

True



Blue

Newsletter of Columbus High School & Columbus North High School Alumni Association

Message From Our President

Greetings to the Bull Dog Nation:

In our spring edition of True Blue, I informed our Association of the generosity of our fellow Bull Dog alumni in 2016 and the great appreciation of all of us who work with the Bull Dog Alumni Association for those contributions.

I think it is important for you to know the avenues in which the Alumni Association was able to allocate those funds for use by our Bull Dog faculty. Please find below comments received from teachers and their expressions of gratitude:

Jerry Mihay - PBIS--\$1,000 – Bully Prevention Week: Thank you for the great news! Our committee met yesterday so I was able to share the good news. Please convey our gratitude to the members of the Alumni Association that they play a tremendous role in making Columbus North a better Place. Jerry

Ed Niespodziani- American Pie--\$1,000: Thank you so much to the Bulldog Alumni Association for your generous encouragement and support of American Pie, The Magical History Tour. Your gift will go far to help support North students and faculty as they explore new and innovative ways in education. We are all looking forward to a great show. Hope to see you there. Thank you. [The show was

Jamie Champlin -Physics--\$150 - Physics Derby Project: That is awesome! Thank you!

Brian Campbell - Academic Super Bowl--\$500: THANK YOU for this grant, as the money really does come in handy for our students. Again, thank you as this really does go a long way to helping us out. We appreciate all the support!!!! Thanks. Brian

Bethany Scruton & Amy London - Life Skills--\$316.45: Thank you very much! We really appreciate what this grant will be able to do for our students and we're both very grateful!

Thank you, once again, for your generous support of the Bull Dog Alumni Association. We are hopeful and grateful for your continued generosity as we prepare to start another school year.

Yours for the Bull Dog Nation,

Pete

Pete King ('72), President

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The Best Bull Dogs Are
Bull Dogs for Life!

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Ujwala Pamidimukkala - 2017 Indiana Governor's STEM Winner for Science!



Governor Eric J. Holcomb, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Jennifer McCormick, and Treasurer Kelly Mitchell have announced the winners of the 2017 Governor’s STEM Team awards

“These four students have demonstrated excellence in subjects that are fueling the innovation and entrepreneurship to build our economic future,” Gov. Holcomb said. “It’s a pleasure to recognize their hard work on a statewide level and elevate Indiana’s academic superstars. I can’t wait to see where the future takes these bright young Hoosiers.”

The awards highlight Indiana’s elite high school students for their work in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Each winner received a \$1,000 college scholarship through Indiana’s CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan, letterman jackets identifying them as members of the Governor’s STEM Team and tickets to Gen Con Indy—the longest-running gaming convention in the world.

“Success in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math drives our students and our state forward,” said Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction. “I am excited to see the passion for STEM

exhibited by Ujwala, Samantha, Miranda and Truman, and I am honored to be a part of the 2017 Governor’s STEM Team award ceremony.”

“STEM education is vital to developing Indiana's workforce, and CollegeChoice 529 is helping young Hoosiers reach educational goals in these critical fields," said Kelly Mitchell, Indiana Treasurer of State. "As chair of the CollegeChoice Plans, I am delighted to help reward the outstanding students of the Governor's STEM Team for their achievements and see where their studies take them in the years to come.”

Science Winner is Ujwala Pamidimukkala of Columbus North High School

Accomplishments: Ujwala ranked first in her class of 435 students. She has earned a number of awards and achievements throughout high school, including National Merit Finalist, U.S. Presidential Scholars Candidate, and Indiana Academic All-Star Finalist. Ujwala also placed first in the state for both Medical Math and Pharmacy Tech in the 2016 Health Occupations Students of America competition.

Ujwala plans to continue to pursue these academic interests in college by majoring in molecular biology. She aspires to be a cardiovascular surgeon.





New Award and Fund Honor Coach John Hinds' Tradition of Excellence

If you were a Bull Dog between 1967 and 1983, you were a witness to the greatest dominance of a single sport by a single High School in Indiana history. The Indiana High School Athletic Association sanctioned Men's Gymnastics state championships for only those 17 years – and guess who won state titles 13 times, was state runner-up 3 times, and finished 3rd the other year? That's right... it was Columbus/Columbus North High School. The Bull Dog men had some great gymnasts during that period but there was one common denominator – Coach John Hinds.



For Coach Hinds, coaching was all about three things: character building, dedication, and excellence. The success of his teams was a byproduct of the hard work put in by Coach Hinds, his assistant coaches, and his team members. He welcomed any young man who wanted to participate and never cut a gymnast from the team. However, for those who excelled and worked according to

his high standards, he did everything he could do to support and celebrate their success. The result was 13 state team championships and 47 individual state champions in the short 17 years of IHSAA competition. Coach Hinds accomplished this incredible record while building a legacy of excellence, dedication and humility.

In May, former gymnasts of Coach Hinds collaborated with the Bull Dog Alumni Association to create the new ***John W. Hinds Tradition of Excellence (ToE) Award***. It is presented annually to an outstanding Columbus North High School senior athlete who plans on attending college in any major – with preference for a gymnast and/or a student intending to major in Education. A one-time \$500 or \$1000 scholarship goes along with this prestigious award. Nominees for this award will come from coaches, faculty, or administrators and the final recipient will be selected by the John Hinds ToE Selection Committee. The committee will consider additional criteria including that the student-athlete has demonstrated high moral character, exemplary sportsmanship, dedication to his/her sport and an outstanding work ethic.

From time-to-time, based on needs and resources available, the John Hinds ToE Selection Committee may also choose to provide grants to Columbus North programs that demonstrate Coach Hinds' Tradition of Excellence.

Former gymnasts Bob Arthur '77 and Josh Bottum '81 (among others) were instrumental in creating the new award. They and other proud Bull Dogs have established a new endowment fund to provide resources for the Tradition of Excellence Award. They are currently working to communicate the existence and objectives of the new fund and encourage donations. To donate, use this [John W. Hinds Tradition of Excellence link](#) or go to our website at www.columbusnorthalumni.org and select the *donation opportunities* tab.



Announcing the John Carmichael Memorial Endowment Fund

Dear fellow Columbus High school and Columbus North High School alumni:

I am writing this open letter to inform you of an opportunity to give back to our high school. Three months ago my husband, John Carmichael (Class Of 1966), passed away unexpectedly following an eight day illness. As I continue to try and comprehend the tragic "chain of events" that occurred I wanted to share one positive from this experience. Upon his death, I established an Endowment Fund within the Bulldog Alumni Association in John's memory.



I have served on the Alumni Association Board for the past four years. During this time, I have become aware of the many unfunded needs of students, faculty and of the school as a whole. I can tell you, the needs are real and the lack of funding came as a surprise to me.

Both John and I have great memories of the four years we spent at CHS --- Some are educational, and some fell into the other category of hanging out with friends and having

a whole lot of fun! Leaving donations to the Alumni Association was an easy one for me.



No one asked me to write this letter. This is not intended to be a "sales pitch". I asked the Board if I could submit it for possible publication in our *True Blue* newsletter, and they have been kind enough to print it. I hope you, too, will consider the Endowment Fund if you find yourself in a similar situation as myself.

The Alumni Association has truly made a difference at Columbus North High School through the student scholarship program, faculty enhancement, and the school as a whole. If you would like further information on how you can make a difference at your alma mater, you can contact the Alumni Association at:

Bull Dog Alumni Association
1400 25th Street
Columbus, IN 47201

Email: cnhsalumni@bcsc.k12.in.us

Phone: 812.376-4431

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Sandy Hutton Carmichael
Class of 1967



DALE NOWLIN - CNHS OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Our Bull Dog Alumni Board of Directors wanted a way to recognize excellent teachers at Columbus North High School. So, for the 2015-16 school year, the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award was established with Laurie Pfaffenberger, Psychology teacher, named as our first recipient.

Students had the opportunity to nominate one of their teachers and give an explanation and examples of why the teacher is outstanding. The criteria are:

- High expectations of students
- Positive and supportive classroom climate
- Appropriate and consistent classroom management
- Ability to motivate students
- Creativity in assignments
- Thorough and timely grading of assignments
- Strong relationships with students, parents and colleagues
- Manner of teaching so that students realize and take pride in their growth in the class

For the 2016-17 school year, there were 23 teachers nominated; some more than once. A committee then made the selection from the list of nominees.

For 2016-17, Dale Nowlin was selected as the Outstanding Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Nowlin received a \$1,000 stipend. He is a Valparaiso native and earned his undergraduate degree from Alma College and Master's degree from Michigan State. He also completed post graduate work at Purdue. He has been teaching math in our school corporation since 1985, including the last 20 years here at North. He now serves as Math Department Chair at North and Northside.

Mr. Nowlin has earned several teaching awards during his career and has held leadership roles, presently serving on the National Assessment Governing Board as the 12th Grade Teacher Representative.

The following comments are from students about Mr. Nowlin.

- "I feel that his classroom is a positive and fun learning environment where students are free to ask questions and share their thoughts. He often challenges us with problems that require independent thinking."
- "He is consistent with daily tasks and has a high homework completion rate."
- "Mr. Nowlin is the most encouraging and supportive teacher I have ever had. I have learned so much in his class."
- "An extremely friendly man, he is always willing to help me even when he is unsure of the answer."



Please join us in congratulating Mr. Nowlin on his well-deserved recognition!



AP RECOGNITION FOR CNHS!

For the fourth year in a row, Columbus North has earned Advanced Placement Exam Recognition for the school. Below is part of the message received from the Indiana Department of Education:

Good Morning,

Congratulations on your recognition as a school with over 25% of their students scoring a 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement Exams. We want to thank you for attending the reception we held to honor the 73 Indiana high schools with this distinction.

(CNHS had 31% of students score at 3 or higher!)



Did you know Columbus North graduated 426 seniors this year?

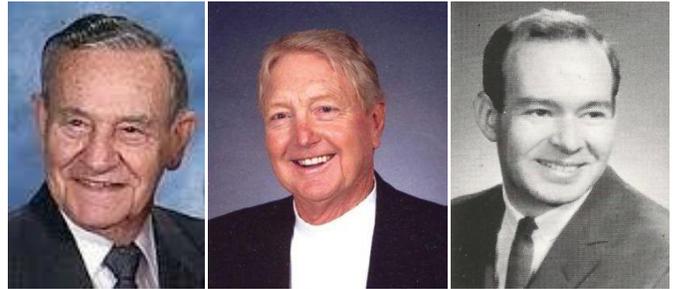
**9th Grade Orientation is July 27th
from 9AM – 11AM in Gym 1**

2017-2018 classes begin Wednesday, August 2!

IN MEMORIAM

The Bull Dog Nation recently lost three men who had meant a great deal to a lot of folks over the years. In March, long time teacher **Bruno Milakovic** passed away in Carmel. Then in May, we very suddenly lost two others --- **Lloyd Grimm** and **Jim Powell**.

These three touched many thousands of Bull Dog lives from the 50s into the 90s. We extend one last “Thank you” to each of them and offer our condolences to their families.



Mr. Milakovic

Mr. Powell

Mr. Grimm

Senior Project Fair is Tuesday, August 22!



Exhibit Columbus is coming to town!



Exhibit Columbus, an annual exploration of architecture, art, design, and community, is about to hit the streets of downtown Columbus for its three-month showing. Opening on August 26th, it seeks to honor Columbus' design heritage and spark new enthusiasm for design by creating projects that will enrich the community for years to come.

After a symposium in 2016, a competition was held to determine winners of the inaugural J. Irwin and Xenia Miller Prize winners. These five winning exhibits to be installed along 5th Street (Columbus' "Avenue of the Architects") will highlight a total of 18 exhibits scattered throughout downtown and on the North Christian Church campus. The exhibits will highlight works of nationally acclaimed designers and several university installations.

One of the displays of particular interest to [True Blue](#) is one that will appear on the northern edge of downtown Columbus. This is the high school exhibit that was created by a group of local high school students that includes **three Bull Dogs – Jane Phillips, Tim Cox and Kyle Kingen!**

With part of the team graduated and about to be off to college later this summer, the three (along with three team members from Columbus East and community volunteers) are working diligently to complete their installation.

Their project, "Between the Threads", involves applying over **40 miles** of "threads" to metal frames of their design that will be exhibited at the LHP site (former Post office) at 7th & Washington Streets.



(Above: see part of team including Bull Dogs working on some of their installation components)

Exhibit Columbus will be a celebration that you don't want to miss. If you live here, it will be difficult to miss. If you've moved away and are planning to be back in town during the three-month exhibition beginning August 26th, be sure to include some extra time to stroll around town and take in **Exhibit Columbus**.

For more information, you can check out the following links:

<http://exhibitcolumbus.org/>

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



Did you know?

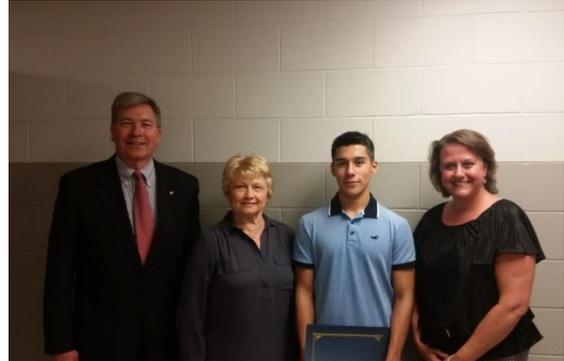
If you decide to make charitable contributions to qualified tax-exempt organizations, you can potentially save on your taxes. The most common way is to reduce your taxable income by itemizing your deductions and **deducting your charitable contributions.**

You can also avoid capital gains taxes by **donating appreciated stock** directly to a charitable organization. You just ask your broker to transfer stock directly to the account of organization(s) you wish to donate to. You can claim the full market value of the stock on the date of transfer as a charitable deduction and the organization receives the stock at its market value on the day of the transfer, yet neither you nor the organization is required to pay capital gains tax on the amount of value the stock gained since you purchased it.

And, if you are over 70 ½ years old and are required to take **distributions from your taxable IRA**, you can have a portion (or all, up to \$100,000 per person – married couples have up to \$100,000 per spouse if each of them has an IRA) of your distribution sent directly to the tax-exempt organization of your choice. The distribution that you transfer directly to a qualified charity reduces your Adjusted Gross Income, which reduces your taxes – even if you don’t itemize your deductions. In Indiana, this treatment has the added benefit of reducing your State taxes: itemized charitable contributions don’t produce this reduction, since State taxes do not take most itemized deductions into account.

The Bull Dog Alumni Association is a not-for-profit Indiana charity that has been recognized by the IRS as an exempt organization pursuant to IRC 501(c) (3). Ask your tax advisor if you qualify for these tax-saving ways of making donations. Or if you have questions about making stock or IRA donations directly to the Bull Dog Alumni Association, email Tom Tremain at ttinogil@bcremc.net.

2017 Scholarship Winners



Michael Garber winner Luis Lopez



John Johnson winner Brittany Davis



Sam Simmermaker winner Katherine Stewart



SPRING SPORTS WRAP-UP

Bull Dog Boys Baseball – The Bull Dogs boys baseball team finished their season on a strong note by winning sectional and regional championships to advance to the final four (for the first time since 1971) where they lost to eventual state champion Indianapolis Cathedral. For the season, the Bull Dogs finished 17-13.

Senior Cooper Trinkle was honored as MVP of the Bull Dogs' 2017 baseball team at its season-ending gathering. Wednesday evening (June 14). Second baseman Trinkle hit a team-best .463 with 10 doubles, two home runs and a team-high 29 RBIs. He finished his four-year career second on the CN all-time list for hits (122), third for runs (91), third for RBIs (83), fourth for doubles (25) and tied for seventh for home runs (nine).

Bull Dog Girls Softball – The Bull Dogs girls softball team finished with only one victory this season. They had an under-class dominated squad with only two seniors on their short roster.

Freshman Sierra Norman was named MVP of the Bull Dogs' 2017 softball team at the team awards gathering on June 1. She hit a team-best .456 with six doubles, two home runs, 20 RBIs and four stolen bases for the squad.

Bull Dog Girls Track – The girls track team finished the season with a 4-2 dual meet mark in a schedule cut short by some weather issues. They also won the Talon Invitational. Junior Arig Tong was named the team's MVP at the end of the season.

Bull Dog Boys Track – The Bull Dog boys track team, like the girls team, had a season abbreviated by some weather cancellations. They finished with a 5-1 dual meet mark and also won the Talon Relays. Senior Mitchell Burton, a stalwart in the sprints and long jump, was named the team's MVP. Mitchell also finished 8th in the state meet in the long jump.

Bull Dog Girls Tennis – The girls tennis squad capped their 20-5 season with sectional and regional championships before losing in the semi-state 3-2 to Providence.

Senior Aubrey Smith was named MVP of the Bull Dogs after recording a 19-5 record at No. 1 singles over the course of the season.

Go Blue!



Bull Dog Boys Golf – The Bull Dog boys golf team had a stellar season, finishing with a 12-1 record and advancing to the state finals where they placed fifth as a team.

Senior Matt Vorndran was honored as MVP for the Bull Dogs after averaging 74.42 strokes for the season and tying for fourth at state meet with a 74-70—144. Matt posted a season-best 67 in the regional where he was second in a playoff. He was chosen to the all-state team as picked by the Indiana High School Golf Coaches Association.

Bull Dog Unified Track – The unified track squad finished with a perfect 5-0 record in dual meets and went on the finish 6th in the state meet. Senior Nathan VanDeventer was named MVP of the Columbus North unified track and field team.



Bull Dog Math Team Wins State Academic Super Bowl Competition!

The Columbus North team won the Indiana State Academic Super Bowl competition held May 6th at Purdue University.



Congratulations to team members:

- Ujwala Pamidimukala
- Ken Guan
- Vivek Hebbar

Bull Dog Proud!



Reunion Season Rolling Along

Some classes have completed reunions this year:

- Class of 1977 – 40th Reunion – June 23-24
- Class of 1987 – 30th Reunion – June 24
- Class of 2007 – 10th Reunion – June 3



(1987)



(1977)

There are more planned for 2017! They are:

- Class of 1957 – 60th Reunion – July 22
- Class of 1967 – 50th Reunion – Sept 15-16
- Class of 1982 – 35th Reunion – August 4-6
- Class of 1997 – 20th Reunion – August 12

If you're a member of one of these classes and haven't received information about your reunion, please let us know; and we will help you get in touch with reunion organizers!

More information about reunions can be found here:

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



Please note that the previously announced Class of 1992's 25 year reunion has been cancelled by their organizing committee.



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 Fall Issue:

- **Classes Underway!**
- **Fall Sports**
- **Summer Recap**
- **Community Interest**
- **"Dog Bones"**
- **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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