



Freedom Grads ----> Future Stars

Robbie Raso, a 2015 graduate of Freedom Area High School, was accepted and received a scholarship to attend Carnegie Mellon University-College of Fine Arts. While at Freedom, he played trombone in the Big Red Marching Band, sang in the chorus, played piano and performed in the FAHS Drama Club productions. He has many fond memories of Freedom, including Drama Club and the Big Red Marching Band.

Robbie was awarded a study-abroad, full scholarship to study opera in Arezzo, Italy during the summer of 2018. He graduated from CMU in 2019 with honors and obtained a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Vocal Performance, a minor in Business Administration and a certificate in Italian Language and Culture. After graduating from CMU, Robbie earned another full scholarship to study opera in New York City. He enjoyed his NYC summer of 2019, advancing his knowledge of opera and vocal performance.

Most recently, Robbie was awarded a generous scholarship to study at the prestigious Eastman School of Music (University of Rochester) in Rochester, NY. He just finished his first year of graduate studies in his pursuit to obtain a Master of Fine Arts in Music and Literature and is teaching private voice lessons (classical/musical theatre) over Skype.

Rob's thoughts on Freedom, "As a band member, I really appreciated my time with the one and only Mr. K.K. I would also be remiss if I didn't mention Mr. Kline's encouragement, Mr. Majors' kindness and support in teaching mathematics, and Mr. Saludis and Dr. Wargo's efforts in teaching rational thinking along with Chemistry and Physics. I also can't forget about my English teacher Mrs. Schultz's creativity, Mr. Langelli's enthusiasm, performing with other students with Mrs. Giammaria, and finally Anatomy with Mrs. Berger, where I realized that I did not, in fact, want a career in the medical field, and decided to be an opera singer instead." What an exceptionally outstanding Freedom Grad!