



Ronald L. Brandon is Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Administration and Finance at Christian Brothers University, where he has served in senior leadership roles for more than eight years. The Board of Trustees has appointed Brandon as the next president of CBU, effective June 1, 2026. A proud CBU alumnus and first-generation, nontraditional graduate, Brandon's professional life has been shaped by a deep commitment to mission-centered leadership in Memphis—serving institutions grounded in faith, service, education, and community impact.

Throughout his tenure at Christian Brothers University, Brandon has been a central leader during a period of significant institutional change. Working in close partnership with Interim President Brother Chris Englert and the Board of Trustees, he has helped guide the University through complex challenges while remaining anchored in CBU's Catholic, Lasallian mission. His leadership has supported efforts to strengthen financial stewardship, modernize operations, and align resources in service of students, faculty, and staff, while advancing strategic initiatives designed to ensure the University's long-term vitality. This work has included helping lead CBU's shared-services partnership with Lewis University, an effort focused on sustainability, collaboration, and mission alignment.

Brandon's career reflects sustained service to Catholic and mission-driven institutions in Memphis and the Mid-South. Prior to his current role, he served as Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer at CBU, as well as Vice President for Administration and Finance and CFO. In these roles, he provided executive leadership across finance, human resources, technology, compliance, and operational planning—always with a focus on supporting the academic mission and strengthening institutional trust.

Before returning to Christian Brothers University, Brandon served as Chief Financial Officer for the Catholic Diocese of Memphis, a faith community encompassing parishes, schools, ministries, and social service organizations across West Tennessee. In that role, he worked closely with the bishop, clergy, and lay leaders to ensure responsible stewardship of Church resources in support of pastoral ministry, Catholic education, and outreach to the broader community. His work required not only financial expertise, but also a deep understanding of the Church's mission, governance, and role in the life of the city.

Earlier in his career, Brandon held senior financial leadership roles with the YMCA of Memphis & the Mid-South and ProTech Systems Group. At the YMCA, he supported programs serving families and youth across the region, reinforcing his commitment to organizations that strengthen communities and expand access to opportunity. Across these roles, Brandon has worked closely with boards and executive teams to advance transparency, accountability, and long-term organizational health.

As president, Brandon has articulated a vision for CBU that is rooted in its Catholic, Lasallian identity and focused on expanding access and belonging, investing in faculty and staff, strengthening partnerships that serve Memphis and the region, and advancing disciplined stewardship to ensure a sustainable future.

Brandon holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Christian Brothers University, where he graduated magna cum laude and was recognized with a Certificate of Excellence and



membership in Alpha Chi Honor Society. He is currently completing his Master of Business Administration at CBU, with an anticipated completion in 2026.

Grounded in faith, family, and service, Brandon brings to the presidency a deep personal connection to Christian Brothers University and a lifelong commitment to leading institutions that serve Memphis through education, ministry, and community engagement.