

WARRIOR WEEKLY



GRADUATION CEREMONY

FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

CCHS' twenty-second annual commencement exercises were held on Sunday, May 26th for the Class of 2024.

One hundred sixty-nine students were recognized for their successful achievement of earning their diploma of high school graduation. The Class of 2024 excelled in many areas during their four years in high school. Listed below are some highlights for the class.

- Class Size: **79** Females, **90** Males, **169** Total
- **140** of our **169** seniors, that is **83%**, have attended CCHS for all 4 years of high school
- Community Service Hours Donated: **25,855**
- The class took **432** Advanced Placement Exams for Potential College Credit
- The class took **234** Dual Credit courses to earn 702 College Credit hours.
- **23** seniors signed National Letters of Intent and received scholarships to play athletics in college.
- Colleges Applied to: **134**
- Total College Acceptances: **609**
- Total Scholarship Dollars Awarded: **\$16,068,370.00**
- Service Hours Donated: **25,855**
- Average GPA (weighted): **3.84**

CCHS is thankful for the many achievements of the students in the Class of 2024. We trust their time at Calvary has prepared them academically and spiritually to confidently take on the challenges of college and life as a young adult. The class now joins a prestigious group that numbers over 1600 and is known as the Alumni of Calvary Christian High School. Remember—Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior!

2024 VALEDICTORIAN

DAVID BUNNER

Valedictorian, David Bunner, Addresses Classmates at Graduation



The Class of 2024 Valedictorian, **David Bunner**, gave the valedictorian address during the graduation ceremony. David is the son of Sean and Ellen Bunner and is brother to Jonny, a CCHS graduate in the Class of 2018, and Katie, a CCHS graduate in the Class of 2021. David emerged at the top of his class with a weighted GPA of 4.577, and an unweighted GPA of 4.0. During his 4 years at CCHS, David was a member of the Warrior Golf Team each year. He is a member of National Honor Society,

Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society, Rho Kappa Honor Society, National English Honor Society and Science National Honor Society. David was also involved as a member of the Engineering Club, eSports Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the Key Club. Additionally, he served as the President of both the Engineering Club and the eSports Club. David volunteered more than 139 hours to the community, and he took 9 Advanced Placement courses and 4 Dual Credit courses during his enrollment at CCHS. David came to CCHS from one of four partner schools, St. Petersburg Christian School, and he leaves CCHS with an interest in majoring in Chemical Engineering. He received acceptances to the University of Florida, University of Central Florida, University of South Florida, University of Wisconsin, and the Colorado School of Mines. He will attend the University of Florida.

In his speech, David challenged his classmates to “lock in” on the

future and specifically mentioned three areas of emphasis. First, he encouraged the class to “lock in on working hard.” Second, he reminded his friends to remain “locked in on serving our community.” David highlighted the 25,855 community hours served by the class and challenged them to not stop serving just because the CCHS requirement has been met. Finally, David challenged his classmates to “lock in on starting or continuing a relationship with God.” David added, “When you are living on your own, you have to decide as a person what is most important to you, and if you’ve learned anything here at Calvary, it’s that no single thing on this earth will provide you with more fulfillment and everlasting benefit than God, no matter how inconvenient or insignificant He may feel in your life.” Congratulations, David, on your outstanding achievements and for earning the distinction of being the valedictorian of the Class of 2024.



2024 SALUTATORIAN

CATHERINE “CATE” DIMASSA

Salutatorian, Cate DiMassa, Addresses Classmates at Graduation



Catherine “Cate” DiMassa addressed her classmates during the graduation ceremony with the Class of 2024 salutatorian speech. Cate is the daughter of Pat and Julie DiMassa and sister to Rebecca, who is a student in the CCHS Class of 2026, and Emma, who is currently attending Florida State University. Cate earned a weighted GPA of 4.56 and an unweighted GPA of 4.0. She is a member of National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society, Rho Kappa Honor Society, and the Science National Honor

Society. She serves as the President of both Mu Alpha Theta and the Science National Honor Society. Cate is also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Pickleball Club, and participated on the Warrior Track and Field in the Javelin event for 3 years. Cate volunteered 110 hours to the community through Metropolitan Ministries, Color a Smile, and other outreach opportunities. Academically, Cate took 11 Advanced Placement courses and 6 Dual Credit courses. Prior to coming to CCHS, Cate attended Farnell Middle School. She leaves CCHS with plans to major in Chemical Engineering. She has been accepted to University of Notre Dame, University of Florida, Case Western Reserve University, University of Central Florida and University of Maine. She will attend the University of Florida. In her speech, Cate shared how she would not have thought of being the CCHS Salutatorian as a freshman, especially since the application for

admission at CCHS was a last minute decision. With the start of high school as a freshman only one week away, Cate’s application for admission to attend CCHS was submitted. She and her family never attended an Open House, she never had a shadow visit, and she didn’t attend the Course Selection Night for new students. She was accepted and attended on the first day of school with a lot of unknowns; however, Cate said the experience taught her a lesson— one she wanted to share with her classmates now. She said, “As much as we go into college with all of the expectations for ourselves, we have to leave room for God’s plan.” Cate added, “I think we should remember that what we expect is not always God’s plan for our lives. And we have to trust that for whatever happens, God is in control and will provide the best for us.” Congratulations, Cate on your achievement and earning the recognition as the CCHS Class of 2024 Salutatorian.





TOP 25 STUDENTS

IN CLASS OF 2024
RECOGNIZED AT GRADUATION
CEREMONY

Students in the Class of 2024, finishing their education at CCHS ranked in the top 25 out of the 169 students based on their weighted grade point average, were recognized at the graduation ceremony. The students wore a medal recognizing them as "Honor Graduates." Additionally, the group was asked to stand to be recognized in front of all in attendance. Congratulations to the following students who earned the recognition as a Top 25 student in the Class of 2024.

Parker Barry
Carson Brady
David Bunner
Cate DiMassa
Katelyn Fast
Caroline Haislip
Kaitlin Hardy
Alina Hedges
Jack Kouwe
Katelyn Kriss
Mckenzie Lange
Reagan Lavina
Brenner Mauldin

Katelyn Micko
Addison Morris
Sahara North
Gracie Park
Taylor Parks
Gabe Rodriguez
Camila Salazar
Brady Savage
Caelyn Stoughton
Bailey Stradley
Emarie Straw
Noah Stuecher

FINE ARTS AWARD RECIPIENTS

AVA JOHNSON AND JAKE NEUMEYER

Distinguished Fine Arts Award Recipients



At Calvary, the mission of the Fine Arts Department is to provide a challenging college preparatory fine arts education that inspires and equips students to become lifelong practitioners and patrons of the arts, rooted in a Christian worldview. Because each student is uniquely gifted by God in areas of creativity, we desire to challenge and equip each of them to be their best for Him. Each year, one male and one female student are each awarded the Distinguished Fine Arts Senior award. This is the highest award in Fine Arts at CCHS. Students are nominated by the Fine Arts faculty based on the students' Christian character, excellence in the arts, leadership, service, loyalty, and ambition. Often, these students are involved in several areas of the Fine Arts Department.

This year's female recipient is **Ava Johnson**. Ava was a member of Band, Choir, and the Theater programs throughout her time at CCHS. As an instrumentalist, she participated in the marching band, concert band, and jazz band. As a member of the Warrior Marching Band, she served as the Drum

Major during her senior year and helped the band to earn the 2023 FMBC Class 1A State Championship. Ava earned several superior ratings as a soloist and ensemble member at the District and State FBA Solo and Ensemble Festivals. As a vocalist, Ava participated in the Calvary Choir and the Warrior Voices. She served as the Soprano 2 Section Leader for two years and earned a superior rating at the FVA Solo and Ensemble Festival. As an actress, Ava participated in the spring musical for three years and earned the lead role of "Esther Smith" in this year's production of Meet Me in St. Louis. She participated in the International Thespian Society and earned superior ratings for her performances at the District and State ITS festivals. Ava is a hard worker. She has a passion for leadership, and she has a genuine love for others. These characteristics shine through in her actions and attitudes from the classroom, to the marching band field, to the stage. Ava plans to attend the University of Alabama to study Political Science.

This year's male recipient is **Jake Neumeyer**. Jake was a member of the Warrior Band, Calvary Choir, and theater programs, during all four years of his attendance at CCHS. For the past two years, he also served on the CCHS Worship Team. As an instrumentalist, Jake participated in marching band, concert band, jazz band, and pit orchestra. As a member of the Warrior Marching Band, Jake served as a Band Captain during his senior year. He was featured as a soloist several times, and he is a two-time state champion having helped the band win the 2021 and 2023 FMBC Class 1A State Championships. Jake earned numerous accolades as an

individual including being accepted to the All-County band, earned a superior rating at the District and State FBA Solo and Ensemble Festivals, and earned a seat in the 2024 Florida High School Honor Band.

As a vocalist, Jake was a member of the Calvary Choir and the Warrior Voices. He served as the Tenor Section Leader for two years. Jake earned a superior rating at the FVA Solo and Ensemble festival in 2024, and he also participated in the 2024 FMEA All-State SATB Choir as a Tenor 1. As an actor, he participated in the spring musical all four years at CCHS, earning lead roles during his sophomore and junior years, as "Bert" in Mary Poppins, and "Professor Harold Hill" in The Music Man. Additionally, Jake earned superior ratings for his solos at the International Thespian Society District Festivals. Jake participated in each of these Fine Arts programs with enthusiasm, humility, and integrity. Jake plans to attend Southeastern University to earn a degree in Worship Studies in addition to studying Trumpet Performance. Jake has plan to be a worship leader in the future.



ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

AVA PLANETA AND CARTER MEHR

Each year, two seniors are recognized with the Female and Male Outstanding Seniors in Athletics Awards.



The motto for our Athletic Department is "Play like a Warrior. Live for Christ." At Calvary, Athletics serves as an integral part of our foundational program of "training" young people with a Biblical Worldview and to attain their highest level of ability in fulfilling God's plan for their lives. Each year, we recognize two seniors with the female and male Outstanding Students in Athletics awards for not only their performance on the field, but also off the field.

The 2024 Female Senior Athlete of the Year is **Ava Planeta**. Ava

was a member of the Warrior golf, soccer, and softball teams during her 4 years at CCHS. She was the starting goalkeeper on the varsity soccer team during her junior and senior years. As a natural leader, She received the team's Warrior Award both years. Ava amassed 13 shutouts in her soccer career as goalie, culminating in a shut-out victory in the district semifinals when she made the winning save in sudden death penalty kicks vs. Tampa Catholic.

Ava was also a four-year starter on the Warrior softball team. During her four years at CCHS, the softball team earned a record of 69 wins and 20 losses, 2 District championships, 3 Regional championships, 2 State championships, and 1 State runner-up. Ava looks forward to continuing to play softball in college at Eckerd College.

The 2024 recipient of the Male Athlete of the Year award is **Carter Mehr**. Carter was a member of the Warrior basketball and track and field teams. He was also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Coach Keb Burley, CCHS varsity

basketball coach, described Carter as a "young man who brought great value and leadership as captain of the team." Coach Burley added, "Carter always found a way to win." Carter was the recipient of the basketball team's Warrior Award.

In Track and Field, Carter was a leader on the team, having a top 15 mark in the javelin throw in the state. He demonstrated selflessness by being willing to serve as the anchor on the 4 x 400 relay team whenever he was needed.



OUTSTANDING CHRISTIAN CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

SAHARA NORTH AND JON-PAUL LUNTER

The Outstanding Christian Character and Leadership Awards recognize two seniors who best exemplify the attributes and qualities associated with Christian character, and during their senior year, the students have demonstrated outstanding leadership to positively impact the culture of the school.



This year's recipient for the female Outstanding Christian Character and Leadership Award is **Sahara North**. Sahara attended CCHS for all four years of high school. She was an example of a student who implemented the instruction received in Bible class, chapel, and the spiritual application from all of their classes into her daily life. Sahara surrendered her life to Christ during her junior year and became an integral student leader who impacted the spiritual culture in the school. She was involved in discipleship groups, Bible studies, and served on the ASL Worship Team. As the female senior chaplain, Sahara influenced the Student Nights of Worship to become a special place where her classmates could come together to truly meet with Jesus. Sahara is highly regarded, by both faculty and students, and seeks to capitalize on every opportunity available to learn more about God and grow in her walk with Jesus.



John Paul (J. P.) Lunter is the recipient of the male Outstanding Christian Character and Leadership. J. P. attended CCHS for all four years of high school. Through his eagerness to learn and his inquisitive spirit, J. P.'s passion for knowing Jesus and his desire to do what God has called him to do was evident to those who know him. J. P.'s dedication to the Gospel enabled him to have a significant impact on the spiritual culture in our school. Throughout his senior year, J. P. was involved in a discipleship group, led a Bible study, and was a respected spiritual leader for the Warrior Cross Country and Track and Field teams.

TIMOTHY AWARD RECIPIENT

DEREK DONATONE

The recipient of the Timothy Award at CCHS is presented to a senior who is known for their character and testimony as someone who, "honors God." The student is committed to Christ and has been a spiritual leader in our school.



This award is named after Timothy of the New Testament whose name means "honoring God." Timothy is known for his faith in Christ from a young age and his calling to ministry where he became a faithful ministry partner with the Apostle Paul.

Derek Donatone is the 2024 Timothy Award recipient. Derek is a young man who has attended CCHS for two years, but from the beginning at CCHS, he jumped in with both feet to impact the spiritual culture. Derek is a true servant leader. He was a member of discipleship groups and faithfully attended Bible studies during his junior and senior years. Derek was a cast member in the last two school musicals, and he was a beloved member of Calvary

Choir and the CCHS Worship Team. He faithfully honored God through his active membership in the local church and the student ministry. Even though Derek suffered one of the toughest things a high school student could endure with the passing of his mother, his positive attitude and contagious smile encouraged everyone in his presence. CCHS is thankful for Derek's leadership, influence, service, and compassion. In August, he will attend Southeastern University and begin his studies to major in Worship Music with hopes to serve in ministry as a Worship Leader in the future.



WARRIOR AWARD RECIPIENT

AVA PLANETA

The Warrior Award began with the school's first graduating class in 2003. The intent of the award then and today, is to recognize a student each school year who excels in Academics, Service, Leadership, and Christian Character. The student is a respected student-leader by school employees, and their commitment to Jesus Christ, as well as their achievements in academics, service, and leadership causes the student to stand-out as a "model" CCHS student in light of our mission.



This year's Warrior Award recipient is **Ava Planeta**. Ava was an outstanding representation of what it means to be a Warrior during her four years at CCHS. Academically, she was an excellent student earning the Advanced Diploma. Ava successfully completed 5 Advanced Placement courses and 2 dual credit courses. She was a member of the National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society, Rho Kappa Honor Society, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. As a student athlete, Ava was a member of the Warrior golf, soccer, and softball teams and was the recipient of the Senior Female Athlete of the Year Award. As a student leader, she served as the senior class Vice President. Ava is known for her Christian leadership, her encouragement, and her ability to motivate others positively. Ava has a servant's heart and shines the light of Christ in all areas of her life. In the fall, she will attend Eckerd College to play softball and study Science-Education.





CCHS

BY THE NUMBERS

2023-24

61,397 HOURS

TOTAL NUMBER OF SERVICE HOURS
EARNED BY THE CLASS OF 2024-2027



\$16,068,370

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS
FOR THE CLASS OF 2024



609 ACCEPTANCES AT 134

UNIVERSITIES FOR THE CLASS OF 2024



1362

AVERAGE SAT SCORE FOR THE
CLASS OF 2024'S TOP 25



60%

OF FACULTY HOLD
ADVANCED DEGREES



29

AVERAGE ACT SCORE FOR THE
CLASS OF 2024'S TOP 25



STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO **12:1**



HONORS
COURSES

+



AP COURSES

+



DUAL CREDIT
COURSES

=



ADVANCED
COURSES

822

TOTAL
ENROLLMENT

66

FULL TIME
FACULTY

20

AP
SCHOLARS

15

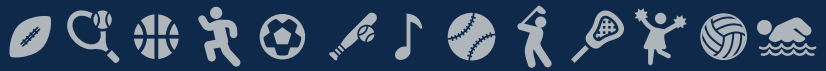
CLUBS

8

HONOR
SOCIETIES

5

NATIONAL
MERIT
COMMENDED
SCHOLARS



32

ATHLETIC TEAMS

27

ATHLETIC REGIONAL APPEARANCES IN THE PAST 3 YEARS

17

ATHLETIC STATE CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCES IN THE PAST 3 YEARS

23

NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT SIGNED FOR COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS IN THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

6

ATHLETIC STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE PAST 3 YEARS

21

ATHLETIC DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE PAST 3 YEARS

22



INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY

22 INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY STATE QUALIFIERS IN THE 2021-2024 SCHOOL YEARS

CONCERT BAND

- AN AVERAGE OF 9 STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR THE FBA STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL PER YEAR.
- AN AVERAGE OF 7 ALL-COUNTY BAND STUDENTS EACH YEAR
- 3 FMBC CLASS 1A MARCHING BAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE LAST 5 YEARS. (4 TOTAL IN SCHOOL HISTORY)

CALVARY CHOIR

- BACK-TO-BACK "CRITIC'S CHOICE" AND STRAIGHT SUPERIOR RATINGS AT FVA DISTRICT CHORAL MPA
- 6 STUDENTS EARNED A SEAT IN A 2024 FMEA ALL-STATE CHOIR
- ROUTINELY SELECTED FOR DISNEY'S CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL (CALVARY CHOIR) AND TAMPA BAY RAYS NATIONAL ANTHEM (WARRIOR VOICES)

GOLD AND SILVER KEY VISUAL ARTS

19 SILVER KEY
15 GOLD KEY

VISUAL ARTS

34 GOLD AND SILVER KEYS IN THE LAST 5 YEARS

5

FINE ARTS ALL-STATE OR FLORIDA HONOR ENSEMBLE STUDENTS

5 STUDENTS ON AVERAGE PARTICIPATE IN AN ALL-STATE OR STATE HONOR ENSEMBLE EACH YEAR

FINE ARTS CHAMPIONSHIPS
4 MARCHING BAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

4

5

FINE ARTS SUPERIOR RATINGS

5 YEARS OF CONSISTENT SUPERIOR RATINGS FOR THE CCHS CHOIR, MARCHING BAND, AND CONCERT BAND PROGRAMS



2024

HOME COMING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend Homecoming 2024. The football game and festivities will be held on Friday, November 1st. Plan to arrive early for the 2nd annual Homecoming Parade. The Warrior football team will host The First Academy at The Rock. The crowning of the 2024 Homecoming King and Queen will take place at halftime of the football game. There will be an alumni tent in the North Fan Plaza. We hope alumni and their families will take advantage of this great opportunity to connect with friends. The Class of 2014 is working to plan their 10-year reunion. Again, mark your calendar and make plans now to attend Homecoming 2024. It will be a great evening to welcome alumni and their families back to campus.