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THE BULL DOG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER OF COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL & COLUMBUS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Message from Our President

Dear Fellow Bull Dog:

I hope you will enjoy this edition of True Blue. Exciting things continue to happen at Columbus North High School and through the efforts of your Bull Dog Alumni Association.

Through your faithful support, the Alumni Association is grateful to announce the following grants:

Social Studies Department--Libby Arthur, Chairman: Grant for professional development for 18 teachers, writing lesson plans for the newly adopted resources and/or textbooks for social studies. (Summer, 2016)

Art Department--Leslie Weaver, Coordinator: Grant for the purchase of two Nikon DSLR cameras for the Creative Photography Class.

Business Department -- Laura Daily, Coordinator: Grant for 4 Business Department teachers to attend the Indiana Business Educators Association Conference.

Grant for Mary Hamlin's Special Education Department: In honor of Mary being named the 2015 Special Education Teacher of the Year by the Council for Exceptional Children.

These types of grants allow our faculty to enhance their efforts on behalf of the current generation of students at Columbus North to foster academic excellence.

A "C-O-L-U-M-B-U-S" to the girls' basketball team who "played like champions all season," as well stated in The Republic editorial of March 4.

And congratulations to the girls' gymnastics team for their "Dominating Day" as described in the headlines of The Republic on Sunday, March 13. We are proud of all our Bull Dog teams but especially proud of these two ladies' teams who have done an outstanding job representing our Bull Dog nation, demonstrating true team spirit and the Bull Dog way.

We would like to express our appreciation to retiring Board member, Mark Gorbett, Class of 1975, who has served since our inception in 2009. We wish you the best, Mark, in your continuing service to our Columbus community.

The continued support of you, our alumni, is also appreciated.

If you haven't already done so, please join us on Facebook and visit our website:

<http://www.columbusnorthalumni.org>

We are counting on you as we carry on our mission:

The mission of the Bull Dog Alumni Association is to support and promote Columbus North High School in its pursuits of excellence in teaching, student life activities and public service and to foster a spirit of loyalty, involvement and lifelong commitment to Columbus North High School.

Yours for the Bull Dog Nation,

Pete

Pete King ('72), President

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Hall of Fame Nominations

The first graduating class of Columbus High School was in 1872 when nine students received their diplomas! Since then, thousands of young people have graduated from Columbus High School / Columbus North High School. We have sustained a proud tradition of outstanding education.

In 2012, the Bull Dog Alumni Association established an Alumni Hall of Fame to recognize Columbus High School/Columbus North High School graduates for their professional achievements and personal contributions to enhance the lives of others and society. We now have nineteen inductees in our hall of fame. Graduates inducted demonstrate outstanding personal and professional qualities in their accomplishments. Nominations may be made by alumni, parents, current students, Columbus North faculty, staff, school district administrators, or residents.

We are now accepting nominations with the **deadline of June 1**. Nomination forms are available on our website at www.columbusnorthalumni.org or in the main office at school or by emailing cnhsalumni@bcsc.k12.in.us. If you have any questions, please contact Hedy George at the above email.

The following are the criteria for the nomination of an alumnus.

Do you know a Bull Dog graduate who might fit these criteria?

- All who are graduates of Columbus High School/Columbus North High School for at least twenty years at the time of nomination. Included are graduates in all walks of life: such as armed services, sports, business, education, fine arts, government, law, literature, media, medicine, performing arts, science etc., and as applicable:
- Provide statement as to how the nominee demonstrated the Bull Dog way: Respect, Responsibility, Relationships, and generous spirit.
- Outstanding achievements in the nominee's area of specialization.
- Honors, awards, or other recognition received on a local, regional, national or international level.
- Community service (if appropriate)
- Meritorious contributions to society in general or to a specific segment of society.

Please check out our three classes of outstanding inductees below and read more about them at:

<http://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/bull-dog-alumni-hall-fame/>

HALL OF FAME CLASSES

2013

Ross Barbour (1947)
Ray Eddy (1929)
Paul "Dutch Fehring (1930)
Shirley Lyster (1947)
Sandra Bridges Newkirk (1956)
Thomas Spurgeon (1956)
Bill Stearman (1943)
Robert Stewart (1947)
Chuck Taylor (1919)

2014

Josephine Armuth (1921)
James K. Paris (1957)
Michael Pence (1977)
Albert (Ab) Schumaker (1934)
Rick Stoner (1964)
Dr. Robert Zerbe (1968)

2015

Stephen David (1974)
Jamie Hyneman (1975)
Michael Martin (1982)
Glenn Thompson (1917)



Gymnastics Team Grabs State Title!!

What many thought was a Saturday for a 3-peat for the state's top ranked gymnastics team turned out to be a much different celebration. While the top-ranked Valparaiso squad did its part with a great score of 113.25, it was the second-ranked Bull Dogs who put on the real show at the state gymnastics finals on March 12th.

Led by sophomore Claire Thompson's (below) all around state championship, the Bull Dogs put up a state finals record 114.85 score in route to securing the state championship!



The Bull Dogs topped the leader board in all four events, but it was their performance on the beam that highlighted their day. Clinging to a lead of about one point after two rotations, they headed to the beam for their third rotation with championship hopes hanging in the balance (pun intended! The beam has dashed many a team's hopes over the years). Led by Thompson's first place performance, the Bull Dogs scored a heady 28.55 to all but clinch the championship trophy.

With only the Floor Exercise left, they needed only nice, solid performances. Instead, they got Top 5 performances from Katrina May, Ashley Holliday, and Thompson to secure the school's third state championship in girl's gymnastics (and first since 1974).

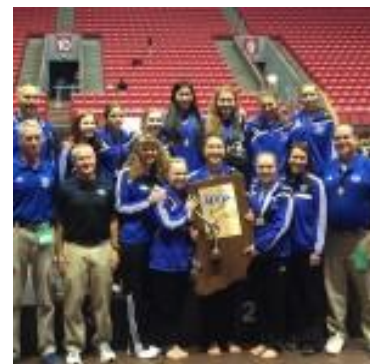
It was only fitting that May (a senior) was the last person left performing to the cheers of her teammates and even

some non-teammates in a routine that sealed the state championship! Moments after the meet was over, she was also awarded the Mildred M. Ball Mental Attitude Award, as well.

On the day, the Bull Dogs hauled home a bounty of medals:

- Vault – Ashley Holliday - 2nd
- Bars – Claire Thompson – 1st
- Beam – Claire Thompson – 1st
Katrina May - 3rd
- Floor - Katrina May – 2nd
Ashley Holliday – 3rd
Claire Thompson – 5th
- All-Around - Claire Thompson – 1st
Katrina May – 2nd
Ashley Holliday – 5th

Oh, yeah! They managed to squeeze the state championship trophy into the team bus, as well!!



Outstanding ladies!! GO BLUE!!!

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Girls Basketball State Runner-Up

Another great run came up one game short as the Bull Dog girls basketball team fell to Penn (Mishawaka) in the state championship tilt 68-48.

The game was a rematch of the championship game of the Bull Dogs' Holiday Tourney in which the Dogs prevailed in December. Penn proved the better team in Bankers Life Fieldhouse, though, to capture the state championship.

The Bull Dogs ended their season with a 27-2 record to cap a two-year run that yielded a 55-3 record, a state championship, and a runner-up finish. That's some pretty solid work!

Great job, ladies!!



(Bull Dogs on the podium with their state runner-up trophy)

Mental Attitude Winners

Few things speak more about the quality of schools, athletic programs, or individual performers than when a member of a team brings home a mental attitude award from the state finals. That being said, the Bull Dog nation can be rightfully proud of TWO young ladies who were presented with mental attitude awards for winter sports.



In February, **Paige Littrell** (above) won the prestigious Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude Award for the girls' basketball finals. Then, in March, **Katrina May** (below) was presented with the equally prestigious Mildred M. Ball Mental Attitude Award for the girls gymnastics finals.



Super honors, Bull Dogs!!



Financial Strength Continues to Grow

Generous Alumni Support Bull Dog Alumni Association Programs

During the 4th quarter of each year, the Bull Dog Alumni Association undertakes a funding campaign. This annual support campaign funds the majority of all the programs of the BDAA. In particular, it supports faculty and student support programs that cannot be funded in other ways.

During our 2015 campaign, 79 generous Bull Dog alumni donated more than \$13,000! This total represented over 20% growth from our 2014 campaign. Most importantly, it is allowing your Alumni Association to invest about \$13,000 in scholarships and faculty/student support programs in 2016 – nearly 3 times what we have been able to provide in each of the last two years.

Some of these funds have already been awarded to aid the Social Studies Department in implementing new textbooks and other digital resources for the 2016-17 school year and to the Art Department for buying essential equipment for Creative Photography students. The remaining 2016 funds will be awarded to teachers and departments based on a competitive application process that is occurring in early March.

As alumni support continues to grow, we hope to begin filling some of the huge unmet need for faculty development and student support funding.

During the recently completed 2015 funding campaign, we received generous donations from alumni of dozens of CHS and CNHS classes – from 1947 to 2004. The greatest number of donors came from the classes of the 1960's, followed by the classes of the '50's and '70's. The class of 1967 had the most donors, followed by the class of 1972. The classes of 1957, 1966, 1969, and 1975 earned honorable mention in this category. Rather than individual donations, the class of 1955 made a very substantial group donation (see article in our Winter 2015 newsletter).

You can make donations online or by mail by going to the “How Can I Donate” section of our Support page on the Bull Dog Alumni Association’s website:

<http://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/support/>

In addition, if you would prefer to receive a reminder letter during the next campaign (4th quarter, 2016) or would like to assist in the funding campaign, just email us using the “Contact us” tab on the web site or send us a note at Bull Dog Alumni Association, 1400 25th St, Columbus, IN 47201.

**We thank you in advance
for your support!**

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Winter Sports Wrap

Spring Sports Kickoff

Winter sports seasons are past us now.

As you read earlier, it was a season filled with a couple of outstanding season-long performances by the girls' Basketball and Gymnastics teams.

The New York Times did a pictorial story featuring some of the more venerable basketball gymnasiums in Indiana, and Memorial Gymnasium was featured with two photos in the article.

The article, "In the Temples of Hoosier Hardwood", one of the photos was of the North – East game on Chuck Taylor Night. Great shot!!



You can see the other photos that accompanied the article at:

[*NY Times – Temples of Hoosier Hardwood*](#)

We'd like to mention the Most Valuable Performers selected for each squad:

Basketball (Girls) – **Paige Littrell**

Basketball (Boys) – TBA

Gymnastics (Girls) – TBA

Swimming (Girls) – **Chase McQueen**

Swimming (Boys) – **Mackenzie Fry**

Wrestling (Boys) – **Andrew Chapman**

SPRING SPORTS



Spring sports, including a lot of great Conference Indiana action, are headed into high gear.

Sports include Baseball, Softball, Track & Field, Boys Golf, and Girls Tennis. You can check out the schedules for your favorite squads on pages 2 & 3 of the March issue of the **Bull Dog Bulletin** at the following link:

<http://www.columbusnorthathletics.org/siteRepository/14080/userfiles/March-2016.pdf>

Get Out and Support Your Favorite Bull Dog Teams This Spring

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Top 10 Scholars

It's always great to be able to share the Bull Dogs' Top 10 Seniors as their high school academic endeavors head toward conclusions.

Please take the opportunity to congratulate one of more of these outstanding scholars when you see them:

- Eva Yezerets
- Zoe Arbuckle
- Aditya Mantri
- Adam Ruble
- Tyler Heathcote
- Johanna Anderson
- Marlee Reisinger
- Elizabeth Bell
- Mason Mitchell
- Emma McAlister



The Republic has a nice article about these outstanding scholars located at:

http://www.therepublic.com/view/local_story/Columbus-North-Top-10_1458505022

Stay Connected

One of the goals of the Bull Dog Alumni Association is to better enable alumni to get connected and stay connected with classmates and other Bull Dogs.

To this end, we have created the [**BULL DOG CONNECTIONS**](#) page on our Bull Dog Alumni web site. Currently, this page has two sections:

- Links to CNHS website and pages of interest to help stay connected to happenings at the school
- Links to Class Pages for the various graduating classes. The are often Facebook pages or groups that have been created to help individual graduating class members locate and connect with one another and / or to aid in the planning of reunions and gatherings.

<http://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/bull-dog-stay-connected-page/>

We need EVERYONE'S help in making these resources as complete and robust as we can. If you have a page, group or resource for your class that you don't see listed, please let us know using the Bull Dog Alumni Association's [**Contact Us**](#) link. You can also contact us if you would like help setting up such a resource for your class!

Thanks & **STAY BLUE!!**



Lincoln Central Neighborhood Association

Columbus is a GREAT place to live with a great heritage. One thing many people don't realize exists is the downtown [Columbus Historic District](#), which encompasses nearly 600 buildings in the downtown and near-downtown area.

We have agencies that take much care helping to preserve and promote the area and the buildings. But, downtown at 11th & Sycamore St. is a building housing an agency that spends much of its time caring for many of the *people* in that area --- the **Lincoln Central Neighborhood Family Center.**



1139 Sycamore St.



They offer or partner with other agencies to offer a multitude of services and programs for area residents. These include:

- Neighborhood Improvement Initiatives
- Neighborhood Watch Meetings
- Advocacy & Counseling
- Drug Free Neighborhood Initiatives
- Head Lice Treatment Program
- Spotlight on Success
- Tutoring
- Computer Training
- Bartholomew County Works
- Career / Job Assistance
- Legal Consultations
- Family Nights & Special Events
- 9th Street Park Summer Programming
- Angels of Love
- Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner
- Christmas Day Dinner
- Automobile Maintenance Days
- Neighborhood Leadership Development
- Tool Lending Library
- Noel Lunch Program
- Cleaning Supply Showroom
- Others

You can read more details about all their programs at:

<http://www.lcnfc.org/programs/>

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Two LCNFC Staff Members and Bull Dogs –
Randy Allman ('69) and Diane Doup ('90)

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Lincoln Central Neighborhood Assoc. (cont.)

Bull Dog Summer Celebration

One of their great resources is the **Yes Cinema & Conference Center (YCCC)**.

<http://www.yescinema.org/>

While many people think of YCCC as a place to GO, they often don't realize it's a wonderful place to USE.

They offer a convention facility which caters to cultural arts patrons, corporate customers, and civic/social groups.

- Classic & Independent Films
- Conferences
- Yes Comedy Showcases
- Community Events
- Televised Sporting Events
- Employee Trainings
- Catered Events
- Private Parties

The facility is also available to rent for meetings, events, reunion activities, etc. where you can create your own programming. Maybe your next reunion?

In short, YCCC is one of the little gems in downtown Columbus.

Lincoln Central Neighborhood Family Center can always use your support. You can do that in multiple ways; and when you do, you're supporting your community (Click in the links below):

- [Volunteer](#)
- [Donate](#)
- [Use Programming](#)
- [Rent Facility](#)

Be sure to mark your calendars for June 25th!

That's the day the 4th & Washington Streets intersection will come to life all afternoon and evening as it becomes the site for the 3rd annual BBQ, Blues, and Brew Festival.

In conjunction with that, you can search out the twin BLUE TENTS and find the Bull Dog Alumni Association as we host the 3rd annual Bull Dog Summer Celebration.

We'll have giveaways, nametags, information about the Bull Dog Alumni Association, and just good ol' reminiscing with decades of Bull Dogs who'll be wandering around.

You can go to the BBQ, Blues, and Brew festival's Facebook page and follow it to stay abreast of announcements by clicking on this link →

[**BBQ, Blues, & Brew Facebook Link**](#)

We Hope To See YOU There!

American Pie is coming on May 13th! Please be sure to follow them on your Facebook at [Columbus North American Pie](#) so you will know about ticket sales!



Reunion Season Is Upon Us

REUNION TIME!

We've received notification from our first class (1971) about their plans for a reunion this summer. Please let us know as soon as your class has date(s) scheduled for your reunion, and we'll help spread the word on our website and Facebook page! Just send us a message using the [Contact Us](#) link!

And don't forget about our ...

Reunion Web Resources

As we mentioned in our prior newsletter, we've added a set of **reunion resource** pages to the Bull Dog Alumni website. They are now up and running. Since these are still our first "editions" of these pages, we expect to make continuous enhancements in the coming weeks and months. We invite (make that implore?) everyone to offer suggestions to help make the pages / resources more valuable going forward. The best time to do that is NOW, before the reunion seasons hits us full bore. Please message us at the email address on the last page of our newsletter with your suggestions! Thanks in advance for your assistance!!

Real quickly, here are the three major new components (we'll be adding a Reunion Schedule page as reunions begin to be scheduled for 2016):

The link to our Reunion Resource Page is:

<http://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/reunion-resource-page/>

(Click on **BLUE** text below to go to links)

[Reunion Class Contacts Info](#) : As we mentioned in the fall issue of True Blue, we hope to improve communication effectiveness of each class by making it each alum's responsibility to make sure his/her reunion coordinator has valid contact info. This is our first effort at sharing these points of contact. PLEASE INFORM US IMMEDIATELY IF THIS RESOURCE CHANGES FOR YOUR CLASS.

[Reunion Venue Suggestions](#) : We will compile and maintain this list of possible area venues for reunion activities. These are in no way an endorsement of a venue --- just a compilation of venues that classes have considered or used for previous reunions. Each venue has a link to its website.

[Reunion Planning Suggestions](#) : We have started a suggestion page to hopefully assist everyone in their planning efforts. We recognize that some of you have far more experience in this area than do we, so we're not trying to come off as any sort of expert. We're just sharing experiences and thoughts. We've found that many of the recently graduated classes have no real idea to where to begin when it comes to putting together a successful reunion.

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Music Doings

Every year, the Brown Music Auditions (sponsored by the Heritage Fund of Bartholomew County) is a highlight of music competitions in the Columbus area. This year, several CNHS musicians had outstanding showings in the February competition.

The following underclass students combined to win a total \$2,400 for Music Camps or lessons:

- **Richard Liu \$600**
- **Clayton Stine \$600**
- **Machi Takeda \$600**
- **Matt Allman \$200**
- **Caleb Bray \$200**
- **Sam Heichelbech \$200**

And Bull Dog Seniors swept the three Awards in their division, winning a combined \$5,500 for college:

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| Winner - | Devan Rhoades | \$3,500 |
| Tied second - | Adam Ruble | \$1,000 |
| | Tiger Fu | \$1,000 |

Combined winnings for the CNHS Band Students totaled **\$7,900!!**

Great showing, Bull Dogs!!

Not to be outdone by their instrumental counterparts, the Bull Dog vocal competitors also fared very well on the day.

In the underclass division, the following Bull Dogs won awards:

- **Sam Beggs \$200**
- **Sarah Pankratz \$200**
- **Pavithra Venkataraman \$200**
- **Brittany Davis \$200**
- **Emily Sipes \$750**
- **Joe Robinson \$750**

In the Senior Division, Bull Dog winners were:

- **Annelise Guenther \$300**
- **Laura Pierson \$700**
- **Shelby Bricker \$1,250**

A total of **\$4,550** was awarded to CNHS students for vocal achievement

Nice jobs all around!!

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Stay Connected to School Happenings

Coming in June

There are many opportunities to stay connected to things that are going on with our current Bull Dogs.

CNHS has some nice web presence where you can find out what's happening.

--- Among these are ---

Check out the school newspaper (Yep, it's still called **The Triangle**, even if it might look a little different!) at:

<http://issuu.com/cnhsmedia.com>

You can see and listen to the school's daily announcements given by the students at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cnhsmedia>

Access the above two features and all the current happenings at the Bull Dogs' award-winning website, CNHS Media, at:

<http://cnhsmedia.com/>

Coming in June (Summer) Issue:

- Academic year Review
- Spring Sports Wrap-Up
- Reunion schedules
- And More

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Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/columbusnorthalumni>

Email to:

<mailto:cnhsalumni@bcsc.k12.in.us>

What sort of things do you want to hear about in our next newsletter? Please let us know!

Stay Blue!!