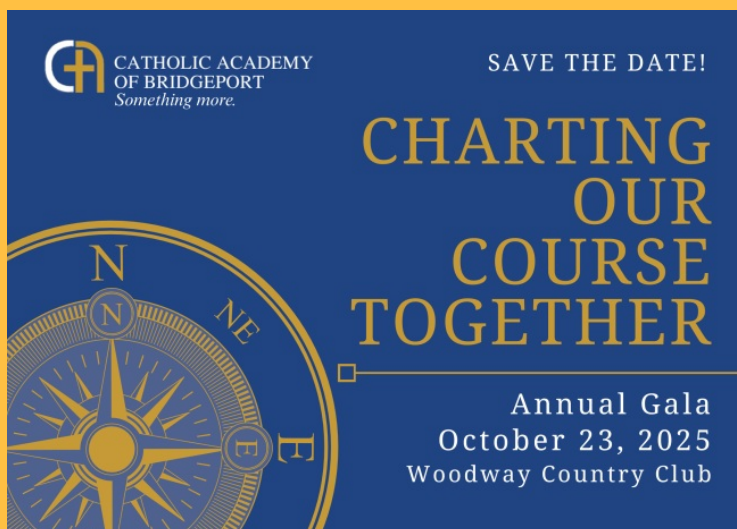


Dr. Frank P. Cammisa to be honored at CAB Fall Gala



In addition to stalwart supporter Dr. Frank P. Cammisa, Jr. (above), CAB will also recognize distinguished alumni in the medical field at its fall event.

It is with great joy and gratitude that the Academy will honor Dr. Frank P. Cammisa, Jr. on October 23 at 6 PM at Woodway Country Club in Darien. As a devoted student sponsor through CAB's Rising Stars program, a key supporter of major events and an advocate of the endowment, Dr. Cammisa has changed countless lives in Bridgeport through the years. He also has had tremendous impact professionally as a spine surgeon. He is Chief Emeritus of Spine Service at Hospital for Special Surgery and a Professor of Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College. Dr. Cammisa is a graduate of Tufts University and Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, and is credited with introducing many innovative techniques, such as total disc replacement as an alternative to spinal fusion surgery. He has led extensive research in many areas of spine surgery and founded the Integrated Spine Research Program at HSS. He is on the medical staff of the New York Giants and New York Mets, and is a consultant to the National Hockey League Players Association. He lives in Greenwich and has three grown children: Annie, Trey and Jack. Please save the date to be with us when we honor Dr. Cammisa along with some of CAB's distinguished alumni who have gone on to success in the medical field!



Brian P. O'Connor joins Board

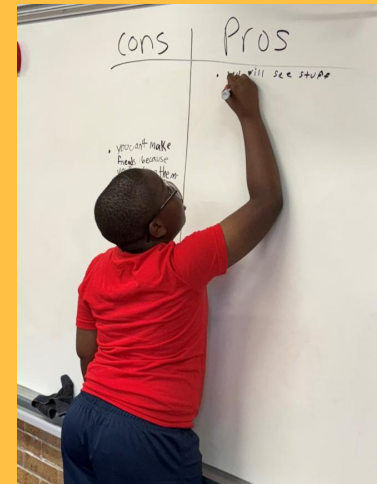
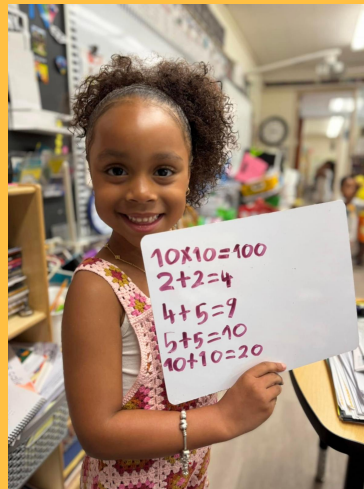
We are delighted to announce the appointment of Brian P. O'Connor to the Board of the Catholic Academy of Bridgeport. O'Connor grew up in Miami Shores, FL, attended Catholic schools through high school in Miami, and is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Harvard Business School. He is a Senior Partner and the Chief Investment Officer of Bansk Group, a private equity firm focused on investing in consumer goods, and leads the firm's investments in the Food & Beverage and Household sectors. Prior to that, Brian spent almost 20 years at Vestar

Capital Partners, a mid-market private equity firm where he was a Managing Director and Co-Head of the Consumer Group, and he started his career at DLJ Merchant Banking Partners. "I am thankful that Brian has joined CAB's Board. He brings many individual talents and fully embraces our mission to provide a high quality, faith-based education to each of our 900 students. With his help, the Board will continue to reach new heights, improving the Academy and ensuring its bright, long-term future," said Board Chair John

Kreitler. O'Connor, who also serves as a director on the Boards of Woodstream, Red's and No Man's Land and was previously on the Boards of Sun Products, Roland Foods, Hearthside and Nonni's, said, "I am very grateful to be able to join the Board of such an amazing organization like the Catholic Academy of Bridgeport that is making such a positive impact on so many students' lives. I look forward to being a part of it and contributing in any way that I can." O'Connor and his wife, Courtney, have three children and live in Darien.

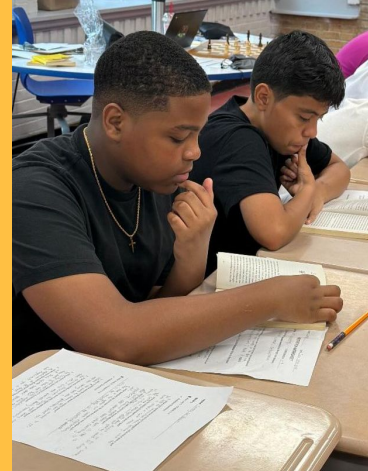
CAB Founding Board Chair Larry Bossidy dies at age 90

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of our Founding Board Chair, Larry Bossidy, on July 22. Bossidy served from 2004-2009 and helped to expand the Board's depth and breadth. He was also instrumental in launching a transformative endowment fund, overseeing significant structural repairs to aged buildings and ensuring important modern technology was added to classrooms. These improvements allowed CAB to better compete with local public and magnet schools while helping students be best prepared for high school and beyond. Because of this foresight, CAB remains a beacon of hope and light in the city of Bridgeport today. Bossidy will long be remembered for his distinguished five-decade career, which included 34 years at the General Electric Company where he rose to the position of Vice Chairman, and subsequent years as Chairman and CEO of AlliedSignal and Honeywell. He also co-authored several best-selling books. Perhaps Bossidy's biggest success, though, was his beautiful family. Larry Bossidy's legacy will forever live on in the hearts and minds of CAB Board members, faculty, staff and students.



Summer programs filled with learning and fun

Since late June, CAB summer camps and enrichment programs have been serving over 200 students each weekday. JumpStart, on our St. Augustine campus, focuses on preventing "summer slide" and encouraging academic growth through ELA and math work taught in small classes and using academically challenging material. Our other camps, at Sts. Andrew, Ann and Raphael, also include enrichment aspects but are more traditional in nature, where campers enjoy daily water play, weekly excursions, arts and crafts, sports and more. Each opportunity includes a nutritious breakfast and lunch each weekday, as well as much anticipated weekly visits from an ice cream truck. CAB is grateful to our faculty and staff for their tremendous efforts in making these offerings so successful each year, as well as to The Queally Foundation for underwriting the enrichment components of these programs, especially JumpStart. Together, we are changing lives!



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Brendan D. Bernard '10

Sergeant US Army, Infantry

Brendan graduated from CAB's St. Andrew campus in 2010. He then went on to Fairfield Prep, where he was an AP and Honors student and graduated Cum Laude. He went on to Fairfield University where he graduated Magna Cum Laude in 2018 with a B.A. in Political Science and a minor in Philosophy. Today, Brendan is a Sergeant in the U.S. Army Infantry Division at Ft. Irwin, a national training center in the Mojave desert, where he has been for the last five years. He has received four Army Achievement Medals. Soldier of the Month, Soldier of the Quarter, 2nd Place Soldier of the Year (out of 5,000 people on the base), and a Silver Medal for the German Field Standards Competition. "In hindsight, transitioning to high school was easy. The learning experiences and culture at St. Andrew helped me a lot more than other kids from public schools. I was very well prepared. The education I received was high quality and it set me above others in high school...I still remember Ms. Young, my 1st-grade teacher. She engaged with the kids and was hands on. She also was similar to my mom, including with discipline. She maintained high standards of behavior and morality, and balanced discipline with a caring atmosphere." Most impactful overall, in Brendan's view, was the school's fostering the spiritual element. "We had Mass every First Friday, religion classes and learned the philosophy and morality behind what we believe. Being diligent with your work in class was important, as was learning self-discipline. Standards were high and spiritual guidance kept me on track. I saw others outside of my school without those things who got off track. And faith is still important to me." What is Brendan's advice for parents considering a CAB campus for their child? "Ask yourself, 'What do you envision for their future?' It has to start at home. School should be an extension of home. For high standards for education success and learning, CAB is second to none, head and shoulders above any public school. Kids are far too easily distracted today, and need the culture of personal discipline found here. Motivation, discipline, a consistent foundation of morality and discipline at school and at home – all of these are important and you will find here." Brendan is not the only Bernard family member to go on and achieve success. All of his five older siblings attended CAB campuses, and his mother, Peaches (*pictured below right*), is a long-time beloved Middle School Teacher on the St. Augustine campus.



Additional Bernard-Family Alumni Highlights:

- Elizabeth Bernard Hussein graduated from CAB's St. Augustine campus in 2001. Following, she received full scholarships to attend both Luralton Hall and UCONN. After receiving a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 2010, Elizabeth went on to work at Collins Aerospace and UTC Aerospace. Today, she is the COO of Solomon's Way, Inc.
- Robert Bernard graduated from CAB's St. Augustine campus in 2003. He then attended Kolbe Cathedral Prep for high school and Lincoln Technical Institute. Robert currently works as a Technical Support Advisor and Consultant at Cigna, where he just won his second performance award.
- Paul Bernard graduated from CAB's St. Augustine campus in 2004 and Kolbe Cathedral Prep in 2018. He received an EMT certificate and is now pursuing a secondary degree in Communications at Fairfield University, where he also works as a Central Receiving Attendant.
- Brianna Bernard graduated from CAB's St. Andrew campus in 2007 and Kolbe Cathedral Prep in 2011. She has a certificate in Behavioral Science and works as a specialist with autistic children at Milestones Behavioral Services.
- Kayla Bernard graduated from CAB's St. Andrew campus in 2008, Luralton Hall in 2012, and Southern CT State University School of Business in 2016. She is currently an Account Manager at Lawley Insurance.

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