

Goats at a Glance



SOCCER SUCCESS

Combine's soccer program has grown exponentially in recent years, and the continued success, particularly this fall season, is a testament to both of the coaches' and players' ongoing determination for development and teamwork. Soccer is being highlighted this month for just that: the team's perseverance in tough competition and their eagerness to work collaboratively, knowing they will only be better because of those efforts. Many are unaware that the program competes in one of the largest men's semi-professional leagues (UPSL) in the country - in addition to three supplemental leagues. Earlier this season, the team won the Prep School League; they earned first place (Championship pictures above). They were then undefeated in the regular season of the College Development League and came in second place to Cocker University in the final match after the two teams challenged one another in a final round of penalty kicks. The team then concluded their season last weekend in two championship games. Even in the two UPSL divisions, despite the considerably intense level of play, Combine ranked 5th out of the 13 teams in the Premier division and went into their last regular season Division 1 game in 1st place. While the final games for Combine were tough, and there was definitely some heartbreak, the team proved their competitiveness and their drive to win throughout this season. There is no doubt that they will come back with vengeance this spring! Combine provides its athletes with exposure to varying levels (high school, collegiate, semi- professional). Regardless of the sport, students are constantly being challenged. However, together, these teams overcome, and the individual skills gained on and off the court will definitely aid them in their future endeavors. We congratulate soccer this fall, and we look forward to their spring season.



SUCCESS
IS NO ACCIDENT.
IT IS HARD WORK.
PERSEVERANCE.
LEARNING. STUDYING.
SACRIFICE AND MOST OF ALL,
LOVE OF WHAT YOU ARE
DOING OR LEARNING TO DO.
-PELE

Holiday Travel
We know students and family members are looking forward to their holiday reunions, and we look forward to hearing about everyone's travels and holiday extravaganzas upon student returns. Here are the resources previously shared for reminders as to the logistics and specifics for holiday travel. One last reminder.

- [Fall/Winter Holiday Detail Letter](#) (previously shared)
- [Transportation Form w/Fee](#)
- [Transportation Form Regular Travel Days](#)

December/Exam Schedule
The end of the semester is right around the corner. Here is a reminder of the December schedule:

- Thursday, December 12th: Official Last Day of Class (All Students)
- Friday, December 13th: Early Exam Day (Only for those who submitted paperwork)
- Monday, December 16th: Exam Day 1: Monday and Wednesday Classes during normal class time.
- Tuesday, December 17th: Exam Day 2: Tuesday and Thursday Classes during normal class time.

Scheduling/QuickSchools/Senior Academic Meetings
QuickSchools will be unavailable during the Thanksgiving holiday. It is during that time that Spring scheduling will occur. While Google Classroom and other online platforms will be available, students will most likely not have access to the Fall gradebook or attendance, for example. Seniors finalized their course load with Mrs. Cicala during Senior Academic Meetings while underclassmen had an opportunity to reselect their spring course preferences during last week's Friday Seminar. Spring schedules should be available to all students upon their return on Monday, December 2nd.

DEVELOPING & BRANDING YOUR FUTURE

As shared previously, on Monday, November 11th, Combine welcomed a handful of guests from its sister school in Daytona, Florida, DME. Our DME guests, including Mike Panaggio and Mike Mitchener, along with Combine's own owner, Jonah Baize, hosted an informative workshop encouraging student-athletes to develop their brand and to purposefully build their futures. They shared an amazing resource with all of the teams: hsrecruiting.com. This will be a complimentary resource for our Combine students. It is an online recruiting portal where athletes can highlight their athletic achievements and abilities. Students were invited to explore this platform during our last Friday Seminar - and will be continue to work on their profiles more in the coming weeks and months. DME and Combine owners also introduced a six-week leadership workshop that Jonah will be teaching. This course is designed for students with a leadership and entrepreneurial mindset. This is a workshop - not a credited class. However, students will learn the fundamentals of business and building a successful future outside of just athletics. The workshop will be voluntary for students who want to develop their skillset and their mindset for that matter. The application was shared with students last week; students had to be prompt in completing their applications. Based on the number of applications, students are most definitely excited about this opportunity. A final list of participants accepted into the course will be shared by the first week in December.

A November to Remember

We blinked, and it is the holiday season! This last month definitely flew by; however, we made sure to make every minute count. From fall bonfires and nearby hikes to class projects and home athletic events -- students and staff have enjoyed the hustle and bustle on campus. We have continued with our Friday Seminar Series. Students have been goal planning and have been introduced to the college application process, particularly to Common App, a frequently used college application platform online. We are encouraging our upperclassmen to work on their college applications in preparation for their return after the New Year. The Business Club finalized their resumes and cover letters while the Podcast Club is preparing for their first official recording in the studio. A few students in the Running Club have signed up for a December race with Mrs. Smith; Celement Rath is even doing a half marathon at a local race. We celebrated nine athletes who have already committed to their new athletic/academic endeavors on National Signing Day, November 13th. A huge congratulations to this group of well-deserving athletes. Moreover, Pastor Mike Devine, a local pastor from Covenant Church in Lincolnton visited and spoke to the student body during Friday Seminar on November 8th about leadership and how athletics and leadership on the field ultimately prepares individuals for the real world. He shared his life story with the boys and how he found his path in life. He also shared his book with us, *Leaders Lead*. Pastor Mike will also be hosting the FCA Club, starting in the second semester. Additionally, we had a group of students volunteer at a local community nonprofit event in Newton; they helped with setup and facilitation of the event, a family day for adults with special needs. Meanwhile, all of our student-athletes have been training rigorously. Soccer, golf, and basketball are actively in their seasons right now. Earlier this month, we also had a group of 40 Danish student-athletes visit us in Lincolnton for 10 days. They trained on campus, experienced a sliver of American day-to-day, and traveled to various sites on the East Coast, particularly Davidson College for a college tour and a Hornets game in Charlotte. It was a pleasure having them on campus once again; they have made this an annual tradition for the past few years.

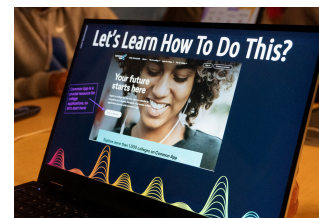


Will you be on campus over Thanksgiving break? Check out the week's activity calendar. [Click Here.](#)

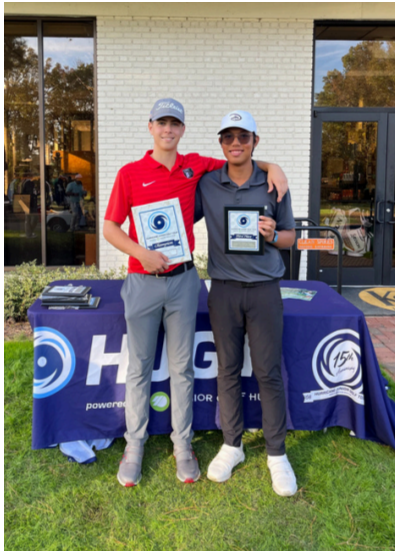


Congratulations to Combine's October Students of the Month

- Jake Tolan
- Webb Williams
- Matias Baldi
- Kaden Magwood
- Graham Orndoff
- Langelihle Ntiwane
- Alberto Aguilar
- Luther Gabutin
- Simbarashe Bete
- Daniel Zumbado

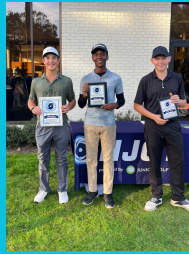


ATHLETIC UPDATES



GOLF

Henry Ashley won the College Prep Series at Campbell University. He shot 78-71. KP Chantang earned 3rd place, shooting 77-75.



Eduardo de Leon won his division (age 14-15), shooting 81-75. Siyolo Joseph won 2nd, scoring 83-74. The team travels to Orlando, Florida the first weekend in December for the National Championship.

BASEBALL

Baseball has continued their off-season training. They have been actively using their new field -- and have been working on getting stronger and faster in preparation for their season to start after the New Year. The baseball players have been so supportive of Combine's other sports teams; they truly bring the hype to the Farm! We are grateful for their team mindset and their school spirit.



BASKETBALL

The Elite HS basketball team is off to a 5-1 start to the season. For preseason competition, they travelled to Tavares, FL on Oct. 18-19 to compete in the All-American Jamboree.

The Regional team took a trip to Fayetteville, NC, home of US Army Base Fort Liberty, for the Veterans Day Classic. The basketball teams went 3 and 1 on the weekend. Zion Simpson and Jayson Adams, who are the children of veterans, even presented Army veterans with official Combine gear. The Regional team also attended an American Football Game in Rock Hill and visited a Division 1 campus before playing against their Developmental Team

Combine's Global team made a trip to IMG in Bradenton, FL. Global is now 4-1 going into the Thanksgiving break.

Combine Varsity and Global played one another in a highly competitive game here on the Farm this last month. Global secured a 4-point win in quite a passionate and high intense atmosphere (thanks to our student body). The two teams will play again early next year in league play. Varsity is currently 2-1.

The National team plays in The OTE League as the Blue Checks and have gotten off to a very strong start, compiling a 4-1 record and specifically a 4-0 record on the Farm. The Goats are 5-0 in high school play, including a dominate win over Davidson Day, a well-known local program.

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

On Wednesday, November 13, nine Goats were recognized for their athletic achievements, particularly officially committing (and signing) to their next academic and athletic institution. The Combine family cannot be more excited for this group of young men. They have not only worked hard for this opportunity, but their parents have, as well. It was an honor hosting National Signing Day, recognizing these young men and their dedication to their sport and their future academic goals. We are grateful to have been part of these young men's athletic/academic journey - while for some it was years and some months - we are grateful to have been a footprint on their path to doing great things! Thank you to the coaches, the administration, and the student body for your presence and participation in celebrating these future collegiate players! We look forward to honoring even more student-athletes in the months to come.



CONGRATULATIONS

Golf

Henry Ashley - Union University

Baseball

Chase Ruben - Paul D. Camp Community College

Soccer

Emilio Cordero - Southern Wesleyan University
Oscar Umana - Southern Wesleyan University

Basketball

Kaden Magwood - Auburn University
Josiah Parker - Florida Atlantic University
BJ Powell - Howard University
CJ Purdie - Montana State University
Caleb Thomas - Lehigh University