



Seven years after their last appearance in "Connection" and more than 10 years since graduation day, Bryan Holst '06, Stewart Winslow '06, Joey Schlosser '05 and Brendan Wright '06 continue to live out the motto "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve."

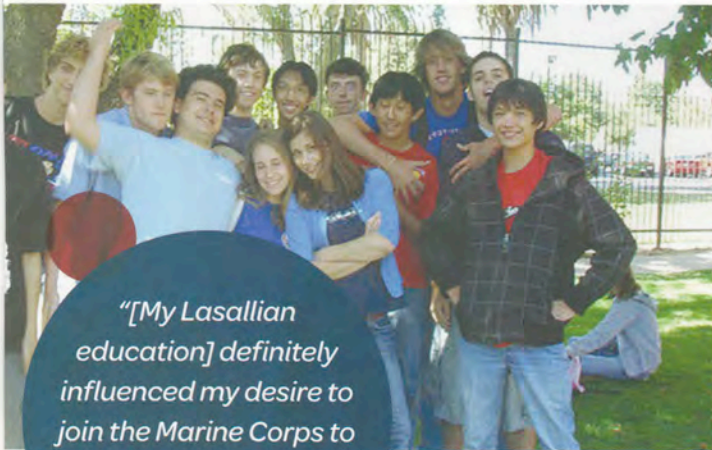
When the four men appeared in the Spring 2009 edition of *Connection*, they were preparing to graduate from their respective universities and be commissioned into the Army, Navy, and Coast Guard. Since then, they have embarked on many life adventures, traveling the world to pursue their passions and serve their country.

Bryan Holst '05 commissioned from the U.S. Naval Academy as a Surface Warfare Officer in 2010, leaving shortly thereafter on his first mission. He completed two counter-narcotics

deployments in South America with the USS GARY (FFG 51) from June 2010 to February 2013 as well as a third deployment in the South China Sea in support of Freedom of Navigation operations. Holst currently resides in Washington D.C. where he serves as a continuity of operations manager for the Secretary of the Navy, working in the Pentagon since 2015. He married Marybeth Holst, a former active duty naval officer, in 2016.

Holst acquired more than just the skills and knowledge needed to be successful in school while at CB. "Christian Brothers established the foundation for my academic success in college and gave me opportunities to build confidence and succeed that I took with me through the Academy and into the fleet. I am currently working on a part-time MBA program through American University, an Anti-Submarine Warfare Certificate through the Naval Postgraduate School, and Joint Professional Military Education through the Naval War College.





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Stewart Winslow '06 attended the University of Washington with a ROTC scholarship and commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in 2009. He deployed to Marjah, Afghanistan from 2011 to 2012 before leaving the Marine Corps as a captain in 2014.

Winslow then relocated to Atlanta to earn a master's degree in business administration in 2016 at Emory University's Goizueta School of Business. He still lives in Atlanta where he works as a senior marketing analyst for UPS. Winslow and his wife, Katie, recently welcomed their first child, a baby girl, in March.

"[My Lasallian education] definitely influenced my desire to join the Marine Corps to serve the country," says Winslow. "I feel the Lasallian principles embodied themselves in how I took care of my Marines during training and deployment



and then doing my best to set them up for success in the future. The aspect of creating close bonds with those you work side-by-side with and pushing towards a common goal or towards serving a community are aspects I experienced at Christian Brothers and embraced both in the Marines and at UPS."

Brendan Wright '06 graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point as a second lieutenant in the Army. He first moved to Fort Benning, Georgia, to complete Infantry Officer Basic Course, Airborne school and Ranger school before deploying to Kandahar, Afghanistan for 12 months as a platoon leader. After returning, Wright was assigned to the Old Guard in Washington D.C. where he was a member of the President's Company, leading ceremonies at the White House and Pentagon for the president, vice president, secretary of defense and various other dignitaries and foreign heads of state. Wright also led full honors funerals for fellow soldiers as they were laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. In December 2016, he married his wife, Sarah, in Lake Tahoe and the pair currently lives in Chicago, Illinois, where Wright works for the federal government.

For Wright, the skills and work habits learned while at Christian Brothers have transferred into adulthood. "My CB education was challenging and forced me to work hard to succeed. I carry this same work ethic with me today. It has taught me to keep persisting no matter how challenging a problem may be," says Wright. "Not only did Christian Brothers provide me with a great education, but it also instilled in me the value of serving others and serving something greater than myself. Without a doubt, it has been the greatest honor of my life serving my country and continuing on this path that began at Christian Brothers."

Joey Schlosser '05 graduated from California Maritime Academy in 2009 and commissioned as an ensign in the Coast Guard. His Coast Guard adventures have taken him all over the country and the world. For two years, he was deployed to Central and





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South America in support of counter narcotics and national defense missions, serving as the ship's weapons officer and as a deck watch officer. His exemplary work on the ship led to a promotion to lieutenant junior grade and a brief assignment to the Coast Guard Recruiting Command in Washington D.C. In just a 13-month tour, he traveled the United States to meet with high school and college students interested in pursuing a similar career. He also obtained a collateral duty assignment at the White House as a social aide.

After having to abruptly end his dream of becoming a pilot, he was transferred to Alaska, a location he was not initially thrilled with. He states, "While packing for my transfer to Alaska, I found my group cross from my high school Kairos retreat. This simple piece of painted cardboard with a handful of signatures on it from people I had not seen in years reminded me of one of the main lessons from Kairos: Trust the Process. So, that's exactly what I did; I packed my things yet again and headed north to a place I had never been."

As a Lieutenant, Schlosser and his team plan, organize and oversee all search and rescue operations in Alaska. These missions are often performed in some of the most

challenging environments on Earth, including the Arctic, and play a critical role in national defense. Schlosser explains, "In the Coast Guard I have been given the privilege and the responsibility to interject myself into a stranger's life during some of the most horrific times a person can imagine. When people call upon our service, many times they are enduring the worst moment of their lives and are looking for a miracle. I draw constantly from the lessons of hope, empathy, compassion, and fortitude that CB taught when trying to assist those in need."

CB's motto had a lasting impact on all four men, including Schlosser, "*Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve* was a hard thing to get out of my head when I left CB. I connected with it. I've always gotten a big kick out of being able to help others and CB reinforced that feeling during my high school education," says Schlosser. "*Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve*, there is a lot of power behind those words. Service to others comes in many different forms as does service to our nation. Brendan, Bryan, Stewart and I wear different uniforms and we serve in very different ways, but we are united in the principles and ideals that what we do today in uniform will hopefully help make tomorrow better for others. Our Lasallian tradition has become part of our military tradition."

"We are extremely proud to have these phenomenal men amongst the ranks of CB alumni," says President Lorcan Barnes. "Their commitment to service and to helping others embody the lessons we aim to instill through the Christian Brothers experience. Their dedication to our motto and the Lasallian Core Principles demonstrate the life-long impact the Lasallian Catholic education has on students."

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