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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:

Thank you for your loyalty and support which allowed your Alumni Association to finish the 15-16 school year with the following scholarships:

Samuel P. Simmermaker Journalism & Communications Scholarship to **Lillyanne Pham**.

John Johnson Studio Productions Scholarship to **Annelise Guenther**

Michael Garber Memorial Scholarship to **Tina Nguyen**

We were pleased to inaugurate the Alumni Association's Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award. Critical to our mission is to nurture and support outstanding faculty. Your Bull Dog Alumni Association established a process where students, faculty, administration and alumni reviewed and selected the outstanding teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. This year we were pleased to announce that Laurie Pfaffenberger was selected by this group as the Outstanding Teacher for 2016. Ms. Pfaffenberger will receive a \$1,000 stipend in conjunction with this award.

We also continue to reach out to the community and tell our story about the programs available through the Alumni Association and enhance communication between the Bull Dog Nation and the class reunion committees. On April 12 we held a summit with thirteen (13) class representatives of the 1950s. Then on June 7, we had another summit, this time with twenty-three (23) class representatives representing the 1960s. We are making arrangements for a summit with representatives from the 70s in August, and then move forward with future summits with other decades.

Saturday June 25 was Columbus' BBQ, Blues and Brew where your Alumni Association was present to garner more support and awareness of how your Bull Dog Alumni Association is serving and supporting Columbus North High School students, faculty and alumni.

We're also gearing up for the fall and Homecoming and our Hall of Fame activities in September. Hope to see you there. In the meantime, be sure to visit our website: www.columbusnorthalumni.org.

Yours for the Bull Dog Nation,

Pete

Pete King ('72), President

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Class of 1941 Holds 75th Reunion!!

We were recently honored to be a part of the class of 1941's 75th Class Reunion! That's right --- 75th!!

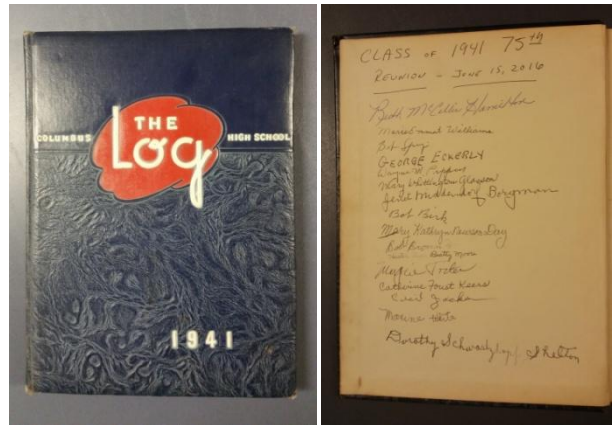


Your Bull Dog Alumni Association “crashed” their party on Jun 15th at the Sirloin Stockade in Columbus bearing gifts of Bull Dog coffee mugs and yearbooks to look through.

Enthusiasm and energy were evident all around the room. And SMILES were the order of the day! It was great to be around this amazing class and just to visit with all these members of our “Greatest Generation”. Inspirations one and all!!

We brought along a copy of each of the yearbooks for their time in school, and had each attendee sign the inside cover commemorating this historic reunion.

The copy we brought originally belonged to their class valedictorian, Ruth Barrows. Looking through the yearbook later, we noticed that four of the attendees (Bob Birk, George Eckerly, Catherine [Foust] Keers, and Jenet [Middendorf] Borgman) had also signed Ruth's 1941 Log 75 years earlier! Wow!!



For this writer, the highlight of the reunion (aside from the privilege of shaking their hands) was watching them award their traditional prize for the attendee who traveled the longest distance to the reunion --- a brand new Rand McNally Road Atlas so their classmate could find her way back home! Gotta' love some Bull Dog humor mixed with Bull Dog spirit!

Here's To The Class of '41!!



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Brick Plaza Update

BUY A BRICK! BE A PART OF HISTORY!

The Bull Dog Alumni Plaza was approved by the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation Board in April, 2011, and was dedicated on September 30, 2011. There were 254 engraved bricks installed at that time and since then, the total has risen to over 400. The plaza is located around the flags' display in front of the new main entrance to school. If you haven't visited the plaza, please take a look. It's an impressive display!



By buying a brick, you will enjoy being a part of the walkway commemorating your years or your family's years as **True Blue Bull Dogs!** You are also assisting the Bull Dog Alumni Association and its goals of funding scholarships and activities for students and professional development and department needs for teachers.

What could your brick celebrate? You have many choices: graduation, special teacher or coach, group of friends, special event, team or club, retirement, performance, Bull Dog fan, memorial for a loved one, your class or???? This list could go on and on.

Bricks can be purchased in two sizes:

- 4x8 includes 3 lines with 16 characters--\$60
- 8x8 includes 6 lines with 16 characters--\$100.

You can order online by visiting the Bull Dog Alumni Association website at:

www.columbusnorthalumni.org

or you pick up a brochure in the main office at school.

If you have any questions, email Hedy George at cnhsalumni@bcsc.k12.in.us or leave a message at 812-376-4256. Installations are done once a year. If you want your brick installed this year, please have your order in by July 30.

Leave a lasting symbol of your connection to the Bull Dog Nation! Buy a brick today!

For those of you who already have bricks, we have some more news about the brick plaza. Our website now has brick locator tools --- a MAP and an INDEX to aid you in locating your brick(s). You can find this along with other brick information on the Brick Plaza Section of our website:

<http://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/brick-plaza/>

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Spring Sports Wrap-up



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

Track & Field (Girls) – **Sierra Lax**

Track & Field (Boys) – **Mitchell Burton**

Tennis (Girls) – **Paige Littrell**

Baseball (Boys) – **Collin Lollar**

Softball (Girls) – **Katie Prall**

Golf (Boys) – **Bryce Turner**

Some state honors for spring athletes include:

Cooper Trinkle being named First Team All-State in baseball

Mitchell Burton placing fifth in the state track meet in the long jump

Katrina May placing third in the state track meet in the pole vault



Mitchell Kelley and **Katrina May** received top athletic honors during the Columbus North Senior Awards program on May 20.

Katrina, who won letters in gymnastics and track, was the recipient of the Josephine Armuth Award that takes sportsmanship, mental attitude and scholarship into consideration.

Mitchell, a letterman in football, basketball and track, was presented the Dr. Maurice McKain Mental Attitude Award. Aside from athletic accomplishment, the award also considers mental attitude, sportsmanship, and scholarship throughout the recipient's career at Columbus North.

Congratulations Katrina & Mitchell!!

Be sure to stop by the CNHS Office after school starts to pick up a full fall sports schedule, and then mark your calendars to get out and support some of our wonderful student athletes this fall!!

We'll also post the schedule (once it's available) on our Facebook page.



How Connected Are You?

Is your graduating class connected to the Bull Dog Alumni Association?

Who is the Bull Dog Alumni Association?

We are the non-profit organization (501-c-3) representing about 25,000 living alumni of CHS/CNHS. Our mission is to promote and support excellence at CNHS for students, faculty, & alumni. We hope to achieve this mission with programs in four areas:

- **Scholarships** for outstanding graduating Bull Dogs.
- **Faculty development and student support.** This has become our highest priority due to reductions of funding by the state and the School Corporation. Some examples of the unmet needs we try to address are:
 - Substitute teachers and/or transportation expenses for faculty to attend professional development seminars, planning meetings for department curriculum development, etc.
 - Fees for student AP and professional Certification tests.
 - Transportation expenses or other support for non-classroom learning – like field trips, academic competitions, etc.
 - Recognition awards for students and faculty.
 - Supplemental equipment or supplies to improve learning.
- **Communication among alumni** through tools like our web site (www.columbusnorthalumni.org), the “True Blue” e-newsletter, our Facebook page, production of a periodic alumni directory, and support and assistance for Class Reunions.
- **Celebration and preservation of Bull Dog History.** We conduct annual inductions into the Bull Dog Hall of Fame and maintain an inventory

of Bull Dog memorabilia. We also recognize important dates in Bull Dog history such as the 50th Anniversary of the outstanding ‘63/’64 basketball teams.

How can your graduating class connect to the BDAA?

- Share your class contact information with BDAA. We can add your classmates to our email list so that they can receive True Blue newsletter and other Bull Dog communication. And we may be able to provide contact info for some of your “lost” classmates.
- Link your class websites or Facebook pages to BDAA’s.
- Include BDAA in your reunion planning. We can share ideas and resources that might help.
- Provide financial assistance to BDAA:
 - Buy commemorative “Class of” Bricks for the Alumni Plaza or other BDAA merchandise.
 - Make a class donation to BDAA.
 - Consider creation of a class endowment.
- Get individually involved in the BDAA – Serve on the BDAA Board or committees.
- Make nominations for the Hall of Fame.
- Submit articles, photos, or ideas for the “True Blue” e-newsletter.

WE LOVE YOUR SUPPORT!!

For more information, contact Hedy George at cnhsalumni@bcsc.k12.in.us

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Year End Academic Highlights

The North High School Awards Day events recognized over a 120 great students in the Auditorium on Friday May 20th. The total scholarship value for the Class of 2016 is **\$12,809,908 and growing!!** Several outside presenters took time to present in person.

Some of the highlights from the 2016 Awards Day are:

Collin Hatchett - received the Army ROTC Scholarship to attend Rose-Hulman valued at approximately \$220,000.

Abby Schabel won the prestigious Decatur County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. She will attend Butler University.

Mason Mitchell received several of our outside scholarship, William Keller, Columbus Lions Club, Kappa Kappa Sigma, Tri-Kappa, Analytical Engineering Inc., Anthony Moravec, Robert J. Sonntag Memorial and The Reverend Dr. William R. Laws Memorial.

Adam Ruble received a Herbert Scholarship from IU along with IU Jacob School of Music - Indiana Premier Young Talent Scholarship along with CEA Scholarship, Centra Credit Union Scholarship and the Paul and Prudence Steinbarger Memorial Scholarship from the Heritage Fund.

Catherine Prall received a National Merit Scholarship as well as several outside awards, a few of her outside awards were; Golden Kiwanis Will Comer Scholarship, Salin Bank Scholarship, Burger King Scholarship, Old National Bank Scholarship, Parl Arnett Memorial Scholarship, S. Edgar & Delora L. Lauther Memorial Scholarship and the Toyota Industrial Equipment Mfg. Scholarship.

Aditya Mantri - received a \$2,500 scholarship from AXA Advisors, with the scholarship CNHS

received a matching grant. Aditya will attend Duke University.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, 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.

The **[BULL DOG CONNECTIONS](#)** page on our Bull Dog Alumni web site is beginning to be used by folks to this end. Let's keep it up!

<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!

Some alums / classes have sent us their information. **HAVE YOU?**

If you would like some help in setting up a resource on Facebook, just let us know by using the **[Contact Us](#)** page.

Thanks & **STAY BLUE!!**

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Outstanding Teacher of The Year

Laurie Pfaffenberger 2015-2016

This is the inaugural year for the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award. Our Bull Dog Alumni Board of Directors wanted to recognize excellent teachers at Columbus North High School. Students had the opportunity online to nominate one of their teachers telling about the teacher's outstanding qualities.

The criteria were:

- High expectation of students
- A positive and supportive classroom climate
- Appropriate and consistent classroom management
- Ability to motivate students
- Creativity in assignments
- A thorough and timely grading of assignments
- Strong relationships with students, parents, and colleagues
- A way of teaching so that students realize and take pride in their growth in the class

There were twenty-nine teachers nominated, some more than once. A committee made the selection from the list of nominees. The announcement of the winner was made at the Senior Awards Convocation on May 20, 2016, by Mr. Pete King, Bull Dog Alumni Association President, and Mrs. Hedy George, Executive Director of the Association. The award was a check written to Mrs. Laurie Pfaffenberger for \$1,000!



Mrs. Pfaffenberger graduated from Indiana State University in the spring of 1987 after completing her

student teaching at North High School. She began full time teaching at North in the fall of 1987. She has taught US History, Government, History of the World, Economics and Psychology. She started the Advanced Placement Psychology program here four years ago. She now teaches two AP Psychology classes as well as Psychology. She received her MS degree from Indiana Wesleyan University. Laurie is married to Jim Pfaffenberger, who is a Special Education teacher at North High School.

Laurie wrote, "Thanks again for this wonderful award. I love teaching social studies (this was always my career choice), and I love teaching at CNHS—I view this as the "ideal" high school. As you know, Jim also teaches here, and he feels the same way about this school as I do."

From her students' nominations come the following lines:

"She has extremely high expectations and often will not accept anything less than our best, constantly encouraging her students. She lays out her expectations from the beginning and will do anything to help us achieve our goals along the way. Her desire for her students to succeed is greater than any teacher I have ever had. I couldn't be more grateful for all the things she has taught me about psychology, but more importantly, about myself."

And another:

"...She also gives her students peppermints before class and during tests because studies have proven they help with memorization. She has scheduled dozens of prep sessions and encourages all of us to attend. She has given us the most resources, the most of her free time, and the most encouragement and support of any teacher and manages to do this in her own fun style. I believe all of her students are better prepared to do well in college and have better expectations of how hard we will have to work to succeed because of her."

The Bull Dog Alumni Association is very proud to be able to recognize this outstanding teacher and to reward her in this way. With the support and encouragement of our alumni, we hope to make this an annual presentation.

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Reunion Season Is Upon Us	Facebook
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REUNION TIME!

We've received notification from several classes of reunions this summer / fall. Some have notified us and asked for help advertising their reunions. We fear some have not. Let us know, so we can post reunion information on both our website and our Facebook page.

Don't forget, the key component to having a successful reunion is

COMMUNICATION

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Just send us a message using the [Contact Us](#) link!

And don't forget about our **Reunion Web Resources**

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

[*Reunion Class Contacts Info*](#)

[*Reunion Venue Suggestions*](#)

[*Reunion Planning Suggestions*](#)

Or you can locate all the links above through:

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

And, speaking of Facebook...

We intend to begin using our Facebook page more as we enter into the new academic year. More announcements. More news. And more photos.

We're going to begin managing photo albums for various functions and events using our Facebook page. Should make it easier to organize and caption photos (something that some among you have been asking for).

So, if you haven't already, go out and **like** and **follow** our Facebook page so you can be notified when new items are posted.

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

Don't worry --- we won't be asking you to watch doctored videos, participate in political insanity, or play Pokemon!!

We're just going to help you **BE BLUE** (and that's not a Smurf thing!)

Our 2016 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is scheduled for September 9th at CNHS.

School Tour at 5:00PM

Reception at 5:30PM

Ceremony at 6:15PM.

You're invited!

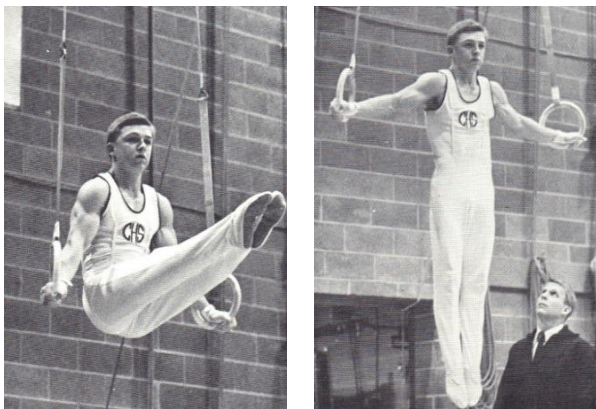


Alumni News

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Dave Seal Enters Gymnastics Hall of Fame

Dave Seal (Class of 1968) was inducted into the Indiana Gymnastics Hall of Fame during a ceremony July 16th in Indianapolis.



Dave helped lead the Bull Dogs to State Championships in 1967 and 1968, the first two years the IHSAA recognized boys gymnastics as a sanctioned sport. He was the individual state champion in the rings in 1968.

After graduating from Columbus High School, he went on to have an outstanding collegiate career at Indiana State. He was the NCAA rings champion in 1970 and 1972, and was a three-year all-American for the Sycamores.

Way to go, Bull Dog! Well deserved honor, Dave!!

Mike Pence selected as GOP vice-presidential candidate

All your political views aside, you have to ask yourself a question ---- how many high schools in the United States have one of its graduates on the ballot for vice-president in 2016?

Without knowing exactly how many non-major party candidates will actually appear on the ballot, a correct answer at this point would probably be “Not very many”.

But one thing is sure, and that is that **Columbus North High School will be represented!**



Congratulations on this milestone achievement!

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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 Autumn Issue:

- **Academic year preview**
- **Hall of Fame edition**
- **Summer wrap-up**
- **And More**

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

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