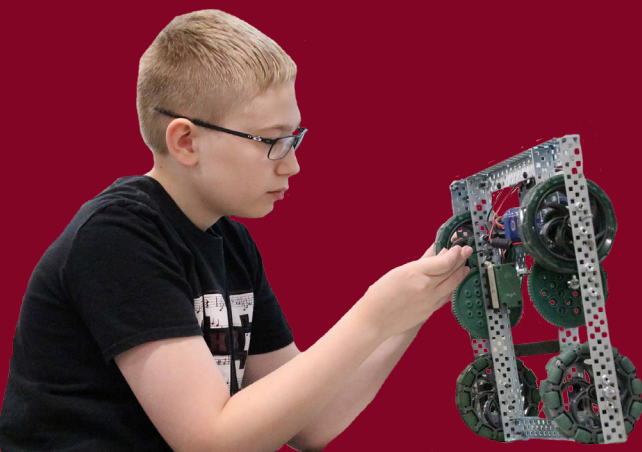


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Fall 2019

Anchoring Opportunities



CPS Foundation
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Be a Discoverer

By Nicole Anderson Class of 1999

CPS Executive Director of Marketing and Foundation

I am a Discoverer. What a powerful statement. A statement that means something different to each and everyone one of us. However, it really all funnels down to one specific idea, a way to identify with one another. A way to identify within our community, across the state and even nationally. Across the nation there is only one school who calls themselves The Discoverers. As staff, alumni, students and community members, we work to embody The Discoverer Way, we Anchor Down to get things done, and we wear our maroon proudly.

As Discoverer Alumni, I challenge you to think about how you can support Columbus Public Schools, stay connected with fellow Discoverers and show your Discoverer Pride. We, as an alumni group, have an opportunity to help anchor the future for our young Discoverers, just as alumni and community members did for us.

1. Connect with the CPS Foundation and the Alumni Association. Make sure that your contact information is up-to-date and that we have an email address.
2. Connect with fellow Discoverer Alumni on social media.
Facebook @CHSAnchorAlumni
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3. Participate. Participate in class reunions, cheer on the

Discoverer Athletic Teams and activities at home and away events or even watch a live broadcast. If you love musicals and theater, both the high school and middle school students will provide exceptional experiences.

4. Consider the purchase of a brick and be a part of the CPS Foundation Anchor Project. Each \$100 brick purchase will anchor your legacy at Columbus High School and will help provide financial assistance to the district through classroom grants, scholarships and special projects that will bridge gaps for our students.

<https://www.cpsanchor.com/what-we-do/projects/anchor-project/anchor-your-legacy.html>

5. Volunteer. You have time, skills, talents and connections to workplace experiences that can help current and future Discoverers develop and grow. Maybe you no longer live in Columbus or Nebraska for that matter. What if we could help our Discoverers who are pursuing higher education degrees connect with you for internships? What if we could connect Alumni businesses with those Discoverers who chose not to continue their education in a classroom and developed a trade?

These are only a few examples of how we can connect. As alumni, we get the opportunity to support Columbus Public Schools as well as each other. The opportunities are endless, but the one constant for each of us is that we can each say, "I Am A Discoverer."


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Woodside retires after 30 Years with CPS

By Amy Blaser
Class of 1988

Steven Woodside retired this year after giving more than 30 years of his life to Columbus Public Schools (CPS) as a teacher, assistant principal and building principal.

Woodside moved to Columbus in 1989 and got his first job with CPS as a skilled and technical sciences teacher at Columbus High School (CHS). He would serve in this position for 14 years, before deciding he wanted a change.

“Midway through my teaching career in Columbus, I was fortunate to have participated in a diverse set of experiences that broadened my understanding and scope of education,” he said. “I was reaching the point in my career where I wanted a challenge and the opportunity to influence education beyond just my classroom.”

Woodside became CHS assistant principal in 2003, before becoming building principal in 2009 – a position he held until his retirement.



career in manufacturing. Woodside served as co-chair on the project which was recognized for its efforts to bring industry-based standards into the statewide, school-to-career movement.

In his ten years as building principal, Woodside has helped CHS continue this focus on career, as well as, college readiness. Students now have the opportunity to earn college credit from a total of 83 credit offerings from CCC and 22 credits from Nebraska Wesleyan University. CHS students can earn career certifications for positions such as industrial manufacturing technicians, certified nursing assistants and more as well as in the business area.

“Students today need to be explicitly shown the rationale and application of what they are learning in the classroom,” Woodside said. “Translating lessons learned to real life and career-based examples captures and retains students’ attention.”

With this goal in mind, Woodside has also helped promote science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs at CHS that will prepare students for technical careers that are in high demand in Columbus.

“This is achieved through meaningful and real-world learning experiences,” he said. “Integration of math, science and engineering principles are embedded into the students’ learning experiences in the STEM wing of the high school.”

Being involved with the creation of the 2+2 Machine Tool program and STEM program, were some of the highlights of Woodside’s career. But Woodside’s favorite part of his career as building principal was moving CHS into its new home at 3434 Discoverer Drive in 2017.

“The move and start-up of the high school during the school year truly demonstrated the quality of teamwork, collaboration, hard work and spirit that makes being a Discoverer so rewarding and special,” he said.

Woodside said he doesn’t know of many high schools that would be able to transition from one location to another between terms without missing a beat instructionally. He said this move was possible because of the cooperation and patience of the students and the hard work of staff who give their all to students every day.

“Day-in and day-out, our certificated and classified staff give it their best effort and really do care about each other and our students,” he said. “Columbus Public School and CHS do want the best for our kids, and the commitment they have to providing programs to reach ALL kids is second to none.”

Woodside will miss these dedicated coworkers in retirement.

“The people and the personal and the professional relationships and bonds formed over the years are what I will miss most,” he said.

“ I am thankful to have had the opportunity to be part of something much greater than myself over the past 30 years. ”

Steven Woodside

Throughout his time with CPS, Woodside has emphasized career and college readiness for students.

As a skilled and technical sciences teacher in 1995, Woodside worked with Tracy Dodson from CHS and Leon Finecy from Central Community College (CCC) to merge CPS’ and CCC’s machine tool programs to become the 2+2 Machine Tool Technology program. At the time, it was the first manufacturing program of its kind in Nebraska.

In 1998, CHS was one of five schools nationally selected as a pilot site for the Building Linkages Advanced Manufacturing project. This was a four-year curriculum designed for students interested in a

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Discoverer Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet

10 Years of Celebrating the Columbus Discoverers Hall of Fame

Celebrating the Past, Present and Future of Columbus Discoverer Athletics

We will be honoring a new set of inductees into the Columbus Discoverer Athletic Hall of Fame. All past inductees will be honored! We are excited to celebrate all of the athletic achievements that have been accomplished while attending Columbus High. We are proud of your success and want to celebrate YOU! Fight... Fight... For... O... Columbus! Go Maroon and White!

To purchase your tickets online, please visit <https://bit.ly/2KpOYE6>, or you can purchase tickets at the CPS Administration building, 2508 27th St., from Jen

Augustin or Nicole Anderson
Tickets must be purchased by Friday, August 23rd.

CONTACT INFO: Roger Iwansky, riwansky@amfam.com, 402-562-0924; Nicole Anderson, andersonn@discoverers.org, 402-564-7000 x12847.

The following are the 2019 inductees:

Meritorious: Roger Iwansky, Class of 1975

Coach: Al Schnabel

Individuals: Bob Wilhelms, Class of 1981; Todd Thalken, Class of 1982; Frank Brower, Class of 1972; Don Soulliere, Class of 1973; Kari Krumland

What: Columbus Discoverers Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet

When: Thursday, August 29th, 2019

Time: Doors open at 4:30 p.m., program and dinner begin at 6 p.m.

Where: New Venue, Columbus Ag Park, 822 15th St.

Cost: \$25 Tickets can be purchased online at <https://bit.ly/2KpOYE6>

Bice, Class of 2003; Mary Olsufka Bellamy, Class of 1984; Kathy Gerber Hash, Class of 1975; and Dave Murphy, Class of 1966.

Teams: 1989 Tennis Girls
Doubles Champions - Becky Kuncel Andreasen, Class of 1989

and Ann Kotrous, Class of 1990;
1969 Boys Doubles Champions: Brad Nelson, Class of 1972 and Dave Kincaid, Class of 1970;
1981 Wrestling State Champions; and **2005 Girls Soccer State Runner-Ups.**

Meet the Naylor Family

“Even though it’s been a number of years since I was a student at CHS, I recall those school days often. I had a very positive experience - I enjoyed my teachers, classes, and classmates. The marching competitions, school plays, dances, sporting events, friendly school rivalries -- all of these helped shape me into the person I am today. The school continues to expand the class and extracurricular offerings, which is awesome and gives students more options in which to participate.

“Beyond high school, it was fun to attend parent teacher classes for our children and visit with teachers, many of whom we had during our school days. Interacting with these folks from a parent’s perspective helped me see the dedication, talent, and individual interest these teachers take in students’ educational success - and quite often their success outside the classroom, as well. As a parent and now grandparent, I believe we have a responsibility to know who our children are spending the majority of their days with. I also want to stay connected with and have open lines of communication to collaboratively raise our children and empower them to utilize their education to the best of their ability,” said Miki (Averett) Naylor.

Most memorable high school experience: Jazz band at basketball games and playing 3 on 3 nerf football in the gym before school. My best friend and I had been undefeated, and one morning we were behind. My friend threw the pass over the hands of the defender and into my hands, just as the bell was ringing. We finished that year still undefeated.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? I probably would have been more involved in activities, like speech team or theatre.

Where do you live now? Columbus, NE

What are you doing now? I work as a Marketing Associate in food sales for Sysco Lincoln. Also, in the spring, I started classes to obtain a degree in Culinary Arts. I have been married to a fellow classmate, Miki (Averett) Naylor, for almost 37 years now.

Miki (Averett) Naylor

Graduating Class: 1980

Favorite class/teacher: My favorite teacher was Marcella Hauser (6th grade at Emerson). While in high school, I enjoyed Gordon Steinbrook – US History and Sandy Sypher – Spanish.



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Phone: 402-563-7000 Ext. 13033;

E-mail: augustinj@discoverers.org.

☞ It’s important to support the CPS Foundation and stay active as an alum. I volunteer as a board member of the CPS Alumni to stay connected with the happenings at our school, and also to give back to my family’s alma mater. My husband is a fellow classmate, and our 4 children all graduated from CHS. I guess you can say we were born to be Discoverers! I take pride in my hometown school, which is an anchor in our community, and hope other alum carry that same pride. We’ve got something good going on in Columbus, and it makes me proud to be a Discoverer! ☺

Miki (Averett) Naylor



Jeff Naylor

Graduating Class: 1980

Favorite class/teacher: I don’t know that I had a favorite teacher, but history was my favorite class.

Naylor Family

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CPS teacher that most influenced you:

Marcella Hauser had the greatest influence on me --- she was so positive and believed in the power of hands-on learning. Our 6th grade class went on numerous walking field trips throughout Columbus. I learned so much and still carry those learning lessons today. Mrs. Hauser also believed in me – a shy and quiet short girl – she empowered me to believe I had individual gifts and strengths, which helped give me a boost of self-confidence.

Most memorable high school experience: I have numerous great memories from high school, but the one that sticks out the most was our Marching Band trip to the Portland Rose Festival. We traveled by Amtrak train, which was a blast, and we got to experience the Mount St. Helen's eruption.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? I would have liked to participate in sports, maybe tennis.

Where do you live now? Columbus, NE

What are you doing now? I married my high school sweetheart, Jeff Naylor. We have 4 adult children, 2 sons-in-law, and 4 grandchildren. I work at an office in Columbus, am active in church, and enjoy volunteering in our community.

Andy Naylor

Graduating Class: 2005

Favorite class/teacher: Mr. Townsend – Physics

CPS teacher that most influenced you: Jack Young

Most memorable high school experience: I placed second behind my best friend, John Morris, in the all state Skill-sUSA architectural drafting competition.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? I would go out for the tennis team.

Where do you live now? Mason City, IA

What are you doing now? I attended CCC-Columbus, and University of Nebraska – Omaha. Then graduated from the University of Missouri – Kansas City with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. I work as a staff pharmacist at CVS Pharmacy.

Katie (Naylor) Parlane

Graduating Class: 2008

Favorite class/teacher: Mr. Clark – History



CPS Teacher that most influenced you:

Liliana Velasco

Most memorable high school experience: Color Guard/Marching band practices and competitions.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? I'd want to be more mindful and considerate of others, making sure everyone felt included.

Where do you live now? Columbus, NE

What are you doing now? After attending CCC-Columbus, I transferred to Wayne State College and graduated in 2011. I teach ELL (English Language Learners) at Centennial Elementary School. I am also currently working toward my master's degree in ELL from University of Nebraska -Kearney. I've been married to Matt Parlane for the past 8 years. We have twin boys, Eamonn and Ezra, age 2 1/2.



Sara (Naylor) Becker

Graduating Class: 2011

Favorite class/teacher: Mrs. Schueth – Math

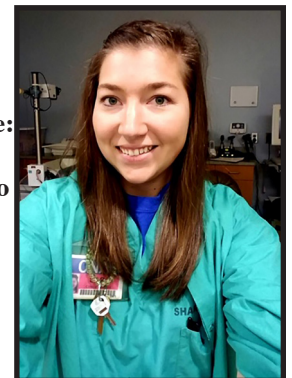
CPS teacher that most influenced you: Mrs. Smejkal and Mrs. Schueth

Most memorable high school experience: Color Guard practice and competitions

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? I wouldn't change anything about high school.

Where do you live now? Columbus, NE

What are you doing now? I work as a Clinical Assistant in the Maternal Child Health Department at Columbus Community Hospital and am a Child Passenger Safety Technician and Safe Sleep Instructor. I'm also continuing college with plans to earn my BSN. I've been married to Kyle Becker for 6 years, and have two children – Max, age 5, and Gwen, age 2.



Megan Naylor

Graduating Year: 2013

Favorite class and/or teacher: Mr. Clark – History. I really enjoyed where we got to play trench warfare, and debate presidents.

CPS teacher that most influenced you: Mr. Peabody

Your most memorable high school experience: Marching Band competitions and hanging out with my friends.

What you would change if you had to do high school all over again? I would have been more involved in clubs and activities.

Where do you live now? Lincoln, NE

What are you doing now? I graduated from UNK in May with my master's degree in Speech Language Pathology. I work as an SLP for Wahoo Public Schools and work PRN at Columbus Community Hospital.



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Kramer Education Center



Since January 2019, you may have been hearing about changes taking place to the former Kramer High School & Columbus Middle School. After waiting over a year to determine next steps with the property, the Columbus Board of Education (BOE) approved the demolition of the south side of the building that could not be salvaged. These changes are due to the BOE's vision to provide a community based early childhood education center and administrative office space. Specifically, to provide space to accommodate more preschool opportunities for children age 4.

Phase 1: Removal of the decorative stone pieces and cornerstone of the building.

Phase 2: Demolition of the 1924 building and 1955, 1965, and 1988 additions, on the south side of the structure.

Phase 3: Assess community early childhood needs.

Phase 4: Develop building design and programming of the early childhood education center.

Currently we are in Phase 3: assessing the needs of the community. Not only for early childhood education but for daycare and other family services as well. CPS has partnered with Communities for Kids to survey community members, daycare providers and businesses regarding local needs.



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CPS expands with summer enrichment program

STEM on the GO! offers students in 3rd through grade 6 exciting, hand-on, experiential science and STEM programs to supplement lessons in the classrooms and during summer break. During the school year the STEM trailer travels to each of our elementary schools in two-week increments. During that time teachers can pull bins with complete lessons and materials for use in their classrooms. Outside groups can also use the lessons from the STEM on the GO! Trailer for a minimal per student cost that is put toward material replacement.

This summer CPS expanded to summer break, by offering in July, four enrichment camps for Columbus area youth. This past July we had over 85 Columbus area youth participate.

4th Grade Modules

Bubble Bonanza! Youth explored how bubbles behave and investigate the properties of different materials to engineer the ultimate bubble wand.

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Woodside

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“The frequent interaction and daily experiences being around students and staff is special.”

However, Woodside is hoping to use his retirement to connect with people even more special to him – his family.

“There is a sacrifice that happens at home with being a building principal. That is a lifestyle that takes a 24-7-365 commitment,” he said. “Often times, your biological family takes a back

seat to the duties and responsibilities of your school family.”

In retirement, Woodside said he hopes to focus on spending time with his wife, Joni; his children, Darren, Chelsey, Dustin, and Christina; their spouses; his granddaughter, Hope, and a second grandchild who is due in July.

Though he is looking forward to retirement, Woodside will remember his time with CPS fondly.

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By supporting the anchor project, you can become part of the history of CHS. Reunion classes, what a better way to make sure your

class is not forgotten and help your alma mater. Best of all your donation to the anchor fund is tax deductible and will go to help the CPS Foundation bridge the gaps in funding that the school district cannot meet.

If you are interested in purchasing a \$100 brick, please fill out the form below and return it to Jen Augustin, CPS Foundation, PO Box 947, Columbus NE 68602-0947. If you are interested in making a larger donation, contact Nicole Anderson at 402-563-7000 Ext. 12847 or by emailing andersonn@discoverers.org. Please make checks payable to the CPS Foundation – Anchor Project.



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The Columbus Public Schools Alumni Association wants to help link the past, present and future alumni and students by keeping in touch. You can find a variety of posts on our accounts including throwback pictures from past graduating classes, accomplishments by present students, and upcoming alumni events.


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Show your support for CHS and Columbus Public Schools by engaging in posts and providing us feedback on what you would like to see. We are proud of our school and want to display our past successes, present achievements, and future efforts involving our alumni. Check out our pages for an easy way stay connected daily.



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Please join us for the lighting of the anchor following the CHS basketball games on December 7. Prior to the event, come out and cheer on the Discoverers as the girls take on South Sioux City at 3:45 p.m. and the boys at 5:30 p.m. Watch for more details at www.cpsanchor.com.



STEM Camps

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The Sky's the Limit! Youth dove into aeronautical engineering by designing models of flying technologies that help NASA collect aerial photographs.

Light Up the Night Sky! Youth experimented with circuits and sculpting materials and design a light display that replicates the Northern Lights.

5th Grade Modules

Lift Off! Youth engineered prototype rockets and rovers to explore planets and moons in our solar system.

Go Green! Youth explored the properties of a race car to design the ultimate racers made entirely of recycled materials.

To the Rescue! In this module, youth worked through the scenario of severe flooding that has cut people off from important supplies. They engineered "air drop packages" that can be dropped from an aircraft, protect what's inside, and are easy to find once they reach the ground.

6-8th Grade Modules

High Tech Fashion- Youth designed wearable light up duct tape

clothing. They worked with basic circuit methodology while infusing their designs with creativity and innovation.

Marble Madness- Local youth used their ingenuity and learned to work with basic tools to create the ultimate complex marble run while meeting specific design requirements.

Toy Automata – Youth brought old broken toys, took them apart and explored how they worked. They then designed a new toy using the old toy parts and combined them with cams, levers, linkages and cranks.

Kitchen Detectives – Code breakers meets Escape Room meets Scavenger Hunt! The youth used cryptology, math and their puzzle solving skills to decipher a cake recipe written in code. When they got it right they enjoyed their yummy treat.

7-9th Grade Module

Vex Robotics – Youth started building with VEX on day one and learned the mechanics to construct their robots. They then programmed the robot to complete a challenge using a remote control