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SPRINGING TOWARDS THE END

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WE CANNOT BELIEVE THAT IN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS WE WILL BE AT THE END OF OUR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR. THIS LAST YEAR HAS BEEN FULL OF LESSONS, BLESSINGS, PEACE, LOVE, AND PURE HAPPINESS. WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR THE AMAZING SUPPORT WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING THROUGHOUT THIS SCHOOL YEAR FROM OUR ABC BOARD, HOST FAMILIES, FAMILIES, AND THE NEW CANAAN COMMUNITY. WE WOULDN'T BE GETTING THIS BETTER CHANCE WITHOUT YOU ALL, SO WE THANK YOU. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THIS SPRING ISSUE OF OUR LOCUST LIVE IN THE KNOW NEWSLETTER!

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SCHOLAR UPDATES



KIAN RAGAZA

HOW'S IT GOING EVERYONE, DURING THESE LAST FEW MONTHS IN NEW CANAAN A LOT HAS CHANGED. I'VE HAD A GREAT TIME IN THIS TOWN AND I LOVE THE COMMUNITY BUILT HERE, FROM JOINING MUSIC ORGANIZATIONS TO PLAYING IN SCHOOL SPORTS I WAS ABLE TO GROW AND BECOME MORE OF A MORE MATURE AND BETTER PERSON THAN WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE. I HOPE NEXT YEAR I CAN FIND MORE GROWTH WITHIN MYSELF AND BECOME EVEN BETTER THAN THE PERSON I AM NOW. I'M ALSO TRULY PROUD OF MY INCREASED SELF-CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF DUE TO THE PEOPLE AROUND ME. SHOUTOUT TO MY HOST FAMILY AND THE BOYS IN ABC WHO HAVE HELPED ME STRIVE FOR MORE IN MYSELF AND BRING MY CONFIDENCE.



JOHN BALUYUT

HELLO EVERYBODY. OVER THE PAST 6 MONTHS I'VE SEEN A TON OF THINGS GROWING. THE BONDING WITH THE GUYS HAPPENING IN THE HOUSE, NEW FOUND LOVE FOR SPORTS, AND GROWTH WITHIN MYSELF. THE GUYS AND I HAVE A GREAT BOND, WHETHER THAT'S GAMES OR SPORTS AND THAT MAKES ME HAPPY. RECENTLY WE HAVE BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF TIME TOGETHER AND THAT'S JUST US GOING TO EACH OTHERS ROOMS. I HAVE ALSO SEEN A LOT OF GROWTH IN MYSELF. ANOTHER AREA OF GROWTH IS ME TRYING OUT WRESTLING. THIS WAS MY FIRST YEAR PLAYING THE SPORT AND I DON'T REGRET IT. ENDING THE SEASON HAD ITS SAD MOMENTS AND EVEN STILL, I AM PROUD OF THE SEASON THAT I HAD. SOMETHING I'M GRATEFUL FOR IS BEING ABLE TO EXPERIENCE GODS LOVE AND ULTIMATELY GROW MY FAITH IN GOD. BY THE END OF THIS YEAR I AM HOPING TO FULFILL MY PERSONAL ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS. A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO MY HOST FAMILY FOR HELPING ME A LOT IN MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY.



YANFER MARTINEZ

HI ALL, IN THESE PAST FEW MONTHS, I'VE GAINED NEW RELATIONSHIPS, REACHED A NEW LEVEL OF MATURITY, AND HAVE BECOME A STEP CLOSER TO BECOMING MY BEST SELF THAT GOD PORTRAYED ME TO BE. IN THESE MONTHS, I'VE DONE MANY THINGS BUT, THE YG MISSION TRIP WILL ALWAYS HOLD A PLACE IN MY HEART. HELPING PEOPLE IN THE SERVICE OF GOD, HAS TAUGHT ME IMPORTANT LESSONS THAT I WILL CARRY FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE. WITHIN YG I ALSO GAINED A WHOLE NEW FAMILY. FROM YG, I'VE LEARNED THAT JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T GET SOMETHING THE FIRST TIME, DOESN'T MEAN YOU WON'T EVER GET IT. YOU JUST NEED TO WORK HARD AND YOU'LL GET IT EVENTUALLY. A GOOD EXPERIENCE THAT HAS HELPED ME GROW WAS WHEN I HAD A TALK WITH ONE OF MY PEERS IN THE HOUSE. HE TAUGHT ME THAT YOUR MIND IS POWERFUL AND SAYING NEGATIVE THINGS WILL AFFECT HOW YOU THINK ABOUT ANY CHALLENGE AND THE OUTCOME WILL NOT BE GOOD. I HOPE THAT BY THE END OF THE YEAR THAT I AM ONE STEP CLOSER TO BECOMING A MAN THAT I CAN SAY I'M PROUD TO BE. I'M REALLY PROUD OF HOW I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LEARN FROM MY MISTAKES FROM THE BEGGING TO NOW AND I HOPE THAT I CAN KEEP LEARN ALONG MY 4 YEARS HERE. BIG THANKS TO THE SENIOR DYLAN, FOR TEACHING ME IN SO MANY WAYS, WAY TOO MUCH FOR ME TO COUNT.



COLLEGE BOUND



DYLAN AMASWACHE X BABSON

SPENDING MY LAST FEW MONTHS REFLECTING ON MY NEW CANAAN HIGH SCHOOL YEARS HAS MADE ME GREATLY APPRECIATE MY TIME HERE AND THE REST OF THE TIME I HAVE LEFT. I THRIVED THE MOST WHEN I STEPPED INTO LEADERSHIP ROLES SUCH AS CO-CAPTAIN OF MY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, VOLUNTEERING AT THE OPEN DOOR SHELTER, LIAISON ON A HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM, AND GUIDING THE YOUNGER BOYS WITH WHOM I SHARE A HOME WITHIN THE ABC HOUSE. EXPERIENCING MORE PROMINENT AND STRESSFUL ROLES IS CRITICAL TO BECOMING A GREAT LEADER, AND A BETTER CHANCE OF NEW CANAAN HAS HELPED ME MORE THAN I EVER COULD COMPREHEND.

BABSON COLLEGE PROVIDES ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES I WILL NEED TO GO INTO THE WORLD PREPARED TO MATCH THE TASK OF THE LEADER I ASPIRE TO BE. I WILL LOOK TO GIVE MORE THAN I TAKE FROM THE BABSON NETWORK, MY CLASSES, THE CLUBS, AND THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. I AM CONFIDENT THAT MY FUTURE AT BABSON COLLEGE WILL EXPONENTIALLY ACCELERATE MY OWN PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL GROWTH!



JAVIER PEREZ- SOTO X RICHMOND

HEY FAMILY. I HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH ALL OF YOU! IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS AT THE ABC HOUSE I HAVE BEEN FEELING MORE INCLUDED THAN EVER, THROUGH RESPECT, SUPPORT, AND REAL LOVE IT IS LIKE MY SECOND HOME. I'VE LEARNED HOW VALUABLE TIME IS SPECIFICALLY HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO WORK AROUND CONFLICTS AND ACCOMMODATE. A BIG PART OF THIS IS BECAUSE OF MY WONDERFULLY SUPPORTIVE HOST FAMILY, THE SALMINI'S WHICH TREAT ME LIKE ONE OF THEIR VERY OWN AND ALWAYS HAVE MY BACK. I AM REALLY PROUD OF HOW FAR I HAVE COME FROM BEING A SHY FRESHMAN TO BEING A CONFIDENT LEADER IN THE HOUSE AND AS A PERSON IN GENERAL OUTSIDE OF ABC. BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, I HOPE TO BREAK AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL RECORD FOR THE FARTHEST SHOT PUT OR JAVELIN THROW IN OUTDOOR TRACK IN NEW CANAAN HISTORY. I CHOSE THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND FOR MY NEXT LEVEL OF EDUCATION, BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT IT HAS ESTABLISHED. I DISTINGUISHED THIS TYPE OF ENVIRONMENT AND HELPED ME LEARN, STAY AUTHENTIC, AND EXHIBIT HUMILITY SO I LOOKED FOR A SIMILAR ONE FOR MY NEXT ROAD IN EDUCATION. IN THE FALL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND I HOPE TO STUDY PSYCHOLOGY AS WELL AS CRIMINAL JUSTICE WITH HOPES OF BECOMING A DEA AGENT IN THE FUTURE. I AM SO EXCITED FOR THE SECOND MAJOR STAGE IN MY LIFE AND TO MEET NEW PEOPLE!

BABSON COLLEGE BABSON

THE TOP UNDERGRADUATE BUSINESS SCHOOL. AT BABSON, STUDENTS ARE TAUGHT HOW TO FIND OPPORTUNITY IN EVERY CHALLENGE AND ARE TAUGHT TO TURN THOSE IDEAS INTO REAL, VALUABLE ACTIONS. BABSON'S GOAL IS FOR LEARNERS TO GO FROM LEARNERS TODAY INTO LEADERS - SPECIFICALLY ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERS WHO CAN NAVIGATE RISK AND UNCERTAINTY WITH AGILITY AND SKILL.

UNIVERSITY RICHMOND

VERBUM VITAE ET LUMEN SCIENTIAE: "WORD OF LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF KNOWLEDGE." THE MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND IS TO EDUCATE IN AN ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGING, INTELLECTUALLY VIBRANT, AND COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO THE HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS AND THE PRODUCTION OF SCHOLARLY AND CREATIVE WORK. A RICHMOND EDUCATION PREPARES STUDENTS FOR LIVES OF PURPOSE, THOUGHTFUL INQUIRY, AND RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP IN A DIVERSE WORLD.



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