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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Peter Campbell King, Bull Dog Alumni Association President, Class of '72

Dear Bull Dog Nation,
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Bull Dog Alumni Association, hopefully, you had a joyful and restful New Year as we move toward Spring.

I continue to be amazed at how well the students, faculty, and administration at Columbus North High School have adjusted to and adapted to the most interesting and challenging times we have seen in many years. Your Bull Dog Alumni Association continues to support them in every way we can.

All of the work we do is not possible without your generous contributions. I understand from our Treasurer, Mr. Tom Tremain, Class of '75, that our annual fundraising appeal has set a record for 2020.

All of us on the Board of Directors are so grateful for your generosity, as it will allow us to continue to support programs during these challenging times at Columbus North High School.

I also want to thank our retiring Board member Larry Ruble, Class of 1968, for his extraordinary work as our publisher/ editor of True Blue. It was Larry's vision, drive, and leadership that continued our True Blue and provided an outstanding foundation for our alumni newsletter. Thank you, Larry, for 19 editions of True Blue, beginning in 2015 and ending with our spring 2020 edition.

We are very happy to announce that board member Roth

and Michaela Brown, a CNHS student have agreed to assist us in the publisher role. Roth is a very talented member of our faculty at Columbus North as a teacher and advisor for the Log, Triangle, and CNHSMedia.com. Kim West, Class of 1979, will be serving as our editor. We will continue to do the good work of the Alumni Association, always advancing the environment of excellence at Columbus North for students and faculty, even in these more challenging times.

Please continue to stay in touch, and we wish all a prosperous New Year. Please be safe and well.

Yours in Bull Dog Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Campbell King", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

BULL DOG GRADS ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE PANDEMIC

COVID-19, a name the world had never heard before, began as a flu-like outbreak in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, just over one year ago. As Americans were celebrating the holidays, China was dealing with a virus on the verge of escaping and victimizing the rest of the world. The City of Columbus and Bartholomew County, home to CNHS, has not been immune to the horrors of the pandemic. Through heroic efforts, vaccinations were developed in record time. Plans are now being implemented and Americans are receiving their vaccinations.

CNHS alumni healthcare heroes and first responders have been fighting from day one and have played major roles in an effort to end this tragic virus. We are proud of our graduates and extend our heartfelt thanks and admiration for the job they have done.

**MICHAEL J. DORENBUSCH, M.D.**

Southern Indiana Surgery
Bull Dog Class of 1981

Just over a year ago, the world was going about its normal business and the name “Covid 19” was unknown. The virus, one of the most contagious and deadly ever seen, spread outside its place of origin, Wuhan Province, China, like wildfire, and the only hope to end it quickly was the use of medications that treated symptoms but provided no cure. Hope was immediately placed in the development of a vaccination. After nearly a year of research, development, and testing, hundreds of sites are now setting up nationwide to deliver the record-speed vaccination to a beleaguered nation and stressed

healthcare system.

Prior to the delivery of vaccinations, little research was available to doctors. A war soon began to combat an unseen enemy. Fear of the unknown, disinformation, and even belief by some who thought the virus was a hoax spread across our nation. It became apparent early that we were not prepared to deal with a pandemic and terms like social distancing began to enter our vocabulary. It didn’t take long for health care systems locally and across the globe to learn that they were not well-prepared to handle a sudden, drastic increase in the need for personal protective

equipment such as N95 face masks and gowns. It was feared there would be a shortage of ventilators and, more significantly, staff to handle the workload.

For 1981 Bull Dog graduate and surgeon Michael J. Dorenbusch, M.D., it was the beginning of a nightmare that continues today.

Dr. Dorenbusch, leading a team of colleagues at Columbus Regional Hospital (CRH), knew rather immediately that elective surgical procedures needed to temporarily cease with only emergent cases to be handled in the OR. While not a popular decision among colleagues, CRH was ahead of the curve on this

issue and stopped performing surgeries even before Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb issued a statewide mandate to do so. Because surgery was no longer an elective option, surgeons and anesthesiologists found themselves doing a fraction of the business they once handled. At one point, his practice, Southern Indiana Surgery, compared to normal, was operating at 10% of the capacity it did just before the pandemic. Many surgical practices began to wonder if they could even survive.

In March, when the first real wave of COVID-19 hit here, cases at CRH averaged in the low 20s per week. With protective measures in place, the virus eased its grip on Bartholomew County. Restrictions were reduced and by mid-June, there was a backlog of around 1,000 procedures to be performed. Doctors, still working under tight restrictions, began re-scheduling patients.

Throughout this time and fearing the unknown, Dr. Dorenbusch always ended his days by going home, undressing in the garage, and heading straight to the shower before interaction with his family began. His wife, Susan, a physician herself, retired on December 31, 2019. Talk about perfect timing!

His son, Robert, a member of the CNHS Class of 2011 and Notre Dame graduate, was a medical

student in his final semester and was told by his school that his training was finished due to COVID. He no longer had to work in a hospital setting. Not willing to sacrifice the opportunity to improve his skills, he came home to live and worked alongside his Dad. He is now a surgical resident at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. There were a few bright spots in this otherwise dark war and the chance for father and son to work together was one of them.

By the time the second wave of the virus hit last Fall, the case number averages at CRH began to climb even higher than during the first round and numbered in the low 50s. Staffing the second wave became a major problem, especially for the ICU, which began to operate at near 100% capacity. With parallel skill sets to their colleagues in the ICU, surgical and recovery staff were re-assigned to help there.

There were no simple answers to the staffing shortage. After all, it is not easy to hire medical staff during a pandemic as shortages became prominent at most health care facilities nationwide. By this time, some staff themselves had become sick, most were overworked, and the stress of having a job in an environment where a deadly virus lurked even caused some staff to re-evaluate their career decisions.

With vaccine clinics now

beginning to operate in full force and mandated protective orders being followed, Indiana is again beginning to see some progress. Unless a third wave of the virus develops post-Super Bowl, there is hope on the horizon. In fact, the first week of February 2021, saw a return to normal surgery scheduling at CRH.

Dr. Dorenbusch says the atmosphere at the hospital today still feels very different. There are no visitors and those who are granted entrance must wear masks at all times. When the pandemic began, there was no established playbook, no precedents. Everyone had to get through this as a team and they are surviving. Other than co-morbidities known to impact those who tested positive, so little was known about the virus and there is still much to learn.

With Bull Dog nation medical heroes fighting this virus alongside their colleagues, there is no doubt this pandemic will end in the near future. Until then, mask up, practice social distancing and wash your hands frequently. Anything you can do to help is greatly appreciated by our medical community.

Thank you, Dr. Dorenbusch, for your dedication to the citizens of Columbus and Bartholomew County! Bull Dog Nation is proud of you!



TONY SHIPLEY

Columbus Fireman (Ret.) &
Paramedic
Class of 1973

Even though he retired as a fireman and paramedic from the Columbus Fire Department in 2016, Tony Shipley continues to serve in the ER as a triage specialist at Columbus Regional Hospital. He is often the first face seen when people are seeking emergent treatment from illness and accident.

Shortly after graduation in 1973, he moved to North Carolina to go to college. While it was tough being away from home, phone calls and visits from family and friends made it livable. He ended up staying for nearly 10 years but it was a tragic event that drove him to want to help people. His brother died of complications from diabetes while visiting in North Carolina and it was then that Tony knew what he wanted to do.

His mother became ill back home in Columbus and the fire department was taking applications.

He left North Carolina. He came home and got a job here where he could help people. While employed as a fireman, he went through EMT training and knew he wanted to pursue advanced training as a paramedic. He earned his credentials and worked two jobs as a fireman/paramedic and as a triage specialist at the hospital. He held the dual positions until he retired from the fire department in 2016.

As a fireman and paramedic, Tony has seen the horrors victims of accidents and illness caused. He is especially brokenhearted for not only the victims, but the countless family members or friends who suffer awaiting news about their loved one. always in top physical shape, he never realized he may become a patient himself, fighting for his life at the hospital he so dearly loves.

In September of 2020, Tony contracted COVID-19. He was admitted to the hospital for a couple days, then sent home to recover. He knew something wasn't right so an ambulance was called to check on him. His oxygen level had dropped and they convinced him to go to the hospital, where he spent a couple days in intensive care.

He was placed on the experimental drug Remdesivir, which is given over the course of five days, and platelets. Tony said he had never been so sick in his entire life. Worse, he was

in isolation in a dark room with no visitors allowed. His wife, Dalynn, took his mobile phone home with her because he was getting too many calls. He couldn't even talk to his four kids. His wife was right. He needed his rest and slept nearly 20 hours per day.

Tony believes in the power of prayer and that was what ultimately saved him. He said at one point, though, he was so sick he couldn't even pray for himself. He was so weak and fatigued. The only thing he could do is stay in bed in that dark room and rely on his fellow healthcare heroes to pull him through the nightmare. For the people doubting government statements and recommendations about COVID-19, he simply says "This is very real. I've seen it, I've had it, and I'm blessed to be alive today."

After missing nearly five weeks of work, Tony has returned to the ER to help others in need. He has a unique perspective on covid-19 and understands the frustrations expressed when loved ones are told they cannot enter their ER rooms. He's dealt with a whole host of emotions because of this unforgiving virus, yet he is relentless in his efforts to help others.

Thank you, Tony. Columbus is fortunate to have someone like you who has put his life on the line many times for fellow citizens. We are Bull Dog proud!



KIM LOUK

Respiratory Therapist
Class of 1980

The following was written by Kim on March, 29, 2020 and posted to her Facebook page. Her words convey to us what it is like on the front lines dealing with COVID-19 and couldn't be better written:

"I am not an anxious, panic stricken person. Now I will admit to being anal and high strung at times. I have never felt so much anxiety and fear as I do driving to work these days - or I should say nights - as my post at the hospital has been at the Emergency Department front door screening and taking temps of every patient who walks in the door.

Then there is the part of my job where I have to tell the patient that their family member cannot

go back with them or tell the father of a new baby coming into this world that they cannot go up to Labor and Delivery with the mother until I get a call back from L&D that the mother is definitely in labor.

There are tears, faces full of fear, meanness, stares, disbelief about what I just told them. ALL of this is to be expected, but it is still horrible to witness. Most people understand, but still can't believe the reality of the situation we are in due to this wicked virus.

Then there is even more anxiety and fear when I know that our youngest daughter, Taylor, is on her way to work to do the exact same thing at the emergency department. All I can do is pray that

God wraps his arms around her and protects her from this virus.

As anyone who is working in the hospitals will tell you "this is a horrendous, terribly scary situation." I have spent many nights in the past as a respiratory therapist in the ICU taking care of patients who are in isolation and was not afraid. The many strains of flu have never scared me, but this virus petrifies me. Needless to say, we all in healthcare put our armor on and continue to smile and care because we all know that the end of our shifts that we have helped our fellow humans. I truly believe I was placed on this Earth to help people. I am BEGGING ALL of you to stay home for your protection and ours. PLEASE!"



NOTES FROM THE CLASSROOM

By Barbara Handt, English teacher

Class of 1983

Throughout my twenty-plus years of teaching at North in the English department, I have experienced great changes from book adoptions to curricular updates to major building renovations. Each year we welcomed a new freshman class and said goodbye to a group of seniors that we had grown to love. However, nothing has affected our lives at North like the current pandemic. It has been a year of unprecedented challenges at Columbus North for all, but especially for faculty and staff.

During the quarantine period last spring, North, like many other schools, conducted eLearning. We completed the last nine weeks of the year with three days per week of student remote learning and two days per week for teachers to grade and load lessons. It was a huge learning curve for the faculty as previously, we had not utilized

eLearning on a wide scale. In addition, many teachers were teaching while also having to oversee their own children's eLearning experience. All of us had to master technologies like Zoom meetings and Google Hangouts in order to communicate with students as well as utilize our Learning Management System exclusively for instructional content. To say that it was challenging is an understatement, but it brought out our collaboration as teachers helped each other to find and load resources like audiobooks and ebooks.

When the school year started again in August, I was unsure of what the year would look like or whether we would be able to have in-person learning due to high COVID counts locally. We did indeed have in-person learning, but only for a portion of our students. We actually had

three different learning models that students could select. Some students could choose to do full-time in-person instruction. A small percentage of students opted for CVP, a fully online curriculum, and about 25% chose a Bridge program that allowed them to attend school online at home for the first four weeks of the year before deciding if they wanted to attend in person or online. The challenge for this model from a faculty point of view is that the remote students were learning asynchronously because they did not have to log on at the same time as their class was taking place. Teachers then were instructing their classes in person but simultaneously had to load lessons for the Bridge students so that they could do the course work on their own time. Most of the teachers in my department had between 25 to 50 Bridge students in the first semester.



Our journalism teachers needed to put out the school newspaper, The Triangle, and the Yearbook while teaching in new modalities. Teacher Rachel McCarver said "It's been difficult with The Triangle communication and publishing issues online. However, in the spring we had a lot of practice with communication. It was almost a practice run on how to put out an issue. By the end of the semester, we will have published two issues during eLearning."

In addition, Rachel McCarver has one class, BNN, which falls under the umbrella of the C4 Department. C4 teachers have state requirements for attendance in order to get their certificates. So, Rachel McCarver started her day with an in-person class of BNN but then had to quickly switch gears to teach online for the rest of the day during eLearning. Needless to say, the word of the year has been the flexibility.

The rising case count amongst the teachers, administrators, and

staff cost us to move to complete ELearning again in the fall. As we began the new semester we were initiating yet another teaching modality, which was the Hybrid model. Students with the last name of A-K attended school on Mondays and Tuesdays while the rest of the alphabet learned online on those days. Students with the last names of L-Z attended school on Thursdays and Fridays while their counterparts learned online from home. Wednesdays were eLearning days for meeting times and special help for individual students. Students who were previously on the Bridge model could still do the Bridge program.

If you feel like your head is spinning, you are not alone.

On top of all these changes, the secondary schools went to a block schedule this year that entailed moving from 45-minute periods to 88-minute periods every other day. Although various names were

considered, we are calling them A and B days. The first couple of days on the block schedule were rough. The biggest complaint from the kids was that some of them had a late lunch. Early lunch starts at 11:23 a.m., but the second, or later lunch, starts at 12:57 p.m. In addition, students have one day with four classes but no resource or study hall and the next day with three classes and one resource. It is the same for teachers. On the A days last semester, I taught four 88 minute periods with the late lunch. I had never taught a full day without a break before and that took some getting used to.

As we move forward, I hope that COVID vaccines will soon be available for teachers and students and we can return to some normalcy next fall. I am wishing everyone in the Bull Dog family a safe and happy 2021.



YIKES, WE'RE TURNING 60?

Brenda Garton-Sjoberg
Class of 1979

We're 60. Happy birthday! Yikes. Some of us are already grandparents, retired, and perhaps planning a move to the Villages. Where did the years go? High school meant simpler times. How did we ever get by without a cell, cable, and now - Zoom?

Some of us left Columbus, others are fortunate to still call Columbus home. Its impact on our lives will never leave us. And what a city is: the "Athens of the Prairie" or the "Architectural Mecca of the Midwest" but to us - it's home. How many of you took all those beautiful buildings by world-renowned architects for granted?

I moved away after college. My TV career took me to four cities in

the Midwest and Northeast. Now I'm a professor at Western New England University. I get back home several times a year to visit my mom and dad. That was before COVID hit. COVID-19 curtailed travel and changed our lives - not just mask-wearing, hand-washing, and social-distancing. COVID caused us to reflect on what matters most.

Most of us are grateful we grew up in Columbus. a place where we did just that. We can all say we knew you when. Before careers, families, our futures, we were high school classmates. Every one of you played a part in our past. You were a best friend to help us celebrate our first car, first job, and first dance. We experienced the

teenage years - together. What a great past to have in common. The beautiful architecture around us, safe streets; and an idyllic iconic slice of the simple life in a southern Midwestern city. How lucky are we? How blessed we were. We were the future, and now, here we are at 60, looking back to the "good ole" days.

It seems like just yesterday we were eating at the A&W, living it up at Noble Roman's seeing great movies at Crump, performing in spring musicals that felt like Broadway, swimming at Donner and skating at Lincoln Parks, hanging out at the mall downtown, sharing ice cream at Zaharakos, watching the new HBO, or simply driving around



with friends. I still remember the cars people drove in high school. We shared and live it all - together. If you try real hard you can still hear the laughter over the ripple of Grandview Lake parties and the enthusiastic cheers for our team under the bright lights for Friday night Football. We had it all. As teenagers, we dreamt of our futures. Now, we have the love of our own families, new friends, diverse careers, talented colleagues - and a gift of special memories that all started with you - our Columbus North Bull Dog family. Our classmates. Our teammates. Our friends.

This year taught important lessons. There was great sadness from a health crisis, a financial

crisis, and even a political crisis. Who would have known, as we were dancing and singing to the Debuttees, that we'd experience a global pandemic the year that we all turned 60? Rocking out with Kevin Silva and listening to the tunes of the great 70s kept us together back then. When I hear a certain song, it brings me back to our high school years. Today, we see polarizing political divides and alarming deadly destruction. We have sadly lost members of our own Bull Dog family. With tragedy, we gain a renewed hope for a better tomorrow. People say we should forget 2020. I say we never forget. Let it always remind us what it means to be together and care for one another. Let us

all laugh louder, hug tighter, and smile brighter.

Our life experiences began with each other. We are part of Columbus and it's a part of us. When we think of our high school years, remember the lessons learned, but most importantly the laughter we shared and the pride we felt. Now that we're older, let's never forget the great times of being young and the love we still have for our hometown, our school, and our classmates. Here's to us, class of 1979. Happy 60th birthday Bull Dogs. Let's hope the near future brings us 'back home again in Indiana' to share our past and prepare for a better and brighter tomorrow.



HOW TIMES CHANGE

A Poem by Kim West, Class of 1979

Tik Tok was the sound the old clock made
 ...and Twitter was the chatter of birds
 Facebook was a person who studied a lot
 ...and text was a paragraph with words.

How times have changed since we were in school
 ...and most would say for the better
 But I liked the days when you could walk the halls
 ...showing off your letter sweater.

We used to call our dances sock hops
 ...and remember Luden's cough drops?
 The Senior Circle was a sacred place
 ...where no Turkey dared show his face.

We wrote notes to friends, by the time they were read
 ...the info was useless and already dead.
 Today a text or email informs
 ...Instant knowledge is now the new norm.

Letter sweaters have been replaced by jackets
 ...High School sports are divided into brackets
 The rivalry with East remains the same
 ...and Holy Cow is still heard at the game!

Some traditions have ended, and others begun
 ...The Circle resides cold in the hall
 But no matter how times shall change
 ...We are forever Bull Dogs all!



Jody Stevens Evans and Jeff Simmermaker pose with the Bull Dog in Memorial Gym during a recent class reunion tour.

ONCE A BULL DOG, ALWAYS A BULL DOG

The Importance of Mascot

Once a new school is built, a daunting task lies ahead: naming a mascot. Our Alma Mater chose the Bull Dog. Why?

Obviously, many teams use the canine as their mascot. Did you know over 43 colleges and universities have them as their mascot? In Texas alone, there are 77 high schools that use the name. They are, after all, the fifth most favorite dog in the United States.

They have a determination, unlike any other dog. When a bulldog wants something and sets its mind to accomplishing

that task, it may require days to prevent it from achieving such. They are the picture of sturdy, rugged roughness. They may look rough-and-tumble on the outside, but their insides are made of mushy loyalty. Bulldogs have a calm and quiet personality... but when it comes to protecting their loved ones, they show true courage. They are great sports, whether they are in the middle of the action or cheering on the sidelines.

You just can't keep a Bull Dog down. Adversity does not hold them back. Now you know the story.



CNHS GRAD/PROFESSIONAL SOCCER PLAYER HANGS UP CLEATS, BEGINS NEW CHAPTER OF CAREER

Morgan Proffitt

Professional Soccer Player/Businesswoman

Class of 2013

CNHS, much like the dominating male and female gymnastics teams of the 1970s, has worked extremely hard establishing itself among the elite teams in IHSAA soccer. For one Bull Dog graduate, the sport was mastered at the highest levels of competition.

For 2013 graduate Morgan Proffitt, hard work, patience, perseverance and teamwork were the keys to her enjoying a great career at CNHS. She signed a letter of intent to play for Marquette, followed by representing Team USA in international competition. Soon after, she played professionally and enjoyed success at that level as well.

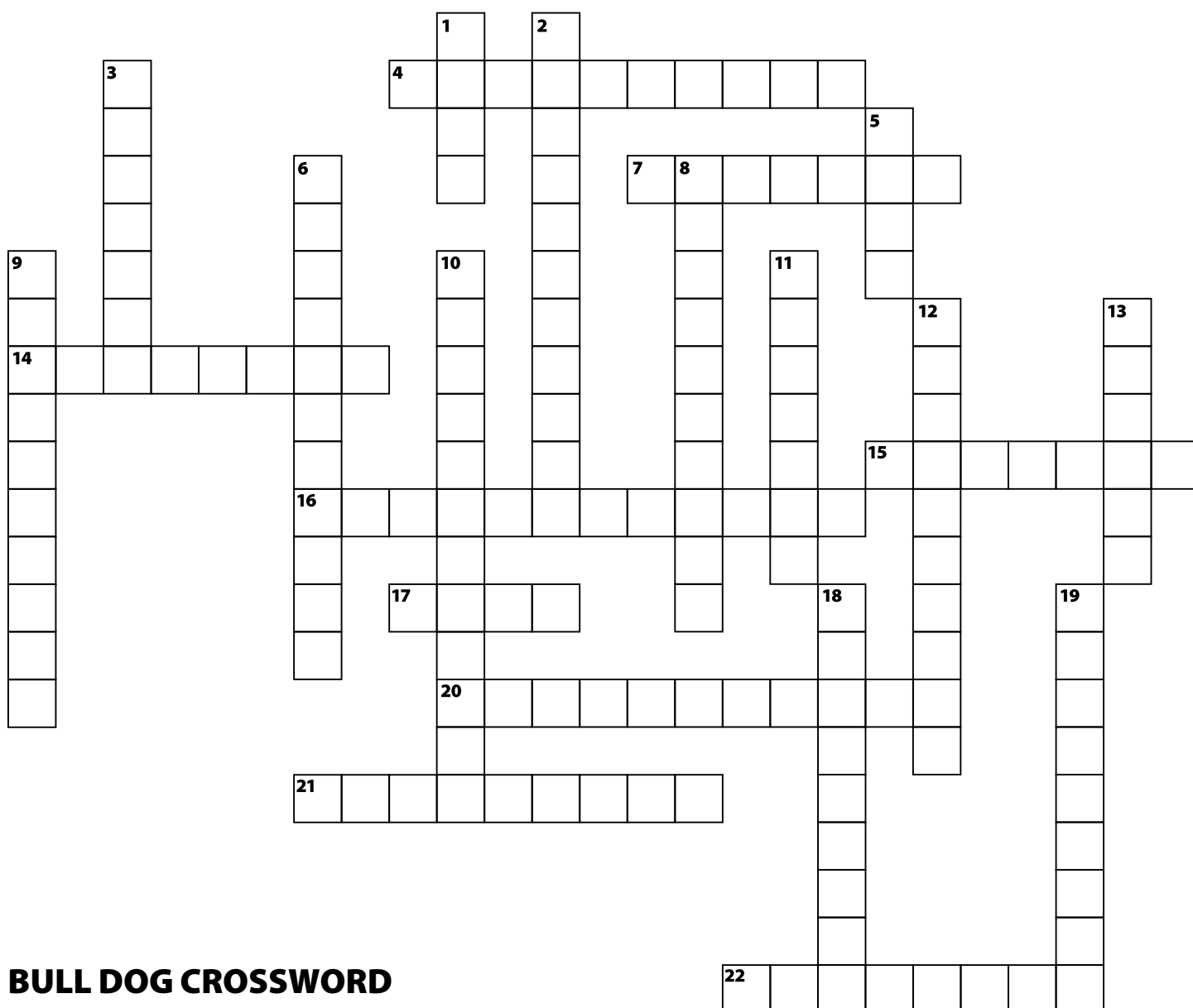
All good things come to an end, though, and after extensive travel and being away from family, Morgan decided it was time for a new chapter in her life.

"New year, new beginnings. As some of you may know, I am retiring from professional soccer and starting my business career. I didn't want to get all sentimental; however, it's really hard not to when this sport has given me some of the best moments of my life. It's given me friendships and family, heartache and triumph, mentors and role models, confidence and ambition. It has made me face adversity and push myself beyond what I thought I was capable of. It's allowed me to travel and live all over the USA as well as in nine different countries. I've gotten to call teammates sisters, visit the White House, play in front of 20,000 fans, have a Rainier Beer on Mount Rainier, learn some Czech, meet some incredible people, and live with the best host families who made me feel like one of their own."

She continues, "The sport has been my passion and life for 20 years, which makes it that much harder to step away. That being said, I have thought long, prayed hard, and I am very excited for what's next."

Morgan wants to thank everyone who has been a part of her soccer journey and said the support through the years is honestly unreal. "The only reason I've made it as far as I have is because I've had that support. A shout out to my parents for all the hours in Investments they put into this crazy life of mine. They did WAY more than provide the halftime snacks. It's been a wild ride and I wouldn't trade it for anything."

The Bull Dog nation and the entire Columbus community is very proud of you, Morgan. We wish you the very best for continued success as you begin the next chapter of your life. Good luck Morgan.



BULL DOG CROSSWORD

ACROSS

4. A popular hangout in the 50s until closing.
7. First CNHS Women's Miss Basketball
14. These guys could hold a tune
15. Best place for a root beer and a place to hang out
16. Name of CNHS Football Facility
17. Top guy at Spring Dance and name of CNHS alumni chair
20. An event welcomed by students and held in the gym.
21. Huge party following the main Spring Dance.
22. Hall of Fame Basketball Coach

DOWN

1. Number of students in CHS first graduating class
2. Cheer group inspiring school spirit through Pom Pom and dance routines
3. Nickname given to sophomores
5. Annual Spring Dance
6. Legendary Holy Cow Man!
8. Place where performing arts holds events
9. John Hinds coached this dynasty.
10. Rumors are that trespassing underclassmen had to scrub it with a toothbrush.
11. Nickname given to juniors
12. Fall event coinciding with football team's first game after road games.
13. Hall of Fame CNHS Women's Basketball Coach
18. Name of school newspaper
19. Fast food joint resembling a horse's home



YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

by Barbara Handt
CNHS English Teacher
Class of 1983

Have you ever wondered where all those donation dollars are going?

The CNHS Bull Dog Alumni Association solicits donations each fall from alumni and friends. Some of those donations have gone to well-publicized Columbus North projects like the Alumni Hall of Fame, the Veteran's Wall, and the 150th Anniversary Celebration.

What you may not know is that each year Alumni donations are also being used to fund dozens of school projects that benefit students directly. Most recently, the English Department received money from the Shirley Lyster Fund to have an author in residence programs. Living in the Midwest, we are lucky to be in close proximity to several well-known writers.

Two years ago, we hosted Adrian Matejka, the Indiana Poet Laureate at the time. Born in Indianapolis, Adrian is an alumnus of Indiana University Bloomington and a current professor of Creative Writing there. He has published four books of poetry with a fifth one due out in 2021. He is also

working on a graphic novel. He has received numerous prizes including a Pushcart Prize and the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Author Award and has won prestigious fellowships from the Academy of American Poets and the Guggenheim Foundation. Adrian did a question and answer session for our students, read aloud from some of his poems, and then workshopped a poem with our students. He spoke of his background growing up in the projects on the East side of Indianapolis as a biracial student and how he was able to move forward successfully into a career in the arts. One of my students wrote in her review of the program that it meant a lot to her to have a writer who "looked like [her]" in the classroom.

This past fall of 2020, we hosted a virtual visit with poet Kaveh Akbar. Born in Tehran, and educated in Indiana and on the east coast, he graduated from Butler University. He currently teaches Creative Writing at Purdue University. He has written two books of poetry with a third one due out this year. He also created

a website called Divedapper where he interviewed numerous young poets about their work and their creative processes. He is currently editing a volume of spiritual poems for Penguin Classics. His poems have been published in *The New Yorker*, *Paris Review*, *The New York Times*, and *Best American Poetry* among other places. He is the winner of numerous prizes including a Pushcart Prize and a Poetry Foundation Fellowship. Kaveh did two Google Meets with our students and faculty. He read poems, talked about his current work, and answered student questions. One of my students said that the presentation was his "favorite memory" from the semester. Only 31-years-old, Kaveh's knowledge of social media and contemporary culture made him very relatable to our students.

We hope to have more author visits in the future that are only made possible by donations from Alumni.

[You can donate any time on the CNHS Alumni website.](#)

THANK YOU TO OUR RECENT DONORS!

by Tom Tremain

Alumni Association Treasurer

Class of 1975

In 2019, we concluded our celebration of the first 150 years of Columbus/Columbus North High School. Little did we know that the Covid-19 pandemic would bring seismic change in the lives of Bull Dog students, faculty, and alumni. From Zoom meetings and on-line instruction to virtual graduation, Columbus North High School was forced to adapt and improve.

Since the beginning of 2018, your Bull Dog Alumni Association has invested nearly \$60,000 in scholarships, awards, and grants. Here are some of the over 60 projects we have funded or supported:

- Awarding the annual Sam Simmermaker scholarship to a graduating senior studying Journalism
- Paying substitutes to allow teachers to attend off-site training and curriculum workshops
- Awarding an honorarium to the Outstanding Teacher of the Year
- Paying for transportation for Science Olympiad and Debate Team competitions
- Supporting the English Department's Indiana Poet Laureate visit and workshop
- Buying new weight training equipment for Physical Education use
- Subsidizing student participation in a Ball State Journalism workshop and a Show Choir camp
- Providing funding for AP test fees and test timing equipment
- Helping to pay for Class of 2020 graduation medallions

With many 2020 educational and extracurricular activities postponed or canceled, our traditional opportunities to support students and teachers at CNHS were diminished. But, with your help, we found new needs and different ways to invest in future Bull Dogs. The Bull Dog Alumni Association is still promoting excellence in education at Columbus North – with your generous help!

Over 230 individuals, families, and organizations made our recent projects possible by donating during late 2019 or 2020. Even though 2020 was financially difficult for many of you, our fall fundraising campaign participation – and the total amount donated – grew by 15% from 2019. As in previous years, the class of 1967 produced the most donors – followed by the classes of 1957 and 1977. Thank you, Donors!

Many contributors made their donations to the Bull Dog Alumni Association general fund, to be used in the area of greatest need. Others directed their contributions to specific projects like the John Johnson Studio Production Scholarship or the Sam Simmermaker Journalism and Communications Scholarship. Others donated to one of our Special Funds or Endowments so that scholarships and grants may be made from the funds for many years to come:

- Marian Callon Endowment
- John Carmichael "True Blue" Endowment
- Michael Garber Memorial Fund
- John Hinds Tradition of Excellence Fund
- Shirley Lyster Endowment for Excellence in English Education
- Andy Russell Endowment for the Performing Arts

The following Donor Honor Roll attempts to recognize all our generous donors since our last Honor Roll was published in July of 2019. We have tried awfully hard to: include all donors; spell names correctly; provide correct CHS/CNHS graduating class data; and honor the wishes of those donors who choose to remain anonymous. We apologize for any mistakes or omissions. Please email us at cnhsalumni@bcsc.k12.in.us with any corrections or additions.

HONOR ROLL 2019-20

BULL DOG BUILDERS (\$250+)

'59 Football Team
 CNHS Retired Teachers Lunch Bunch
 Jennifer Patchell Anderson '73
 Ray '55 & Mary Arterburn
 Bob Arthur '77
 Jack Beatty & Carrie Henderson
 Cynthia Ann Boll '73
 David & Margaret Bottorff
 Sandy Hutton Carmichael '67
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