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Pictured Josh Bordas,  
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Ben's wife ElizaBeth,  
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sons Jeremiah and Joel

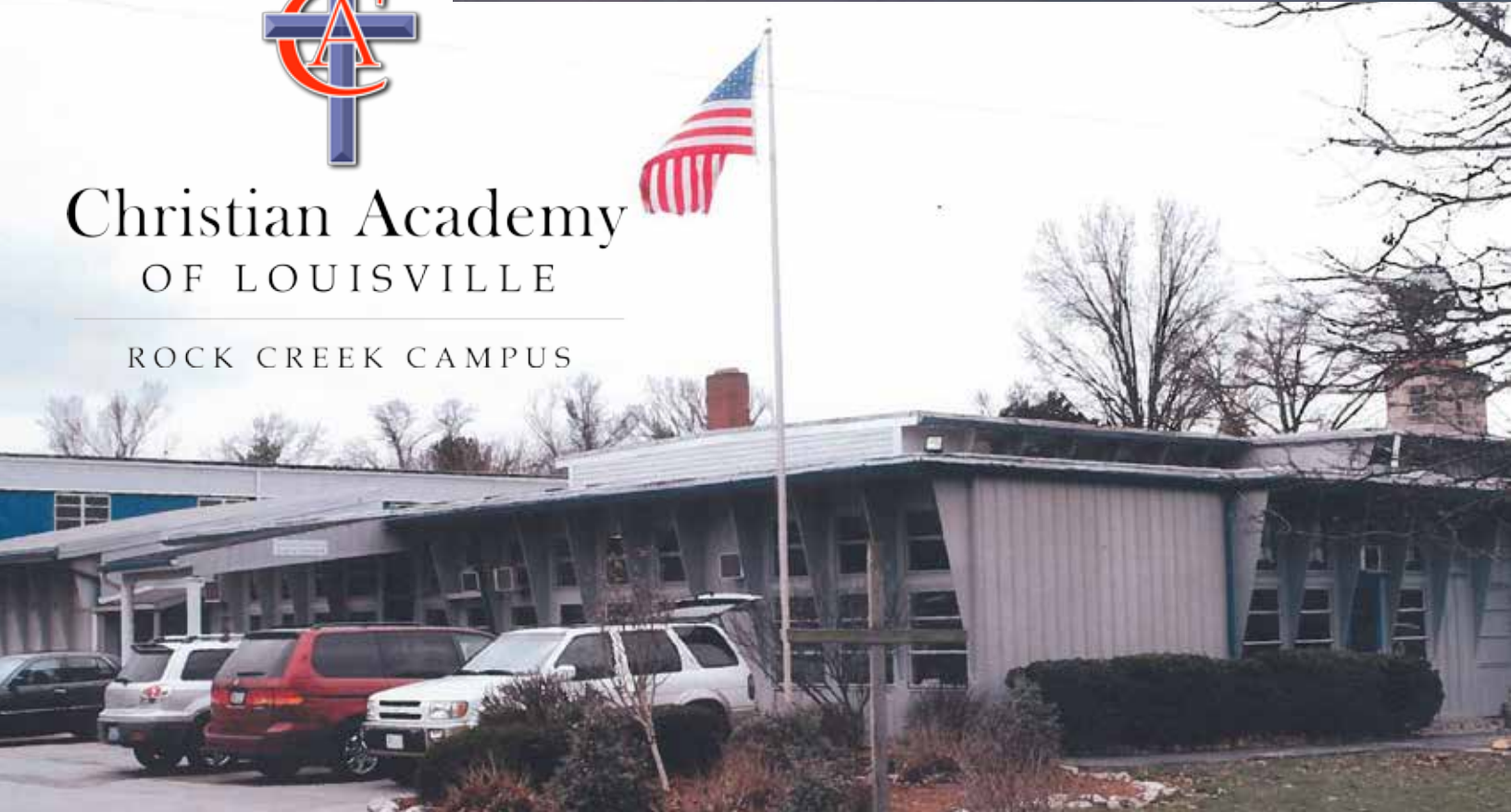


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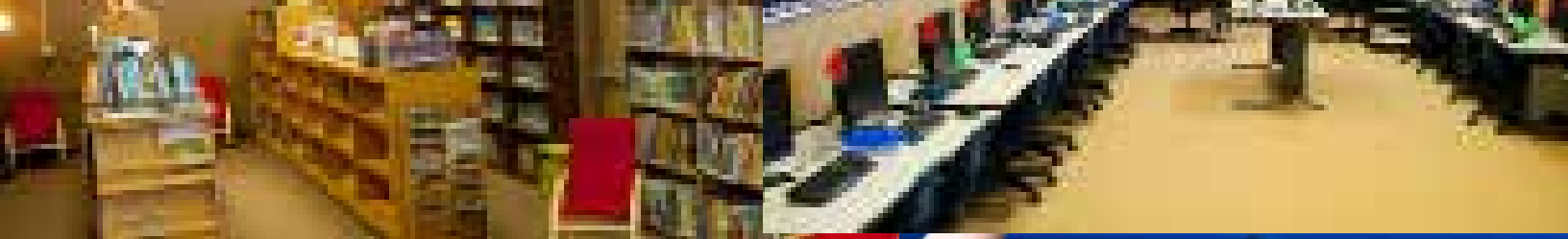
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# CREEK & NOW



# alumni spotlights

## HAAKEN MAGNUSON, CLASS OF 2011



**Since graduating from CAL, where have you been attending college?** I am studying Biology at Union University located in Jackson, TN.

**What exciting opportunities have you been involved in recently?** I have had some wonderful opportunities to travel. I took advantage of Union's J-term to study abroad in Italy. I also spent time visiting England and France in January. Traveling to Honduras with CAL has always been a special memory for me, recently I

## KENNY SOTO, CLASS OF 2009 & BEN SOTO, CLASS OF 2012

Pictured here with proud mom, Rhonda Arnold, one of our high school math teachers. Kenny joined the Air National Guard during his senior year at CAL. He was nominated by the Security Forces Squadron for Airman of the Year earlier in 2014. While Kenny did not receive the award, the nomination by itself is an honor. He was awarded an Achievement Medal for saving a young woman's life when he intervened during a dispute with her boyfriend that had turned violent. Using his Security Forces experience he subdued the offender, administered first aid to the victim and safeguarded the area until local law enforcement officers arrived on the scene. His actions potentially saved her life. Ben is in the Air Force ROTC at the University of Louisville and just started his third year. Upon successful completion of the program he will go on active duty in the United States Air Force when he graduates. We are proud to recognize these CAL Alumni!



had the privilege to join the school for a return trip. I always feel that when I am traveling I have the time to learn more about myself. It is a very liberating experience!

**What are your future plans?** I am pursuing a career in dentistry.

**How did CAL impact your life and prepare you for the future?** The faculty and staff at CAL touched my life in such a profound way I don't think I will ever be able to properly thank them for what they mean to me. Carol Inman encouraged me in the area of service to the student body, I knew if I ever needed anything she would drop her busy schedule and be available to me. Becky Wiley made me feel at home when I would spend time talking with her. Cary Rice had such an incredible passion for what he does that I was impacted by the time I spent in his class. Mrs. Watson was so authentic in her dialogue with me that I felt completely comfortable and welcomed by her smile. I could go on and on about how grateful I feel for the opportunities afforded me through my time at Christian Academy.

I will say that I felt loved at CAL and that love has inspired and compelled me to love others better. I really do love people and I know that love can do amazing things!

**What have you learned since your time in high school?** The most important thing I have realized is to be authentic. It is important to know what you believe and hold fast to it.

## ALLISON FOSTER, CLASS OF 2012



Foster named Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year Ally Foster was honored at the 2014 Great Lakes Valley Conference Softball Championship Tournament banquet as the conference's Player of the Year. She was selected as the POY and first-team All-GLVC East as a utility player. Before leading Bellarmine into the GLVC Softball Championship, Foster built what may have been an irrevocable case to become the league's POY. Name a statistical category offensively, and the Louisville native either heads the GLVC or is among the leaders. Foster plays center field when she's not pitching, and leads the league in batting average (.397), slugging percentage (.747) and on-base percentage (.508), and is top seven in hits (58), doubles (15), homers (12), RBIs (36), runs scored (39), total bases (109) and walks (31).

Foster has been just as dominating when she leaves the batter's box for the pitcher's circle. Her anemic 0.92 ERA is fifth in the country, and she's second in the nation in hits allowed per seven innings (2.81). The overpowering right-hander has struck out a BU single-season record of 172 batters while accumulating a 16-5 record with a GLVC-best four saves. Opponents are batting a paltry .123 against the two-time All-GLVC first teamer, which leads the conference.

## MEGAN LAFFOON, CLASS OF 2012

WKU student, Megan Laffoon, was recognized by the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program.

Laffoon, the daughter of Jeannie and Glen Laffoon, is a biology major who plans to graduate in 2016. She is a student in the Honors College at WKU and the Chinese Flagship Program and is traveling this summer to Taiwan for an intensive Chinese language program. Her goals include earning a PhD in conservation ecology and conducting research in environmental restoration.

Laffoon is combining her love of the Chinese language with a desire to make a difference by studying ways to combat the problem of karst desertification in China caused by deforestation, according to her mentors, Biology Professor Dr. Albert Meier and Geography and Geology Professor Dr. Chris Groves. Dr. Meier said the problem impacts millions of people by creating problems with water supply and agriculture through soil erosion.

"Finding solutions to these problems in an active area of research within China and learning about it was immediately appealing to Megan," he said. "There is an obvious nexus between her interests in envi-



ronmental science and China, and there was a special appeal to her clear sense of wanting to work in applied studies that might actually make a difference in helping people and somehow improving quality of life, and all of these elements were present."

Dr. Meier said Laffoon is "intelligent, creative and curious, but this would not have been enough if she had not shown the spirit of caring and giving that has inspired her work, and the preparation that allowed her to recognize and make the most of opportunities."

# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2014!



## JENNY FIELDS

Please join me in welcoming Jennifer (Fetter) Fields class of 1986 to her role as the Alumni Advisory Board Chair. Jenny is currently with Borders and Borders, PLC in Louisville and will bring a wealth of experience to the position. She is married to Mitchell Fields, also a member of the Class of 1986. They have two children, Ben a sixth grade student at the English Station Campus and Evelyn a second grader at the Rock Creek Campus. Her love and passion for Christian Academy of Louisville will be an invaluable asset to our Alumni!



## DARLENE KUTZNER

*Alumni Relations Coordinator*



Christian Academy has been a part of my life since 1977. I was the eighth grade student with the big glasses and awkward smile. My time was spent navigating the beginnings of this little Christian School. We experienced all of the “firsts” CAL had to offer...Senior

rings, Senior trip, Senior Banquet (no proms in our day) and the first graduating class in 1982.

Flash forward thirty-two years and here I begin to assume my role as the Alumni Relations Coordinator for what is now Christian Academy School System. Never in my dreams could I have imagined the growth that God has blessed this school with. It is with much prayer, support of many wonderful people including two of my favorite CAL alumni, my husband Jim (1982) and my daughter Sarah (2013) that I start to serve in this role. I look forward to connecting with you, hearing your stories and keeping you aware of what we are accomplishing in this special place. Please “like” our Alumni Facebook page, we will be updating that as news and events are shared! Please feel free to contact me by email [Dkutzner@caschools.us](mailto:Dkutzner@caschools.us) or by phone (502) 753-4557.



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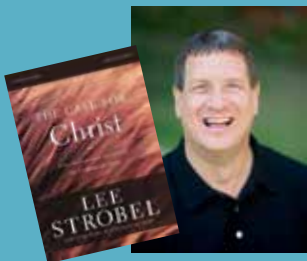
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