



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT VOLUME 1



Christine Costa

CCS Class of 2019

What you have been doing since you graduated from CCS?

I am a senior at Applied Technology High School, where I am majoring in the Health Professions program. I am dual enrolled in Bergen Community College in hopes of graduating this semester with my high school diploma and associate's degree.

Currently, I am interning with Nurse Skinner every Wednesday for this school year. It has been great seeing all of my former teachers and recognizing familiar faces of some current students.

Can you tell us about a favorite memory you have of Corpus Christi School or a favorite teacher you had?

My favorite memory of being a CCS student was first Fridays where I participated in mass with fellow students and then got to enjoy a half day. I'm so glad that the first Friday tradition is still in the works today!

What's a bit of advice you want to share with the current students of the school?

My advice to Corpus Christi students is to enjoy the time they spend at CCS and work hard to achieve their goals.



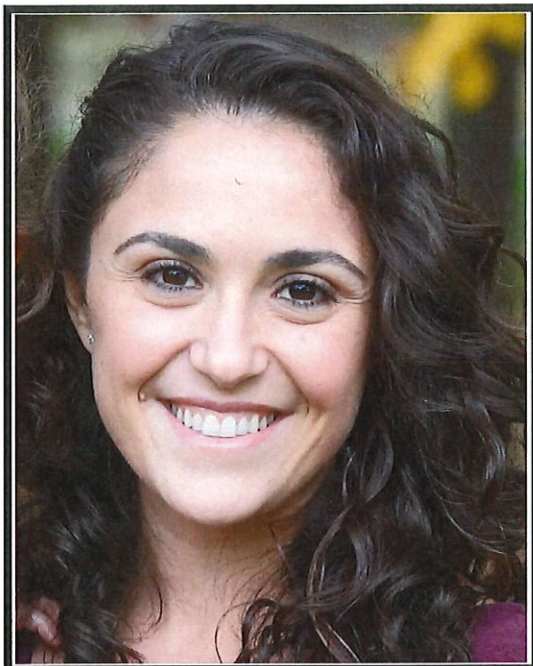
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Christine Torntore (Rocha)

CCS Class of 2000



What you have been doing since you graduated from CCS?

After graduating Corpus Christi, I continued to grow in my faith at Immaculate Heart Academy. CCS prepared me for the rigorous curriculum and activities at IHA. I volunteered and took on leadership positions while in high school as I did at CCS. After IHA, I went to study at The College of NJ to pursue a career in teaching. I received my Masters in Teaching Elementary and Special Education with a degree in Psychology. While teaching, I continued to take graduate classes to further my education. After many years teaching 2nd grade, I am now a K-1 reading specialist and I am loving each day that I teach.

I now have a family of my own and my children attend Corpus Christi School. My son is in 2nd grade and my daughter is in Prek4. I can only hope that they have the same positive experience that I had while attending CCS.



Can you tell us about a favorite memory you have of Corpus Christi School or a favorite teacher you had?

One of my favorite teachers from Corpus Christi was Mrs. Murillo. She was my 8th grade teacher and she made learning fun and presented each lesson with enthusiasm. She prepared us for high school and made our last year at CCS a memorable one.

What's a bit of advice you want to share with the current students of the school?

My advice for current CCS students and recent graduates is this...continue to stay grounded in your faith, be open minded, and never doubt yourself. Everything works out in the end and each decision you make has a purpose.



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Michele Donovan (Studer)

CCS Class of 1984



What you have been doing since you graduated from CCS?

I am a graduate of Hasbrouck Heights High School and William Paterson University.

I have been teaching at CCS since 1994. Earlier in my career at CCS, I taught fifth and sixth grade and I am presently teaching first grade. Along with teaching first grade, I am also the coordinator of the Extended Care program as well as the co-moderator of the Student Council, BETA Club and National Junior Honor Society.

I have been married to my husband, Richard, for almost 18 years. We currently reside in Hasbrouck Heights. I enjoy spending time and having fun with my nieces, nephews, family and friends.



Can you tell us about a favorite memory you have of Corpus Christi School or a favorite teacher you had?

I really enjoyed my elementary years at Corpus Christi School. I have many fond memories of the many friends and teachers I met along the way.

Beginning in Kindergarten with Sr. Margaret and ending in Eighth Grade with Mrs. Fudali and Mrs. Zenko, Corpus Christi was the place where I felt safe and welcomed everyday. I think that is one of the main reasons I have been teaching here for almost thirty years. The Christian values remain strong and they continue to be a part of my everyday life.

What's a bit of advice you want to share with the current students of the school?

My advice is to work hard, have fun, dream big, and most of all, be kind and respectful in all the things you do!



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