



CARMELLO (C.J.) LIBASSI

FULBRIGHT TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP TO SPAIN



C.J. Libassi graduated magna cum laude from The University of Scranton in 2010 with a triple major in English, Spanish and philosophy. He is completing a two-year term with Teach for America, serving as a foreign language teacher at Oakcrest Elementary School in Landover, Md.

With Teach for America, Libassi was selected to participate as part of a pilot group of just 30 second-year corps members to receive specialized support to further advance their teaching skills. In addition, he was part of a team in the Washington, D.C. area that collaborated to design a plan for maximizing supplemental education services resources to produce greater learning gains for students with the largest educational deficits that won Teach for America's D.C. Region Innovation Challenge pitch competition.

Libassi also founded after-school basketball and soccer programs at Oakcrest Elementary School.

At The University of Scranton, Libassi served as editor-in-chief and production manager of *Esprit*, the University's literary and art magazine. His original short story "The King of Naptime" won the University's Berrier Prose Award. He was a resident assistant and volunteered as a Spanish translator at the University's Leahy Clinic for the Uninsured, a free clinic on campus.

A dean's list student at Scranton, Libassi is a member of Alpha Sigma Nu (the national Jesuit honor society) and Phi Sigma Tau (the philosophy honor society). Also as a student, he presented at the 2010 Mid-South Undergraduate Philosophy Conference in Memphis, Tenn. He studied abroad at the University of Buenos Aires in the spring of 2009.

Libassi is currently pursuing a master's degree in teaching at American University in Washington, D.C.

As a Fulbright grantee to Spain, Libassi, who applied "at large" while working in Maryland, will teach English to students at a high school in Madrid.

A graduate of Wyoming Seminary High School, he is the son of Anthony and Eloise Libassi of Dalton.