week, students cheered on their favorite teachers during the annual faculty vs. alumni basketball game. This year the faculty surprised the alumni with a 32 to 31 win. That evening, the Dolphins

geared up for homecoming games against Rock Church and Veritas. After two hard-fought games, everyone enjoyed the annual homecoming tailgate party in the Commons. Fins Up!!!

Grandfriends Day

November 23, 2017

Our annual celebration to recognize those special people in our students' lives was, once again, a huge success. Our grandfriends enjoyed breakfast, musical performances, Thanksgiving festivities and a trip to the Scholastic Book Fair with their students while parents had the opportunity to connect over brunch, courtesy of the Parent Association. This celebration was a wonderful way to kick off the holidays for the entire family.



Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

May 18, 2017

Guest speaker Diane E. Hotaling, director of community service at Virginia Wesleyan University, shared her inspiring story, as well as her thoughts on the importance of volunteerism, at our annual celebration in honor of all those who share their time, talent and treasure with CBA. Annie & Kenneth VanHook received the 2017 Heart & Soul Award and Aimee Cochran was recognized as our Unsung Hero. Volunteers enjoyed a delicious homemade breakfast prepared by administrators, faculty and staff. Many thanks to all who generously volunteered in support of our community!



Congratulations Tanner Brian Stone, William McLaurin Watson, Jacob Kyle Dudek, Garrett Seth Ferrebee, Robert John Inglesby, Michael Brian Romano, Jr., Kyle Archambeau, Alexander Tallent Burleson, Andrew Richard Bowers, and Kieran Tyler Wrightstone.

Class of 2017 University & College Acceptances

Elizabeth State University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Old Dominion University
Radford University
Regent University
Tidewater Community College
Virginia Wesleyan College

Graduation

June 8, 2017

On June 8, the class of 2017 stepped across the stage at CBA and out into the next phase of their lives. Reverend Greg West, chaplain, Virginia Wesleyan University, graciously provided the invocation for the ceremony and Aaron Arnold, education manager of special programs, Junior Achievement of Greater Hampton Roads, delivered an entertaining and interactive keynote address. #CBA2017!





Parent Association

CBA families come from over 20 communities in Hampton Roads. The Parent Association (PA) plays an instrumental role in building our community and providing opportunities for families to connect and share. In addition to PA sponsored events like Family Spaghetti Dinner, Family Fall Festival, Parent Brunch, Movie & Taco Night, Scavenger

Hunt, Parents' Night Out, and Teacher Appreciation Week, the association also assists with school sponsored events and is an amazing resource for our teachers and families. CBA is so fortunate to have this committed group of parents to support our work!

Board

Jennifer Adams
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Annie VanHook
Secretary

Meet the Development Team



Cami Best-Jones

Director of Development

Cami manages CBA's development and fundraising programs and special events including the Annual Auction & Gala, Golf Classic, Annual Giving and Planned Giving Programs, and campus tours for donors and community members. We asked Cami what she enjoys most about working at CBA: "Everyone has a personal story about how CBA has touched their lives, and I get to hear them all! The real treat for me is finding opportunities for donors to support our students in areas that they are most passionate about."



Kelli James

Special Events Coordinator & Development Assistant

Kelli supports all of CBA's special events such as Grandfriends Day, the Chairman's Reception, Golf Classic, and the Annual Auction & Gala. You may see her on campus setting up for an event, or out in the community collecting donations for the silent auction. We asked Kelli why she thinks CBA is so special: "I believe an individual's success in life stems completely from their experiences and the fact that CBA offers a truly positive, fun, and empowering educational experience for our students really moves me. These kids will have an advantage as a result of their time here—how cool is that?"



Doug Rashkind

Alumni Relations Coordinator

Doug not only serves CBA alumni, he is an alumnus himself! He coordinates alumni socials, alumni homecoming activities, and always seems to know what our alumni are up to. We asked Doug how he stays so connected with our alumni after they have left campus: "Having been a student at CBA, I can personally relate to our students and alumni! I make a point to connect with each student and as many alumni as possible. Although social media is a popular source of communication in today's world, I also still connect with alumni in the old fashion way—telephone and email."

In Memory Of...

Ann Woods Cutchins

*January 21, 1925 -
June 19, 2016*

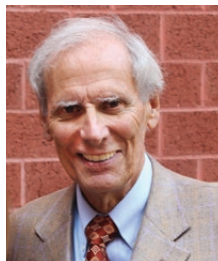
This year CBA lost a dear friend and long-time supporter, Ann Cutchins. Ann's grandson, Cliff Cutchins, V, attended Chesapeake Bay Academy in its early years. Currently, Cliff is completing a fellowship in anesthesiology at the Texas Heart Institute. Ann credited CBA with young Cliff's success. Cliff's mother, Anne, is also committed to the CBA mission and served loyally on the board of trustees for many years. CBA is very fortunate that the Cutchins family continues to actively support the academy.



Sander George Dukas

*January 20, 1945 -
December 21, 2016*

CBA was deeply saddened by the passing of Sande Dukas, husband of long-serving CBA head of school, MaryAnne Dukas. Together, both MaryAnne and Sande were instrumental in the growth and development of the organization over a period of nearly two decades.



Sande was a pillar of the Hampton Roads community. As founder of Controls Corporation of America, CONCOA, he grew his business to become a world leader in the manufacture of pressure and gas flow control devices. Outside of his business life, Sande shared his time with numerous organizations devoted to education and economic development.

Sande's legacy lives on within the walls of CBA and MaryAnne continues as a trustee emeritus. The CBA community is grateful for the couple's lifelong dedication to the school.

Harvey W. Roberts

*December 17, 1944 -
October 1, 2016*

Harvey Roberts, and his wife Duane (Dee) Harrell Roberts, were founding members of Chesapeake Bay Academy and their son, Jonathan, was one of the school's very first enrolled students. Harvey practiced accounting with his father beginning in 1971, where the father and son team founded Roberts and Roberts, later growing into McPhillips, Roberts and Deans. Outside of work, Harvey was a tremendous athlete and a fierce competitor. His passions were tennis and golf.



The Roberts family remains active in the life of CBA today with Mary Roberts (daughter-in-law of Harvey and Dee), who serves as the program director of graduate art therapy and counseling at EVMS, regularly supervising art therapy interns who serve our CBA students. As a founding board member, Dee serves as a trustee emeritus. The Roberts family remains close to the heart of the CBA community.



Ways to Give – Invest in Future Generations

By making a gift to CBA, you are investing in the next generation. Your support provides students with access to state-of-the-art facilities, engaged teachers and the transformative educational opportunities only CBA provides. In addition to cash donations and pledge commitments, there are many ways you can support our work.

Annual Giving

Annual Giving provides CBA with the necessary resources to offer our students truly exceptional instruction that allows them to succeed. Giving at any level truly makes a difference!

Give the Gift of Stocks, Bonds or Mutual Funds

One of the most financially sound ways to give is through the transfer of stock. Donors

have the capacity to allow stock, bonds or any other securities to be transferred as gifts to CBA. Giving the gift of stock can have significant tax benefits for the contributor. Please consult a tax advisor for information related to your personal circumstances.

Legacy Society

Planned giving can be an important part of your estate planning and is one way to ensure your on-going support of CBA. By including CBA in your estate plan, you make a strong statement of confidence in our school and ensure our continued ability to serve our important mission. CBA's planned giving program also includes generous donors who name CBA as a beneficiary of insurance instruments.

For more information on our giving programs, please contact Cami Best-Jones, director of development, at 757.497.6200 or cbestjones@cba-va.org.

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Grandfriends Day
Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Homecoming
Friday, January 26, 2018

22nd Annual Auction & Gala
Saturday, February 10, 2018
The Westin Virginia Beach Town Center

4th Annual ADHD Symposium
Saturday, March 24, 2018
Russell A. Barkley, Ph.D., keynote speaker

8th Annual Golf Classic
Tuesday, May 1, 2018
Bayville Golf Club

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
Thursday, May 17, 2018

Graduation
Thursday, June 7, 2018

