



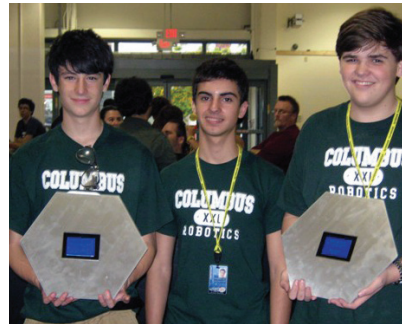
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# CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL

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## Robotic Teams Win Top Awards



The team won the following awards at the *BotsIQ National Competition*.

**1st Place, Task Divison** (John Masson, Heli Montoto, Nicholas Shaheen)

**Coollest Robot Award** (Federico Almonte, Tristan Simoes-Ponce, and Rafael Ortiz).

## Students Score High on Spanish Exams



The following students received monetary awards for having scored in a very high percentile in the **National Spanish Exam** given every year by the *National Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese*. They are to be congratulated for their excellent performance.

**Julio Garcia**  
**Diego Justo**  
**Alberto Monreal**  
**Thomas Muro**

**Ignacio Pigna**  
**Richard Rendo**  
**Chris Tonarely**

## Congratulations Columbus Eagle Scouts

Alex Campaneria  
Mario Cuello  
Julian Enjamio  
Francisco Santa-Ana  
Patrick Walkington

\*This is the highest award available to members of the Boy Scouts of America.

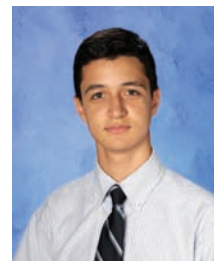
## Br. Eugene Plaza Will Be Dedicated Next Year



At graduation, we learned that after 42 years of teaching our beloved Br. Eugene will be going on a sabbatical next year, taking time off from teaching. He was honored with a beautiful award and it was announced that the campus garden plaza located between the B and C buildings will be dedicated to him.

## 35 Holocaust Survivors Visited Columbus for Student Awareness Day Alejandro Trujillo Wins Honorable Mention for his Essay on the Subject

In March Columbus hosted 35 Holocaust Survivors for **Student Awareness Day**, in collaboration with the *Holocaust Documentation and Education Center*. The event was a prejudice reduction symposium for the sophomore class that taught about the dangers of racism, hatred, and bigotry through videos, lectures and round table discussions. The event, which was coordinated by Social Studies Chairperson Ms. Mary T. McCullagh, was covered by the *Miami Herald* and *NBC6*.



Also, Junior **Alejandro Trujillo** won an honorable mention for the project that he submitted for the *Holocaust Documentation and Education Center's Visual Arts and Writing Contest*. He will attend the organization's annual meeting and will be given a cash prize for his outstanding work.



**Physics Team Performs Well at the Barry Science Olympiad**  
Columbus students participated in this year's Barry University Science Olympiad and won **overall third place in physics**. They also won **first place in the oral competition in physics** and junior **William Butcher** placed among the eight best on the physics exam.

## SUMMER SCHOOL JUNE 10 - 30

Summer School registration will take place on June 7th. For more information contact our Summer School Principal, Mrs. Maria Rams-Foyo (ext. 2634).

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

6/10 - 6/30.....7am - 4pm  
7/1 - 7/31.....8am - 2pm  
8/2 - school year.....7am - 4pm

\* The school will close for the July 4th Holiday on July 2nd at noon and will reopen on July 6th at 8am

## SCHOOL STORE HOURS

June 7th: 9:00 - 11:00am  
June 10th: 9:00 - 11:00am  
June 11th: 8:00 - 8:30am  
June 14 - 18:  
10:00 - 10:20am & 1:00 - 1:20pm  
**Closed all summer after June 18**

## 2009/10 School Year Dates

8/12.....Freshman Retreat (A-L) - 8am-2:15pm  
8/13.....Freshman Retreat (M-Z) - 8am-2:15pm  
8/19.....Freshman Orientation - 8am  
8/19.....Seniors Report - 9am  
8/20.....Sophomore Orientation - 8am  
8/20.....Juniors Report - 9am  
8/21.....New Parents Welcome Reception-7pm  
8/23.....First Full Day of Class for all Students  
8/25.....New Parents Meeting (A-L) - 7pm  
8/26.....New Parents Meeting (M-Z) - 7pm

## Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2010!



*Christian-Immanuel Oliveros*  
Valedictorian  
University of Miami



*Matthew Piscitelli*  
Valedictorian  
University of Miami



*Jorge Cuello*  
Salutatorian  
University of Miami

**Archbishop's Award** - Ian Cuba  
**Portela Explorer Leadership Award** - Ian Cuba  
**Jon Mounts Memorial Award** - Javier Salas  
**Marist Achievement Award** - Matthew Piscitelli

## GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS

**George Abreut-Religion**  
**Enrique Narciso-English**  
**Alejandro Ramirez-Perez-French**  
**Gregory Buker-Spanish**  
**Alberto Monreal-Heritage Spanish**  
**Christian-Immanuel Oliveros-Math**

**Christian-Immanuel Oliveros-Social Studies**  
**Noel Delgado-Science**  
**Daniel Ruizcalderon-Computer Science**  
**Alejandro Ramirez-Computer AidedD rafting**  
**Armando Lopez-Music**  
**William Cadena-Art**



## Summer Sports at Columbus

Contact the following coaches if you are interested in participating in any summer sports at Columbus High School.

Basketball Summer Camp: Coach Staiano (305-223-5650 x2254)  
Baseball Summer Camp (Webball): Coach Weber (786-258-1368)  
Cross Country Camp (Run without Limits): Coach Fleitas (305-794-9801)  
Football Conditioning (Varsity): Coach Merritt (305-223-5650 x2248)  
Football Conditioning (JV): Coach Aviles (305-223-5650 x2643)  
Football Conditioning (Fresh): Coach Oses (305-223-5650 x2619)  
Roller Hockey: Coach Lopez (cchshockey@aol.com)  
Wrestling: Coach Husk (305-279-4183)

**CCHS Becomes New Affiliate of American History Institute Program**  
**The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History** has selected Columbus as an affiliate in their School Program for having a great commitment to improving American history education. This nation-wide program is a unique gateway to education resources, events, and tools designed to bring American history to life in the classroom. For more information visit [gilderlehrman.org](http://gilderlehrman.org). Thank you to Social Studies Chairperson and teacher, **Ms. Mary T. McCullagh**, for applying for this prestigious program and making the affiliation possible.

**Junior Erik Gonzalez Chosen for Leadership Seminar at Notre Dame**



Erik was one of 20 boys chosen nationwide to participate this summer in the *University of Notre Dame's Latino Community Leadership Seminar*. Students in this unique program will examine how their values and experiences interact with political, economic, and social realities to produce new avenues for effective Latino leadership.

**Joseph Tahbaz Accepted into Congressional Academy Program**



Joseph is one of two students in the State accepted into the *Congressional Academy of American History and Civics' 2-week program* in Washington D.C. this summer. He will study pivotal turning points in American history.

**BLOCK C ATHLETIC AWARDS - Congratulations to all the Winners!**



*Sportsmanship Award*  
 Alex Wethy



*Scholar-Athlete Award*  
 Javier Salas



*Outstanding Athlete Award*  
 Tyrell Hemmingway

**Track and Water Polo Become State Champion Runner-Up Teams**



**Lacrosse Wins Regional & District Titles**



**National Merit Scholarship Outstanding Students**

- Christopher Baker
- Nicholas Caride
- Magin Carreras
- Adamo Galardi
- Erik Gonzalez
- Griffin Sher

They were among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants in the 2009 PSAT/NMSQT test. Because of their outstanding academic potential, the program will refer them to two universities in the U.S. in which they are interested.

**National Hispanic Recognition Program Outstanding Students**

- Nicholas Caride
- Magin Carreras
- Erik Gonzalez
- Kevin McConachie
- Rafael Moas

These students were identified as outstanding Hispanic/Latino students based on their 2009 PSAT/NMSQT scores and GPAs. The program will refer them to subscribing universities.

**Mrs. Alina Sanchez - the CCHS Archdiocesan Teacher of the Year**

On May 13, 2010 this dedicated teacher who is also the Science Dept. Chair was honored at a Mass celebrated by the Archbishop at St. Martha's Church.

**Congratulations!**

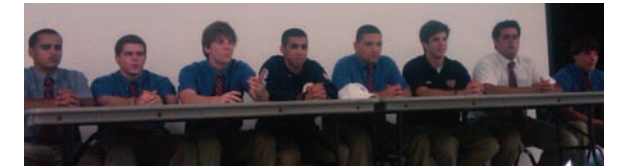


**College Athletic Scholarships Signed**



**Basketball Scholarships**

- Eddie Odio* Boston College
- David Cintra* Brevard College



**Football Scholarships**

- Bryan Santos: St. Vincent College (Latrobe, PA)*
- Mark Cal: St. Vincent College*
- Jake Keller: St. Vincent College*
- Garret Colao: St. Thomas University (Minneapolis)*
- Mark Estape: St. Thomas University*
- Tommy Heffernan: University of North Carolina*
- Chris Gonzalez-Jacobo: Marist College (NY)*
- James Calzavara: Hardin Simmons University (TX)*

**Jazz Band Wins First Place at Music USA Festival - 6 Years in a Row!**

In April the Columbus Jazz Band performed at the Music USA Festival where they earned superior (the highest) ratings from all three judges and won 1st place in the Jazz Band category. This is the 6th year in a row that the band places first at this prestigious festival. The rhythm section which consists of **Armando Lopez, Paul Garcia, Gabriel Lopez, Andres Ferret, CJ Bonomo, and Bobby Wollberg**, won best section of the day. **Brandon DeCaso and Andres Ferrett** were chosen as outstanding soloists. Congratulations to music teacher and band leader Keith Cooper and to all the band students.



**CCNN Wins Awards at State Journalism Competition**



The **Christopher Columbus News Network** team competed for the first time at the Florida Scholastic Press Association's journalism state competition where they performed very well. Columbus was the only private school that participated.

**Awards:**

- Show Intro - Honorable Mention (4th place)
- Every Student has a Story Package (2nd place)
- Individual News Anchor - Daniel Ruizcalderon (2nd place)
- 2 Guys and a Camera - Cristian Cabrerizo (chosen to host the FSPA Convention '10/'11)