

Christian Brothers High School Class of 2011 thrives despite challenging year in terms of college admission rates

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In what is reportedly the nation's toughest college admissions year on record, Christian Brothers High School students have enjoyed tremendous success with acceptances from each of the eight Ivy League schools (Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Harvard University, Princeton University, University of Pennsylvania, Yale University), Stanford University (three students), University of Notre Dame (seven students), Georgetown University (two students), the United States Military Academy at West Point, the United States Air Force Academy, the United States Naval Academy, all of the UC campuses, New York University, the University of Chicago and many more universities and colleges.

"I really believe the key to our students' success is our focus on holistic education," says Principal Mary Hesser. "Yes, the academics are challenging, yet, in caring

for the whole child, we are mindful of the fact that our young men and women must lead balanced lives that allow them to pursue their interests, grow in their faith and be successful. In doing so, we find that our students are typically happy and productive."

Kirk Purdy, CB's director of guidance, is pleased with the results thus far. "We really work hard to match students with schools that suit their academic and personal interests. Finding the right fit is critical. Ideally, our graduates join campus communities where they feel engaged, challenged and empowered. That, to me, is success."

Christian Brothers High School is in its 135th year of Catholic, Lasallian college preparatory education in Sacramento. This year's 1,022 students come from 81 zip codes throughout Sacramento and its surrounding communities. The school currently provides \$1.4 million in needs-based tuition assistance to 251 students.