# **GOATS AT A** *GLANCE*



A handful of soccer players enjoying the La Paz Waterfall Gardens in Costa Rica.



Joe Bosco, golf player and mentor, spent a day on the green with our golf team.



A group of well-deserving basketball players visited Joe Gibbs Racing - where the Charlotte Hornets and Carolina Panthers train in their off seasons.



Field trip to Pins Station Bowling for some new kind of competition off the field/court/green.

### **SPRING HAS SPRUNG IN NC**

Collectively, we are unsure where the time has gone. Our staff cannot believe it is already nearing May 1<sup>st</sup> and that end-of-season and end-of-year festivities are in full planning mode. The days may seem long, but the years are, in fact, short.

It is no doubt that we stay busy as a student body. This last month, our athletic teams have been actively traveling and nearing season completion. On campus, we have been enjoying the warmer weather and the longer days. From bowling trips to shopping extravaganzas to kickball tournaments, we have been embracing spring so far. Our athletic teams are still vigorously training. Soccer had an amazing trip to Costa Rica; baseball traveled to Florida to the IMG tournament; golf has an upcoming tournament in Georgia; and basketball has been in post season AAU play.

The next four weeks are going to be special. We are energetically celebrating our seniors as they make final decisions about their post high school endeavors. It is this time when we also recognize those who will be returning to Combine the next academic year and make athletic and academic plans for them. There is just a ton of celebrating right now - recognizing our students' growth personally, athletically, and academically. We look forward to celebrating with our Combine family in the coming weeks as friends and families start arriving in Lincolnton.

#### GRADUATION IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

You are all cordially invited to celebrate Combine Academy's 2025 graduating class. Please view the graduation invitation (linked below) to see the festivities for that week from Academic and Athletic Award Banquets to Signing Day and Graduation, mark your calendars!

#### **GRADUATION INVITATION MAY 2025**

As the semester concludes, students/graduates need to be prepared to initiate I-20 transfer paperwork. Please make sure you have your new academic institution request the I-20 transfer. All requests will need to go to mat Williamson: <u>mat@combineacademy.com</u>



#### **COMBINE ACADEMY'S SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

The PFEE Workshop kicked off officially in December with an introductory meet & greet. Since then, the cohort has met several times. Owner, Jonah Baize, has shared a wealth of knowledge with the young men who applied for the program. Jonah has led sessions sharing a wealth of knowledge around financial strategy, problem solving & resilience, digital marketing, real estate development, and confidence to name just a few topics. Also, guest, Floris Iking, facilitated a private session with the PFEE cohort in early March. Visiting us from Mexico, he shared his experiences in a lifelong career of International Business. He is currently the Executive Vice President of ProAmpac. Combine Academy is fortunate to have the opportunity to expand PFEE in the upcoming academic year. The School of Business and Entrepreneurship will be launched this Fall 2025. Combine's School of Business & Entrepreneurship focuses on real-world learning and life skills. with coursework designed around startups, investing, branding, leadership, and innovation. Students will receive hands-on mentorship from successful entrepreneurs and industry leaders while learning how to build companies, manage capital, and create lasting impact in their communities and beyond.

## Senior Days

As always, Senior Days are an important time for Combine to celebrate the work and dedication of our senior players. Soccer is preparing for their spring Senior Day on Saturday, May 3rd

The Regional Basketball Team celebrated Miguel Domingo Sanches, who was joined by his entire family from Portugal, at their Senior Day . Miguel put on a show going for 25 points and an upset win over Bull City Prep.





combine celebrated the senic baseball players on April 12<sup>th</sup> in an intrasquad game.

# **Field Trips**

Combine has had a great time exploring different activities and venues throughout this last year. From bowling and hiking adventures to shopping excursions and ice skating, students and staff members have had a blast. There is one final field trip scheduled this year: paintball. There is an additional cost. Students/parents can sign up for the trip <u>using this JotForm</u>.



Field trips allow for our students and staff to build relationships. They are filled with laughter, and often times good food! Field trips are also a great time for our different teams to socialize and spend time together. It is always a pleasure seeing the bonds built between our players and our different teams. Golf and soccer grabbed ice cream at our favorite outdoor shopping and dining destination, Birkdale, and Mrs. Ellis, Combine's English and Creative Writing teacher, took a group of students to Zootastic in Troutman, NC. They most definitely had a blast.

## Friday Seminar



Friday Seminar was a new program this year, and it is one that will continue in the 2025-2026 academic year. However, it will be Friday Seminar 2.0 with even more activities and more student engagement. During the year, students learned about the college application process, listened to guest speakers, set goals for themselves, participated in club activities and field trips, and had opportunities to partake in grade and attendance recovery programs. We look forward to expanding on this program next year. Lincolnton Eats, one of Combine's new clubs this Spring, frequented another local favorite: Local Roots. They visited several local eateries in Lincolnton this semester and enjoyed good food and good company.

#### STUDENTS, HAVE AN IDEA FOR A 2025-2026 CLUB? FILL OUT THIS FORM.

# 60 Seconds With A Goat

Over 40 countries are represented at Combine. Students trek across the globe to experience GOAT life, and we have decided to document it! Meet our student athletes, learn why they wanted to attend Combine, what they have learned while being at Combine, and hear from them about their favorite memories. Learn more about campus life and the GOAT experience on our website.



Seleem was our very first highlighted GOAT. He is such a wonderful contribution to the Combine family, and he is also a fabulous teammate on the golf team. Check out more about Seleem and our other Goats in 60 Seconds With a Goat.

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH CONGRATULATIONS!

FEBRUARY

CARLOS THOMAS BILIEL MAHAMADOU JONATHAN LUND GABRIEL LACERDA BRAYDEN CAP DORIAN UDE



MARCH MIGUEL GAMEIRO LUTHER GABUTIN HENRY ASHLEY MICAH IRVING BRAYDEN CAP EALEEM TAHER ELMER JIMINIAN GERARDO VARGAS EMMANUEL LUKUNGA SAMUEL TIMMERMAN JONATHAN LUND DANIEL ZUMBADO

Per usual, a monthly ice cream juant made the calendar for our students. We frequented Riverbend, a local dairy farm with amazingly fresh ice cream! We highly suggest a visit when visiting Combine.

## **Important End-of-Year Dates**

Friday, April 25: Last Day to Submit Late Work Friday, April 25: Final Club Day Friday, May 2: Field Day Saturday, May 3: SAT Saturday, May 3: Senior Day - Soccer Friday, May 9: Dual Enrollment Applications Due Friday, May 9: Field Trip - Paint Ball Tuesday, May 13: Last Day of Classes Wednesday, May 14: Final Exam Day #1 Thursday, May 15: Final Exam Day #2 Thursday, May 15: Athletic Awards-6pm Friday, May 16: Graduation Rehearsal (Students Only) - 10am Friday, May 16: Senior Picnic (All Students) - 11:30am Friday, May 16: Spring Signing Day - 1pm Friday, May 16: Academic Awards-6pm Saturday, May 17: Graduation - 11am Sunday, May 18: Student Departure/Campus Closure

Quick links to Schedule Transportation

- May 18<sup>th</sup> Pre Approved Transportation Day
- All Other Transportation Days



\*Please note that Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> is unavailable for airport transport due to graduation