

The Anchor

Linking the Past, Present and Future

Photo taken and submitted by:
Rich Carstensen, Class of 1984

Winter 2019



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CPS Foundation
and CHS Alumni

Lighting of the Anchor

COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Join fellow alumni and the Columbus community on December 7th following the CHS Basketball Teams' Home Openers.

3 - 8 p.m. — Discoverer Spirit Shop

Celebrate the season, enjoy treats, kids' crafts, activities and shop for a selection of Discoverer-themed gifts. Participating vendors will be donating 5% of their sales directly back to the CPS Foundation.

7 p.m. — Lighting of the Anchor Ceremony (CHS parking lot) Santa and Little C will arrive to the anchor to spread holiday cheer and participate in photos for all of our future, current and past Discoverers. Traditional holiday music and entertainment will be provided by a multitude of CHS, CMS and elementary entertainers. Santa and Little C will lead the countdown to the lighting of the anchor adorned with thousands of twinkle lights.

7:20 - 8 — Holiday Entertainment, Activities & Shopping

Ongoing entertainment featuring the CHS Band, Drumline, CHS New World Singers, CMS choir, CHS Dance Team, CHS and CMS Cheerleaders, various elementary school singers, and much more!

If you would like to sponsor this event or participate as a vendor please visit <https://www.cpsanchor.com/news-events/lighting-of-the-anchor.html>.

Kramer Education Center

Since 2014, the Columbus Public School's Board of Education has had Early Childhood Education as part of their strategic plan. The goal specifically to help bridge the gap of preschool and Kindergarten with the goal of adding preschool classrooms so that every 4 year old in Columbus may have an opportunity to attend preschool. Currently CPS is able to accommodate 130 preschool students, however, we still have 58 that are on our waiting list.

If you would like to see the presentation that has been given at local community roundtables please visit <https://www.cpsanchor.com/what-we-do/projects/kramer-education-center.html>. If you would like to join the conversation and be a part of the solution please contact Superintendent Troy Loeffelholz at 402-563-7000 x 12175 or loeffelholzt@discoverers.org.

Congratulate our graduating seniors

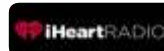
Would you like to congratulate our graduating seniors? Send us a video! Please include: First & Last Name, Graduating Class, Located in (City, State), a brief 2-3 sentence congratulations / words of wisdom. Our goal is to compile these videos and have them run on the video board prior to Graduation. Please send all videos to andersonn@discoverers.org.

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SAVE THE DATE!

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Centennial Elementary Planning for 20th Anniversary Celebration



Centennial's 20th Anniversary is just around the corner and will take place during the 2020-2021 school year. Principal and Class of 1992 alum, Andrew Luebbe would like all Centennial alumni to submit photos that could be shown during the celebration.

Please send digital images to luebbeaj@discoverers.org or mail copies or duplicates of printed photos to Centennial Elementary School c/o Andrew Luebbe, 500 Centennial St, Columbus, NE 68601. Photos will not be returned so please be sure to send a copy or a duplicate image.



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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.

Show your support for Columbus High School, Kramer High School 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 to stay connected daily.

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Meet the Iwansky Family

Roger Iwansky

Graduating Class: 1975

Favorite class: Accounting

CPS teacher that most influenced you: Mr. Luebbe and Mr. Young

Most memorable high school experience:

Senior year football season. We went undefeated in the regular season at 9-0 and played North Platte in the Big 10 Conference Championship. We wound up getting beat 0-16 but it was the most memorable game because of the meaning and the atmosphere, a beautiful sunny November day and the stadium was absolutely packed.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? I would take the academic side a little more seriously.

Where do you live now? Columbus, NE

What are you doing now? I have been with American Family Insurance for 29 years and have held a Real Estate License for 42 years, currently with ReMax Total Realty.



Ryan Iwansky

Graduating Class: 2000

Favorite class: I mostly enjoyed STEM related classes, and those are what I've utilized most in my career.

CPS teacher that most influenced you: Mr. Luebbe was a great influence not only as a teacher but as a coach, detasselling boss, and long-time family friend.

Most memorable high school experience:

I really enjoyed being involved in athletics and competing with my best friends. Making the state tourney twice in



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Meet the Iwansky Family

soccer and participating in a 5 overtime game in football (a record at the time) are a couple of memories that stand out.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? I don't have any major regrets. I think I would just remind myself that those would be some of the best times in my life so enjoy them and be involved in a lot of things.

Where do you live now? I live outside of Blair, NE with my wife Cassie and three children Davis, Camden, and Lydia.

What are you doing now? I am a financial advisor at DA Davidson in Omaha. We have a Great three person team and get to help many awesome families with their financial goals.

Angie (Iwansky) Boucher

Graduating Class: 2001

Favorite class: Math

CPS teacher that most influenced you: Mrs. Iwansky, my mom.

Most memorable high school experience: Playing in my first varsity volleyball game.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? Taken more time to volunteer and give back.

Where do you live now? San Diego, CA

What are you doing now? I oversee operations for The Experience Lab, an experience design incubator dedicated to transforming the health care experience.



Amanda Iwansky

Graduating Class: 2005

Favorite class: anything math or PE

CPS teacher that most influenced you: Andrea Smejkal

Most memorable high school experience: I

dedicated a lot of my time to athletics during my high school career. Columbus had some of the best following fans that made our games fun. Competing and



spending time with my teammates are some of my best memories.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? I had no idea what I wanted to major in when I left CHS. I wish I would have focused more on that.

Where do you live now? Omaha, NE

What are you doing now? I am a realtor licensed in the state of Nebraska & Iowa.

Andrea Iwansky

Graduating Class: 2008

Favorite class: Team Sports

CPS teacher that most influenced you:

Mrs. Smejkal (and of course, my Mom).

Most memorable high school experience: Getting to be on the same soccer team as my sister Amanda and making it to the state championship my freshman year.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? I would make more of an effort to make sure everyone felt included.

Where do you live now? Omaha, NE

What are you doing now? Following in Roger's footsteps selling insurance for American Family Insurance. Recently moved back to Omaha from Sioux Falls, SD with my boyfriend Ryan and our 1 year old son, Ellis.



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CPS Foundation & Alumni Association Seeking Volunteers

By Amy (Busteed) Blaser
Class of 1988

The Columbus Public Schools (CPS) Foundation has invested more than \$3 million in Columbus Public School students since 1998. It creates valuable opportunities for these students through new technology, book purchases, classroom grants, dual credit scholarships, and its support of programs like Close Up, Destination Imagination, vocal music, band, sports and STEM.

The Columbus Public Schools Alumni Association shares regular communications on what alumni are doing, district updates, special information on class reunions and collaborates with the CPS Foundation on special projects and events such as the Discoverer Dash, the Anchor project, Columbus Days and much, much more!

As a graduate of Columbus High School, you're in a unique position to help support this work of the Columbus Public Schools Foundation and Alumni Association.

Both groups are currently recruiting volunteers. We know that our alumni have a bevy of special talents and skills that can help us organize and run special events and activities or assist one or both groups in many other ways as well.

If you're interested in giving back to the Foundation and Alumni Association – and, in turn, current Columbus Public Schools students – please consider donating your time and talents to these worthwhile organizations.

To volunteer, contact Nicole Anderson, marketing and executive director of the Columbus Public Schools Foundation, at 402-563-7000 ext. 12847 or andersonn@discoverers.org.

3rd Annual Discoverer Dash



On September 13th, the CPS Foundation in partnership with the CPS Alumni Association held the 3rd annual Discoverer Dash. This year's event was again a successful year growing from 102 registered participants to over 140 ranging in age from 3-14.

This year's event raised over \$1400 for the CPS Foundation. Funds raised will be used to help fund classroom grants for innovative teachers.



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