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Newsletter of Columbus / Columbus North High School Alumni Association

Message From Our Editor

Dear Fellow Bull Dogs:

Whew! Another year in the books! And another school year halfway done!!

It has been a good year to be a Bull Dog. Many successes in the books, and optimism and enthusiasm on the horizon. We just finished up our annual campaign for 2019, took a few deep breaths after the jam-packed 150th year, and now we're back at it with all the passion of Bull Dogs!!

You can read on the next page a summary of some of the good work we've been able to perform thanks to generosity of all of you. We have our sights set on a 2020 that rises to new levels of success. There are so many challenges with funding for education across the state and the nation; it can be imposing.

But there are even more opportunities and so many outstanding staff and students at CNHS. We believe in the Bull Dog Spirit, and we believe in the skills, passions, and potential of our students and those who lead, train, and influence them daily.

The world is a better place because of Bull Dogs who have gone before us, and we believe it will continue to be a better place because of the current generation of Bull Dogs we're helping to send out into that world.

We're trying a little different take on *True Blue* for this edition. This edition is mostly about four quite-recent Bull Dog graduates and some very exciting things going on with each of them. And we have a board profile from a "not-so-recent" Bull Dog graduate, as well! These Bull Dogs are making their marks in different ways, but they each continue to excel, inspire, and exude Bull Dog excellence.

In each of their own ways, they have put Columbus and Columbus North on the map. They provide positive influences on people around their communities and the country. We can't know the way they (or any of us) influence others each day.

We can only imagine. And dream.

Aspire to be our best. And inspire others to be their best. In the end, that is what has always made our world a better place.

Not sure this is engraved on anything of significance anywhere, but let's just print it here ---

"Bull Dogs Make the World Better".

Let's all do our part!!

Do you know of some special Bull Dog alumni achievements?

We would LOVE to do more of these types of articles, so PLEASE let us know when Bull Dogs are making splashes around the globe. And please feel free to submit articles for a future edition of True Blue!

Yours in Bull Dog service,

Ed (itor)

Bull Dogs for Life!



2019 Donations Benefit Students and Teachers

In 2019, your Bull Dog Alumni Association undertook many valuable projects. Notably, we completed a year-long celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Columbus/Columbus North High School with a Reunion Gala that attracted well over 200 alumni – and published a history of our school: The Story of CNHS, 150 Years.

Perhaps more importantly, **for the second year in a row, we were able to provide over \$20,000 in grants and awards** to students, teachers and school departments. This included scholarships for graduating students to help with their college expenses and our annual honorarium to the Outstanding Teacher of the Year for 2019, Ms. Sue Green. It also includes grants to faculty and student support programs that cannot be funded by the School Corporation.

Your annual donations make all this possible!

Most of our funding is generated from our 4th quarter fundraising campaign. This year’s campaign donations were down slightly from 2018 at \$19,900. However, a larger percentage of donations were “unrestricted” meaning that they could go to the area of greatest need.

Our special endowment funds like the Andy Russell Endowment for the Performing Arts, The John Carmichael True Blue Endowment, The Shirley Lyster Endowment for Excellence in English Education and the John Hinds Tradition of Excellence Fund all continued to grow in 2019 with

new donations and excellent investment returns. So, 2019 awards and grants were able to be made from these special funds without reducing the size of the endowments.

As in previous funding campaigns, the Class of 1967 stood out with the most donors and the largest donation amount. The classes of ’57 and ’77 tied for the second most donors. The classes of ’69 and ’75 rounded out the Top 5 for number of donations.

If you missed your opportunity to donate in 2019 – or wish to donate early for 2020, you can conveniently donate via credit card or PayPal through our web site at:

<https://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/support/annual-campaign-donation-form/> . Or, if you wish to mail a check, you can print out and mail a donor form by going to: <https://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/wp-content/uploads/DonationFormPrintable3.5.pdf> .

Thanks to all that donated in 2019!

Your Bull Dog Alumni Association will provide nearly **\$20,000** in student scholarships and staff grants this year!

It’s all about achieving **Bull Dog excellence.**



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Have an inquiry about Class Lists?

Maintaining class lists is the responsibility of each class; we can point you to main contact person for each class ---

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

If your class doesn't have a contact person listed, please let us know, and we'll see what we can find out for you.

Need a copy of *The Log*?



Check out our link to find replacement yearbooks on our website!

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

Have you recently wondered about a classmate you have seen in years?

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Planning a Reunion?

Reunion planning is currently underway for 2020 (and maybe even 2021). Reunions are the lifeblood of any alumni association. They connect and energize. We want to keep our organization strong by helping you keep your reunion groups strong.



When we think about reunions, we use the Woolworth or G.C. Murphy "Five-and-Dime Rule" to begin our searches, since they're mostly on 5&10 year cycles.

We already know about reunions being planned for:

- 1965 (55-year)
- 1968 (70th birthday party)
- 1970 (50-year)
- 1990 (30-year)
- 2010 (10-year)

Are there others such as 1980, 1995, or 2000? Please let us know. We regularly receive inquiries about reunions, and we can direct classmates to you.

More information about reunions here: <http://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/reunion-resource-page/>

If we can help you, please contact us.

Be sure to let us know of a reunion your class is planning! We'll help spread the word.

Tyler Duncan – A PGA Champion

People often talk of life changing experiences, but few folks get to experience major life changing moments. In November, 2019, Bull Dog Tyler Duncan (CNHS '08) had what many would describe as a life-changer for a relatively new member of the PGA Tour.

Tyler had a nice rookie season on the 2018 tour (making 17 cuts), including two top-10s and qualifying for the Fed Ex Cup playoffs where he finished 113th. But his second season (2019) on tour was fraught with the added weekly pressure of trying to keep his tour card. He did make 17 cuts again, but he had to re-secure his card with a 12th place finish in the **Korn Ferry Tour Championship**.



The 2020 season (which started in late 2019) was where Tyler had his breakthrough. After solid play in the first two rounds (including a 61 in the second round) of the RSM Classic in Sea Island, Georgia, Tyler found himself with the 36-hole lead heading into the weekend. A third round of even par where he carded eighteen straight pars left him down the leaderboard in 5th place and trailing Brendan Todd (the PGA's hottest golfer at the time) by four strokes entering the final round. He bogeyed the first hole of the final round (his only bogey of the tournament) to drop further back; but then he played the last 17 holes in 6-under (including birdieing three of the last four) to force a playoff with 5-time tour winner (now six!) Webb Simpson, a former U.S. Open and Players' Championship winner. Tyler birdied the second hole of a playoff to card his first tour victory!



By winning the RSM Classic, Tyler garnered (among other things) the following:

- Two-year exemption into PGA events
- Spot in the Masters in 2020
- Spot in the Players Championship, PGA Championship, Arnold Palmer Invitational, Charles Schwab Challenge, Memorial Tournament, Quicken Loans National, and WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational
- Entry into Tournament of Champions (where Tyler finished 19th)

Oh, and did we mention the nearly \$1.2 million winner's check!?

As of Feb. 7, Tyler sits 16th in the Fed Ex Cup standings and 21st on the PGA money list.

Below you can read about the RSM win and see some highlights from his final round 65:

<https://www.pgatour.com/news/2019/11/24/tyler-duncan-dream-come-true-first-win-the-rsm-classic.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lTJULJvi7c8>



Ali Patberg

In her second season with the Indiana University Women’s Basketball team, Ali (CNHS ’15) has been garnering much attention from media across the nation. After leading the team in scoring last season, when they won 20+ games for a school-record 4th straight season, Ali and the Hoosier team have been on the national radar all season in 2019-20, including a victory over current #1 ranked South Carolina.



While the team has set an IU Women program record for most consecutive weeks being ranked, Ali was named to several pre-season national award watch lists:

- Wooden Award Watch List for National Player of the Year (narrowed it to 20 finalists) https://www.woodenaward.com/john_r_wooden_a_ward_presented_by_wendy_s_announces_2019_2_0_women_s_late_season_top_20_watch_list
- Nancy Lieberman Award Top Point Guard <https://www.ncaa.com/news/basketball-women/article/2019-10-21/womens-college-basketball-awards-20-point-guards-named>
- Ann Meyers Drysdale - Nation’s Top Player <https://highposthoops.com/2019/12/06/usbwa-announces-ann-meyers-drysdale-award-watch-list/>
- All Big-10 Preseason 1st Team

Ali brings more than basketball talent to the Hoosier squad. There’s a great article from a Bloomington magazine “Bloom” talking about the IU team and the other things some of the players (including Ali) bring to the program, the university, and the community. Nice stuff about our Bull Dog!

<http://www.magbloom.com/2020/02/year-of-the-women/>

As of February 8, the red-shirt junior leads the Hoosiers in scoring and assists, is 2nd in steals, and 4th in rebounds.

How about a blast from the past? Here’s Ali – age 6 - honing her skills at Basketball and Beyond at First Christian in Columbus a “few” years ago - all 4’ 7” of her!





Kooper Glick

Another Bull Dog that had an unexpected and very exciting “life-changer” recently is Kooper Glick (CNHS ‘15)



After Kooper completed his collegiate career (one school he played for was Barry Univ. - below),

he was weighing options and trying to decide if there was more basketball in his future.



And then the former Bull Dog found himself playing for the Washington Generals --- the losing-est team in the history of basketball!



In doing so, he gets to travel as part of the Harlem Globetrotter organization, show off some considerable skills of his own, entertain people around the country, and stay involved in the game he loves.

And have a good time while helping others have a good time!!

Pretty much every little boy with a basketball in his hands growing up in Indiana dreams of hitting the winning shot, playing for the Hoosiers or the Boilers, playing in the NBA --- you get the picture.

Few think of continuing their dreams in this manner - losing every time on the court - but it works!!

Below is a link to an article in *The Republic* about Kooper’s adventure:

http://www.therepublic.com/2020/01/12/general_glick_north_graduate_kicking_off_pro_career_in_globetrotters_organization/



Board Profile – James K. Paris

Jim is a 1957 graduate of Columbus High School where he met his wife of 59 years, Sue Roth Paris, a 1958 graduate. Together they have two children Keith Paris and Tamara (Paris) Estep, two grandchildren, Phillip Estep, and Jessica Estep Miller --- all Bull Dog graduates.



During his high school years Jim received valuable experience via the vocational department placing him with D.L. Hodler & Associates, a local residential design firm in Columbus, where he learned valuable lessons that would later help him develop his professional career.

Attending the University of Cincinnati Architectural program, a six year co-op system, Jim graduated in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture. Upon graduation Jim continued to work with Harry Balke Engineers of Cincinnati gaining experience in Interstate Highway design and railroad bridge design for Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. Leaving the engineering firm Jim gained additional experience in the employment of Glaser/Myers & Associates- Architects where he became an associate partner. During this period Jim became registered to practice in Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Indiana.

In 1969 Jim returned to Columbus as head of the architectural department of Sieco, Inc., a local engineering firm where he designed the structure housing the Columbus water treatment plant near Southside elementary school.

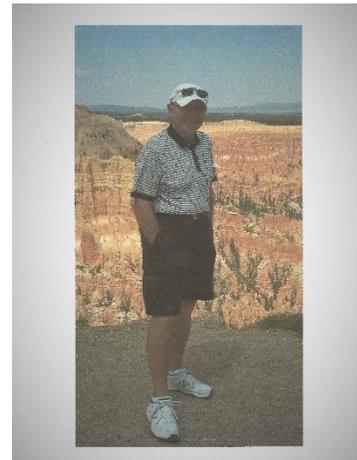
In late 1970 Jim formed his own architectural practice. Over the years he was joined by other professionals and formed Paris/Schilling Architects and Planners, Architect

Group, Inc., and subsequently Paris/Bingham Partnership, Inc. which practiced until his retirement in 2004.

Jim lectured at University of Wisconsin on the successful rehabilitation of the old Pump House water works building into a successful Senior Center under then director Buryl Ellis. Other buildings of note include the addition to Fire Station One and the addition to the Cleo Rogers Library he designed after consulting with I.M. Pei in New York.

Over the years Jim’s involvement with the Columbus community includes Chairman of the Bartholomew County Building Corp. (bonding for the jail addition), he has also been Chairman of Tipton Lakes Association, and design review committee, President, V. President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Columbus Rotary club, Visitor Center Board, Columbus Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, President Harrison Lake Town Board, Harrison Township Sewer District and President of Coles Cove Condominium Association.

Jim has received design awards for Essex Castings, National Design Award of Excellence for Columbus Bank and Trust building, and Excellence Development Award from Indianapolis Metropolitan Development Commission.



Jim is currently a board member of The Bull Dog Alumni Association, a pen & Ink artist, and an Emeritus member of the American Institute of Architects. He and Sue currently reside at the Timbergate Golf community, where he thoroughly enjoys playing golf.



Mary Claire King

There are a lot of kids who dream of making it to Broadway, but very few of them actually do it. It takes a lot of talent, true grit determination, a strong support system of parents, siblings, friends, teachers, and of course, no small amount of luck. Here’s a story about one of our own.



Janie Gordon, vocal teacher & mentor of Mary Claire King, Class of 2008, comments, “The first big memory I have of her was when I was music director for *Santa’s Frosty Follies* with Jr. Mill Race Players. Mary Claire, 4th grader I believe, performed “Santa Baby”, and she nailed it! Dressed as Mrs. Claus with a white feathery boa, she belted the song like a pro! I remember the director, Shelli Loheide, looking at me during dress rehearsal, and we both knew each other’s thought — ‘She’s gonna be a star someday!’” As the CNHS choral director, Janie was blessed with many talented students, and certainly one of them was Mary Claire. She states, “Mary Claire brought 100% every day, in every way during her 4 years in high school. She juggled numerous activities, sports, student government and academics, but it became apparent at the beginning of her junior year that she wanted to study musical theatre.”



Both Janie and John Johnson, theater director, could see what incredible comedic timing she displayed, and her vocal range was growing, and her attention to character details was impressive. Janie comments, “John and I knew that this kid had the goods, and we were there to support and guide her in every way we could.”

After graduating from Syracuse University in December, 2011, Mary Claire, daughter of Bull Dog alumni, Pete and Cathy King and sister to Sarah & A.D., began the arduous life of a struggling actor.



Our Bull Dog Nation can now say one of our own has managed to make it all the way to NYC and indeed has reached her goal of performing on Broadway. Mary Claire has played one of the lead roles, Velma Kelly, in the musical *Chicago* on Broadway.



On Sunday, November 10, 2019, a contingency from Columbus attended her performance at the Ambassador Theater.



(Marianne Hinds, Hedy George, Mary Claire, Joann Sewell Greenlee)

We were treated to a mind-boggling extravaganza of singing, acting and dancing as we watched the story of two shady ladies in the 1920's Windy City beat the system and get away with murder. Mary Claire has been a member of this cast and understudy to the actress playing Velma since last summer, playing this role several times within the last few months.

This was not Mary Claire's first time on Broadway. She has performed in *War Paint* and *My Fair Lady* and in the national tour of *Catch Me If You Can*. She's also a member of RANGE, a NYC-based a cappella vocal group. Mary Claire's resume includes numerous other credits, including featured soloist in the Columbus Philharmonic's cabaret, *The Best of Broadway*, where she performed with Janie Gordon and CNHS friends.

Throughout her journey, Mary Claire always has kept an upbeat attitude and has never lost that dazzling smile. Her hard work is paying off and her gentle, unassuming nature belies her wonderful accomplishments in a field that shows no mercy. Whether you travel to the Big Apple or catch a performance somewhere else, if you get an opportunity to see this talented young lady perform on stage, don't miss it!

(thanks to Hedy George for this article)

Mary Claire was kind enough to respond to some written questions we were able to add to this article.

Did CNHS help you prepare for Syracuse and beyond?

Absolutely, for me specifically, the performing arts programs and student assembly at Columbus North were a hugely formative time for me.

Having the opportunity to sing and dance in show choir class with Janie Gordon for 50 minutes every single day was extremely beneficial for my development as a musical theatre performer. The concerts and competitions that we worked towards each year also required additional rehearsals and a full team effort. As dance captain of Debuteens and Music Men during my senior year,

I was often leading brush up rehearsals and working one on one with my peers. In addition to show choir, North drama gave me a platform to spread my wings as an actor.

I was so proud of our productions and felt grateful that John Johnson and Julie Hult were always pushing me outside of my comfort zone, which helped me grow exponentially. Janie, John, and Julie also helped me prepare my college audition material. American Pie with Ed Niespodziani was the final piece of the performing arts trifecta. It was wonderful experience for me to sing with a live band yearly and further develop my ear training as a back-up singer. Lastly, my involvement with Student Assembly under the guidance of John Green was incredibly useful. The autonomy and leadership skills I gained as Student Body President my senior year undoubtedly helped in building character and strength needed to move so far away from home.



Has this always been your ambition to perform on Broadway?

Not necessarily--While I had always grown up singing and was involved with theatre and dance at a young age, I didn't return my full focus to the performing arts until high school. I'm beyond grateful that I had the luxury of such a strong performing arts influence at Columbus North, as I was exploring the craft for the first time. At age 17, I decided that I must perform on Broadway.

What is the most difficult part of being an actress/performer?

For me, the most difficult part of being a performer is the schedule. While there are many different artistic avenues within the performing arts, my current foothold is that of Broadway, which is a very all or nothing job. With 8 shows in 6 days, every week, it's difficult to travel home for special events and spend time with family. I love the work so much, but sustainability is something that I find myself thinking about quite often.

What is the best part of performing?

The storytelling--I love stepping into another person, often in another time, and learning about their circumstances and what makes them tick. I love that theatre is a live experience that you share with the audience and is different every time you tell the same story. And of course, the freedom to burst into song and dance at any moment is the best!



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Bull Dog Connections

Check out the website for the CNHS Media department & students:

<http://cnhsmedia.com/>

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 videos & daily announcements given by the students at:

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

Twitter account for CNHS Media:

<https://twitter.com/cnhsmedia?lang=en>

Twitter Account for Bull Dog Athletics:

<https://twitter.com/cnhsbulldogs?lang=en>

Erne Auditorium Instagram Account page:

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/1840985742880928/judson-erne-auditorium-at-columbus-north-high-school/>

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Columbus North Athletics Page – Great page dealers with all the Bull Dog athletic teams:

<https://columbusnorthathletics.org/>

Bull Dog Alumni Association on the web

Website:

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

Join us on Facebook at:

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