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## Newsletter of Columbus / Columbus North High School Alumni Association

### Message From Our President

Dear Fellow Bull Dog:

These are the most unique of times for all members of the Bull Dog Nation. As we all adjust, your Bull Dog Alumni Association and its Board of Directors adapt and continue to provide support to our Bull Dog students, faculty and administrators at Columbus North High School.

Supplementing faculty activity and providing scholarships to our Bull Dog students is the goal of who we are and what we do to make CNHS an excellent environment for academic excellence. This past week, the Board of Directors met in a Zoom conference (a first in Bull Dog Alumni Association history) and approved the following faculty requests:

1. Grant to Katie Finney for admission fee and transportation for the Spell Bowl Team and
2. Grant to Barbara Handt for poet fee and expenses for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Poetry with Kaveh Akber,

The following scholarships were also awarded:

1. Samuel P. Simmermaker Journalism & Communications Scholarship: Salome Cloteaux
2. John Johnson Studio Productions Scholarship: Boston Gilpin
3. John Carmichael True Blue Endowment: Nicholas Schiavello
4. John W. Hinds Endowment: Grace Ellis

Additional news and thanks include:

- Our Board of Directors welcomed to our Board Ms. Rachel McCarver, the Chair of the Journalism Department at CNHS. We are enthused that she will add her talent and energy to the Alumni Association.

- Thanks to True Blue Editor Larry Ruble for his extraordinary work in collecting articles of interest about the life of our Bull Dog family during these interesting times.

As you can imagine, graduation for our Class of 2020 will certainly be remarkable and historic as our school administration adapts to the requirements of safe distancing and other protocol to protect our students and faculty alike. Recognizing the special circumstances encountered by the 424 members of the 2020 graduating class, your Board of Directors has joined the Columbus North High School class of 2010 in the effort to provide each graduating senior with a special commemorative coin, which is pictured below.



What I enjoy most about the coin is the inscription which states simply, boldly and with vision "CHALLENGE ACCEPTED."

For all of you of the Bull Dog Nation, we know that is the Bull Dog way, and we wish our Class of 2020 the utmost success as they pursue their passion, their work, and their desire to create a better world.

Yours for the Bull Dog Nation,

*Pete*

Pete King ('72), President

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## Bull Dog Journalism

### Students Garner Honors!

We have some great news from the CNHS Journalism department:



The National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) named over two-dozen Bull Dogs to their 2020 Journalism Honor Roll!! We've attached the notification letter below. It's interesting to note that this national organization inducted 1,300 high-schoolers into their honor roll, and more than 2% are from CNHS!!

In addition to all the outstanding students listed on the next couple pages, we want to also extend hearty Bull Dog Congratulations to Rachel McCarver and Roth Lovins. You would need to search long and hard to find a journalism department with one --- let alone two --- incredible teachers with the talent and dedication of Rachel and Roth.

The following lists of recognition speaks volumes about them and the students that are blessed to part of their programs!

**Thanks, Rachel & Roth;**

**And congratulations, Bull Dog Journalists!**

Here is the NSPS Announcement Letter:



## NSPA Journalism Honor Roll named

*MINNEAPOLIS — National Scholastic Press Association, the nation's largest association for high school, junior high and middle school journalists, has inducted approximately 1,300 high-school scholars and student journalists into its 2020 Journalism Honor Roll.*

*Locally, the following students from Columbus North High School were honored:*

- Hailey Andis, The Triangle*
- Alyssa Ayers, The Triangle*
- Kennedi Baker, Bull Dog News Network*
- Lucy Beck, The Triangle*
- Abigail Bodart, The Triangle*
- Jordan Brady, Log*
- Kyle Carlson, Bull Dog News Network*
- Hannah Clark, Log*
- Salomé Cloteaux, The Triangle*
- Tristen Cook, Bull Dog News Network*
- Alayne Davis, Log*
- Adelaide Diserod Watts, The Triangle*
- K.J. Ely, Log*
- Paola Fernandez, The Triangle*
- Elizabeth Ferrero, Log*
- Anna Kelley, The Triangle*
- Katie Long, The Triangle*
- Margaret Mowrer, Bull Dog News Network*

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Karla Perez Gonzalez, *The Triangle*  
 Zoe Preston, *The Triangle*  
 Nela Riddle, *The Triangle*  
 Coral Roberts, *The Triangle*  
 Matthew Ruehman, *Bull Dog News Network*  
 Helen Rumsey, *Log*  
 Hallie Schwartzkopf, *The Triangle*  
 Erica Song, *The Triangle*  
 Emy Tays, *The Triangle*  
 Abigail Titus, *Log*  
 Lauryn Whitley, *Log*

"These outstanding students excel in both the classroom and in their school newsrooms," associate director Gary Lundgren said. "The future of journalism is bright if these students are any indication."

In addition to serving for at least two years on a student media staff, in broadcast, newspaper, magazine, online or yearbook, the students have earned a 3.5 or higher grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

Senior inductees are eligible to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship, and NSPA will announce the scholarship winner in May.

All Honor Roll inductees will receive a certificate of recognition and will be listed in the association's Best of the High School Press, a yearly publication showcasing the winners in the association's student media competitions. Inductees are also eligible to wear a special honor cord at graduation.

Through education, training and recognition programs, NSPA promotes the standards and ethics of good journalism. Its educational programs, both on-site and virtual, train thousands of student journalists and advisers, and its awards programs include the Pacemaker Award, the nation's preeminent publication honor. It celebrates 100 years of service in 2021.

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In other CNHS Journalism news, Ball State University's annual J-Day was canceled this year, but CNHS was still able to submit entries for annual awards. The following lengthy list of ratings, recognition, and awards recognizes more Bull Dog Journalists!

**Newspaper Overall --- Excellent** - "Newspaper Issues 5-6" - The Triangle Staff, Columbus North High School

**Feature Story --- Superior** - "The Price of Pressure" - Alyssa Ayers, Lucy Beck, Katie Long and Zoe Preston, Columbus North High School;  
**Excellent** - "The Test of Time" - Alyssa Ayers, Lucy Beck, Katie Long and Zoe Preston, Columbus North High School

**News Story --- Superior** - "Bridging the Gap" - Salome Cloteaux, Columbus North High School;  
**Excellent** - "An Invisible Epidemic" - Nela Riddle, Columbus North High School; **Honorable Mention** - "The Value of Voters" - Nela Riddle, Columbus North High School

**Sports Story ---Honorable Mention** - "Shooting Through the Finish Line" - Abby Bodart, Columbus North High School

**Personality Feature --- Superior** - "The Change" - Alyssa Ayers, Lucy Beck, Katie Long and Zoe Preston, Columbus North High School; **Excellent** - "The Bee Effect" - Curtis Abendroth, Columbus North High School; **Excellent** - "UnstoppaBOWL" - Alyssa Green, Columbus North High School; **Honorable Mention** - "Dog Days" - Ananya Ramanujapuram, Columbus North High School

**Opinion Story --- Honorable Mention** - "Stand Up, Not Stand By" - Erica Song, Columbus North High School; **Honorable Mention** - "Time for a Change?" - Emily Johns, Columbus North High School

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**Staff Editorial --- Honorable Mention** - “Dear Unwanted Self” - The Triangle Staff, Columbus North High School

**Editorial Cartoon --- Honorable Mention** - “The Classes Final” - Thomas Neeley, Columbus North High School; **Honorable Mention** - “Enough to Share” - Thomas Neeley, Columbus North High School; **Cover Design --- Excellent** - “Issue 2 Cover” - The Triangle Staff, Columbus North High School; **Honorable Mention** - “Issue 4 Cover” - The Triangle Staff, Columbus North High School

**Social Media Feed --- Excellent** - Karla Perez, Hallie Schwartzkopf, Matt Ruehman and Addie Watts, Columbus North High School

**Sports Page Design --- Superior** - “With a Bang” - Annagail Fields, Columbus North High School; **Excellent** - “Jumping for the Win” - Annagail Fields, Columbus North High School

**Feature Design --- Excellent** - “@tiktok\_addiction” - Anna Kelley, Columbus North High School

**Website Overall --- Honorable Mention** - “cnhsmedia.com” - cnhsmedia Staff, Columbus North High School

**Yearbook Overall --- Excellent** - “Log Yearbook” - Log Staff, Columbus North High School

**Theme Development --- Superior** - “All Over the Place” - Log Staff, Columbus North High School

**Alternative Story Design --- Superior** - “Looking into the Numbers” - Log Staff, Columbus North High School

**Senior AD Design --- Superior** - “Senior Ads” - Log Staff, Columbus North High School

**Personality Profile --- Superior** - “Ben Dickerson” - Annie Tran, Columbus North High School; **Honorable Mention** - “Riley Osowick” - Helen Rumsey, Columbus North High School

**People Coverage --- Superior** - “People Coverage” - Log Staff, Columbus North High School

**Student Life/Clubs Coverage --- Superior** - “Student Life Coverage” - Log Staff, Columbus North High School

**Sports Coverage --- Excellent** - “Sports Coverage” - Log Staff, Columbus North High School

**Academics Coverage --- Superior** - “Academics Coverage” - Log Staff, Columbus North High School

**Broadcast Package --- Excellent** - “How It Went” - Darren Ayala and Elvin Cesareo, Columbus North High School; **Honorable Mention** - “Kamryn Denney” - Darren Ayala and Elvin Cesareo, Columbus North High School

**News Story Package --- Excellent** - “Grace Kestler” - Kevin Graham, Columbus North High School; **Honorable Mention** - “Engineering Pumpkin Drop” - Darren Ayala and Elvin Cesareo, Columbus North High School package

**Broadcast Opening --- Honorable Mention** - “January Magazine Show Opener” - BNN Staff, Columbus North High School; **Honorable Mention** - “BNN 2019-2020 Show Opener” - BNN Staff, Columbus North High School

**Lip Dub --- Superior** - “2019 Lip Dub” - BNN Staff, Columbus North High School

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## Quite the Lists!!

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## **Congratulations to Bull Dog Alumni Association Scholarship Winners for 2020**

We are pleased to announce the following CNHS Seniors have been presented scholarships that are administered by the Bull Dog Alumni Association.

**Salome Cloteaux** --- **Samuel P. Simmermaker** Journalism & Communications Scholarship

**Boston Gilpin** --- John Johnson Studio Productions Scholarship

**Nicholas Schiavello** --- John Carmichael "True Blue" Scholarship

**Grace Ellis** --- John W. Hinds Tradition of Excellence - Scholarship

**Congratulations Salome, Boston, Nick, and Grace!** Happy trails ahead to each of you!!



## **Students Making Art**

### **CNHS Art Students "Create" Some Re-creations**

With art museums closed, the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles challenged people to post photos of themselves recreating their favorite works of art from the safety of their homes.

So, the CHNS Art Department Coordinator Leslie Weaver (CNHS '93) challenged her Bull Dog Drawing and Painting students to find a work of art, research it, and then recreate it from home.



Their creativity did not disappoint. And, there was an added bonus for Mrs. Weaver, who said, "I love seeing their faces".

Please check the results at the link below (once they load you can just page up and down thru the images):

[Click Here to View the Images of the Bull Dogs' Works](#)

Enjoy!

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## COVID-19 Challenges Met with Bull Dog Responses

From the time I was a child, I remember my Dad talking about meeting challenges and how they were best met with quality responses. Small challenges were no different than large challenges. Any challenge deserved your best.

“Easier” challenges were just important as tougher challenges because they gave you the opportunity to sharpen your skills to be applied when the challenges stiffened.

Anyone who has had the privilege to walk in and out of a locker room at Memorial Gym and wear a Bull Dog jersey remembers signs and posters declaring things like:

**When the going gets tough,  
the tough get going**

or

**It’s not the size of the Dog in the fight;  
it’s the size of the fight in the Dog**

Unfortunately, these have too often just become clichés we toss around.

COVID-19 is certainly not a cliché, but it certainly is one of those tougher challenges.

We can proudly look all around our community and see Bull Dogs on the front lines in the battle against this disease and its attack on our society.

For every person battling **against** the disease on our behalves, there are countless others who are battling against its effects on our lives. There are days and ways where this may be the most important battle front and where the long-term opportunities are greatest

One area that is very dear to the hearts of the Alumni Association is how COVID-19 is attacking our educational efforts.

So, we reached out to one of our Board Members, who is also a CNHS English teacher, Barbara Handt (CNHS ’83) . We posed the following question:

*Hello, Barbara. Hope you are well. Didn’t know if you might have any interesting blips about anything that’s happened from a teacher’s perspective during our “new normal” time?*

Less than 24-hours later, we received Barb’s heartfelt response. You can read it on the next page; and, I think, see why we love all our CNHS staff and teachers.

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*I'm not sure if this is what you are looking for, but I will share a few ideas and you can use any/all/none of them as you see fit.*

*I have been inspired by how hard most of the students are working to stay on top of their classes. They have been patient and flexible with tech problems and issues that have come up. They are sharing with me that they sometimes get bored and lonely because they are doing E-learning. One student said that what he most missed was the teachers' passion for their subject which made the classroom work so much more interesting than online work. That was a sort of backhanded compliment, but I really appreciated it and it has stood out to me.*

*Another thing I have noticed is that some of the parents have joined in the effort to make sure the kids are learning. I am getting quite a few emails from parents (more than usual) just checking in and checking up on their kids. They really want to help. I always like talking to parents, and some of these are ones that I had not heard from at all prior to E-learning. Several parents who are still working are tailoring their work hours to be more available to help kids with their schoolwork. A couple of divorced families have moved kids to the home where one parent is more available to help with schoolwork.*

*For myself, I have learned to use several technologies that I had just a little or no familiarity with. One big accomplishment was doing online essay conferences for my dual credit IU kids using GoogleMeet which went really well. One student said it*

*was just like sitting next to me in the classroom, which is what I was hoping to achieve.*

*I've also learned how to use Flipgrid, Zoom and Parlay as well as videotaping my own short lectures and uploading them to the Learning Management system (Itslearning).*

*So, that is just a little bit of what has been going on.*

*I'm missing the kids a lot as they are really the reason why I went into teaching and why I enjoy it so much. In the classroom, no two days are the same!*

*I hope you are doing well and staying safe!*

**Barbara**

As you read Barbara's response, there are so many things for which this challenge seems to have created some quality responses, like:

- Increased parental involvement
- Teachers and staff learning and employing new tools
- Guessing more than a few parents are learning about new technology tools from their kids!
- Preparation for a higher quality response to our next "challenge"
- Opportunities for more of us to get this chance to see just how blessed we are to have scores of passionate and caring teachers like Barbara

**BULL DOGS ROCK!**

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## The Bull Dog Way and COVID-19

Picture this scenario:

- It's May of 2019
- There are 100 Bull Dog Alumni sitting in a large room
- They are each asked to take out a sheet of paper and, in 250 words or less, describe what they thought their lives would look like in May of 2020

Fast forward to today. How many of those one-hundred descriptions would come close to matching the reality of this moment in time? Pretty sure we all know the answer to that question.

Watching our lives unfold these past several weeks, one thing has become apparent to me. It's good to be a Bull Dog! And it's even better to embrace the "**Bull Dog Way**".

For those of you who aren't blessed to be able to spend any time inside the building at CNHS, you may never have seen the posters and banners scattered throughout the building that tout **The Bull Dog Way**:



As I was contemplating what sort of contribution to make to our spring newsletter, it occurred to me how important the Bull Dog Way is --- not just in our everyday lives, but especially as we face the changes, challenges, and opportunities that the COVID-19 situation has thrust upon us.

As we all do our part to help slow and halt the spread of COVID-19, we can learn valuable lessons from working to live out **The BULL DOG WAY**.

We're all in this together. As we do our individual parts to help respond to our new daily challenges, those "Three Rs" kept coming front-and-center:

**Respect** --- Our ability to lessen the spread and impact of COVID-19 is greatly impacted by our respect for everyone around us. The more we align our efforts to thinking more about respecting others and their NEEDS and thinking less about our situations and what we WANT, the more we can do to help us all work our way through the challenges of the coming weeks.

**Responsibility** --- We all have responsibilities to many other people. Look for these responsibilities. Understand them. Take them seriously. And appreciate the same diligence that so many others are exercising in their responsibilities to us. Think of all the people on the front lines of our battles each day. Think of how seriously they take their responsibilities. Think of what an incredible world we would have if we

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each looked at the most responsible person we know and then strove to be even more responsible than that person!

**Relationships** --- Now, even as the framing and setting of our relationships have changed dramatically, is a perfect time to continue to maintain and grow those relationships in different ways and using different methods. Let's all take some time to review the personal and societal relationships that are vital to our existence and well-being. I'll start! For too many years, I've too often taken too many of these important relationships for granted. Not today. Thanks, everyone, for what a difference you make.

Going to steal something from the Bull Dog Alumni Association's Facebook page:

**Life is a TEAM sport ---  
It's all about WE and not about me!**



**Thanks, CNHS, for continuing to put forth the Bull Dog Way and reminding us of the 3 Rs.**



**It really is GOOD TO BE A BULL DOG!**

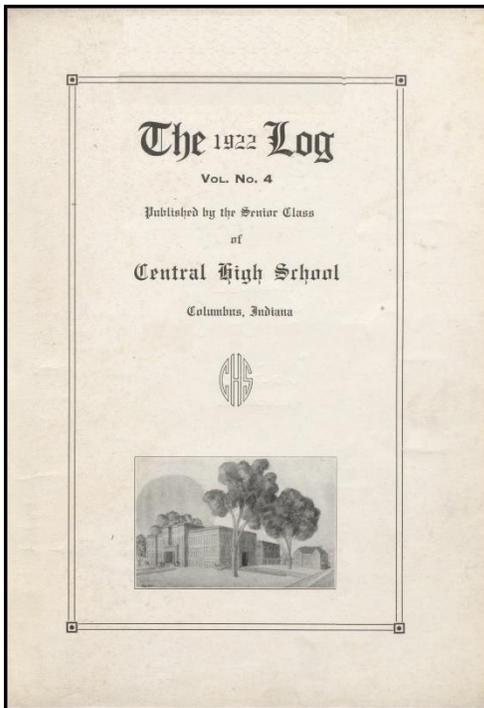
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## Generational Perspectives

As we think about COVID-19 and how it has affected our lives these past several weeks, it might be good to put some of it in perspective.

Decided to take a look at the Class of 1922. This was a time when CHS stood for Central High School (of Columbus, Indiana). Let's consider the lives of the graduating seniors from 1922.



We'll assume they were (for the most part) born in 1904.

Using 1904 as a starting point, we can assume they had a pretty interesting and challenging timeline aligned with their lives

Check it out in the next column. It's all about perspective!

## The Life & Times of a 1922 CHS Graduate

**1908 – Age 4 – The first Ford Model T was produced, paving the way for vast automobile ownership**

**1914 – Age 10 – World War One begins with the U.S. officially entering the conflict in 1917.**

**1918 – Age 14 – Spanish Flu ravages the globe, infecting 1/3 of the world's population**

**1929 – Age 25 – The Great Depression begins and devastates the world's economy**

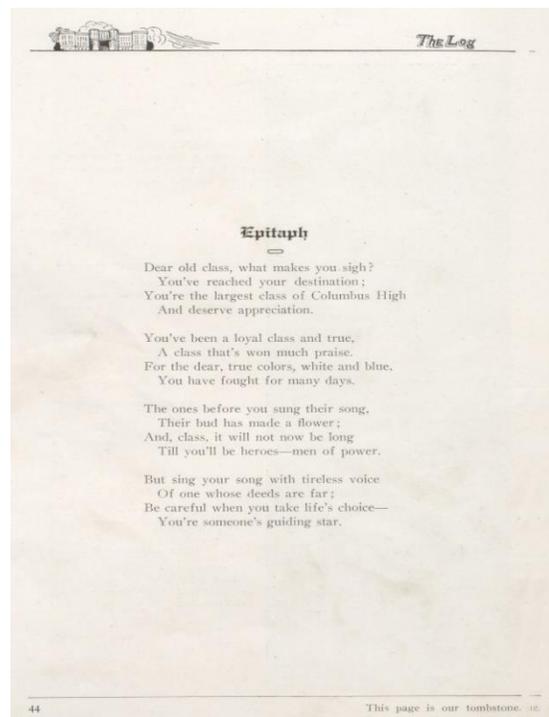
**1939 – Age 35 – World War Two begins**

**1941 – Age 37 – U.S. enters WW2 after the attack on Pearl Harbor**

**1950 – Age 46 - Korean Conflict begins**

**1965 – Age 61 – U.S. officially enters Vietnam War**

**1969 – Age 65 – Neil Armstrong walks on the moon**



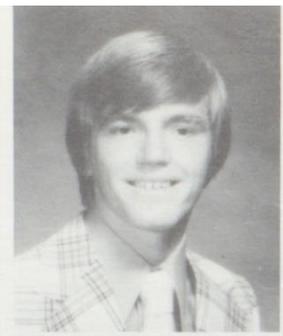
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## Brent Black ('76) & "Mamma Mia!"

Our last issue included a piece on Mary Claire King and her current stint on Broadway. We received a message from one of our alumni pointing out some info that no one had mentioned to us before. We were made aware that Bull Dog Brent Black ('76) had spent **14 years** playing various roles in Broadway's long-running "Mamma Mia".

Fourteen years!



This is Brent's Senior Picture from the 1976 *Log*. If our math serves us well, he was only three or four years older than his tenure on the show. Pretty amazing longevity.

We've included a link to a full-page *NY Daily News* article that chronicles his accomplishment. At the time of the article (which was published the month before the curtain was to go down the final time, Brent was the sole original cast member still with the show. That's another pretty startling fact.

You can access the news article at the link below. It's a good read!

<https://www.nydailynews.com/entertainment/theater-arts/brent-black-turned-waterloo-win-mamma-mia-run-article-1.2328497>

Here are some tidbits about "Mamma Mia!":

**Previews Began:** Oct 5, 2001

**Opening Date:** Oct 18, 2001

**Closing Date:** Sep 12, 2015

**Performances:** 5,758

And, some more *Log* material:



*Photo on left shows Brent in Speech Club. Not your typical coat & tie look.*

*But this look in 1976 might have been a clue that he wasn't going to have a typical career!*

Thanks, Amy Shepherd Hamilton ('76) for the heads-up about Brent's accomplishments!

### Drama club produces one-act skits

The Speech Club sponsored by Debbie Shoultz and Dennis Lindsey used club periods wisely by working with various speeches and planning for speech meets. The club started out the year with initiations for new members and ended it with a team banquet. The banquet honored the five team members going to state, Jean Jacobs, Kelly Church, Brent Black, Mike Pence and Maria Perr. Pence was named the Speaker of the Year. The club officers were president, Leslie Perrino; vice president, Maria Perr; secretary, Renny Bowden; treasurer, Liz Perr; sergeant at arms, Mike Pence.

The Drama Club was involved in a wide variety of productions this year. Club members participated in skits and pantomime routines, along with producing one act plays and other scenes. Officers were David Snapp, president; Jenny Hart, vice president and Pam Wells, secretary. Melba Lloyd and Joe

Tower served as club sponsors.

The Spanish Club, sponsored by Rosemary Haro, completed a very busy year with an after-school field trip to King's Island. Other activities included a fund raising car wash and a Christmas Party. The club also sponsored a Spanish cooking contest and plans to publish the book of recipes early next year. Officers were Penny Weaver, president; Twilla Robinson, vice president; Darren Bush, secretary; and Roger Schockley, public relations agent.

The German Club was again sponsored by Judy Eaton, German teacher. Club activities this year included attending an Oktoberfest in Indianapolis and folk dancing during the club periods. Officers were Chris Bloom, president; Tim Hager, vice president; Connie Baker, secretary; Lori Larkin, treasurer; and Bob Reifenburg, sergeant at arms.



## Special COVID-19 Edition of “The Triangle”

Thanks to Rachel McCarver for sharing with us the COVID-19 special edition of “The Triangle”.

We’ve all been so inundated with all sorts of media and personal exchanges, it is really nice to be provided a little insight as to how the students at CNHS are feeling about our current situation,

This is a nice read; one that gives us pause.

When you think about such an important time in the lives of our young people being disrupted by our current local, national, and global situation, it is nice to try to glimpse a bit of how they are viewing everything and how they measuring our way forward.

Sometimes, what we see around us does not really inspire. The measured and thought-provoking views and observations demonstrated by our current crop of Bull Dogs (whether you agree or not) is a good thing.

If you’re in need of a pick-me-up, there must be a couple thoughts in this fourteen-page special edition with “your name on them.”

Click on the link below (and go into full-screen mode to improve readability). The rest is on us!

<https://issuu.com/cnhsmedia.com/docs/covid-19issue>

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## Empty Halls and Classrooms CNHS Looks Really Lonely

Here's a question for those of you old enough to remember:

What is lonelier than being a Maytag repairman? How about being a hallway at CNHS?

**Too  
Lonely**



CNHS is pretty empty and lifeless! Empty and lifeless is NOT why it exists. CNHS is missing the energy and excitement for which it was built!



**Too  
Empty**

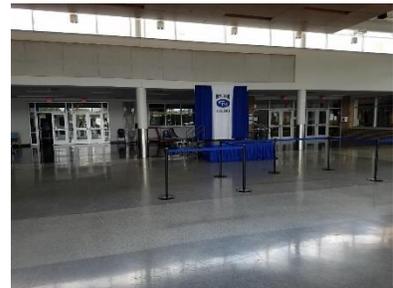
Thoughts like those could be pretty depressing, unless we choose to use the absence of normality to sharpen our appreciation for the life & energy the students and staff will bring when they fill the halls and classrooms again.



**Too  
Lifeless**

Unless we choose to anticipate the excitement that is headed to the empty rooms and halls on the other side of our current COVID-19 situations.

**Too  
Quiet**



Let's choose to view the way-too-empty CNHS like we would a blank sheet of paper waiting to be filled with an inspiring story about to be written by a talented young Bull Dog student upon returning to the classroom.

**Let's choose** to view the mostly deserted CNHS as a blank canvas about to be transformed by one of our talented young artists into a beautiful painting.

**Let's choose** to appreciate what will be.

**Let's choose** to know normalcy will return.

**Let's choose!**

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## Senior Project Disruptions

Much has been made of how the COVID-19 situation has affected all our students during the first half of 2020. Special attention has been paid to how much it has affected important aspects the school experience for the Class of 2020.

One area of impact of which many may not be aware is its impact on Senior Projects --- for the Class of 2021!

A couple years ago, ....

This year the Spring 2020 Senior Project Fair was scheduled for the spring semester that was unfortunately canceled. This is an opportunity for businesses and organizations to present opportunities to next year’s seniors in order that they can begin senior project work during the summer. This has many benefits for the students, organizations, businesses, and mentors. This is particularly important for students on an accelerated path to graduating a semester early.

Since the spring fair couldn’t happen, the Alumni Association hopes we can help solicit interest in project opportunity areas and mentor volunteers.



If you are interested in learning more about Senior Projects, a great place to start is by looking at the CNHS Senior Project web page at the following link:

<https://www.bscschools.org/domain/611>

It also contains email information for the Senior Project Coordinator, Erin Miller. If you prefer, you can [contact us](#), and we can pass your information to Erin.

Senior projects can be a rewarding experience for everyone!



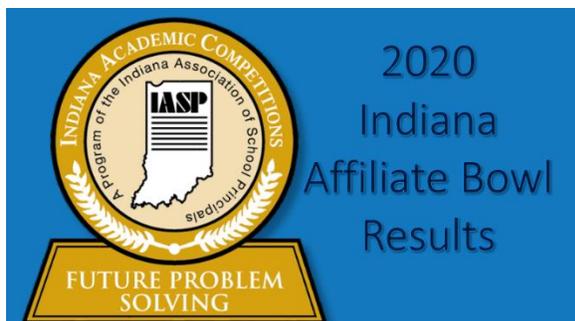
**Bull Dog & Community**



**Collaboration --- Unstoppable!**



## Bull Dog Students Earn Honors in Academic SuperBowl Competition



The Academic SuperBowl state championship scores were announced on May 4. The SuperBowl competition was another activity that was disrupted by COVID-19, as it was done in an online format this year. Instead of a team format, participants competed as individuals using online tools.

Here is a blip from the website:

*Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, the Department of Student Programs restructured both the Junior and Senior Academic Super Bowl competitions this year to be individual contests for students. Students studied all year on the theme of “The Roaring Twenties”, and could take as many different subject area tests as they wished. Combined we had almost 2300 entries for both Junior and Senior Super Bowl. The top 15 percent of the scores were awarded first, second, and third place.*

Columbus North had several students compete in the new online format. Bull Dog representatives fared well as they competed against other high schoolers from across Indiana.

CNHS had the following students win awards this year in the state competition:

### Matthew Liu –

- 1st place award in Math
- 1st place award in Science

### Rishi Rao –

- 1st place award in Math
- 3rd place award in Science

### Jiaxuan Wang –

- 1st place award in Math

Please also note out of 1,463 students that competed this year online, **Matthew Liu** was one of only four students in the state to earn a **perfect score**, scoring perfect in the Math portion of the competition.

We offer thanks and congratulations to the kids and coaches and all their hard work this year with the Academic SuperBowl teams!!

You can read more about the Academic SuperBowl programs and the various competitions at the link below:

<https://iasp.org/category/student-programs/academic-super-bowl/>

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## Vivek Hebbar Named STEM Team Award Recipient

Governor Eric Holcomb recently announced the four winners of the 2020 Governor's STEM Team awards. Each student will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, courtesy of the College Choice 529 Program administered by Treasurer of State Kelly Mitchell. One of those four winners is **Vivek Hebbar** from Columbus North.



“Indiana is home to incredibly gifted and talented students. It gives me great pride to honor this year's STEM Team for all their hard work. Each of these seniors has a promising future ahead of them. They represent some of Indiana's finest and I look

forward to seeing the amazing things they accomplish in the years ahead.” said Gov. Holcomb.

In lieu of an in-person awards presentation, the students enjoyed a video call with Gov. Holcomb.

Here is the brief bio for Vivek included with the announcement:

*Vivek Hebbar is a senior at Columbus North High School in Columbus. Vivek earned perfect scores on the SAT Math, SAT II Math, SAT II Physics, SAT II Chemistry, ACT Science, and ACT Math exams. He completed eight AP courses with scores of 5 on all of the corresponding exams. Vivek was a national finalist and scholarship winner in the MathWorks Math Modeling Challenge, a qualifier to the American Invitational Math Examination for 5 consecutive years and has successfully completed an upper level college course in Artificial Intelligence, among other college credits earned. He plans to study math or physics.*

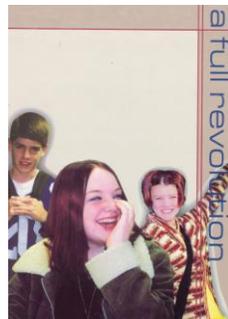
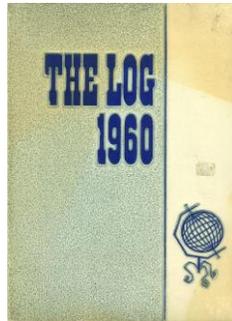
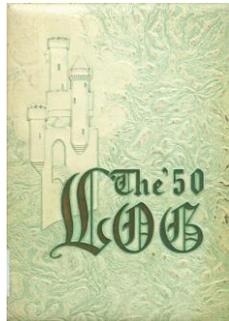
You can read the complete announcement and see the other winners at the link below:

<http://www.wbiw.com/2020/05/12/governor-holcomb-announces-stem-team-award-winners/>

**Great accomplishments, Vivek!!**



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## JOHN KENNEDY WAS ABSOLUTELY SPEECHLESS VISITING COLUMBUS.

This is the year of our Lord 2020. It's not just a year to make "cute" commentary about a year of clear vision. That joke is already stale. But it isn't just any new year. It is a new decade which brings with it another taking of the census. Have you sent yours in yet? It is also a presidential election year unknown to no one who isn't otherwise living in a cave.

But, let's look back at a year of similar beginnings – 1960. That year was the start of a new decade, another census, as well as a presidential election year. This time it pitted the then Vice-president Richard Nixon against a young, wealthy, educated, but less well-known Bostonian and Massachusetts Senator named John F. Kennedy. He was unique for his strange accent that removed "r"s from some words and added them to others. He was also a Roman Catholic, a religion not heretofore residing in the White House. Another feature about him often noted by the press was that he was always "bareheaded." He almost single handedly wiped out the men's felt hat industry. Women would note, "With hair like his, he shouldn't wear a hat." Other newspaper adjectives describing Kennedy were "wonder boy" and "boyish-looking."

John Kennedy, the candidate, made a campaign stop right here in Columbus. It was an unusual visit though. He couldn't talk! What could be worse for a political candidate than to be denied an opportunity to speak? After all, his purpose for coming to Columbus was to *speak* to our citizenry about why he should be the next president of the United States.

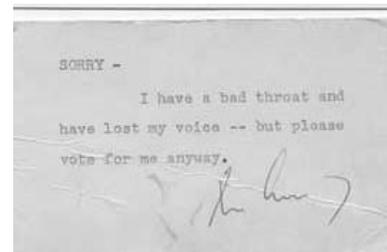
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He arrived in Seymour on a rainy day on April 29<sup>th</sup> and was transported by motorcade to the Columbus Court House. He was greeted upon his arrival by Mayor E. A. Welmer (*photo below*).



Other local dignitaries meeting Kennedy included Dick Stoner, the Bartholomew Co. Democratic Chairman (*looking on behind Mayor in above photo*); former county chairman, Ike Deaver; City Councilman, Robert N. Bush; Craig Buck; Meredith McCoy from Edinburg and Al Bewley from Westport.

Instead of speaking, Kennedy, with an ever present smile, handed out small cards (*see image below*) to some of his well-wishers saying, "Sorry – I have a bad throat and have lost my voice – but please vote for me anyway."



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JFK’s area stops, in addition to the Court House, were the Don Thompson farm in Wayne Township, where 300 upper grade students awaited, followed by a visit to Columbus High School.

At the high school he was whisked into Memorial Gymnasium where he was greeted by Principal Judson Erne, Vice-Principals J. O. Kelly and Chauncey Addleman.

He received a minute-long standing ovation from students as well as a large group of adults.

His prepared remarks at the gym were read by Ted Sorensen, described in the newspaper as a “Kennedy aide.” *(Sorensen actually was Kennedy’s speechwriter and was responsible for Kennedy’s famous inaugural address comment, “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.”)*

After Sorensen’s remarks, Kennedy walked around the gym floor waving to the assembled students. Because of his lack of voice, question and answer sessions had to be cancelled. On his behalf, Sorensen said, “He likes to answer his own questions in his own words.” The ensuing article in the then Evening Republican written by Carol McCullough carried the whimsical headline, “*Nothing Sen. Kennedy Said on his Visit to Columbus Will be Held Against Him.*”

**The rest, shall we say, is history.**

Thanks to **Terry Trautman (CHS Class of 1956)** for providing the article on JFK’s presidential campaign stop in Columbus.

Do you know of any other famous personalities that have made appearances in Columbus? Do you have any memories of those?

If you do, we would LOVE for you to share them with us.

We’ve heard that personalities (such as Bob Hope) used to perform at Memorial Gym? Any truth to those rumors??

Lady Bird Johnson was in Columbus for the dedication of Lincoln Elementary School in 1967 and to “plant” some trees as part of her Beautification of America initiative.

Any eyewitnesses? Memories to share?

**We’d love to hear from you at:**

[cnhslumni@besc.k12.in.us](mailto:cnhslumni@besc.k12.in.us)

**The 2020 Alumni Association Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is tentatively set for September 25<sup>th</sup>!! Details will follow.**

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## Bull Dog Robotics Team Chases the Future

Often rumored as the best kept secret in Columbus, robotics Team 4926, GalacTech was one of the many organizations impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. The team is a part of the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) organization, a worldwide non-profit for grades K-12 dedicated to inspiring students to pursue STEM careers and spread STEM throughout their community.



Above is the team after they won the Engineering Inspiration award at Bloomington. The award recognizes a team that's shown their dedication to sharing STEM in the community throughout the past year.

You can read about FIRST at this link:

<https://www.firstinspires.org/>

The high school team, GalacTech, competes in the FIRST Robotics Competition or FRC. A typical season starts with the release of a game in January, followed by eight to nine weeks of designing, building, and programming a 150-pound robot from scratch in order to compete in district competitions in March and hopefully advance to the State or World Championships. This year's game, Infinite Recharge, consisted of scoring "power cells" or plush balls into three goals, varied in size and height, in order to activate the "shield generator," all ending with the climbing of the "generator switch," a tilting metal bar

located five feet off the ground. While the team completed the build season and competed in one competition, their season was cut short.

Senior Rishabh Kulkarni from Columbus North says, "Robotics is a really good program because it combines learning and building with intense competition which is rare for a club. I've gained programming and teamwork skills that will be helpful in the real world, and it introduced me to computer science which is what I'm majoring in so it has heavily influenced the rest of my life."

Freshman Pranav Ramnath from Columbus North says, "This was my first robotics competition. Even if it was cut short, it was one of the best experiences of my life. Since I'm new to FRC, it was a little difficult to understand some of the key terms used in our sessions. But I learnt a lot in just a few months — how the matches are carried out, rules and regulations, team spirit, and a lot more."

The team was slated to host their first district competition at Columbus North High School on March 20th and 21st, but soon after their initial competition in Bloomington on March 7th and 8th, all Indiana FIRST events were postponed or cancelled. Despite the shortened season, many members still felt they had learned much this year.

Senior Trevor Lirrette from Columbus North says, "I was really excited for this season and sad that it was cut short as I think we could have done really well but I think we still experienced the full extent of the most important part of the season, building the robot. This program has been a big part of my life for the last four years and has prepared me well for a future in the STEM fields so it is hard to see the season cut short so abruptly in my last year but I'm glad I got to experience the build phase of our last competition season."

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*Pictured above is 'Bot Ross', the 2020 robot, at the Bloomington Competition*

## Turning to Community Service

With the season over, the team has turned its focus from improving their robot to helping the community during a time of need. GalacTech has partnered with Prof. John Mendez at IUPUC to use their 3D printer and additional resources to create safety shields for essential workers in the community.

Mentor Sam Geckler says, “The mission of FIRST is to transform our culture into one that celebrates Science and Technology, and the most important part of that is raising awareness for STEM in our community. Using our resources to help health care professionals is a natural fit, and we are proud to do it.”

As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, the team has produced 94 full-face shields and is continuing to make more.



In photo above, you see Mentor, Sam Geckler, and former student, Jack Hawkins, who have helped complete the face shields.

If you are interested in donating to the safety shield effort, helping fund the team’s commitment to engaging students and the community in engineering, or wanting to help mentor the students feel free to email [info@team4926.org](mailto:info@team4926.org) for more information. GalacTech and the FIRST program continue to inspire and impact students.

Editor’s note: Sorry! Had to try to match those shirts!! <grin>

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## CNHS Math Works Team Wins 4<sup>th</sup> Place Award in National Competition!

The MathWorks Math Modeling (M3) Challenge is a 14-hour competition in which a group of 3 to 5 high school juniors or seniors write a 20-page paper addressing a real-world problem.

The group’s paper answered questions about the electrification of trucks, including questions like: What percent of the market will be electric in 5, 10, and 20 years? How many charging stations will be needed along specific routes? What routes should be electrified first? Typically, the finalists present their findings at a conference in New York, but due to COVID-19, teams submitted videos instead.

Heathcote says, “I’m super proud of us for getting in the top six. I’m pretty disappointed that we were unable to go to New York, but it was really fun to get to Zoom chat in order to create a video presentation because we had more time to get off topic and just have fun while creating the presentation. I think it was less stressful to create a video than to present in person.”



The group used math skills and teamwork to tackle the problem, while facing constraints like time and resources.

Songs says, “The experience entails much more than using mathematical concepts and communicating findings effectively; it also exercises time and stress management, as well as intense teamwork. Our team dealt with pressure using humor and reorganized priorities based on the time left. While we took much-needed breaks, we also kept each other on task, working together like a single unit to finish the paper.”

The overall experience was rewarding, and members learned a lot along the way.

Kim says, “The M3 Challenge was very challenging but also very rewarding. Our team worked well together. so it was a fun experience. I also particularly enjoyed this year’s problem because it dealt with the switch to more sustainable technologies which is in the realm of what I want to do in the future.”

If you’re interested in learning more about the competition or viewing the videos created by the top six teams feel free to visit <https://m3challenge.siam.org/>.

This year’s CNHS team is pictured on the left. The team placed as an M3 Challenge Finalist, where they were named one of the top 6 of 760 teams nationwide!

Team members are:  
**Helen Rumsey, Sami Heathcote, Anna Kim, and Vivek Hebbar** (back row L-to-R), and **Erica Song** (front row)

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## Math Works (continued.)

The top six teams were supposed to travel to New York city (as Sami mentioned in her comments previously) in April for the Finals Competition and Awards Presentations, but those plans were thwarted by the COVID-19 situation.

Instead, the competition sponsors arranged to have the teams submit videos of their final presentations.

You can see the CNHS team's presentation at the YouTube link below:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLf\\_ipOSbWC86dNdRO-JUsrKjYO8wUyztH](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLf_ipOSbWC86dNdRO-JUsrKjYO8wUyztH)

## Hearty Bull Dog

Congratulations to these

**Awesome Bull Dogs**

and their sponsor

**Mike Spock!!**

And special thanks to **Helen Rumsey**  
for providing the materials for the  
Robotics & MathWorks Articles!!

## Reunions

We have several reunions currently scheduled. So far, there are two know casualties. **Class of 2010** has postponed their planned reunion (had been set for May 9) indefinitely, until further notice. **Class of 1990** has moved their 30-Year reunion to 2021 (making it a 30+1 Year Reunion). You can see the known status of each planned 2020 reunion at the link below:

<https://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/reunion-resource-page/scheduled-reunions/>

Currently, all reunions that had been planned for July and beyond are still "ON". These include **Classes of 1965, 1968, 1970, 1975, and 2000**. But please check back often, as events are pretty fluid right now. If your class has a Facebook Group page, that should remain a great source of information.

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**One REALLY important thing you can do to help us help you ----**

If your reunion plans for this spring / summer change, please let us know ASAP! We'll help you notify more classmates by announcing the changes on our website and Facebook page. Let's hope no more plans have to be changed; but if they do, we're here to help.

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## End-of-Year Plans Altered

As you can imagine, all the uncertainty has wreaked havoc on the year-end plans for the 2019-20 school year. Even bad news makes for easier planning than does uncertainty. To this end, administrative teams have been making plans for end-of-school-year activities. One big item is the graduation process that is the pinnacle of a senior's time in high school. Here is a communication from Mr. Clark with some details known as of May 11.

### *Bull Dogs:*

*After many hours of preparation, our end of the year activities are beginning to take shape. Today I recorded my remarks for our "virtual graduation." Although I do not relish speaking in front of large crowds, I've always been able to gather support by focusing on the graduates sitting in front of me. Needless to say, I missed that today.*

**Students in grades 9-11**, we look forward to a strong finish to this nine weeks, semester, and school year. Note that grades received will still be figured into your final GPAs and may impact scholarship opportunities down the road. More importantly, we are what we consistently do. With that in mind, learning becomes important NOT for the sake of grades, but for the sake of knowledge and the sake of developing strong habits for those unexpected moments in life that cause us all pause. Thank you for maintaining **The Bull Dog Way** as you complete this chapter in your learning.

**On June 1 and 2** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. you will have an opportunity to access the building to return books and get personal items from your lockers. Classrooms will be closed, so if you have left a book in a classroom, please email your teacher and let them know so they can return it for you. You do not want a bill to come later for unreturned books/calculators/other BCSC owned property. At this time we are considering taking any student's temperature as they enter the building and we encourage you to wear masks if you have them. Note that we will have staff present to provide gentle reminders for you to get what

*you need and/or return what you need to and keep moving. We trust that you will be able to take care of all business in a short period of time.*

**Seniors**, we're almost there and as mentioned four years ago, your high school years will be over in the blink of an eye. Our graduation "photo event" will be on May 26-28. It is not required to get your diploma. A sign-up sheet is posted on our [itslearning page](#). If you have not signed up and wish to participate, please do so at your earliest convenience. You will need to sign in with your BCSC google account to sign up.

*We have invited immediate family to this event, but ask that everyone who chooses to attend use common sense and good judgement. If you or a family member are ill it is best to stay home. We will make other arrangements to get your diploma to you. I would also strongly encourage you to keep your guests to a minimum. The key is for all to BE SAFE! For this event **we will** be taking the temperature of all who enter the building and we encourage you to wear masks if you have them. Note that we will have staff present to provide gentle reminders for you to keep moving to provide the maximum safety for all.*

A separate event is our "**virtual graduation**" on May 30 at 10:00 a.m. This event will be live streamed with speeches from you class leadership and a tassel turning toward the end that you may do in unison in the safety of your own homes. At this time we do not have the link for this stream, but will share it via our websites as soon as it is created. If you want your photo in this event, please upload it as per the directions on our [itslearning page](#) **ASAP** as the virtual show is being created now.

*If you have any questions please feel free to reach out using [clarkd@bcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:clarkd@bcsc.k12.in.us)*

*Thank you all for your understanding and your assistance in making lemonade out of a real lemon.*

*Sincerely,*

**David C. Clark, Principal**

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## Battling Bull Dogs

The COVID—19 situation has probably brought out some not-so-nice behavior from time to time. But we know that the opportunities to serve have provided some great “others-before-myself” opportunities in the Bull Dog world.

Please help us recognize any Bull Dogs in your world who have been on the front lines of this battle and who have done good things for those around them. Please drop us a note (with pictures if you can) and share your interaction with some fellow alumni who are making a difference in our battle --- and it is a battle. Please help us salute these Bull Dogs.

If you’re one of those people on the front lines, don’t be shy about sharing your experience(s)!

We’d like to get some info out on our website and Facebook page and hopefully create some nice articles for our next True Blue newsletter.

So, please send your stories and photos to us at [cnhsalumni@bcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:cnhsalumni@bcsc.k12.in.us).

Thanks for your efforts and be safe!



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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/>

## Bull Dog Connections

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:

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

Twitter account:

[https://twitter.com/BullDog\\_Alumni](https://twitter.com/BullDog_Alumni)

Email to:

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

What articles would you like to see  
in our next True Blue?  
Please let us know!

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

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