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Columbus and Mas Family Launch Scholars Program



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Dear Explorers:

Over the last few weeks we have witnessed the passing of our beloved Pope John Paul II, celebrated the 6th anniversary of the cannonization of our founder Saint Marcellin Champagnat, and celebrated the election of our new Pope Benedictine XVI. Here at Columbus, our seniors are anxiously awaiting graduation, their prom, and Grad Night at Disney.

Many alumni events have occurred this year, the latest being the Alumni Association's 1st Annual "Commitment to Excellence Celebration" which was held at the Parrot Jungle on April 8th. What a great turn out! I thank the executive committee of the alumni association for hosting this wonderful event.

Our projects for this summer are threefold; 1) Renovate the entire C Building. 2) Purchase Smart Boards for 15 Classrooms. 3) Aid needy families with financial aid.

During the first two weeks in April we conducted our annual phone-a-thon and now we are calling those that weren't reached. Over the years, our alumni have been extremely generous to Columbus and the advancement of Catholic education. We can not do it alone. We need your help. It is important that alumni assist us if we are going to maintain a tuition that is affordable for the average family. Over the past year we have given over \$330,000 in financial aid to needy families whose sons attend Columbus.

On June 4th, we will host the 17th Annual Dick Pollock / Tom O'Neil Memorial Golf Classic at the Doral Golf Resort and Spa. If you play golf, you do not want to miss this event. All proceeds raised will go towards the purchase of Smart Boards. Our Fourth Annual Fishing Tournament will be held on June 18th. This is the Cory Barreto and Tom Hernandez Memorial, named after two deceased alumni. Those wishing to participate should contact me at the school or fill out the application in this newsletter. We hope to have at least 50 boats.

We have hired a new website company and should soon be able to accomplish a lot on line, such as processing RSVPS for events, annual fund drive donations, and accepting clothing store requests. Be sure to check out www.columbushs.com on a regular basis.



ANNUAL FUND 2004-2005 MAKE YOUR MARK!

Save us a phone call... Make your **Gift Today!**

> Contact Brother Kevin 305-223-5650 ext. 258

To those who haven't sent in their donation to the Annual Fund, there is still time. Our drive concludes August 15th. So far we have received \$215,894 from alumni and alumni parents. Please help us reach our goal of over \$225,000.

If you haven't seen a game on our new baseball facility, you are really missing a treat. Come out and see a game under the lights. There is still time to purchase pavers with your name or with your parent's names in our Walk of Champions.

Whenever you are in the neighborhood drop in and say hello and let us take you for a tour of the school, you will be surprised at all the changes.

Hope to see you at the golf and fishing tournaments. Until we meet, may Jesus and Mary guide and protect you and your families.

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Brother Kevin, F.M.S. President



Dear Columbus Family,

What a historical time we live in! I'm sure that you were caught up in the pageantry and inspiration that touched Explorer lives with the death of Pope John Paul II and the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.

As I greeted the students returning from Easter, I was struck by one Sophomore who replied to my inquiry on his vacation. "How was your time?", said I. "Not so good.", he replied, "the Pope has died." All week, teachers and students reflected on this remarkable man, our beloved Holy Father who captured our image of Jesus on earth with his youthful energy and his hopeful suffering. It became very clear that Pope John Paul II was the "young

Soon after, students and teachers huddled around televisions and watched the white smoke and heard the bells, and we all felt a little closer to Catholic Christians around the world. It was inspiring to see the interest, the enthusiasm, and the prayers of the students and faculty for our new Pope Benedict XVI.

As a school for the finest young men in Florida, I reminded the students at our memorial services that they too might be called to walk in the paths of history. You, alumni, especially know this is true. In life, God has called each of us; we call this vocation. And, with God's grace, someone has to grow up to be Pope! Another, President of our country, our civic organizations, our school (imagine that, Brother Kevin!). God calls some of us to be parents who, in love, know the margins of success; others, we're called to be leaders in business, the arts, medicine, law, engineering, construction, electronic realities. And, God still calls some of us to be priests and brothers

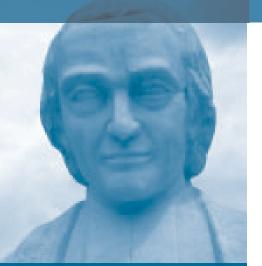
History is created by humble men and women, or as our new Pope says, "servants" like ourselves. Explorers, keep making history! Keep listening to the Lord who is calling you to your vocation. Live the Marist virtues that you learned here at Columbus and shape your worlds.

Adelante

Brother Patrick McNamara, F.M.S. Principal

Finals, Summer, 2005





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Alumni Association Executive Committee Members:

Joe Fernandez (class of 1981): Richard Baker (class of 1972):	Vice President of Finance
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Daniel Martinez (class of 1989):	Vice President of Marketing
Manny Piedra (class of 1983):	Vice President of Membership
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Ary Velasco (class of 1982):	
Marta Alday:	
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If you are interested in joining a committee of the Alumni Association, please contact Cristina Cruz at ccruz@columbushs.com or 305-223-5650 x256.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT COLUMBUS



ALUMNI DIRECTOR NEEDED

COLUMBUS IS CURRENTLY LOOKING TO STAFF A FULL-TIME ALUMNI DIRECTOR POSITION.

SOME OF THE DUTIES FOR THIS POSITION INCLUDE:

- HELPING TO COORDINATE ALUMNI EVENTS AND REUNIONS,
- MAINTAINING AN UPDATED ALUMNI DIRECTORY, AND ACTING AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND THE SCHOOL.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE A GOOD CANDIDATE (LIKE YOUR SPOUSE), PLEASE HAVE A RESUME EMAILED TO BR. KEVIN HANDIBODE - BRKEVINCCHS@AOL.COM.

1st Annual Commitment to Excellence Celebration Hundreds of Alumni Turned out for a Night of Fun

The newly formed Columbus Alumni Association Executive Committee wanted to do something special in their first year and throw a big party for Columbus alumni. Well a big party it was on the night of April 8th when over 400 alumni turned out at Parrot Jungle's beautiful Treetop Ballroom to celebrate Columbus' continued commitment to excellence. South Florida's premiere band, "Clockwork" got everyone dancing. Alumni reminisced while viewing their high school yearbook pictures on a big screen. Many were able to chat with some of their old teachers like Br. Kevin, Br. Eugene, Br. Brady, Mrs. Call and Mrs.







Culmo who were just some of the faculty members in attendance. Mrs. Marta Alday, the event's mastermind, was honored and a fantastic art sale and silent auction featured great items like Columbus cigars and a Columbus Domino Table. Needless to say that the one-of-a-kind Columbus pride was overflowing. Most importantly, all proceeds from the event will go towards Columbus' technology program, specifically to fund interactive smart boards for classrooms. The committee hopes to grow this event into an annual fundraiser for the school.



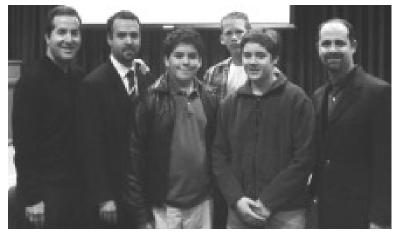


THANK YOU TO ALL THE ALUMNI WHO ATTENDED!



Christopher Columbus High School Mas Family Scholars Program

Columbus and the Mas family have initiated a new accelerated program of studies designed to enable highly-motivated students to excel in academics. The program, called The Mas Family Scholars Program includes enrichment opportunities and



Mas brothers with three incoming freshmen accepted in the Mas Family Scholars Program.

extra-curricular activities so that participants fully experience the best Columbus

has to offer. Freshman who score in the top 10% of the Columbus entrance examination and who receive recommendations from their principals are eligible to join the program along with the current top ten percent of the sophomore and junior class. The program will commence in the 2005-2006 school year with approximately 90 students.

The Mas family have three sons who graduated from Columbus; Jorge Mas (class of

'81), Juan Mas (class of '84), and Jose Mas (class of '89). All are proud of the education that they received at Columbus and wanted to support the school in offering an advanced curriculum that would complete Columbus' excellent and varied

academic program which also includes Honors, College Preparatory, and Academic Reinforcement curriculums. Furthering education is a great interest of the Mas family who manage their own scholarship program. Currently, Jose Mas sits on the Columbus school board, offering valuable guidance to the operations of the school. The family was present at the first informational meeting with the freshman who were accepted into the Mas Scholars Program. The Mas brothers spoke of their Columbus experiences and answered questions.

The Mas Family Scholars curriculum ensures that participants will graduate Columbus with a minimum of 30 Advanced Placement or Dual Enrollment college credits. The curriculum also includes PSAT and SAT preparatory courses. Other benefits include induction to honor societies, periodic status meetings with program director to ensure the student's successful completion of courses, college counseling and organized visits



Mas Family with Br. Kevin, Br. Pat, and Mrs. Dalila Pita (Program Director).

to universities. The combination of the program's curriculum, enrichment and extracurricular opportunities is designed to prepare students to be among the top candidates for admission into major colleges and universities.



NEW BASEBALL COMPLEX INAUGURATED BASEBALL GREATS IN ATTENDANCE RECEIVED **EXPLORER DIAMOND AWARDS**

Columbus inaugurated its new baseball complex on Saturday, January 29th with an elegant dinner, right on the field. Approximately 300 people were in attendance made up of mostly Columbus baseball luminaries, alumni and benefactors.

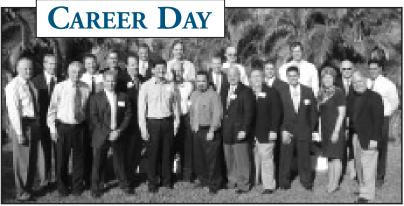
The new complex is complete with stadium lights, dug outs, a state of the art electronic scoreboard, batting cages, new drainage and irrigation systems, a ticket pavilion and concession stand, bathrooms and a 24 foot wall similar to that of Fen Wav Park.

In celebration of the new complex, Columbus presented Explorer Diamond Awards that night to three individuals for their outstanding accomplishments in baseball and for setting an example for fellow



Mainieri (Head Baseball Coach-University of Notre Dame, Jim Hendry, General Manager and Vice President of the Chicago Cubs, Bob Murphy (Former Major League Baseball Player) and Br. Kevin (Columbus President)





Columbus Explorers. The three award recipients were: Chicago Cubs Vice President & General Manager, Jim Hendry, who started his baseball career coaching at Columbus from 1978-1983, former Major League Baseball player and Columbus graduate Robert Murphy, and Head Baseball Coach for the University of Notre Dame and Columbus graduate Paul Mainieri.

The Columbus Explorers now have one of the best high school baseball facilities in the country. This fine facility would not have been possible without the vision and dedication of our board of directors, especially Mr. David Plummer who was in charge of overseeing the entire project along with Mr. Jim Bernhardt.

On February 24th, Columbus held its annual Career Day. In total, 17 alumni participated by speaking to students about their careers. The fields represented included banking, real estate, education, marketing, law, business, medicine, architecture, law enforcement/fire rescue and architecture. Thank you to the following alumni who volunteered their time.

Columbus thanks:

George Kakouris	1971
Robert Escobio	1973
Tom Byrne	1977
Carter Burrus	1962
Cesar Odio	1977
Juan Martinez	1994
Tom Culmo	1980
Robert Pardo	1974
Robert Sanchez	1983

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Bill O'Dowd	198/
Alex Gallardo	1991
Tom Herald	1975
Joe Briggle	1971
Scott Rivas	1975
Richard Cook	1971
Mark Clark	1974
Eddie Llano	1983



CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL CORY BARRETO & TOMMY HERNANDEZ FOURTH ANNUAL SALT WATER FISHING TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 18, 2005 · 6 Am to 4 Pm

Matheson Hammock Park & Marina, Coral Gables

Captain's Meeting : Thursday, June 16, 2005, at Tobacco Road at 7:00 p.m.

Entry fees are \$275 per boat.



1st Place: \$2,000; 2nd Place: \$1,000; 3rd Place Prizes: \$500. Tournament followed by a dinner for participating fisherman.

Platinum - \$2,500: Full Color Page Ad in Program, Logo on front pocket of shirt or sleeve (first come first), 1 free fishing entry plus Captain's bag plus tournament shirts, large banner displayed at weigh-in and Captain's Meeting (sponsor supplied), plaque.

Gold - \$1,000: Full Black & White Page Ad in Program, logo on back of shirt, banner displayed at weigh-in and Captain's Meeting (Sponsor supplied), plaque.

Silver - \$500: 1/2 Page black & white ad in program, small banner displayed at weigh-in and Captain's meeting (sponsor supplied).

Bronze - \$250: 1/4 Page black & white ad in program.

To RSVP or for more information please call Br. Kevin at 305-223-5650 x260.

Sponsorship Agreement:

Name of R	of Sponsor: epresentative: ldress:	
City:		Zip Code
Telephone number		fax number
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Signature		Date
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ANNUAL FUND DRIVE 2004-2005 OUR GOAL \$225,000

WHAT IS THE ANNUAL FUND DRIVE?

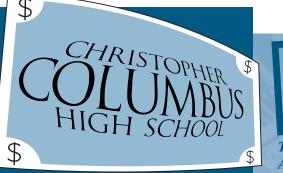
The purpose of the drive is to raise funds for campus educational improvements, technical advancements, facility improvements and financial aid.

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WHAT AM I EXPECTED TO DO?

Columbus is committed to maintaining as reasonable a tuition price as possible but must depend upon your investment to help us make up the difference in tuition versus actual costs. Columbus High School asks you to consider one of the suggested giving plans below. Please be assured that any gift you choose to give will be greatly appreciated and will help to make a difference in the lives of our students and to insure a promising future.

Champagnat Circle:	\$2,500 or more
Marist Circle:	
President's Club:	\$1,500 - \$1,999
Principal's Club:	\$1,000 - \$1,499
Explorer's Club:	\$750 - \$999
Blue & White Club:	\$500 - \$749
Columbus Club:	\$200 - \$499
Century Club:	\$100 - \$199
Friend's Club:	\$25 - \$99



20th Annual Reverse Raffle

If you are interested in being a part of our 21th Annual \$100 Raffle next March, please contact Br. Kevin Handibode at 305-223-5650 ext 258.

The \$10,000 WINNER was Mr. Jim Lord

The following individuals were the raffle winners receiving \$500 each:

Abadin, Ray **Maspons**, Eric Alday, Marta **McEnany**, Dick

Arthur, Bruce Rojas, Amos Bernhardt, Matt Santeiro, Francisco

Our current tuition is \$5,850; the cost per pupil is \$7,200. If we were to raise tuition to cover actual costs and close the GAP, few of our families would be able to send their sons to Columbus.



The 20th Annual Reverse Raffle was a huge success again this year. All tickets were sold. Many alumni parents, alumni, and present parents attended. All in the Marist Brothers community appreciate the support and friendship.

> **Bimonte**, Brad Sawyer, Doug **Bimonte**, Ronald Valdes. Anibal

Briele, Robert Veissi, Matey Diaz, Susana Villavicencio, Osvaldo

17th Annual Dick Pollock/Tom O'Neil Memorial Golf Tournament

Doral Golf Resort • Saturday, June 4th, 2005

PRESENTED BY CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Sponsorships

Platinum Sponsorship - \$7500 Two foursomes on Blue Monster, Company Logo on Golf Shirt or Hat, Full Inside Page Ad in golf Journal, Company name on Exhibition Banner, Four Tee Signage, Special Presentation at Event, Prominent Placement of Corporate Banner (must supply), Exposure on Columbus Website.

Gold Sponsorship - \$5,000 One Foursome of golf, half page ad in Golf Journal, Company Name on Exhibition Banner, Three tee signage, exposure on Columbus Website, Recognition at Awards Ceremony.

Silver Sponsorship - \$2,500 One foursome of golf, half page ad in golf journal, company name on exhibition banner, 2 tee signage, exposure on Columbus website, recognition at awards ceremony.

Bronze Sponsorship - \$1,500 One foursome of golf, quarter page ad in golf journal, company name on exhibition banner, 1 tee signage, exposure on Columbus website.

Benefactor Sponsorship - \$500: One Tee Sign, Company name on exhibition banner.

Individual golfer/Foursome \$175 or \$700 foursome *Net proceeds will benefit the upgrade of school computers.

Tournament Program

- 7:00 am check in, complimentary coffee, doughnuts, and range balls
- 7:45 am Shotgun Start
- Awards / Door Prizes and Buffet Lunch immediately following tournament play at Doral Golf Resort
- Silent Auction / Raffle Items during lunch

Rules Best ball scramble, 4-person teams, single players will be assigned to a team.

Entry Fee Includes

Green fee, golf cart, range balls, refreshments, buffet lunch, awards, prizes, and gift bag. Awards for Hole-in-One, winning team, nearest to pin and longest drive.

Field is limited! Don't get shut out! Fill out application ASAP!

Tournament Contacts:

Brother Kevin: 305-223-5650 x 258 Dick Baker ('62): 305-233-8437 Tom Culmo ('80) 305-856-4004

Nick Stanham ('86) 305-987-8176 Tim Plummer ('83): 305-987-2758

16th Annual Dick Pollock/Tom O'Neil Memorial Golf Tournament

Application Form

Donation is \$175 per player. Send your application with name address, telephone, handicap, and shirt size of each player. Sorry, no refunds!

Name	Address	Telephone	handicap	Shirt Size

Please make checks payable to: Columbus Alumni Association. Mail to: Christopher Columbus High School, Attn: Brother Kevin • 3000 SW 87 Avenue • Miami, FL 33165

Georgia Alumni Reunion

In January, Columbus hosted its annual Georgia Alumni Reunion at Marist High School in Atlanta. This event is always lots of fun. If you live in the Atlanta area and would like to attend the next meeting, contact Br. Kevin at 305-223-5650 x256.

UPCOMING REUNIONS



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COST: \$475 – includes game shirt, game hat, and instructions. Players must provide their own gray baseball pants.

Joe Weber - Founder Head Coach Columbus High School 2003 State Champions Ranked #1 in the State



Class of 1965 40 year Reunion August 19-20 Class of 1985 20 year Reunion August 26-27 Class of 1995 10 year Reunion September 16-17

DATES: May 23 through July 15 – Closed July 4th

OBJECTIVES: To make every member a better ball player, by recognizing weaknesses and improving on them.

LOCATION: The New Columbus Baseball Complex - 3000 SW 87 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33165

PRACTICES: 3:00pm to 6pm – Some games on Saturday

There is a player limit, so act now!

(786) 258-1368 • jweber@webballacademy.com



Columbus Alumni Profile: Ray Rodriguez (`69)

This past February, Ray Rodriguez was named President and Chief Operating Officer of Univision Communications Inc., the nation's leading Spanish-language media company. Mr. Rodriguez joined Univision in 1990 as Vice President and Director of Talent Relations. He was soon promoted to President of Univision Network, the company's cable network (Galavision), and its newest network (Telefutura).

Born in Cuba, Rodriguez is a graduate of the University of Miami. Before joining Univision, he worked with the international accounting firm Deloitte & Touche for ten years, followed by six years with the well-known entertainer Julio Iglesias, the last four as his chief executive officer and worldwide manager. Mr. Rodriguez resides with his wife and three children in Miami, Florida.

Alumni in the News

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RICK ESCUDERO ('84): In March 2005, Rick Escudero was inducted to the FIU College of Business Administration Alumni Circle. The Alumni Circle is comprised of dynamic alumni who serve as advisors to the College's deans.

LUIS GAZITUA ('94): In March 2005, Luis Gazitua was appointed by Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Alvarez as Senior Advisor in the Office of the Mayor.

JORGE ORTEGA ('81): In February 2005, Jorge Ortega joined the Jeffrey Group as President. The Jeffrey Group is among the largest marketing communications and public relations agencies in Miami.

GABRIEL RODRIGUEZ ('96) On January 16, 2005, Gabriel Rodriguez placed 7th and was the 1st American at the HP Houston Marathon.

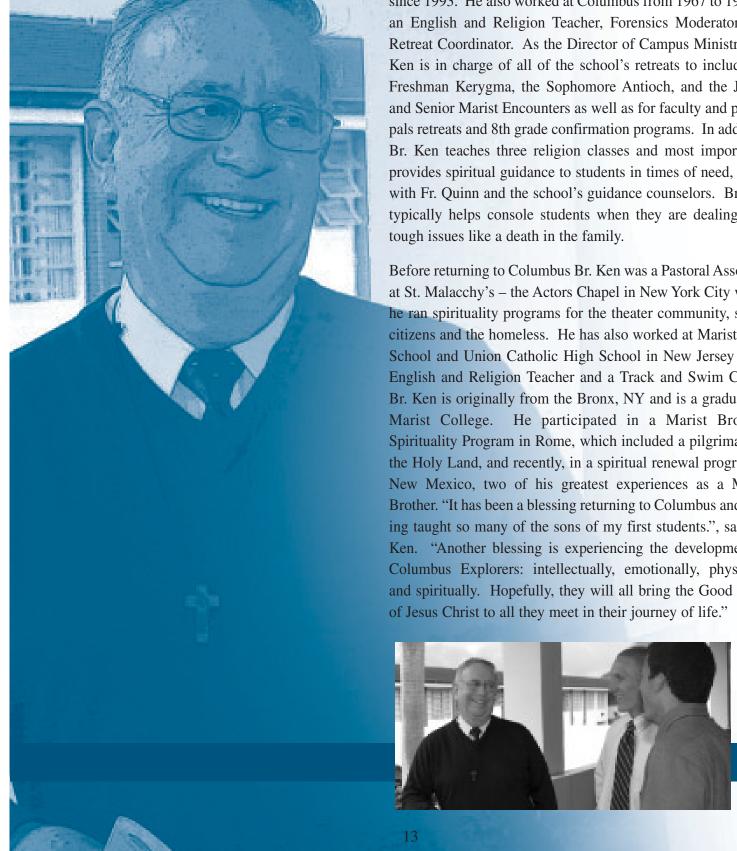
LESTER SOLA ('83): Lester Sola was named the new Miami-Dade County Elections Supervisor in April 2005.



CHARLES VON SCHMIDT ('63): On January 18, 2005, artist Von Schmidt presented the late Pope John Paul II with a sculpture representing the "Ideals of Aaron". The life-size crystal sculpture of two hands holding a globe was commissioned especially for a historic gathering in which more than 100 Jewish leaders and representatives of other religious faiths participated to honor the Pontiff for his accomplishments in improving relations between Catholics and Jews.



Columbus Faculty Profile: Kenneth Curtin, Director of Campus Ministry



Br. Ken has been the Director of Campus Ministry at Columbus since 1993. He also worked at Columbus from 1967 to 1971 as an English and Religion Teacher, Forensics Moderator, and Retreat Coordinator. As the Director of Campus Ministry, Br. Ken is in charge of all of the school's retreats to include the Freshman Kerygma, the Sophomore Antioch, and the Junior and Senior Marist Encounters as well as for faculty and principals retreats and 8th grade confirmation programs. In addition, Br. Ken teaches three religion classes and most importantly provides spiritual guidance to students in times of need, along with Fr. Quinn and the school's guidance counselors. Br. Ken typically helps console students when they are dealing with

Before returning to Columbus Br. Ken was a Pastoral Associate at St. Malacchy's – the Actors Chapel in New York City where he ran spirituality programs for the theater community, senior citizens and the homeless. He has also worked at Marist High School and Union Catholic High School in New Jersey as an English and Religion Teacher and a Track and Swim Coach. Br. Ken is originally from the Bronx, NY and is a graduate of Marist College. He participated in a Marist Brothers Spirituality Program in Rome, which included a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and recently, in a spiritual renewal program in New Mexico, two of his greatest experiences as a Marist Brother. "It has been a blessing returning to Columbus and having taught so many of the sons of my first students.", said Br. Ken. "Another blessing is experiencing the development of Columbus Explorers: intellectually, emotionally, physically and spiritually. Hopefully, they will all bring the Good News

Columbus Summer Camp

31th Annual



The longest running basketball Camp in Dade County

A camp for boys and girls of all abilities who want to improve their basketball skills, we provide a safe and enjoyable environment for your children. We strive to continue the same great format in our state of the art facility with extended hours and recreational activities daily until 4:00 p.m. Lunch included in all-day camp fee.

Basketball Camp Features:

- Individual instruction
- Shooting and dribbling, passing contests
- Outstanding camp staff
- Excellent personalized instruction for the beginner, rising star or high school player
- Guest speakers-college players and coaches
- Camp t-shirts for all campers
- Highlight and actual camp game film of campers
- Finals shooting competition
- 3 on 3 and 5 on 5 competitions
- Weekly evaluations of campers
- Pee-Wee League Ages 8 and under

Activities: We offer a variety of adult supervised recreational and educational activities. Field trips will include Movies, Roller Skating, Bowling, Museums and swimming at the Venetian Pool. *A fee will be charged for field trips.

June 6 – 10 & June 13-17 Evening Session: Ages 14-17 Hours: 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

June 6 through July 15 Morning Session: Ages 6-13 Hours: 8:00 to 12:00 - Basketball Only Organized Free Play 8:00-9:00 Instruction & League Play 9:00-12:00 Full Day: 8:00 to 4:00 p.m.

COLUMBUS SUMMER CAMP APPLICATION FORM

Gender:

Camper's Name:

Home Address:

Date of Birth:

Shirt size: S: () M: () L: () XL: ()

Registration Fee: None. | Full Day: \$160.00 (Hours: 8:00 to 4:00) | Basketball Only: \$110.00 SPECIAL MINI-WEEK SESSION: July 5 - 8 Half Day: \$88.00 | July 5 - 8 Full Day: \$128.00 | Field Trips: Additional fee.

Check week(s)	J	June 6 - 10 (AM) (PM)	June 13 -1	7 (AM) (PM)	
you plan to attend:	Mini-Week:]	June 27 - July 1 () July 5	-8() Ju	ıly 11 - 15 ()	Amount

I/we, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____ request that Christopher Columbus High School allow my/our son/daughter to attend the Summer Camp. To the best of my/our knowledge my/our son/daughter does not have any physical or emotional problems or conditions that would prevent him/her from attending the camp.

I/we hereby release and save harmless Christopher Columbus High School and any and all of its employees from any and all liability arising to my/our son/daughter. I/we give our consent for emergency medical care and accept financial responsibility for such care.

Signature:	Home Phone:	Work Phone:	
Emergency Contact:	Home Phone:	Work Phone:	-

All campers will be dismissed at 4:00 p.m. There will be an additional supervisory fee of \$5.00 for each half hour thereafter. Children are not allowed on campus after 6:00 p.m.



Columbus Students Raise Money for Children of Disabled Veterans



A group of students from Columbus have formed "The Purple Heart Kids," to raise funds to support educational costs of children of local disabled veterans from the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Last fall, Columbus juniors, Michael Chomat, Jonathan Rodriguez, and Ricky Fernandez formed "Purple Heart Kids" as a result of a class assignment for their Christian Service Class. The idea came about when one of the student's mothers met a Columbus alumni who served in Iraq and was so disabled that he couldn't work and provide for his

family. "When my mother told me the story, I knew immediately we had to do something to make a difference," Michael Chomat said.

Chomat and his classmates formed Purple Heart Kids and quickly started raising money



through school raffles and other events. Their goal is to provide a \$5,000 federal savings bond to each family of disabled veterans (one bond per child). To qualify for the program a veteran must be 50 to 99% disabled due to an incident of active duty in the recent wars, be a Florida resident, and have children 12 years old or under. The team also presented their program to other organizations such as the American Legion, Cheetam, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, all who have sponsored Purple Heart Kids and donated funds.

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In March, the team presented a \$5,000 savings bond to their first family at a special ceremony. Purple Heart team members, along with President Brother Kevin and Assistant principal Patricia Call acknowledged Sergeant John Quincy Adams, his wife Summer and four year old son Christopher. Adams became disabled while on active duty in the Iraq war in August 2003 when his Humvee was bombed.

Purple Hearts team member Jonathon Rodriguez said, "I was touched to witness the bond that Sgt. Adams shares with his son. And I am proud to stand next to him and his family today."

The Columbus Purple Heart Kids team is already planning the presentation of a savings bond to their second family. To date, the team has raised over \$5,000. The students meet twice a week to discuss progress and strategies for the program. Next the

> team plans to visit churches, schools, and more corporations to appeal for support and contributions. They also plan on holding fundraising events and prepare an informational video.

As a Marist Brothers School, Columbus sets before its students the teachings of Jesus Christ and provides an outstanding and extensive Campus Ministry program. The goal of this program is to help students grow spiritually and personal-

ly, through prayer and service. School Principal, Br. Patrick McNamara is the person who teaches the Christian Service Class and assigned the students the service project. "I am very proud of these students." said Br. Patrick. "They could have simply tutored kids in the community to fulfill the class project but they aimed really high and are now making a great impact on families who need monetary help for their children."

For further information on the Purple Heart Kids Program or to make a contribution please call Christopher Columbus High School at 305-223-5650 x255.



The source of this information is compiled from either your e-mails or the biographical info after the Fall 2004 publication. Any items received after April 11, 2005 will be published in the next issue.

CLASS OF 1960

Dennis Brockland is the owner of Brockland Company & Assoc. which includes multi-line insurance agencies. He and his wife Bethany live in Morganton, NC. They have 2 adult children and 1 teenager. E-mail: dennisb@firstbrockland.com.

CLASS OF 1964

Bernie Kepshire is a fisheries biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. He and his wife Joan live in Corvallis OR. They have three children, Christa and Laura (twins), and Paul. Bernie enjoys fishing, racquetball and stamp collecting (fish). He would like to hear from his '64 classmates. E-mail: bmkjr@yahoo.com.

CLASS OF 1965

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CLASS OF 1968

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