



# THE BOYS' LATIN SCHOOL OF MARYLAND

this week at 



**June 18, 2012**

## **Pride & Tradition: Alexander Kirkland Barton, Class of 1910**

Two weeks ago **Taylor Davis '13** was awarded the **Alexander K. Barton '10** Cup. The award goes annually to a junior in the upper school who has strong character, high ideals and effective moral leadership. It is one of the most prestigious awards given by the school.

**Alexander K. Barton '10** was the youngest son of **Major Randolph Barton**, an officer in the Confederate Army, who was wounded seven times during the American Civil War and on one occasion given the opportunity to command a regiment at age 21. Major Barton was one of three officers chosen by **General Robert E. Lee** to surrender to **General U.S. Grant's** Northern Army at Appomattox.

Alex Barton took a lively interest in Boys' Latin activities following his older brothers **Randolph Barton, Jr.**, **Carlyle Barton '03**, and **David W. Barton** through BLS. He was an excellent student earning head boy honors in 1907.

Boys' Latin won the City Prep football championship in 1908 and Alex wanted to play football for the 1909 Latinist team that eventually lost the City Prep Championship game to Gilman 17-11. Unfortunately Alex was too light to play on the team, however, coach **Hank Brennick** approached Headmaster **James Dunham** and asked if he could award Alex with a team letter based on his managerial participation and great interest in the team. Brennick described how Alex's enthusiasm helped pull the team together. Dunham agreed.

After graduating from BL, Alex attended Johns Hopkins University. His writing ability helped him become editor of the school newspaper. After graduation from Hopkins in 1914, he decided to enter the ministry and also took the examination for the Rhodes Scholarship. In 1915 he was appointed as one of the 32 Americans given a Rhodes Scholarship each year to study at Oxford University in England. However, World War I was raging and Alex decided to postpone his scholarship to become an artillery officer in the 42<sup>nd</sup> (Rainbow) Division. He entered officer's training school at Ft. Myer's, Virginia and was later commissioned a second lieutenant and served overseas for seven months.

Barton loved Boys' Latin and after serving in the War, he returned in June of 1918 to give a speech at the school's Commencement Exercises. He told the boys of his experiences in France and about gas warfare in the trenches and remarked about the Boys' Latin School service flag with 150 stars – each star representing a BL alumnus serving overseas. After his speech he presented the Alumni Cup – for leadership based on character to **Augustus S. Duffy '18**.

After the War was over Alex was able to accept his Rhodes Scholarship and spent two years studying at Oxford. After Oxford, he spent a year in Poland working for the American Red Cross.

In 1921 he was ordained as an Episcopalian priest and accepted the opportunity to return to Baltimore as an assistant minister at Christ Church. He was an excellent preacher and many of the vestry hoped he would consider taking over as rector of the church, but he had made up his mind to work with students and he went to the University of California, at Berkley to teach. At Cal, he picked out students whom he considered future leaders. He would meet with them and instruct them in how to influence others to lead an exemplary kind of Christian life. It was during this time that Alex unfortunately cut his hand with a small pocket knife. He contracted a blood disease which first necessitated the amputation of his left arm and then eventually killed him.

Alex Barton died June 7, 1924 in Berkeley, California, leaving behind a wife and a son. He was just 31 years old.

According to a 1924 issue of the *Inkwell*, "Alexander K. Barton stands among the most distinguished of our Alumni, and stands to the people of Baltimore for courage, steadfastness, self-denial and self-sacrifice. Alexander Barton crammed into his short life a fullness of experience and accomplishment that is equaled by few. Both as an artillery officer in the Rainbow Division and as a minister of God, his influence shone on those around him, inspiring them by example. The depth that this was appreciated was shown by the mourning following his tragic death recently in California."

Johns Hopkins University also awards its Barton Cup given each year to a senior "who has most faithfully served the interests and ideals of the university and exemplifies Alexander Barton's strong character, high ideals and effective moral leadership."

### **Annual Fund 2011-2012 – THANKS AGAIN!**



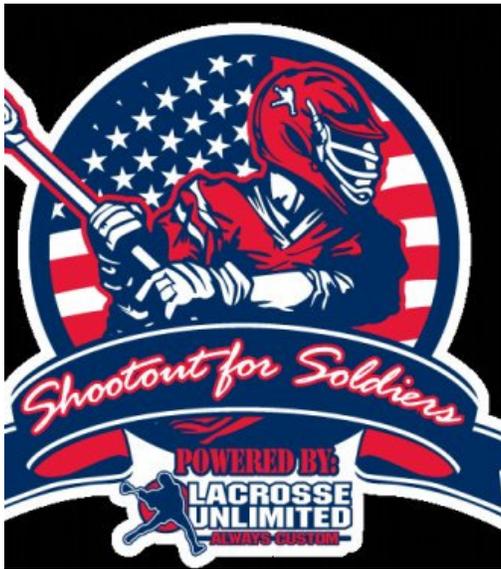
With the end of the school year just a short month away, the Boys' Latin's Alumni/Development Office

wishes to take a moment to say thank you for all of you who have made a contribution to this year's Annual Fund.

For those of you who have not participated this year there is still time. Feel free to show your support for BL by donating before June 30 at [www.boyslatinmd.com/sslpge.aspx?pid=296](http://www.boyslatinmd.com/sslpge.aspx?pid=296) .

When making your gift, please keep in mind the **Dyson Ehrhardt '59** challenge. Any new or increased gift over last year will be matched 2 for 1!

### **Shootout for Soldiers**



**Tyler Steinhardt '12**, who recently graduated from BL, organized a 24 hour lacrosse game last Thursday/Friday to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Tyler came up with the idea to have a 24 hour long lacrosse game (that shattered the world record!) to raise money to assist our military men and women with combat related injuries. Because of Tyler's efforts the game drew thousands of spectators and players to BL's campus and raised over \$105,000!

The final score? Stripes 192 – Stars 173.

To read more about the event go to [http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2012-06-14/sports/bs-va-sp-shootout-for-soldiers-0614-20120614\\_1\\_boys-latin-boys-latin-national-lacrosse-league](http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2012-06-14/sports/bs-va-sp-shootout-for-soldiers-0614-20120614_1_boys-latin-boys-latin-national-lacrosse-league).

## Alumni Notes



**Brian Devlin '68** continues his work with the St. Ambrose Housing group and he recently wrote: (We are) very grateful to Boys' Latin for allowing us to participate with the school again this year in the summer Community Service Project. The boys (pictured above) cleaned and painted in two of our affordable apartment communities - the Union Ave. Apartments in Hampden for families and single men and women and the Aigburth Vale Senior Community in Towson for senior citizens. On the first day of the project I explained the value of the project to the boys and how the work that they do saves us the cost of paying for these services. The tasks performed by the boys are very much appreciated as we, like many non-profit agencies, try to stretch our budgets. Our thanks to Boys' Latin, and especially Mr. Franklin (US Dean of Students) for once again partnering with us! "

**T.W. Winston '96** is the defensive lacrosse coach for the Colorado State Rams who recently won the National Championship in the [Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association](#) (MCLA) 7-5 over Cal Poly. This was T.W.'s third year coaching at CSU. He is hoping to repeat as champs next season.

Colorado State's Defense set a MCLA tournament record by allowing just 3.5 goals against over four tournament games.

## BL Athletics

**Bennett Wisner '14** was recently named to the All-MIAA "A" Conference Golf team.

## 80 Years Ago

Against high school competition Boys' Latin's varsity lacrosse team won 11 out of 12 games and shared the Maryland Scholastic Association (MSA) lacrosse championship with McDonogh. This was BL's first lacrosse title. With much of the team returning and a solid junior varsity team hopes of a repeat performance were high for the 1933 season.

*The Baltimore Sun* reported that **Jack Evans '33** was the leading goal scorer in the state.

At the conclusion of the season the MSA announced there would be some rule changes for the 1933 campaign. Teams now would have 10 players per side (instead of twelve) and the field was shortened to 80 yards between goals and the behind the goal territory would be limited to 20 yards at either end. Game times were to be divided into 4 twelve-minute quarters and overtime would consist of 2 four minute periods. There was to be no intermission between the periods but the teams would change goals.

The MSA lacrosse league was going to be divided into two divisions with the winners of each division playing for the championship. In the event of a tie for Division leadership a one-game play-off would be held. The two division breakdowns were as follows: Division I would consist of City, Park, Gilman Severn and Boys' Latin with Division II consisting of Donaldson, Friends, Poly, McDonogh, and Tome.

On June 8th, 1932, a plaque awarded by the MSA for the lacrosse championship was formally presented and accepted by Headmaster **Dr. George Shipley**.

## 65 Years Ago

On June 18, 1947 the Boys' Latin School on Brevard Street caught on fire. Fortunately the school was closed for the summer and was able to open its doors on time for the '47-'48 school term.

## 50 Years Ago

Boys' Latin School announced **Jack H. Williams '38** was appointed as BL's 7<sup>th</sup> Headmaster to replace **William L. Cooper**. Williams, just 42 years old, was a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland Law School. He had previously been actively practicing law with his brother **Bayard Williams '31** in Baltimore County. He was the former President of the school's Alumni Association and just prior to becoming headmaster was President of the school's Board of Trustee.

The school also announced its appreciation of Mr. Cooper for his "vital leadership" during the difficult time of relocating from downtown to its site on Lake Avenue. Cooper led BL for two years and helped stabilize the intuition.

## 40 Years Ago

Boys' Latin School and Friends School, old rivals from the days when both schools were located in Bolton Hill, were set to play in an alumni lacrosse game at Boys' Latin. In June of 1972, the *Baltimore News American* published an article about the upcoming game.

**“The administration can have great confidence in recommending the school to parents. The ability of the staff, their devotion to their work, their interest in the students, and their lack of pretense are truly remarkable.” John Walton “Report on BLS,” April 1964**



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