



## 'Tis the season to be grateful.

A time to reflect on the *who* and *what* that makes our stories so special.

Giving us a moment of reflection to embrace our story and share our grateful hearts with the world.

This holiday season, we want to share our gratitude with you.



## Thank you.

Since our inception in August 2015, Christian Brothers University has believed in us, our mission and has integrated STARS into the fabric of the University. We are so grateful and appreciative of the unwavering support of our organization and the amazing students we serve.

To our newest partnership with the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) Center On Developmental Disabilities. We are so proud of this collaboration and ecstatic to be part of their five-year grant to work towards evaluating and disseminating outcomes for students, employers and faculty served by our programs.



## Thank you.

To the 'STARS' of our organization, our students. Watching each one of you grow into the incredible adults you are, is the most rewarding experience. To play a part in your journey, is the best gift we could ever receive. Thank you for opening your hearts and minds to embracing STARS and allowing us to play a role in your amazing story. You are the 'STAR' of your story, go live it proudly, we will always be by your side cheering you on!



## Thank you.

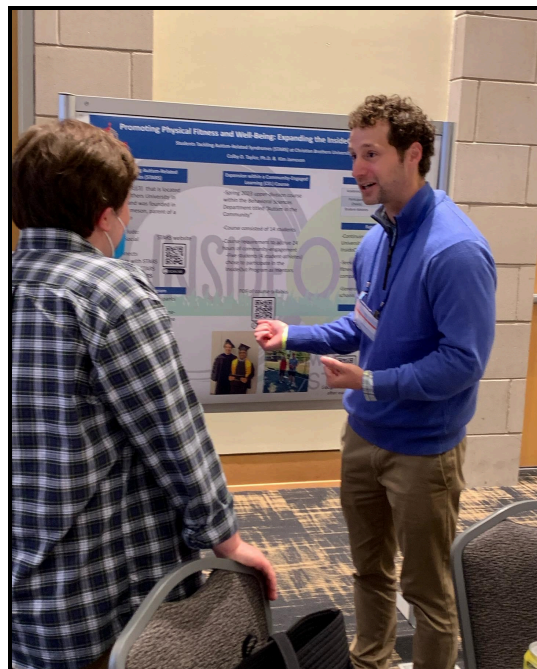
To all of our supporters and board members, we could not do this without you. Whether it's been engaging conversation, guidance, event participation, volunteering, a financial contribution or being a champion of our mission, you are a huge part of who we are. Thank you for being a very important and special part of our community.



**We've been busy, let's catch you up!**



STARS was shining bright at the College Autism Summit at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee! This summit brought together scholars, practitioners, administrators, employers and self-advocates to discuss strategies to help support college students with autism and related learning differences. Dr. Colby Taylor proudly presented our InsideOut program which partners STARS students with college peers at CBU to regularly exercise and enjoy time together. We are very excited about the positive experiences the students are having and look forward to the future with this rewarding program. Thank you Dr. Taylor for your passion, dedication and guidance!



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**STARS' Get Together!**

looking forward to the next event!



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## Coming Soon! 1st Alumni Night.

We invite Alumni to our 1st STARS Alumni event on Monday, December 11th at 6pm in the STARS Lounge, Rosa Deal 302 to reunite and enjoy fun holiday festivities, games and a cookie decorating contest. Contact Kim Jameson at [kjameson@collegestars.org](mailto:kjameson@collegestars.org) to sign up. See you there!





We are thankful to the STARS Employment Council that recently met and provided their guidance and feedback to the newly developed Connects Neurodivergent Employment Training (NET) for potential employers that are willing to consider developing an autism hiring initiative. We would also like to thank FedEx for providing the grant to help us create this educational presentation for corporations in the Mid-South area.

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### **Forever grateful to you, our supporters.**

Since 2015, we have been very blessed with many incredible partnerships and contributions. Our success in programming, events, coaching and ongoing enrichment is a true reflection of you, our supporters. In this season of giving, we know that there are plenty of very worthy causes and missions to support. For this Giving Tuesday, if the opportunity is available to contribute to STARS, please know that we do not take that honor lightly and all funds raised go directly to supporting our STARS students. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you so much.



Wishing you a blessed holiday season!

Kim Jameson



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