



August 2025

Dear Seniors and Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you are enjoying a restful summer. As we prepare to return to school in September, the School and College Counseling Office would like to provide you with an overview of the coming year. We are excited to announce that Mrs. Gina Morisano will be transitioning to a new role that is more focused on mental health. In this new role, she will be available to all students within the building. As a result, Mrs. Rose Leo will be joining our team at CBA! Mrs. Leo has extensive experience having worked in college admissions for the past 12 years at Fordham University. Her years of experience will be invaluable to our students during the college process. Mrs. Leo will be taking over Mrs. Morisano's caseload, but please be assured that Mrs. Morisano will be writing your son's letter of recommendation since Mrs. Morisano has worked with your son for the past two years. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Leo to our community.

In addition to an overview of the year, you will find the name of your School and College Counselor below, based on your last name.

Counselor Assignments by Last Name

Mr. David Frick----- A - Di
Mr. Kevin McCaig----- Do - Lo
Mrs. Rose Leo ----- Lu - Pi
Mr. Patrick Brennan ----- Po - Z

This year you will embark on the final leg of your journey through Christian Brothers Academy. You have been working toward the college admission process since the beginning of your high school career and have accomplished a great deal over the past few years. Yet, the work is not done. Below are several important steps we recommend you take to ensure a successful college process. At the start of the year, you will meet with your counselor to discuss these steps and more. Included on the class page you will also find a calendar of important tasks to guide you through the year. In the meantime, be prepared to discuss the following with your counselor:

1. Finalize a list of potential colleges including likely, target and reach schools.
2. Investigate each college's application process (i.e., Common Application or some other online application offered by a college). Note all deadlines!
3. Recommit yourself to academic excellence for senior year. Senior grades can become the critical factor in any close admissions decision.
4. Prepare well for additional SAT/ACT tests with the understanding that many colleges remain test-optional. Talk with your counselor about which schools to send your scores to.
5. If you intend to apply for financial aid, check each college on your list for the required forms (FAFSA, CSS Profile, etc.) and deadlines.

During Orientation Week on Wednesday, September 3rd, the School & College Counseling Office will meet with all seniors to review the application processes to be completed in Maia Learning. Please come prepared to give us your full attention during this especially important time. Parents/Guardians are invited to attend a Senior Parent Night on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:30 PM. This program will detail the college process for senior year. Look for an upcoming email with additional details. We will have over 100 colleges visit CBA this coming fall for individual visits, while also hosting a mini-fair on Wednesday, October 8th. These are great opportunities to connect with the college representatives that will be evaluating your application. Students must register for the individual visits on the Maia Learning site, but you do not have to register for the mini-fair.

We have a busy agenda ahead of us but by working together we can enjoy a fruitful and productive year. We look forward to our continued partnership. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,
The CBA School & College Counseling Office