

2019 - 2020 GRATITUDE REPORT

"Great minds think differently."

CBA consumer science teacher

Thank you for supporting our mission to empower children who learn differently for over 30 years!

## Our Mission

Chesapeake Bay Academy educates students through academic programs individualized to address their learning differences, empowering them with the skills and confidence necessary for success in higher education, careers and life.

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## A Message from our Board Chair



Dear CBA Community,

In a recent Op-Ed in the Virginian-Pilot, Chesapeake Bay Academy Head of School Dr. Judy Jankowski wrote eloquently about making "brave choices" during this challenging school year. I am proud to say that CBA has always

been about "brave choices" as we plan and execute educational opportunities for students who learn differently.

We bravely took on the challenges of 2020. We were able to seamlessly pivot from in-person to online learning in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Board members stepped in to review policies, provide direction and increase their financial commitment to the school. Dr. Jankowski worked tirelessly to ensure her faculty and staff had the tools to keep students engaged and learning. As a result of all this effort, we culminated the 2019 – 2020 school year with a wonderful virtual graduation ceremony for our 9 seniors that people are talking about to this day!

We bravely asked, and our friends and contributors to CBA answered in a very positive way to the school's fundraising efforts. We set a fundraising record with our Annual CBA Auction & Gala, and launched CBA 3.0, a new capital campaign that has already raised close to \$2 million to help us continue our legacy of excellent education.

I am so proud to have worked alongside a group of brave board members who care deeply about CBA, providing advice, resources and suggestions on how to safely bring students back to campus once school started in August. My admiration and gratitude goes to the faculty and staff who took on extra responsibilities to ensure all students feel safe and secure in their learning environment. Thank you, parents and guardians for your patience and willingness to help your child adjust to the "new normal" of online classes and trusting us with your child during these uncertain times. And thank you to the community for continuing your support of CBA. We could not do this work without all of you!

So as Board Chair, I say "farewell" – but count on me to always remain a committed and engaged member of the CBA community. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as Chair for 6 years, and I look forward to continuing to serve this outstanding educational community for years to come.

Regards,

Stanley F. Baldwin

Chair, Board of Trustees, 2014 - 2020

## A Message from our Head of School



Dear CBA Community,

Each year I begin this *Gratitude Report* by expressing my appreciation for the tremendous generosity of the members of our school community, as well as many more around Southeastern

Virginia. You make the work of educating our very special students at CBA possible. Of course, this year will be no different. The deep gratitude of our entire community will be reflected in every page of this publication.

That said, almost everything else about this year was different. This school year tested our mettle in a way that none of us could have fathomed last fall.

The 2019-2020 school year taught us all so much. Our teachers took the many alternative teaching strategies they had used in the classroom and transitioned them into the virtual world. Our students, who had been using a digital learning management system for the previous three years, re-applied the skills they had already practiced to manage their learning at home. Parents learned to support their students in a whole new way, serving as their children's "classroom assistants" from the kitchen table. And the conference room moved to a Zoom room as we re-imagined our board meetings.

Building an emotionally safe space for learning, wherever it may be, has always been a core value at CBA. Through the efforts of all CBA community members, a safety net woven on the loom of strongly established relationships provided the foundation for a successful school year. At CBA we strive to accept and understand the individuality of each unique learner, and that philosophy has served us well during this challenging time.

Coretta Scott King said, "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." To all the members of our CBA community: for your kindness and generosity, for your acceptance and understanding, and for your resilience and determination during this difficult time, please accept my profound gratitude. Your compassionate action in supporting CBA, in 2020 and always, is truly beyond measure.

With deep appreciation,

Dr. Judy Jankowski Head of School



Congratulations to Dr. Judy Jankowski, Head of School, for being named a Woman of Distinction by the YWCA of South Hampton Roads! Dr. Judy Jankowski has devoted her career to the education of diverse learners. For over three decades she has worked with children whose life paths have been forged by physical, cognitive, and emotional differences. Understanding and support for a wide range of human potential is at the heart of Dr. Jankowski's work.

## Stan Baldwin - CBA Champion!

What started as "good business sense" turned into a lifetime commitment of service for our outgoing Board Chair, Stan Baldwin.

n the early 2000's Stan
Baldwin served as general
counsel for Amerigroup
Corporation. His executive
assistant struggled with the
demands of a child who learned
differently, a struggle that
caused disruption at work.
Things changed for the better
once she enrolled her child
at Chesapeake Bay Academy,
prompting Stan to make a
contribution to the school.

That was his first exposure to CBA. The second came when MaryAnne Dukas met Stan at a neighborhood holiday party and made it her mission to bring Stan on the board. After MaryAnne's persistent pursuit, Stan joined the board in 2006.

Stan became a "working board member", full of ideas and eager to make lasting connections to benefit CBA students, faculty, staff, and community. Recognizing the need of the board to connect with faculty, Stan inaugurated the annual Faculty-Trustee Luncheon. He supported the development of the MAKE CBA entrepreneurship program, along with the Culinary Arts program.

Stan's commitment was unwavering and the Board voted him Chair in 2014. Under Stan's 6 year tenure, CBA flourished. He co-chaired the CBA "Transformation"
Capital Campaign, exceeding
the \$3M goal. In 2015,
Stan and his wife, Dolly,
hosted the first annual
"Chairman's Reception", a
"must attend" fundraising
event in Hampton Roads.

In 2019, Stan exercised his political muscle to help ensure the passage of Senate Bill 1365, the expansion of tax credits for education, a huge win for the CBA community. And he partnered with CBA Head of School Judy Jankowski to secure a \$50K grant from the prestigious EE Ford Foundation, then single-handedly raised \$100K in matching funds.

It's easy to see Stan's love and support of Chesapeake Bay Academy and we are truly grateful for all he has done to ensure our future. While Stan regularly says that "leading the CBA Board of Trustees is the most significant thing I've done in my life", it is the lives of our students, faculty, staff and community that are forever changed by his dedication, commitment and generosity.

Stan Baldwin has created a lasting legacy at Chesapeake Bay Academy. Thank you, Stan for all you have done for our community. You are a CBA Dolphin for life!







## "CBA Found Me"

Great minds think differently. I cannot take credit for coming up with this adage, but I witness its substance every day at Chesapeake Bay Academy.

ecause my teaching mantra is that great minds think differently, I am a giant fan of openended questions to which there are no "right" or "wrong" answers. An open ended question invites students to pull from personal preferences and experiences, guaranteeing a colorful array of autonomous answers with unique perspectives. This approach not only allows, but demands, the great minds of our students to think differently.

When I ask eleven students an open-ended question, without fail, I get eleven different answers, and, without fail, all eleven answers are correct.

Granted, the chances of me predicting even one of these answers are slim to none.

But that is one of the many reasons why I find teaching at CBA so worthwhile.

I was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, and living anywhere else was not even a blip on the radar. Then, life happened, and we moved from Cleveland to Northern Virginia in 2014. There, I was convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that my daughter would not graduate from high school unless something was done, and something was done quickly. We embarked on a massive road trip to visit twenty-plus schools





From Top: Bob with his daughter Anne Marie on her CBA graduation day; Chef Schnee is beloved by students and prides himself on his "world-famous" recipes.

in the summer of 2016. Chesapeake Bay Academy was our first and last stop.

So when people ask me how I found CBA, I tell them that CBA found me.

When I walked through CBA's doors my first thought as a father was, this school could save my daughter from herself. My first thought as a teacher was, this school is where I should be teaching. Less than an hour later, my daughter fell in love with the school, and I learned that a teaching position was available. The rest is history.

When I make a gratitude list (and I often do), Chesapeake Bay Academy is always at the top of the list. I sometimes wonder why CBA was the first school on our list that summer. I sometimes wonder how I immediately knew that CBA was the right school for my daughter

who now, thanks to CBA, is wonderfully navigating her adult life. And I sometimes wonder how I was so sure that teaching at CBA would be rewarding beyond words. But then I remind myself that it doesn't really matter. All that matters is that CBA found me.

# Why We Give - the Norman Family

In the Fall of 2013, our daughter Marisa started 5th grade at Chesapeake Bay Academy. Without a doubt, stepping inside the doors of CBA changed the trajectory of her educational journey.

arisa has a myriad of challenges associated with her premature birth. Despite multiple diagnosed disabilities, she has the ability to learn if she has the appropriate support, interventions, and services. As a military family, it has always been a challenge for us to ensure implementation of her Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Many times, as soon as Marisa would get comfortable and on track, we would move again to a new school district. We didn't realize how far behind she was getting until her 5th grade year. The plan that the school proposed was not meeting her needs - and worse, would not allow her to earn a standard diploma.

We are so happy that CBA was an option after a long and difficult year. I attended Community Resource Fairs during Marisa's earlier years and remembered speaking to Dana Calo, the enrollment director. At the time, I thought we had been proactive enough in our advocacy for Marisa. Fast forward to 2013 . . . I was calling Dana to see if we could schedule a visit and attend the Summer Learning Program.

I will never forget Marisa's excitement. The accessible building, small and quiet classrooms, the friendly teachers and staff. It was obvious that summer she was learning well in the CBA environment. We made the decision to enroll at CBA and never looked back.

The Hampton Roads community is lucky to have this resource for children who have learning differences. CBA represents the learning community that we were not able to find in



other schools. Everyone took their time to get to know Marisa and her unique needs. Marisa's impressive progress over the last few years has allowed her to meet academic goals we once were not able to imagine. Her success is directly related to CBA's ability to adapt and provide the instruction and care she needed. As Marisa has grown comfortable, she also has blossomed socially and become more confident as well. For



Marisa Norman, grade 9, star server on the CBA volleyball team

children with anxiety, the right environment is critical in order to mature and develop. It's been a blessing for us.

We could never give back enough to CBA for what they have done for our family. Aside from being involved with the CBA Auction & Gala annually, I have volunteered as room parent and through the Parent Association over the years. We donate as much as we can because we know that every penny will be invested right back to the students.

We are incredibly proud to call CBA our family. The entire community – from Dr. J, to the faculty and staff, to the parents who make CBA magical, thank you for everything you do. Knowing how CBA has impacted our lives has driven me to continue advocating for all exceptional military children and their education as well. CBA has been a lifesaver for Marisa and will provide her the education and tools necessary to continue as a productive, independent member of society. That is all we want as parents. CBA does just that very successfully.

## Our Donors

Supporters of Chesapeake Bay Academy contribute in many ways including contributions to the Fun Run, annual fund, capital campaign, annual auction and gala, the golf classic, and more. This year we would like to extend an extra special message of gratitude to those who contributed during our transition to digital learning amidst the pandemic. To all who make this vital work possible through your continued financial support, THANK YOU!!!

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## Capital Campaign

For 30 years, Chesapeake Bay Academy has embraced the challenge of lifting students with learning differences to their highest potential. CBA is a dynamic and diverse school that transforms the lives of young people who thrive under its model of personalized, interactive, and project-based learning.

## Responding to a Changed Educational Landscape

From the first day of the stay-at-home order necessitated by COVID-19, the faculty of Chesapeake Bay Academy immediately transformed their classrooms. This took our students who are usually involved in hands-on instruction to virtual places of learning. Overnight they moved from using technology in the classroom to learning through technology at home.

Months before the virus changed everyone's lives, the Board and staff of Chesapeake Bay Academy developed a comprehensive strategy to advance the school in its mission: *To educate students through academic programs individualized to address their learning differences, empowering them with the skills and confidence necessary for success in higher education, careers and life.* 

Our priorities based on the current environment are:

- Upgrading technology to model leadership in the provision of online special education instruction.
- Addressing faculty needs for additional training and technical support.
- Upgrading our building to provide for blended learning environments, social distancing and safety for all.
- Ensuring as many children as possible who need a CBA education can receive one.
- Filling the gap for LD students when other schools cannot provide for children with special needs in this new environment.

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CBA 3.0 will also work to provide for the future through the cultivation of an endowment through planned giving. By strengthening its financial position in all of these areas, Chesapeake Bay Academy will be able to respond to the immediate needs created by the pandemic, while continuing its exceptional service to Southeastern Virginia for the next 30 years and beyond.

#### The key elements of the campaign include:

Technology, Facilities and Research \$1,000,000
 Faculty and Staff Development \$500,000
 Tuition Assistance \$1,500,000

#### **Total Campaign**

\$3,000,000

In addition, the campaign will include a planned giving effort to increase the Endowment Fund by \$1 million, further solidifying the school's stability and future.

CBA is in deep appreciation of the following donors who have made charitable contributions to the CBA 3.0 Capital Campaign.

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The Virginia Beach Billfish Tournament was started in 2004 and is part of the Virginia Beach Billfish Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to giving back to the community through youth and marine-related activities. The tournament highlights the phenomenal fishing off Virginia Beach and has surpassed \$1 million in charitable giving. CBA appreciates the continued support of the foundation and the shared goal of improving the lives of children in our community.



The Chesapeake Bay Wine Classic
Foundation is a non-profit, charitable
organization dedicated to the belief that
the future strength and prosperity of
our region and nation are dependent
on the education of our youth. Since its
inception in 1991, the foundation has
raised and distributed millions of dollars
to organizations that support the youth of
South Hampton Roads. The always wellattended annual Grand Auction is held on
the beautiful land overlooking Rudee Inlet.
CBA has been fortunate to be a beneficiary
of the tremendous work of this prestigious
foundation for the past seven years.



The TowneBank Foundation is a nonprofit organization formed by TowneBank in 2001. With a mission focused on enhancing the quality of life in the communities they serve, the foundation has provided charitable grants and donations to well over two hundred non-profit organizations throughout the community.

As a long-standing supporter of Chesapeake Bay Academy, the TowneBank Foundation has made a generous contribution that will provide many families with financial need the opportunity to obtain a quality, individualized education for their children. One of our core values at CBA is to offer this unique educational opportunity to as many families who qualify as possible. Thank you, TowneBank Foundation, for partnering with us to deliver on our important mission.



Their tagline, "IT people you can talk to. IT people you can trust." says it all. In addition to being CBA's IT partner, Eastern Data showed their commitment to the school by supporting several events throughout the year including the Annual Auction and Golf Classic. Headquartered in Virginia Beach, Eastern Data has 30 years of experience in providing information technology services. Thank you, Eastern Data, for supporting our school in so many important ways.



The Virginia Beach location of Mermaid Winery, located on Shore Drive, proved to be a great supporter of CBA this year. As community partners, the winery generously provided their delicious wines for CBA's 2019 Annual Auction & Gala. The CBA community in turn supported the winery hosting numerous social gatherings there. To our friends and neighbors at Mermaid Winery, thanks for your continued support!

# 24th Annual Auction & Gala:

Celebrating 30 Years Empowering Children Who Learn Differently

February 22, 2020



30 years empowering children who learn differently is no small feat and the CBA community was out in full force to celebrate this important milestone. Over 300 members of the CBA community collectively helped raise over \$270,000 in support of our exceptional learners. This year's funda-cause, Technology & Facilities Improvements, was dedicated to instructional and assistive technology upgrades including new laptops for faculty members, Wacom tablets and Vibe boards to assist with virtual learning, the remodel of our

art room, and the installation of energy-saving devices across campus. Attendees and volunteers enjoyed a beautiful evening at The Westin Virginia Beach Town Center and danced the night away to BJ Griffin and the Galaxy Groove. Thank you to our sponsors, attendees, and volunteers for making our 30th anniversary so special!













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## 10th Annual Golf Classic

October 13, 2020

hird time's the charm! After a global pandemic and a hurricane caused our annual tournament to be delayed twice, players finally enjoyed a crisp Fall day at Bayville Golf Club in support of CBA. Our golfers hit the links with great skill and enthusiasm. In addition to a challenging game, our dedicated sponsors including Tarnished Truth Distilling Company, Bear House Coffee, Salvage USA, and Cowboy Neil's Cantina provided pallet-pleasing treats while golfers made their way around the course. Many thanks to all who made our 10th annual tournament such a success!







## **Congratulations to our winners!**



First Flight: David Rabil, Bob Bailey, Ed Anderson, Nelson Cutler



Second Flight (Tie): (Left) Marty Phillips, Chris Hedrick, Bill Hedrick, J.D. Ball; (Right) Alan Brown, Robert Brown, Dustin Jones, James Diersen



**Third Flight:** (L-R) Eric Hauser, Kevin McGee, Bill Brittain, Lou Schager

**Longest Drive:** Charlie Sheppard • Closest to the Pin: Nikki Seveke

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Lena Decker

Peggy Davis

D-BAT Virginia Beach

Devils Backbone

**Brewing Company** 

Diamonds Direct

Dixon Golf

Dockside Seafood &

Fishing Center

Either Ore Jewelers

Hilltop West

**Emergency Physicians** 

of Tidewater

**Encompass Consulting** 

Escape Room Virginia Beach

Nila Faison

Fat Frogs Bike and Fitness

First Landing Charters

Five Guys Burger and Fries

Forbes Candies, Inc.

Freedom Shooting Center

Freemason Abbey Restaurant

Fresh Market

Funny Bone Comedy Club

GameOn Gaming Center

Gather

Linda & Don Glenum

Gourmet Gang

Graze Kitchen Restaurant

Jennifer & Shaun Harding

Julie Hashagen

Hampton Roads Iceplex

Harris Teeter at Haygood

**Shopping Center** 

Harris Teeter at

Princess Anne Plaza

Home Depot Norfolk

Hot House Yoga

Hunt Club Farm of Virginia

Beach & The Vogel Family

Ice Art, Inc. Custom

Ice Sculpture

iFly Virginia Beach Indoor Skydiving

Innovative Spas

International Spy Museum

Jamestown Settlement & American Revolution

Museum at Yorktown

Judy Jankowski

Jody G.

Jody's Popcorn

Benjamin & Christine Jones

**Kettler Showroom** 

Khames Jewelers

Kitty Hawks Kites

Laser Quest Virginia Beach

Lemon Cabana

Beth & Dave Levin

Long Jewelers

Lucky Oyster Seafood Grill

Luray Caverns, largest and most popular caverns in Eastern America

Elisabeth & Frank Marchetti

MassageLuXe at Brenneman Farms

McDonald Garden Center

Mermaid Factory

Mermaid Winery

Michelle Miller

MOCA

Moonrise Jewelry

**Nauticus** 

Norfolk Admirals

Norfolk Botanical Garden

Norfolk Tides Baseball Club

Abby & Andy Novario

O'Connor Brewing Company

Old Bust Head

**Brewing Company** 

Old Dominion

University Athletics

Orange Peel Transportation

Outer Banks Brewing Station

Paradise Ocean Club

Linda Patterson

Pies & Pints

Mary Pitman

Pinboy's at the Beach

Portsmouth Museums

Pure Barre Chesapeake

Ray Skinner Frames & Art Gallery Inc

Richard & Ruth Robins

Rockafeller's Restaurant

**Rover Cruises** 

The Royal Chocolate

Sage Kitchen at Anderson's

Sandler Center For The

**Performing Arts** 

Satchidananda

Ashram - Yogaville

Schakolad

Second Wind Photography

**Bob & Susan Sharak** 

Shorebreak Taphouse

Sign Gypsies Virginia Beach

Wendy Sims

**Smartmouth Brewing** 

Company

Sonic Drive-In

Southwest Airlines

Robert & Eleanor Stanton

Steinhilbers

Studio Bamboo

Institute of Yoga

Studio East

Sundays Sun Spa & Shop

Surf Rider

Table and Tonic

Target Pembroke

Kimmarie Taylor

The Adventure Park at

Virginia Aquarium

The Beach Bully Restaurant

The Creative Wedge

The Dinner Detective

The Egg Bistro

The First Tee of

**Hampton Roads** 

The Hurrah Players

The Little Gym of Virginia Beach

The Mariners' Museum and Park

The New Leaf Floral

Design Studio

The Ohana Center

The Westin Virginia Beach Town Center

Topgolf Virginia Beach

Total Wine & More

Trader Joe's

Traveling Vineyard

TreeRunner Raleigh

Adventure Park

**University Car Care** 

Mary Vance

Mary Vail

Victoria Schiano

Virginia Beach Parks

& Recreation

Virginia Canopy Tours

Virginia Living Museum

Virginia Symphony Orcehstra

Virginia Zoological Society

Walt Disney World

Elizabeth & Neil Waranch

**Washington Nationals** 

Baseball Club

Waterman's

Wawa Corporate

Headquarters

Debbie & Kurt Watson

Wegmans

Kristen Wheeler

Whiskey Kitchen

Wild Birds Unlimited

Wine & Unwind Day Spa

Wintergreen Resort

World of Coca-Cola

Worth the Wait

Yoga 108

Zen Hot Yoga

## **Volunteers**

To all the following individuals whose dedication and selfless efforts made our work for students possible, please accept our sincerest CBA gratitude for your service to our community.

Jennifer Adams
Mark Adams
Shelly Avery
Shereen Awad
Conor Babington

Dana Bates Cari Best

Marzena Bogacki Emilee Branchau Ardis Brittain James Brown

Bevan Calo Dana Calo

Edward Cason Dawn Cason Ruth Chester

Aimee Cochran Brian Cochran Talya Cohen

Tiffany Crawford Coltrane Culler Cori Damuth Phil Damuth Gabby Decastro

Christopher Dougherty

Sara Ensley Tara Foust Kelly Fuller

Madeline Gaquin Lauris Geheren Michael Geheren

Robin Gibbs Avi Goldsmith Jennifer Gracey Peyton Hall

Jenni Harding

John Holt Joyce Holt

Lauren Jargowsky Bessie Johnson

Christina Johnson

Hillary Kaufman

Page Lea Mary Lewis Chuck Long Nina Long

Elisabeth Marchetti Frank Marchetti Laura Mayo Ave McFadden Julia Meyers

Margaret Meyers Anna Middlebrook James Middlebrook

Megan Miller
Michelle Miller
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Rosemary Moyers
Cindy Murphy
Michelle Norman
Madison Overbay

Linda Patterson Charlotte Perry Suzette Rashkind Ariel Revels

Ariel Revels Ruthie Robins William Sanders Bob Schneeberger Susan Sharak

**Sharon Sharp** 

John Silva

Renee Sivils

Liz Smith

Dawn Sonnier

**April Suratos** 

**Stephen Suratos** 

Jackie Vergerio

Deanna Ward

**Brittany Watrous** 

Debbie Watson

Kurt Watson

Luke Weisentein

Vicki Wicher

Eric Wilson

Sharon Wilson

#### **VOLUNTEER AWARDS**

Volunteers are at the heart of the multitude of community events that happen during the year. All year long, our corps of volunteers were regularly engaged in the important work of building our community. While we were unable to host our annual spring breakfast honoring volunteers and award recipients in person this year, we would like to extend an extra special THANK YOU to the 2019-2020 outstanding volunteers for going above and beyond for CBA!



Heart & Soul: JENNY HARDING



Unsung Hereo: DON GLENUM

# Leaders in Thought

# 7th Annual Professional Community Breakfast November 6, 2019

Creating opportunities for partnerships among area professionals and expanding our community involvement are vital elements of the CBA Strategic Plan. This year, over 30 educational and medical professionals

gathered at our 7th Annual Professional Community Breakfast. The round-table event provides attendees the unique opportunity to collaborate, network and learn about new trends and resources for those focused on serving the special education community in Hampton Roads. By establishing these valuable relationships, our professional community continues to improve and expand resources available to families in need.



# When the World Changed: COVID-19

n Friday, March 13th at 2:30 p.m., Governor Ralph Northam issued the first stay-at-home order, effectively changing the practice of education as we knew it. With 30 minutes to prepare our students prior to dismissal, the faculty shifted into high gear to set the wheels in motion for a transition to virtual learning. With the following Monday already scheduled for faculty professional development, virtual learning officially launched on Tuesday, March 17th, and our student's education never skipped a beat.

Chesapeake Bay Academy was well-positioned to take on this enormous challenge as our learning management system, Canvas, had been implemented 3 years prior. This provided our students and faculty with a virtual platform for instruction they were already familiar with. Of course, like most new ventures there were a few bumps along the road but CBA faculty worked tirelessly to maintain the level of personalized education and individualized instruction that our school was founded on.

At the same time, the administrative team



recognized that maintaining open lines of communication with our community was paramount to the success of this endeavor. Parents were instrumental to this effort as they provided transparent feedback on what worked for their children and what did not. And faculty were regularly surveyed to gain insight into the strengths and opportunities being presented in this new environment. Together, as a community, CBA was able to pivot, adjust, and innovate.

Through all the uncertainty that COVID-19 presented CBA was certain of one thing: Continuing to serve our







families and provide our unique learners with an unparalleled educational experience was an absolute necessity. Throughout the pandemic, CBA never stopped delivering instruction for our students. All of this was made possible

through the use of innovative technology provided by our generous donors.

While the educational landscape continues to evolve, CBA will embrace the cornerstones upon which it was founded. Personalized learning plans, individual and small group instruction, and the integration of cuttingedge technology have always made this work possible. And while the COVID environment will undoubtedly continue to change our schools, it will not change the commitment of our community – faculty and staff, parents, board and generous donors – to serving the amazing students of Chesapeake Bay Academy.

## Head to Head Support



Darlene Pierro

Prior to her tenure as head of school at Chesapeake Bay Academy, Dr. Judy Jankowski was the director of enrollment management at the McLean School, located just outside

of Washington, D.C. During her 7 year tenure there, Darlene Pierro, head of school at McLean, served as Dr. Jankowski's mentor while she pursued her doctoral studies in educational leadership. Darlene believes strongly in the need for more women to join the ranks of heads of school where only one-third of independent school leaders are female.

Now a founding partner of the K-12 Leadership Advisory, a consulting resource for independent school leaders, Darlene has taken a special interest in CBA. In addition to sponsoring our Annual Auction & Gala, Darlene generously funded a pilot program utilizing telepresence robots to deliver remote instruction at the onset of the pandemic. These distance learning tools will help to ensure that our exceptional learners continue to receive high-quality, interactive instruction when remote learning becomes necessary. Darlene and Judy remain close friends and will continue their work together in support of CBA's important mission.

"What especially appealed to me was the process we used to learn about and ultimately decide to implement the robots. It was such a treat to work with Judy on this and to get to know Jared Setnar, the upper school director. CBA has an inspiring mission and a dynamite head of school; I'm happy to support both."

- Darlene Pierro

# Congratulations Class of 2020!



Robert Christopher Bandy, Jr.
John Abzal Carmel
Joseph Daniel Gacia IV
Karl Magnus Krohn
Matthew Mazur
Rickey E. McClellan
Braden Joseph Muller
William Corless Russell, Jr.
Anne Marie Murphy

his was a graduation like no other. Due to the pandemic, the CBA community celebrated their graduating class of 2020 with more than 200 people watching the live broadcast of their virtual commencement ceremony on Thursday, June 11, 2020. The graduation ceremony featured a commencement address from Barbara Hamm Lee, executive

producer and host of "Another View" on WHRO Public Media, along with congratulatory messages from Stan Baldwin, board chair, and Dr. Judy Jankowski, head of school. In keeping with CBA tradition, each graduate was presented by a speaker of their choice. This year's speakers included Michelle Bandy, mother of Christopher Bandy, Jessica Sharon, mother of Joey Garcia,

Jennifer Gibson, librarian for the city of Norfolk, and CBA faculty members Jared Setnar, Erin Blair, Bob Schneeberger, Synnika Lofton, and Dr. Christine Herbert.

The class of 2020 did an outstanding job of adapting and advancing through their senior year and are leaving CBA prepared to undertake their next challenge.

## Dr. J makes "House Calls"

The week prior to this year's nine graduates walking the virtual stage, head of school Dr. Judy Jankowski made a personal "house call" to each student to congratulate and mark this momentous life event with a few gifts from the school.

Dr. Jankowski felt compelled to make these visits as a way of showing her own appreciation to the families who entrusted their children to the work of the school.

"As I spent the week driving around to each home, it gave me time to reflect on how broad the school's reach really is. Being able to serve such a diverse population is truly an honor and I treasure the impact that CBA has on the community." - Dr. Jankowski





## Alumni

Our alumni community continued to grow this year as we welcomed nine empowered young adults and their families to this close-knit circle of friends. CBA is committed to keeping our alumni engaged and works to stay connected with each of our graduates as they move on to the next phases of their lives.



## **Homecoming & Socials**

Creating opportunities for alums to engage with our school community is fundamental to serving our mission. Last year, alumni of the consumer science program were invited back to visit our food lab for a special CBA version of "Nailed It!" orchestrated by Mr. Schneeberger and the development team. Recent grads enjoyed culinary challenges while reconnecting and learning about new school initiatives. In January, alumni and students celebrated Homecoming 2020 which included an alumni social, student pep rally, a basketball game, and our annual tailgate party. While our graduates may be ready to move on, they will always have a home at CBA.







Every gift makes a difference to the success of CBA. Our alumni make an especially meaningful contribution when they give back to CBA, ensuring students who follow in their footsteps continue to have the same innovative opportunities and experiences in the classroom. Gifts of all sizes have an impact. Alumni who give an annual gift to CBA become members of the Alumni Giving Circle.

## Parent Association

The Parent Association (PA) is instrumental to creating a friendly and welcoming community at CBA. They bring us together through their special family dinners, the family fall festival, bingo night, teacher appreciation week, our spring picnic, and so much more! And when the going gets tough, the PA gets going!

#### 2019-2020 Board

Jennifer Adams Co-President

Lauris Geheren Co-President

Anna Middlebrook Vice President

Elisabeth Marchetti Treasurer

Joyce Holt Secretary

Jackie Vergerio James Brown Hillary Kaufman *Members-at-Large* 

Ariel Revels
Sunshine Club

Christina Whitmore
Box Tops for Education
and Bulletin Board

Co-presidents of the Parents Association, Jennifer Adams and Lauris Geheren, recognized the gap in social opportunities for our community created by virtul learning. They filled that gap by offering CBA Parent Virtual Meetups on a weekly basis, providing families with a social outlet and support system as they navigated their way through the "new normal". During a time full of uncertainty, the commitment of the Parent Association to keep lines of communication open and honest were paramount in the school's ability to offer meaningful opportunities for community engagement.

CBA is fortunate to benefit from the dedication and leadership of the Parent Association board.









From left: Bre Schroth, Cami Best-Jones, and Doug Rashkind

#### Cami Best-Jones, Director of Development

Cami oversees CBA's giving programs and special events including the Annual Auction & Gala, Golf Classic, Annual Giving and Planned Giving Programs, sponsorships, campus tours for donors, and tax credit programs. She has a true passion for sharing the successes and needs of our school with donors who have a commitment to supporting our mission.

#### Bre Schroth, Development & Special Events Coordinator

Bre works directly with businesses supporting CBA through donations and sponsorships. She coordinates special events on campus including the CBA Fun Run, Grandfriends' Day and Bookfair as well as donor events including the Chairman's Reception, Golf Classic and Annual Auction & Gala. You may see Bre on campus setting up for an event or out in the community collecting donations.

### Doug Rashkind, Alumni Relations Coordinator

Doug serves as the liaison for graduates and former CBA students through alumni socials, homecoming activities, and senior class alumni-in-training. He keeps up with students after they leave CBA and is always the first to know when our alumni graduate college, have a career change, get married, or have new additions to their family. As a CBA alumnus himself, Doug has strong ties to our community.

"CBA is committed to excellence, innovation and having a diverse student body. Charitable donations are critically important to achieving these goals. We are fortunate to have tremendous support from our community and an outstanding Development team at CBA. During these challenging times, we are not just surviving, we are innovating and thriving. As an alumni parent and chairman of the Board of Trustees. I couldn't be prouder to be a part of this important mission."

Dave Levin, M.D., Incoming Board Chair

#### **Virginia State Tax Credit Programs**

Chesapeake Bay Academy partners with the Virginia Foundation for LD Students (VFLDS) to offer tax credits to eligible donors through the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits Program (EISTCP) and the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program for Education (NAP). Donations to these programs directly support our students by way of scholarships and financial aid. Contact Cami Best-Jones (cbestjones@cba-va.org) if you are interested in tax credits or require more information.

# Ways to Give

## Invest in Future Generations

By making a gift to CBA, you are investing in our mission of serving students with learning differences. Your support provides students with access to state-of-the-art facilities, engaged teachers and the transformative educational opportunities only CBA provides. Our dedicated community of donors is vital to achieving the mission of preparing students for lives of purpose. In addition to cash donations or pledge commitments, there are many ways you can support that work.

#### Give the Gift of Stocks, Bonds or Mutual Funds

One of the most financially sound ways to give is through the transfer of stock. Making a gift of appreciated stock has a significant tax advantage to the donor. Gifts of other financial instruments such as bonds, mutual funds, and securities benefit CBA and the donor, as well. Please consult your financial advisor for information related to your tax circumstances.

#### **Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRA's**

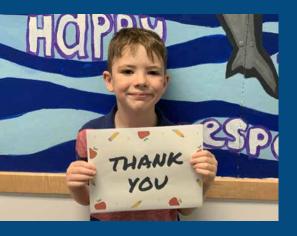
Individuals who are age 70  $\frac{1}{2}$  or older can contribute up to \$100,000 from their IRA directly to a charity and avoid paying income taxes on the distribution. This is known as a qualified charitable distribution. It is limited to IRAs, and there are other exclusions and considerations. Please consult a tax advisor for guidance.

#### **Planned Giving**

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 includes generous donors who name CBA as a beneficiary of insurance instruments. The Legacy Society recognizes those individuals who have made provisions in their estate plans for CBA.

#### **Tax Credits**

CBA participates in the Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit Program (NAP) and the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit Program (EISTCP) through the Virginia Foundation for Learning Disabled Students (VFLDS). Gifts directed for the purpose of providing scholarships to low-income, learning-disabled students may be eligible for Virginia state tax credits up to 65%. CBA is pleased to offer this benefit to our donors, as credits are available. Please consult your tax adviser to determine your specific tax savings.







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## **SAVE THE DATE**

- → HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK Monday January 25 - Friday, January 31, 2021
- → 11TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC Spring 2021
- → 25TH ANNUAL AUCTION & GALA
  Saturday, May 15, 2021
  The Westin, Virginia Beach Town Center
- → GRADUATION

  Thursday, June 10, 2021