

Darn the Torpedoes! Andrew and Connor go to Annapolis

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The hot cramped dorms are empty at six a.m. in Annapolis, Maryland and it's time for baseball. The Navy yard is alive, alert, awake, and filled with people like Andrew Reed and Connor Margosian. This isn't your average baseball camp. This is a Navy baseball camp.

Well actually it's considered Naval Academy Camp and is built just for high school seniors to experience Navy life first hand.

This is clearly not your average baseball camp. In fact it's a baseball, leadership, and senior showcase wrapped all into a nice package. Plus, it could be considered a little bit of a college visit as well.

But how did they find out about all of this?

"My dad found out about it. I knew Andy likes the Navy and obviously plays baseball so I asked him to come to the camp with me," said Margosian.

And although Annapolis is a little more than nine hours away, that didn't stop the dynamic duo from trekking through three states to get

there.

For one-and-a-half weeks, Reed and Margosian experienced the Naval Academy at its finest.

"A normal day consisted of breakfast, baseball practice, lunch, physical training endurance course, live baseball games, dinner, and leadership classes until 9, then bed at 11," said Reed.

A normal day? What seems like an abnormal day to the average person could be summed up as 'just another day at the office' for the Midshipmen.

Not to mention the fact that Annapolis has an average temperature of 85 degrees in August just made that long day even longer.

When Margosian was asked about his time at the camp he replied, "I really enjoyed the speakers that would come in. One night there was a player that talked to us and the next a Naval Officer came in."

Both Reed and Margosian would attend the camp another time if they were allowed to and were disappointed they couldn't have done it earlier.

But their time there would be

for naught if they did not learn anything from their time there. It would be like going grocery shopping and leaving everything you bought at the register.

"The time at Navy really gave me a different view on life. There's so much more out there than what you think," said Reed.

Margosian took a similar lesson from the camp and is successfully applying the ideas he learned to the classroom.

"I'm applying the leadership and responsibility aspects of the camp to make smarter decisions in and out of school; so far it's helped me this year," said Margosian.

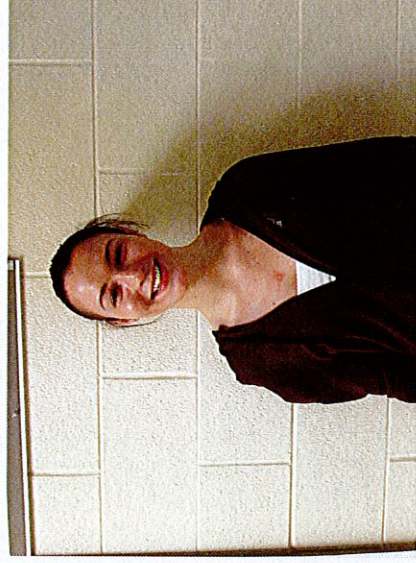
So the lessons from the Navy are responsibility, good leadership, and discipline are the keys to success.

Neither Margosian nor Reed are interested in serving in the Navy but both would attend the school for top-notch sports and academics.

Wherever these two decide to attend college and whatever they decide to do with their lives, that week-and-a-half in Annapolis, Maryland will forever be a part of their lives.



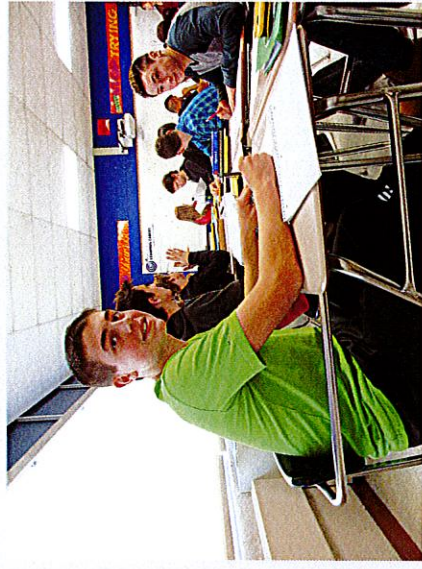
Emily Biafore



1. **Role Model:** Her mom
2. **Greatest Accomplishment in high school:** Being on the honor roll
3. **Favorite After School Activity:** Hanging out with her friends
4. **Favorite Year of high school:** Sophomore year because she likes her classes



Austin DeBuck



1. **Role Model:** Calvin Johnson
2. **Greatest Accomplishment in high school:** Making it on the JV baseball team as a freshman
3. **Favorite after school activity:** Playing sports or Key Club
4. **Favorite year of high school:** Freshman year because he made the honor roll

Star Wars Franchise Awakens

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It is arguably the most anticipated sequel since the New Testament: Star Wars.

On Friday December 18, 2015, the force returned to theaters after a 10 year absence and a 32 year wait from the original trilogy first drew to a close.

After ten years of waiting for Star Wars to return, it has returned with a bang answering questions fans have had since 1983.

Where is Luke?

What about Leia and Han?

What happened to the Empire?

Who are these new characters?

Will it do the original justice?

Will Disney ruin the movie kids grew up adoring?

***Disclaimer:** This article contains very minor, unimportant spoilers for Star Wars: The Force Awakens*

As a person who has seen the movie twice within the same week, this Star Wars fan has nothing bad to say about director JJ Abrams depiction of how one of the greatest sagas in film continues.

Senior Max Fahrney feels the same way.

"It was awesome to see Star Wars back on the big screen," said Fahrney, "I could feel my childhood coming back to

original characters to our new heroes and villains.

"It is sad knowing that the old guys aren't going to be around for much longer is kind of sad, but the way they introduced the new ones make me feel like they're going in the right direction," said freshmen Josh Rumsey.

Not only are the films moving in the right direction, but Disney in a whole is earning records at the box office

along with millions in merchandise. As of January 11th, The Force Awakens had earned, a record, over \$800 million dollars domestically and \$1.7 billion worldwide, good enough for 3rd all time, even with it just opening in China last week.

The Force Awakens has taken the world by storm, but people aren't realizing that in both 2016 and 2017 new Star Wars films are being released.

On December 16, 2016 Rogue One: A Star Wars Story is being released. Even though this has nothing to do with carrying on the story of Episode VII, this movie will prove to be helpful for Star Wars fans. This movie will take place in time between Episode III: Revenge of the Sith and Episode IV: A New Hope. In particular this will show fans how Leia and the Rebellion got the plans to

destroy the Death Star.

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