







We Give Thanks.

While Thanksgiving is the official kickoff to the holiday season,
Thanksgiving isn't just a day. It's a way we can live our lives every day.
With gratitude towards those that make our lives so special.
As we begin the holiday season, we would like to take
a moment of reflection to embrace our story and share
our grateful hearts 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. The unwavering support and the invaluable resources provided have made a significant difference in our organization and overall well being of the students we support.

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Our partnership with the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) Center On Developmental Disabilities, has created tremendous opportunity for students in our Connects program. We are so grateful for supporting our mission through both grants and internships for our students. We look forward to our continued work on 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.

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.

The 2024 Milky Way 1K was a huge success thanks to our STARS' student leaders, board members, students, alumni, faculty, parents and sponsors. We love celebrating autism together!







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





Kim Jameson and college graduate student, Margaret Stevens, is proud to have had the opportunity to travel to Washington DC to share the important work we are doing to improve the outcomes for autistic college graduates with competitive employment. Congressman David Kustoff was so impressed with our work that he had his staff schedule a private tour of the US Capitol for us!

Reaching for the STARS!



Congratulations, Annie!

We are so proud to have our first Connects student, Annie Barber, attain employment. She recently started working at University of Tennessee Health Science Center and we are so happy for her success!

STARS' Get Together!

STARS Alumni enjoyed getting together to bowl and have pizza! Everyone cheered each other on and had a great time!



Forever grateful to 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!











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