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

Message from Our President

Greetings, Bull Dog Nation!

We have just completed another school year at Columbus North and want to share with you some of the accomplishments of the Alumni Association over the past year.

The second annual Hall of Fame Induction ceremony was held in September and six outstanding alumni were inducted. We appreciate all who were able to attend the event and celebrate our remarkable alumni. We anticipate continued success of the Hall of Fame as another class of honorees is inducted this fall.

Our organization continues to promote and support excellence at Columbus North. In October, we assisted with the funding of 14 math teachers attending the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. December included a celebration of the 1963 & 1964 Boys Basketball Teams at the North/East boys' basketball game. The Alumni Board, in conjunction with the North Athletic Department, hosted a reception before the game and introduction of teams at half time. An original print by Jim Paris, Class of '57, was presented to each player and cheerleader.

This May we hosted a reception after the 30th Anniversary edition of American Pie, and you'll find an article on that event on pages 9-10.

As the year drew to a close, your Alumni Association participated in the Senior Awards program and was honored to present the following scholarships:

- **Alexis Dykes** - Samuel P. Simmermaker Journalism & Communications Scholarship
- **Elizabeth Kiel** - John Johnson Studio Productions Scholarship
- **Elizabeth Price** - Michael Garber Memorial Scholarship

Even as the school year closed, we were planning the Bull Dog Summer Celebration to be held June 27, 2015, and looking at ways we can serve both faculty and students in 2015-16. We hope you will join us in this by visiting our website and Facebook page and by making donations at www.columbusnorthalumni.org. It is our desire to continue the rich history of the Bull Dog Nation, and we encourage you to be a part of this endeavor.

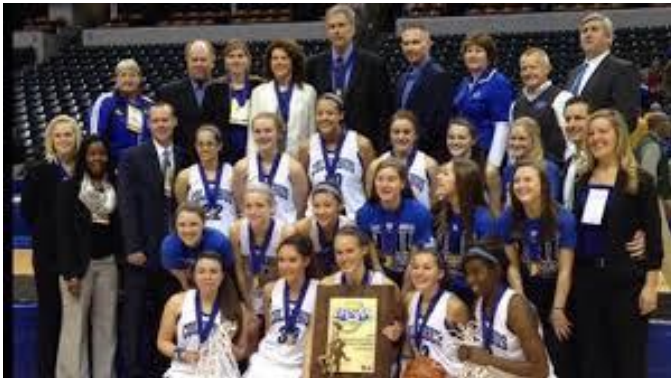
We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Executive Director, Hedy George, and to congratulate her on her well-deserved induction into the women's class Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame this April. Hedy's many years of service to Columbus North, as well as other organizations, have not gone unnoticed.

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Pete

Pete King ('72), President

THE CHAMPS!



One of the greatest runs in Bull Dog sports history came to an eventful end at Banker's Life Fieldhouse on March 7th as the Bull Dog girls basketball team brought home a state championship with a 62-56 win over Homestead. The improbable run put the exclamation mark on a twelve-day stretch where the Dogs defeated three teams that had been ranked in the top 20 teams nationally when the Bull Dogs tipped off against them. These same three teams, along with the Bull Dogs, occupied the top 4 spots in the Indiana Class 4-A rankings at season's end. When you consider that another Hoosier team was also ranked in the top 20 nationally at some point in the year, it was a great year to be a fan of girls basketball in Indiana. **But it was a REALLY great year to be a Bull Dog fan!!**

Two-time defending state champion Bedford North Lawrence was the first opponent in this meat-grinder of a closing stretch. Featuring three girls who would later be named to the Indiana All-Star team, the BNL Stars also had home court advantage and a gym full of raucous

fans in the February 24th game. The Bull Dogs prevailed 48-40 over the Stars, exacting a small measure of revenge against the team that had defeated them the past two seasons in route to their back-to-back championships. Ali Patberg led the Dogs with 21 points, 10 rebounds, 4 assists and 4 steals. Debie Gedeon had 7 points, 7 rebounds, and 3 assists in a nice all-around game.

Four days later, the Bull Dogs were in action against the only team to defeat them during the regular season, the Lawrence North Wildcats from Indianapolis. A heart-breaking 64-60 overtime November loss to Lawrence North proved to be the perfect motivator as the Bull Dogs prevailed 69-60 in the semi-state championship game played at Richmond. Patberg was stellar as she scored 39 points on 14-for-18 shooting from the field to go along with 6 boards and 6 assists. Sophomore Imani Guy came up big with 10 points and 6 rebounds.

The state championship game on March 7th was another "revenge" match, but this time it was Homestead looking to avenge a regular season loss to the Bull Dogs. After falling behind by 11 points early in the third quarter, the Bull Dogs went on a tear and took the lead for good on a Patberg three-pointer as the third-quarter was ending. They never trailed after that as they defeated Homestead 62-56 to win the school's first state championship in basketball. Patberg was again the leading scorer with 31 points. She also had 9 rebounds and 5 assists.

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Basketball State Champions!

Two other Bull Dogs hit double-figures, as sophomore Maliah Howard-Bass had 13 points (including 6 free throws down the stretch). Senior Sheyanne Street closed her high school career with a flourish tallying 12 points on 4 three-pointers (including a couple in the third-quarter comeback from behind the NBA three point line).

A true team-win seemed the perfect way to end the season for this team. The seniors ended their careers with a 99-9 record (and three of those nine losses came to the state champions in 2012, 2013, and 2014).

GREAT job BULL DOGS!

The smiles tell it all!



Bull dog seniors Ali Patberg (l) and Debie Gedeon (r) hoist the state championship trophy

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Special Individuals		
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Bull Dog Individual State Champs



Bull Dog freshman Michael Brinegar captured the state championship in the 500 Freestyle event.



Bull Dog sophomore Ashley Holliday won the individual state championship on the bars at the state gymnastics meet.

Top Ten Bull Dog Scholars for 2014-2015

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| 1. Karen Wildemann | 6. Rosemary Yonushonis |
| 2. Alexander J. Whaley | 7. Janelle Peters |
| 3. Alankrati Bhadoria | 8. Katherine Fisher |
| 4. David Rich | 9. Evan Watkins |
| 5. Sean Kirchman | 10. Clayton Auton |

Did you know? Graduating Bull Dog scholars and athletes earned a total of 748 total scholarships valued at over \$13 million!!



	High Honors!	
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Hedy George Inducted Into Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame



(photo courtesy of Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame)

The percentage of Hall of Fame members who never scored a point while playing for an Indiana basketball team is pretty small, but it is something you can say about the Bull Dogs' latest member of the Hoosier state's highest basketball community.

When Hedy left Columbus High School and headed to the University of Kentucky, Indiana did not recognize girls basketball as a sanctioned IHSAA sport. So while Hedy never got that opportunity, she certainly made the most of all her other opportunities over a career that spanned all or part of five decades. Here's her resume from "The Hall":

More than 43 years as teacher, coach, athletic director and administrator at Columbus North High School... developed Bull Dogs' girls basketball program, earning 187 wins in 15 seasons, winning 68% of her games... led teams to 10 sectional championships in 13 years of IHSAA girls basketball tournament... coached three Indiana All-Stars... played four years and spent one year as basketball graduate assistant at University of Kentucky... retired from Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation in 2008.

Ali Patberg Named Indiana's Miss Basketball

She broke the school's single game scoring record for girl's basketball in the first game of the season; and while she was at it, she broke the career scoring mark the same night. After that, there wasn't much left to take away focus on the rest of a very successful season. You've already read about her leading the Bull Dogs to the state championship.

Let's talk about some of Ali's basketball honors:

- Named winner of the Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude Award at state finals
- Selected to every All-Star / All-State team named this season
- Named to McDonald's All-American team (only Bull Dog ever named to team since its inception)
- Named Gatorade Player of the Year for Indiana
- Named alternate for the under-19 girls world team to represent U.S. at World Championships
- Named MaxPreps national player of the year
- Named Bull Dogs' first Miss Basketball



Thanks to Indy Star for Miss Basketball photo (left). Ali focuses on free throw (below)



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		Support Opportunities
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Bull Dog Alumni Association Programs Depend on You!

Scholarships for Bull Dog graduates... The Bull Dog Hall of Fame induction... professional development for CNHS faculty... special equipment and assistance for students... celebrating the 50th anniversary of the sensational 1963 and 1964 Columbus High School basketball teams...

All of these programs are funded by donations to the Bull Dog Alumni Association. Over the past several years we have been able to support Bull Dog alumni, faculty and students with \$12,000 to \$15,000 of programs each year. This level of annual funding has come from a few dozen annual contributors – with the majority of the total donated by a handful of generous alumni. But if the Bull Dog Alumni Association is to fulfill its mission of promoting and supporting excellence at Columbus North High School, much more is needed.

What We Do

Your Bull Dog Alumni Association strives to support Columbus/Columbus North alumni, students and faculty with programs in four main areas:

- Scholarships that recognize Columbus North graduates who are furthering their education at college or vocational schools.
- Faculty development and student support – things that current state/school corporation budgets do not cover – like professional development for faculty departments, financial assistance for student advanced placement and vocational certification testing, and supplemental equipment in selected classrooms.

- Communication among the estimated 25,000 living alumni of Columbus High School and Columbus North High School.
- Celebration of the accomplishments and history of the Bull Dog Nation.

What We Should Do

Over the past two years, we have been reviewing and refining our goals and our needs. We have had numerous Board of Directors discussions, conducted detailed interviews with CNHS administrators and faculty department heads, and held a “brainstorming session” with prominent alumni that have fund-raising experience. All of these discussions led us to conclude:

- The types of programs we support are valuable and contribute to the excellence of CNHS. Due to the large number of scholarship opportunities from other organizations, we believe we should emphasize faculty development and student support programs more in the future.
- If we want Columbus North to achieve and maintain the status of a truly top tier high school – with the prospect of stable or declining public funding – we believe we should greatly increase our support. We think that we should aim for a level of about 10 times our current annual support.

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Support Opportunities (cont.)

How Can We Increase Our Support

We believe our fundraising efforts will be an ever-evolving process that may include three interdependent strategies:

- Continue our annual fund-raising efforts to maintain a base level of support. We hope to broaden the base of alumni who receive and respond to an annual appeal for donations. In addition to unrestricted donations, our annual efforts will include sales of bricks (engraved and placed in the Bull Dog Alumni Plaza) and other Bull Dog memorabilia and merchandise.
- Pursue opportunities for significant “special purpose” donations: larger gifts that can fund specific programs for multiple years. These segregated funds might be set aside for an annual scholarship for graduates pursuing a specific career, for a specific department or scholastic program, or in remembrance of specific people, classes, or athletic teams.
- Evaluate the potential for building a long-term endowment fund – which could perpetually fund programs from its investment earnings.

What You Can Do

Here are some of the many ways you can help Columbus North excel:

- **Stay in touch!** Attend your next class reunion. Visit our web site from time to time at: (www.columbusnorthalumni.org). Make sure we have your current email address by using the “sign up to stay connected” tab on

our home page). You can also join our Facebook Page (Bull Dog Alumni Association).

- **Volunteer your time** and lend us your expertise. Let us know if you would be interested in participating on the Board of Directors or one of our Ad Hoc committees like, the funding/finance committee, the Hall of Fame committee, the communications committee, etc. Use the “Contact Us” tab on the web site or just send an email to Hedy George to let us know your interest (cnhsalumni@bcsc.k12.in.us).
- **Make an annual membership donation.** You can use the web site (“Support” tab) – or let us know if you would like an annual letter or email reminder. You can also buy a brick or an engraved piece of the original Memorial Gym floor. Donations are generally tax deductible, but you should always consult with your tax advisor. (You can see an overview of the benefits of donating appreciated stock in the text box on the next page.)
- **Consider a special purpose gift or bequest.** If you would like to discuss how to set up a segregated fund that would fund special programs of your choosing over multiple years – or would like to include the Bull Dog Alumni Association in your will – contact Pete King at pck@lawdogs.org or by phone at 812-372-8461.

Your involvement or support will help us make Bull Dog Nation bigger and better. **Stay Blue!**

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CNHS Music Awards

Stock Donations --- Did You Know?

The **CNHS Music department** had another successful school year. Thanks to Janie Gordon for providing us some highlights:

Three choir members were accepted into the **All-State Choir** and performed at the IMEA convention in Ft. Wayne.

Tayler Seymour, a member of 3 choirs, won 1st place in the senior division of the Brown Vocal Scholarship Competition.

During the choir's trip to Chicago, the **25th Street Vocal Jazz Singers** were featured performers at The House of Blues!

Also in Chicago, the **Debuteens** and **Music Men** competed in the FAME show choir competition and won the FAME award, which is given to the choir exemplifying the best positive attitude and professional, cooperative spirit throughout the day.

Our choir and band department together were awarded the **ALL MUSIC award** from the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) for achieving gold ratings at the state level in all categories for vocal and instrumental soloists, ensembles, choirs, orchestras and bands.

You can donate stock – and save on taxes!

Now you can support the Bull Dog Alumni Association and get a tax break. For most individuals, donations of highly appreciated shares of stock earn a tax deduction of the full market value of the stock on the date of the donation – yet the donor is not required to pay capital gains tax on the difference between the market value and the amount the donor originally paid (tax basis). Check with your tax advisor to make sure no special circumstances would disqualify you from this beneficial tax treatment.

To donate stock, you should request a stock donation or transfer by your broker. In most cases your broker will need the following information:

Donation Recipient: Bull Dog Alumni Association,
1400 25th St, Columbus, IN 47201

Recipient Broker Information:

- Deliver to: Edward Jones
- DTC Number: 0057
- Account Name: Bull Dog Alumni Association, Inc.
- Account Number: 4821801612
- Contact: Eric Robbins – 812-342-8193

With the stock market at historic highs, it's a great time to help the Bull Dog Alumni Association improve Columbus North High School without incurring huge capital gains taxes! For further information about stock donations, contact Tom Tremain via email at ttinogil@yahoo.com



American Pie: The Magical History Tour

Thirty years ago I was a young, enthusiastic teacher with a mission and a dream. My mission was to teach history with a passion to reach my students with something they could reflect on and use. History had to be more than a scholarly exercise. It had to be something they could use because without that direct benefit, history is nothing more than a list of dates and dead people. My dream was to teach meaningful history in a way that was cool, educationally sound and filled with an energy that was contagious. That combination came together in a unique and electrifying way called ***American Pie, A Magical History Tour***, a rock concert that featured over 100 students as musicians, singers, dancers, artists, and more. They all became rock stars for a night.

American Pie is a continuing story that offers our young people and our community unique opportunities to become the hope and promise that is America.

In 1985 American Pie started with a teacher who did not understand the idea that education was limited to the classroom and 5 students who were willing to use their talents to help make that idea a reality. The first American Pie was presented during class time to about 100 students from a class entitled "A Social History

of the 50s, 60s, and 70s" and one cannot teach that subject without the music because music was the soundtrack of the times. I knew at that point, something was happening because there were only about 75 students registered for the class. The next year, 1986, about 200 students showed up. Music can be a very powerful instrument of education. I also recruited Mr. Dennis Lindsey, to focus part of the commentary from the literary perspective of an English teacher to broaden the academic part of the show.

By 1990, the class had to be cancelled because too many kids wanted to take it. But the show was too important to let it go, so we asked for permission to hold it in the evening and open it to the community. The history lesson was still there. American Pie became a school wide effort with the art students sharing their talents and skills in creating banners to reflect the time. The computer design classes designed the posters, t-shirts, and programs, while the C4 classes did the technical work to make those designs a hard-copy reality. The choir and band began to play a critical role in developing the talent to present ever more difficult and complicated music. The social studies classes focused lessons on how music both reflected and influenced America and the world, and the entire school poured out their talents to make the show a school and community treasure.

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American Pie --- (cont.)

Coming in September

In 2000, American Pie began to focus on themes in our history with shows that took us on an “American Road Trip” that explored how different regions of this experiment called America, gave us a variety of music that is the envy of the world. American Pie gave expression to the idea that this was a “Nation of Immigrants” as we delved into the family origins of the artists and our students. American Pie gave life to the idea that music can express two very different views of American society in the “Rock ‘n Country” as we explored how rock and country music expressed very different ideals of love, patriotism, politics and family. “So You Say You Want A Revolution” investigated the social revolution that rocked the nation to its core in the 1960s. Then American Pie tackled the idea of how the music affected the personal lives of students, teachers, community members and people from all across the land in a show entitled “In My Life”. The thematic idea continues to this day.

Today, American Pie has a life of its own because the idea behind it is still powerful and that power is displayed every year with far more talent than anyone ever dreamed of, and it still comes to life with all of the energy, enthusiasm, and passion of that first show.

Ed Niespodziani

American Pie

Coming in September Issue::

- **Welcome 2015-16 School Year**
- **Fall Sports Preview**
- **Alumni Hall of Fame Awards**
- **And More**

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