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THE BULL DOG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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LETTER FROM
OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Bull Dog Nation!

Happy 2014! I hope this letter finds you in great spirits and good health. We have had a remarkable year and look forward to 2014.

Our organization continuously strives for new ways to promote and support excellence at Columbus North. While we offer scholarships for the students, we also support our faculty through enrichment development and conferences. This past year, English teachers at both the high school and middle school levels were invited to participate in a comprehensive continuing education conference. This was made possible through the Shirley Lyster Endowment Fund, named in honor of the long-time English teacher, including a 33-year stint as department chair, at North. The organization takes great pride in helping the faculty in ways the public cannot. With your help, we can expand our faculty support programs. Please read Rick Weinheimer's article (current English department chair) about the Shirley Lyster Endowment Fund on page three.

As noted in our last newsletter, we

hosted the inaugural Hall of Fame Induction ceremony in September when we inducted nine outstanding alumni. My sincere thanks to those who were able to attend the event and celebrate our remarkable alumni. Pictures from the event and directions on how to nominate future candidates are highlighted on page four. We look forward to the continued success of the Hall of Fame event this fall as we induct another class of honorees.

As we outline the New Year, the focus of 2014 will be the ongoing growth of the association through our scholarships, faculty programs, and events. One of our goals is to secure a lead gift for the association so we can continue to create a permanent endowment for scholarships and enrichment programs. In order to do so, we have established the Help Us Build Up Bull Dogs campaign to encourage the Bull Dog nation to help us reach our goal of raising \$10,000 through donations and memberships. Look for the hashtag, #HUBUB on our website and Facebook page for more information. With over 30,000 living alumni, I know this is something we can accomplish. To donate, visit www.columbusnorthalumni.org.

In addition to this, for alumni who would like to leave a legacy in their estates, they may bequeath to the association. I look to the future with optimism as we expand the organization with the generous support of our alumni.

Lastly, I want to close by reiterating the Bull Dog pride that makes our school unique. How fortunate we are to have such a rich history filled with extraordinary teachers, staff and alumni. We are all united through the Columbus blue we wore and the pride we shared in our time spent as a Bull Dog.

Wishing you the best New Year!

Stay Blue!

Pete King ('72), President

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for more information!

Meet our Notable Alumni



Tim Grimm ('78)

Tim Grimm is an award-winning singer and songwriter, and actor. With more than 30 acting credits, including both television and film, Grimm has worked with greats like Harrison Ford and Dennis Quaid. Grimm's music has also found success. Each of his past five recordings have reached the top of the Folk or American-roots charts. Grimm resides on an 80-acre farm with his family in Southern Indiana.



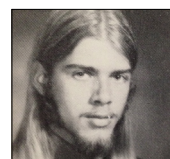
Pamela Robillard Mackey ('74)

Pamela Robillard Mackey made her mark at Columbus North when she won four individual titles and the IHSAA Mental Attitude Award in the girls state gymnastic tournament. Mackey graduated from the George Washington University Law School in 1985 and currently practices criminal defense and complex civil litigation. Mackey has defended many high profile cases and has represented clients such as Kobe Bryant.



Jamie Hyneman ('74)

A special effects expert, James Franklin "Jamie" Hyneman is a co-host of Mythbusters, a science entertainment television program produced for the Discovery Channel. Hyneman also owns M5 Industries, the special effects workshop where the show is filmed and is one of the designers of the aerial robotic camera system, Wavacam, used in sports and entertainment events.



Mark Your Calendars!

Be sure to check www.columbusnorthalumni.org for up-to-date information regarding events and reunions. To share information about an upcoming reunion, please contact Hedy George at 812-376-4256 or email cnhsalumni@bcsc.k12.in.us

HUBUB

HELP US BUILD UP BULL DOGS

This year, we introduced an inaugural fundraising campaign to help us secure a permanent endowment for scholarships and enrichment programs. Help Us Build Up Bull Dogs, or HUBUB for short, was initiated in the fall of 2013. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 in order for us to sustain and expand both student and faculty support. Our mission is to promote and support excellence at Columbus North High School for its students, faculty and alumni. We are devoted to developing new initiatives while actively supporting loyalty, camaraderie and school spirit. As of January 1, 2014, we have raised approximately \$4,000. Thank you to our supporters! For more information, to donate, or to track our progress, visit columbusnorthalumni.org.

Our Goal:
\$10,000

Interested in a Tour?

In 2013, North completed a 3-year renovation and remodel of the school, including 18 new classrooms. If you would like to plan a visit, please contact Hedy George to schedule a tour. Call 812-376-4256 or email cnhsalumni@bcsc.k12.in.us.

Continuing Education

I was working in my office one day when Opportunity knocked. It came in the form of Hedy George and Pete King, representatives of the Bull Dog Alumni Association. Hedy said to me, "If you had money to use to benefit English teachers and students, what would you do?"

That's a question any department chair would love to hear, and the source of the funding for that question came from a branch of the BDAA, the Shirley Lyster Endowment Fund, created under the name of the long-time English teacher and department chair. Having worked under Shirley's tutelage for 21 years, my mind turned to ways to use the money that would reflect Shirley's vision as an educator.

One of her foundation beliefs was in the power of curriculum development, collaboratively created by classroom teachers. Another was the value of alignment of themes and skills taught year to year. A third was empowering teachers to make decisions about what and how to teach, decisions that directly impact student learning and engagement. Could a single plan incorporate these beliefs?

"Having open communication between teachers of all grade levels allows us to become the proverbial 'village' that is needed to raise (and educate) a child."

-Kate Chaplin

Yes! A grant was written, asking for funding for substitute teachers so that 26 teachers, 12 from Northside and 14 from North, could spend two full days working together. The goal: "To plan collaboratively and create



curriculum that has scope, sequence, and alignment to the common core standards." The Bull Dog Alumni came through with the funding.

On November 1, 2012, we gathered in the Terrace Room of the BCSC Administration Building. The teachers were organized into five Goal Action Teams: 1. Literature, 2. Writing, 3. Literacy, 4. Research/Technology, and 5. Promotions. Equipped with a copy of the common core standards and a common passion for students, they went to work. The energy in the room was palpable. Conversation flourished and laptop keys clicked: classic novels, UDL, website literacy, listening skills, persuasive writing, free verse poetry, PBIS, writing contests, technical manuals, presentation skills, standards-based vocabulary, research documentation, best practices, real world relevance. At the end of the first day seventh grade teacher Shannon Kennedy was pleased by the literature discussions, both philosophical and practical, "Students will benefit by having a wide range of literature choices

will little or no overlap."

Five weeks later on December 6th, the group reassembled to follow up, dig deeper, and expand their ideas. Plans took shape. Big ideas grew from small ideas. Professional conversation led to questions, intense thought, and instances of laughter. "Our professional collaboration," stated teacher Katie Chaplin, "will have a long term benefit for our students. Having open communication between teachers of all grade levels allows us to become the proverbial 'village' that is needed to raise (and educate) a child." Mimi Bingham summed up the two-day experience, "These days were gifts for the mind and soul! They provided a wonderful opportunity to have important English conversations."

Opportunity knocked. The Bull Dog Alumni Association provided. Twenty-six teachers collaborated. Three thousand students benefited.

by Rick Weinheimer

2013 Hall of Fame Ceremony Recap

Last September, the Bull Dog Alumni Association had the honor of inducting nine outstanding alumni into our Alumni Hall of Fame. More than 100 supporters attended the inaugural induction ceremony to bask in their Bull Dog pride and to celebrate the inductees. "It was an extraordinary event. Bull Dogs from across the decades were there sharing the good news and their heartfelt feelings," president Pete King said. Additional photos are available on our website.



❶ The new Hall of Fame display is located in the recently remodeled commons at Columbus North (photo by Maggie Kim) ❷ Trophies presented to inductees (photo by Julie Pruitt) ❸ Bull Dog Alumni Association President, Pete King, inductee Robert Stewart, BDAA Director Hedy George (photo by Julie Pruitt) ❹ Inductees Robert Stewart, Shirley Lyster, Tom Spurgeon (photo by Maggie Kim) ❺ From left: Harry McCawley on behalf of Chuck Taylor, Jim Foulke on behalf of Dutch Fehring, Mary Martha Eddy on behalf of Ray Eddy, Robert Stewart, Shirley Lyster, Tom Spurgeon, John Carmichael on behalf of Bill Stearman, Nancy Lewis on behalf of Ross Barbour, David Newkirk on behalf of Sandra Bridges Newkirk (photo by Maggie Kim)

Know an outstanding Bull Dog and wish to nominate?

Nominations for the 2014 Hall of Fame Induction will be accepted until May 1, 2014. Candidates must be a graduate of Columbus High School/ Columbus North High School for a minimum of twenty years at the time of nomination. Be sure to visit columbusnorthalumni.org for the nomination form.

The Buy-A-Brick project has been an ongoing campaign since 2011. As of January 1, 2014, approximately 410 bricks have been purchased. The next installation of bricks will occur this spring. The following list of names reflect the donors who purchased brick(s). These donors names do not necessarily reflect the names printed on the bricks. An order form is available on the back of the newsletter or on our website, columbusnorthalumni.org. Thank you to our supporters.

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