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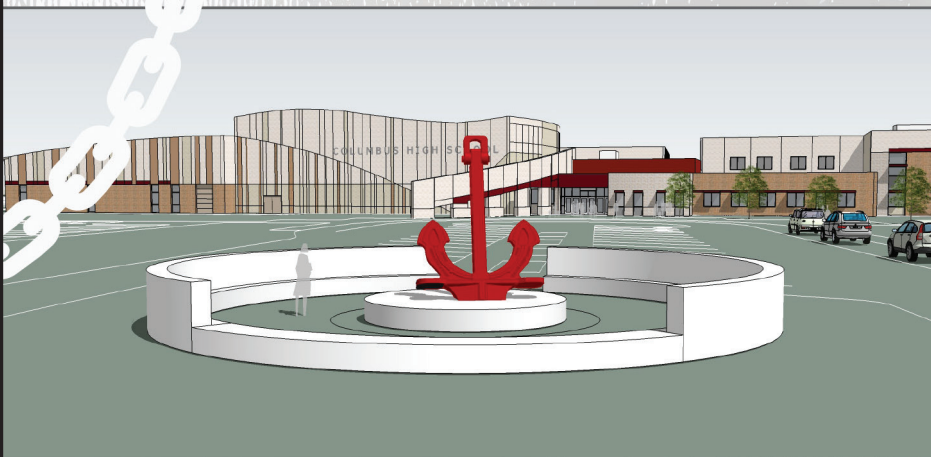
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New Foundation Director

Seeks to connect alumni with CPS Foundation

By Amy Blaser
Class of 1988

Nicole Anderson became Columbus Public Schools' marketing/foundation director in January. But she's not new to the district.

Anderson graduated from Columbus High School in 1999, and one of her main goals is to connect more alumni like herself to the Columbus Public Schools (CPS) Foundation and the school district.

"I believe that as alumni, our connection to Columbus High School, Kramer High School and Columbus Public Schools doesn't end at graduation," she said. "The CPS Foundation is just one way that we, as alumni and community members, can each anchor our legacy in Columbus Public Schools."

As marketing/foundation director, Anderson's work is split between the district and the foundation. In this new position, which was created by the CPS Board of Education in September, Anderson is in charge of managing donations to the CPS Foundation, as well as promoting the district.

This position allows for a lot of variety. For example, in her first few months on the job, Anderson has built a website for the CPS Foundation, launched an #ILovePublicSchools campaign and spearheaded the #BeDiscovererKind Challenge, a random acts of kindness challenge.

But, despite the variety of her job duties, there is one constant in Anderson's work.



"I get to be a part of telling the CPS story every day," she said. "There are so many great things happening in the school district that we want everyone to know about."

By telling the CPS story, Anderson hopes to further develop relationships between alumni and the school district and increase the percentage of alumni who support the CPS Foundation.

"The foundation is here to provide funding for those things that cannot be covered by district funding," she said. "And the things that we, as a group, can do to influence innovation and the future of this district are endless."

Anderson stressed that donations of all sizes make a difference in this mission.

"No amount is insignificant," she said. "Gifts large or small can truly make a difference to the education of CPS students."

To make it easier for alumni to connect with and donate to the CPS Foundation, the new foundation website now allows online giving.

This will help build on community interest in the CPS Foundation that Anderson said has been growing in recent years. She attributes this growth, in part, to new projects and innovations within the schools, such as the district's STEM program. Anderson said the CHS STEM Academy is a great example of the district's work to engage all learners and better connect students to area businesses and community members.

This relationship building is part of what drew Anderson to this position.

"My first impression of the CPS Foundation was – what an opportunity," she said. "The connections and relationships that the Foundation gets to build with students, staff, alumni and the community of Columbus makes this position very exciting."

To learn more about Anderson or the Foundation, visit www.cpsanchor.com.

Save the Dates!



September 13th, 2019 @ 5:30 pm

For more information visit <https://www.cpsanchor.com/news-events/discover-dash.html>

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Sports Booster Golf Tournament

The tournament will be held August 3rd with a noon shotgun shot at the Elks Country Club. Entry fee is \$90 per person and includes lunch and dinner. If you are not a golfer, you can join the fun for \$25, which includes dinner and complementary drinks at 5:15. For more information contact Kurt Shevlin kurt@smbyshevlin.com or 402-564-9192.



Meet the Ernst Family

The Ernst family has a long tradition of supporting the Columbus Public Schools District. Les Ernst served on the CPS Board of Education for 23 years, while son, David Ernst, served for 11 years. Jim Ernst, Sr. was on the founding board of the CPS Alumni Association and served as its first president, and his son, John, spent 12 years serving as a CPS Foundation Board of Director.



Les Ernst
1926 graduate

The Ernst family have been proud supporters of the CPS Foundation and its projects for many years because they are in full support of the Columbus community.

“Giving back to a community that’s given our entire family so much is important to us. We are thrilled at the introduction of the STEM Academy as it supports technical jobs that directly relate to our business and many others right here in Columbus.”

John Ernst

Jim and Sandy Ernst Family



“Sandy and I have been very blessed! We have been married 63 years and have three great sons & their wives. We have 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. We moved back to Columbus from Iowa in 1960 and went into the car business with my father Les. Fifty-nine years later we’re still in business and living here in Columbus.”

Jim Ernst Sr.

Graduating Class: 1953

Favorite class/teachers: Herb Alpers & Bob Hauer

CPS teacher that most influenced you: Edsel Wibbels
Most memorable high school experience: Pitching the entire game in the semi-finals of the state baseball tournament.



What you would change if you had to do high school all over again: Nothing

Where do you live now: Columbus, NE

What are you doing now: Semi retired, traveling, hunting, fishing and enjoying the grandkids.

Sandra (Briswalter) Ernst

Graduating Class: 1953

Favorite Class and/or teacher: Modern problems with Dorothy Beatty

CPS Teacher that most influence you: Dorothy Beatty

Most memorable high school experience: Homecoming Queen & Cheerleading

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? Nothing

Where do you live now? Columbus, NE

What are you doing now? Retired, traveling and enjoying the grandchildren

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What's NEW with the website?

Have you visited www.cpsanchor.com yet to check out the new website for the CPS Foundation and our Alumni? If not, we encourage you to take some time and look around. We would love for each one of you to update your contact information as well as we want to know about you! We want to know what activities you participated in while in High School and who your favorite CPS teacher was. We want to tailor the information that we communicate to our alumni to be topics of interest.

We have a new area for Class News on the website. This area is a great place for you to share milestone with your fellow alums.

We're also looking for alumni located anywhere around the world who would be willing to sit down for a recorded zoom call and talk about what exciting things have been happening for you.

If you know of someone that we should contact, please reach out to Jen Augustin with the CPS Foundation office at 402-563-7000 or augustinj@discoverers.org.

Let us help you plan your reunion!

What we can do for you:

- Class list and mailing labels
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- Tips for planning reunions

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Phone: 402-563-7000 Ext. 13033;

E-mail: augustinj@discoverers.org.

Ernst Family

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James A. Ernst

Graduating class: 1975

Favorite class/teachers: My favorite class was physics taught by Mr. Griffith.

CPS Teacher that most influenced you: I would say that Mr. Callan influenced me the most. As my biology teacher, he brought things to life and made the class interesting and fun. He structured the class in such a way we would want to learn. As my track and cross county coach, he had a way of getting more out of me and the team than we thought we had in us. In addition, he always managed to bring life lessons to us along the way.

Most memorable high school experience: While there were many memorable moments, I'd have to say it was in physics class during a group experiment in electricity where I managed to shock the hell out of everybody. I grabbed the metal tray on the chalk board and grounded us out. I believe Mr. Griffith was amused by the whole thing.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? If I had to do high school over again, I would not change a thing except for studying harder in the difficult classes.

Where do you live now? I currently live in Columbus with my wife Roz.

What are you doing now? Currently working at BD Medical/ Surgical full time. In addition, I'm doing part time pastoral work as a worker priest.



Megan (Ernst) Lichtenfeld

Graduating Class: 1997

Favorite Class and/or teacher: I really enjoyed a couple of Drafting/ CAD classes that I took with Rick Benson. I was always interested in Architecture and Design and learned a lot in the class. I remember Mr. Benson always being patient and willing to help me understand and showing interest in ideas I had.

Most memorable high school experience: Being involved in DECA, working on projects after school and attending conventions with other students across the country.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? I wish I would have gotten more involved in extracurricular activities, sports, etc.

Where do you live now? Just outside of Lincoln, NE with my husband and 4 kids.

What are you doing now? I've worked for State Farm Insurance for almost 20 years. My husband and I keep busy with our four kids and we enjoy spending time in Columbus visiting our family when we can!

Steve Ernst



Graduating Class: 1986

Favorite class/teachers: Physics/ Alan Griffith

CPS Teacher that most influenced you: Alan Griffith

Most memorable high school experience: Summers! Participating in the school play, Grease and spending time with friends.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? Two changes come to mind. I would participate in more school-sponsored sports. As I look back at HS, that time came and went pretty quickly. It is easy to say now, and I'm always telling my teenagers, take the time and live in the moment.

Where do you live now? Walnut Creek, CA

What are you doing now? As much as possible, I'm enjoying time with the family; my wife Suzanne and my three children: Morgan, Colin and Cecilia. I'm a technology consultant working with medium to large organizations throughout the Bay Area focusing on Enterprise and Data Architecture and Data Engineering. When not working with clients, I'm spending time with my family doing various activities the Bay Area has to offer—from the coast to the mountains. The majority of my time is working with my oldest daughter on her glass-art projects or traveling with the other two to their sporting events. And when all that's done, taking a couple hours to head up to Napa for a taste of good wine and food.

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Ernst Family

John & Michelle Ernst Family



John Ernst

Graduating class: 1981

Favorite class/teachers: Mr. Steinbrook's class on Mountain Men & Fur Traders

CPS Teacher that most influenced you: Mr Callan, Mr. Steinbrook & Mr. Willoughby

Most memorable high school experience: Spending time with friends.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? Play more sports and not graduate at mid-term.

Where do you live now? Columbus, NE

What are you doing now? Works as a car dealer at Ernst Auto.

Loves spending time with family, hunting and traveling.

Michelle (Friedricksen) Ernst

Graduating class: 1979

Favorite class/teachers: Art with Ms. Schlobaum, Mr. Callan and Mr. Steinbrook

CPS Teacher that most influenced you: I had a lot of great teachers. It is hard to single one out.

Most memorable high school experience: Lots of fun with Pep Club, plays, choir and time with friends.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? Be more involved with activities.

Where do you live now? Columbus, NE

What are you doing now? I work part time at a surgery center and run a Rodan & Fields Skincare Business. I love time with family and traveling as well.

Tommy Ernst

Graduating class: 2013

Favorite class/teachers: Pottery

CPS Teacher that most influenced you: Coach Mark Brown

Most memorable high school experience: The good times that I had with friends in swimming and football. I was honored to be homecoming king.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? Nothing

Where do you live now? Lincoln, NE

What are you doing now? Finishing school at Nebraska Wesleyan.

Nikki Ernst

Graduating class: 2015

Favorite class/teachers: A&P with Mr. Baue

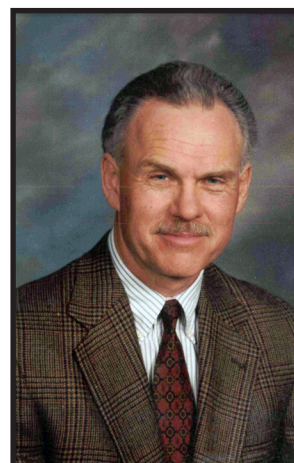
CPS Teacher that most influenced you: Building lifelong relationships with the other swimmers.



What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? I would make more time to help the younger grades achieve their goals both in school and in sports.

Where do you live now? Columbus, NE

What are you doing now? Nursing School



David Ernst Family

He was a 1965 graduate of Columbus High School and graduated from UNL where he met his wife, Mimi. Dave was a member of the 1964 State Champion Football Team. Dave worked for Ernst Auto for numerous years prior to his passing in 2008.



Matt Ernst

Graduating class: 1997

Favorite class/teachers: Biology with Mr. Callan, Biology with Jack Young, and English with Josett Kluck.

CPS Teacher that most influenced you: Mr Callan. His biology class included field trips to sample bugs, plants, etc. He definitely brought the real world into the classroom and made a subject I was already interested in an even more exciting field to study.

Most memorable high school experience: Social time with friends. We had a great group of friends in my class, and we had a great time growing up together enjoying the area's lake and rivers.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? I would try to be a bigger advocate for kindness among other students. High School can be a difficult time for all kids at one point or another, and a little more kindness and tolerance among classmates would go a long way.

Where do you live now? Kalispell, MT.

What are you doing now? After a 12-year career as a hunting and fishing guide, I've finally been nearly domesticated. I'm now raising two young children with my wife, Amie, and selling real estate in Montana's gorgeous Flathead Valley.

Ernst Family

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Allison (Ernst) Van Heusen

Graduating class: 1995

Favorite class/teachers: Anatomy & Physiology with Jack Young, we had a rowdy back-row.

CPS Teacher that most influenced you: Coach O - Diane Oppliger. She was my elementary PE teacher and then my track coach through all 4 years of high school. She had high expectations, a great work ethic, and words of encouragement if you hadn't run your best race. She's an excellent example of staying fit for life.

Most memorable high school experience: The girls trip we took to Kansas City the summer after graduation. My dad (Dave Ernst, '65) gave us a 12 passenger van to drive there. I'm pretty sure we memorized the entire Alanis Morissette Jagged Little Pill album on the drive.

What would you change if you had to do high school all over again? I'd be 5'10" instead of 5'6", that would have improved my volleyball and hurdling careers.

Where do you live now? The Denver, CO suburb of Greenwood Village.

What are you doing now? I'm a wife and mom of two daughters, our third daughter is due in May this year. I spend my very fleeting free time volunteering at my girls' elementary school and the local down syndrome charities, enjoying outdoor Colorado activities and riding my horse.

☺☺ **The STEM Academy provides education so students can go on to have good jobs, which provides them a good standard of living, which in turn helps our community thrive," John added. "We support the Anchor Project because it helps provide college scholarships to students and other classroom grants through the CPS Foundation. The size of one's donation is not important, just supporting the CPS Foundation monetarily or otherwise show a community of givers that we all reap the benefit from. ☺☺**

John Ernst

Foundation awards 25 scholarships

On May 1st, the CPS Foundation awarded twenty-five scholarships to our future CHS alumni at Honors Night. What an honor it is each year to present hard-working and successful students with these scholarship awards. To learn more about each of these scholarships visit <https://www.cpsanchor.com/what-we-do/scholarships/>.

- \$200 Taste of Columbus STEM: Ethan Gaston.
- \$250 Todd Schlendor Memorial Scholarship: Elias Karakatsanis.
- \$250 Vocal Music Booster Scholarship: Caitlin Hottovy and Lydia Johnson.
- \$250 Pinnacle Bank/Central Community College Columbus: Gabriel Moseman.
- \$250 Pinnacle Bank: Antonio Soto.
- \$500 Robert "Bob" Johnson Scholarship: Reagan Gausman.
- \$500 Lisa Bock Scholarship: Michaela Graham.
- \$500 Joyce Dohmen Memorial Scholarship: McKenna Wellner.
- \$500 Discoverer Athletic Hall of Fame Male Scholarship: Lucas Miller
- \$500 Discoverer Athletic Hall of Fame Female Scholarship: Aspen Luebbe.
- \$500 Columbus United Federal Credit Union Scholarship: Lydia Johnson.
- \$1,000 Joyce Malena Memorial Scholarship for Female Students: Reagan Gausman.
- \$1,000 Wilson-Covert Centennial Scholarship: Aspen Luebbe and Michaela Jones.
- \$1,000 Speice Scholarship: Brooke Benck.
- \$1,000 Edward A. Babka Scholarship: Caitlin Hottovy.
- \$1,500 Christopher John Saalfeld Scholarship: Jayden Boesch.
- \$1,500 Edward M. Nielsen Sr. and Edward M. Nielsen Jr. Memorial Scholarship: Neleigh Slusarski.
- Anton Micek and Vincent Mausbach Scholarship: Lauren Benck, \$1,000 Scholarship; Elizabeth Blaser \$1,500 Scholarship; and Katherine Anderson \$2,500 Scholarship.
- \$2,500 Ron Callan Scholarship: Jordan Theilen.
- \$2,000 Class of 1940 War Memorial Scholarship: Coden Prokopec.
- \$5,000 Nielsen Family Scholarship: Paige Jeffries.

If you would like to donate to one of these established scholarships or would like to establish a scholarship of your own, please contact CPS Foundation Director Nicole Anderson at 402-563-7000 x12847 or andersonn@discoverers.org.



Smith chosen as Educator of the Year

Congratulations to Columbus High School Physical Education and Health Teacher Stacy Smith for being selected as the CPS 2019 Educator of the Year.

The award for the 2019 Educator of the Year and Runner Up were graciously sponsored by Columbus United Federal Credit Union. Columbus Public Schools has numerous educators who go above and beyond and dedicate each day to creating opportunities and inspiring learning. Nominees had to be representative of a commitment to providing their students with a quality education, not only in the classroom, but also through leading by example in their school and community.

Smith has been with CPS for many years and was nominated by both fellow staff members and students. This educator goes above and beyond for her students and athletes. She is a model example of leadership and the Discoverer Way.

She builds relationships with her students that have allowed her to develop a culture in which brave work, tough conversations and whole hearts are the expectation and armor and/or excuses are not necessary or rewarded. She pushes students to reach their potential by holding them to a higher standard than the student has set for themselves. It's not uncommon to find her at school early in the morning or staying late to help allow for the scheduling needs of students. Outside of



Columbus United Federal Credit Union President and CPS Foundation President Brian Christensen presents Stacy Smith with her award.

the classroom she leads school spirit in sponsoring the C-Club, volunteer coaches with the CHS Girls Basketball Team, and has shown the importance of developing relationships early with students by coaching Middle School Track.

Smith will go on to compete for the Nebraska Educator of the Year.

Centennial Third Grade Teacher Diane Cattau was the Educator of the Year Runner-Up. Cattau was described by those who nominated her as an individual who always has a positive attitude, is passionate about teaching and absolutely cares about each student in the classroom and school by building positive relationships. This educator puts



Diane Cattau

student needs above her own by spending time with numerous students during their lunchtime in order to provide additional support. She is a mentor to her peers and serves on the Centennial building BIST team, the common assessment team and has served on numerous other committees during her time with CPS. Cattau truly makes learning fun for students and supports the learning style of all students in the classroom.

Congratulations also goes out to the others nominated for this honor: CHS Advanced Manufacturing and Welder Instructor Tracy Dodson, who was also a finalist; West Park Kindergarten teacher Sara Svatora; West Park Physical Education and Health Teacher Barb Leu; North Park Third Grade Teacher Tyler Richters; and North Park Media Specialist Jane Dodson.

Edwards selected as Operations Employee of the Year

Congratulations to Lost Creek Custodian Carl Edwards for being chosen as the 2019 CPS Operations Employee of the Year.

The award was sponsored by Bob Markham (Class of 1976) and his wife, Chris. This honor was created to recognize district employees, who excel in their service to the teachers and students at Columbus Public Schools for the contributions that better the quality and advancement of CPS.

Edwards was described by those who nominated him as someone who spreads positivity every day and brightens the day for all the staff and students of CPS. He takes pride in every job done each and every day to make sure that the classroom, hallways, bathroom and grounds are clean and safe. It's also not uncommon to see him cleaning in a cowboy hat, sweeping with maroon hair or even covering for a para when there is a need. He finds a way to add the fun each and every school day.

Congratulations to the other nominees: School Supplies Coordinator Mike Olson, Database Administrator Suzanne Stevenson, Centennial Custodian Jim



CPS Foundation President Brian Christensen presents Carl Edwards with his award.

Fieldhaus, West Park Food Service Regina Duncan, and CHS ISS Supervisor Katie Ocegüera.



Garrett breaks state pole vault record

CHS junior Jaidyn Garrett broke the state pole vault record, clearing 13 feet 3 1/4 inches on her second attempt. Her jump edged out Jenny Green of Grand Island Central Catholic who in 2003 set the record at 13 feet 3 inches, for the top spot on the all-time charts.

“It was a lot of fun,” said Garrett. “We had a good tail wind, and it was a great competitive atmosphere. I just wanted to stay smooth down the runway and have fun.”

“To have three girls over 12 feet, that never happens,” Garrett added. “That motivates you to do better.”

On her first attempt she easily made 12 feet 10 1/2 inches to take the Class A record, but she was determined to make even more history.



Photo by Omaha World Herald

“As I was going down the runway, I remember thinking ‘I can do this,’” Garrett said.

Last year, Garrett was edged out of the final season charts, however, she claimed the all-class gold medal at state in 2018 with her season best 12 feet 5 inches.

“I felt a lot more motivated coming into my junior year, and I wanted to show what I could do. My goal now is to be consistent over 13 feet.”

Her father and coach, Pat Garrett said that the focus her freshman and sophomore years has been on her runway approach.

“This year we’ve done a lot more work on the pole and getting inverted, and she’s taken it to another level,” he said.

Saying goodbye to teachers & administrators

Mary Beaver

Mary grew up in York, Nebraska. She earned her bachelor of science degree in physical education with an endorsement in coaching from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She later earned her Master’s degree in Health Education from Wayne State College.

Beaver has stayed within the Columbus community for all of her 36-years of teaching. She started her career as the K-6 physical education teacher for Scotus Central Catholic. Beaver then spent 27 years teaching at Columbus Middle School, where she taught health and fitness to 6th-8th grade students. After teaching middle school students for over two and half decades, Beaver moved to Centennial Elementary three years ago to teach elementary physical education.

Diane Cattau

Diane Cattau attended Concordia Teacher’s College following high school where she earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education. She later earned her master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from Wayne State College.

During her 38-years of teaching she has taught every grade, kindergarten through 5th, including several years of teaching in multi-grade classrooms. When Cattau returned to Nebraska she continued her career by teaching at several different parochial and public schools within the area. For the past 13 years, she taught at Centennial Elementary where she has been the Title I reading teacher, kindergarten teacher and third grade teacher.

Gayle Farmer

Gayle Farmer has been teaching for a total of 24 years. She started her career in Chadron, NE where she taught 1st grade, 2nd grade, 4th grade and Special Education. After 10 years, Farmer moved to Columbus and has been at West Park for the last 14 years teaching fourth grade. Her fondest memories of teaching include all of the wonderful people she has worked with, listening to the stories of all the students she has had through the years, watching her students gain knowledge, and the laughter and hugs she received from her students.

Jackie Herink

Jackie Herink received her bachelor’s degree in elementary education and special education from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She earned her elementary guidance and counseling master’s degree from Kearney State College; specialist degree in school psychology from the University of Nebraska Kearney; and school administration endorsement from Iowa State University.

She taught third grade in Grand Island Public Schools and was an elementary counselor at Lincoln Public Schools before becoming a school psychologist for Green Valley Area education Agency in Iowa. She landed her first administrative job as elementary principal and special populations director at York Public Schools. Herink has been principal at Centennial Elementary for 14 years.

Tammy Riley

Tammy Riley received her bachelor of science in elementary education from Kansas State University. Riley has taught at CPS for 29 years, spending six years at Duncan, one year at Highland Park, four years at West Park and 18 at Emerson. Over the years, she taught first, third, fourth and fifth grades and Title I reading.

Riley said one thing that has not changed and that is her love of watching students learn and grow.

Steve Woodside

Steve Woodside received his bachelor’s degree in education in industrial technology and drivers education. He earned his master’s degree in education in industrial technology and his master’s degree in educational administration as a 7-12 principalship both from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He started his teaching career at Pope John Central Catholic High School as a skilled and technical education teacher and volleyball coach. Next he was at Lexington Public Schools as a junior high skilled and technical education teacher and volleyball coach. He arrived at CHS in 1989 and served as the skilled and technical education teacher for 14 years as well as the volleyball coach for a few years.

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First state team trophy since 1989

Wrestling team finishes as State Runner Up

The 2019 CHS wrestling season is one that will be remembered for years to come. From winning another GNAC Championship, their 4th straight District Championship, winning the High Plains Invite and Norfolk Invite to qualifying 13 wrestlers for the state tournament, it has been a productive year.

In addition, the CHS team brought home the first state team trophy since 1989 finishing as State Runner-Up.

“By setting goals, then not being afraid to fully commit to achieving them, this senior class really showed that it is a formula for success,” said CHS Head Coach Adam Keiswetter.

This season was full of highlights. CHS walked away with 8 state medalists, the most of any team at the 2019 State Tournament. Kasten Grape became a State Champion and will be the next added to the wall of champions. Avery McMeekin earned his first state medal finishing as state runner-up and Carter

Kucera finished his career with a win and brought home the 3rd place medal. CHS had 3 wrestlers place 4th: Tanner Kobza, Blayze Standley and Anthony DeAnda. Clay Cerny and Carson Zwingman each placed 5th. To top off the season, Carter Kucera made history as the winningest wrestler ever at CHS with 186 wins. Carson Zwingman broke the career pin record with 118 pins.

Keiswetter went on to say “This team is a group of dedicated wrestlers, and they have incredible work ethic.

They put in hundreds of hours in their high school years lifting weights, drilling wrestling techniques and competing in far away places to test themselves.”

“All of that was done in a way to achieve their individual goals, but also to help their teammates. They never went alone. They never lifted alone. They never wrestled alone. They always encouraged others to join them, and they became a focused group of athletes who were all doing it together. One of the wrestlers

wrote in his goal sheet last year he wanted to create a brotherhood. That was something we spent time on building, and it really showed this year.”

Next year the CHS team is looking to continue their pursuit of winning a state championship.

“Nothing really changes,” Keiswetter said. “We will keep working hard year-round in our pursuit of helping each of the wrestlers achieve the goals they set for themselves, and we will welcome a new bunch into our brotherhood.”



Foundation awards classroom grants

Lost Creek Speech and Language Pathologist Chelsea Werner received a \$400 classroom grant to purchase speech generating app that will be used district wide.

The apps will benefit students from birth to age 21.

This grant request was driven by the students in the CPS district who require an alternate mode to communicate with those around them. The funds will be used to purchase the Proloque2Go, Go Talk Now, and Snap + Core applications for students to use as a trial and potentially transition into everyday use.

The major objective of this project is to provide students with speech and language impairments the opportunities and tools to be successful communicators in the classroom. The three main objectives for this project include:

1. Given one year of progress monitoring and data collection conducted by the speech-language pathologist and teachers, students will trial various speech-generating applications to best determine which utility to be a functional communicator in the academic setting.

2. Given one year of progress monitoring and data collection conducted by the speech-language pathologist and teachers, the student will functionally communicate

with adults and peers around him/her, as measured by observations and specific goals set by the team for the specific student.

3. Given one year of progress monitoring and data collection conducted by the speech-language pathologist and teachers, the staff will determine the utility of the selected speech-generating applications through trials of each application for at least one month for the student. A device will be selected to move forward for purchase with the assistance of their team, including the speech language pathologist, teacher, resource teacher, parents and insurance provider.

CHS Physical Education and Health teacher Stacy Smith received \$1,000 teacher grant for the purchase of bands for Strength and Conditioning.

These bands will be used by all students (9th -12th) in Weights and Fitness classes to promote and provide the opportunities for students to learn proper warm-up, cool down and technique strategies.

The object is for every student to perform all core lift techniques correctly. All students will perform a proper warm-up and cool down with the use of these bands. There is a check list to make sure this will be happening.





Ann Chesley volunteers every week in the North Park library.

Chesley earns School Bell Award

The love of books and kids brought Ann Chesley back into the school.

“When I retired, I wanted to come volunteer in the library,” she said. “It is my fun time. I always say I’m coming to play with the books.”

Ann retired from Columbus Public Schools in 2003 after working a year at Lost Creek Elementary and then going to be a special education para educator at North Park Elementary for 20 years.

After retiring, Ann started volunteering at the North Park library. She shows up faithful once a week for a half day. For her dedication, Ann is this year’s School Bell Award winner. The School Bell award is given to someone in the community for his or her service to the youth of Columbus Public Schools.

“Ann is so knowledgeable about what needs to be done and how to do it,” North Park Media Technology Specialist Jane Dodson said in the nomination. “Mrs. Chesley treats the kids with kindness and respect yet holds them accountable to the North Park rules and expectations.”

North Park media para educator Michele Lenihan agreed.

“She always comes in with a smile on her face,” Michele said. “Ann has been a part of the North Park Library for many years. We truly appreciate all she has done and continues to do.”

Ann said it has been exciting to watch the building change over the years. She said the Accelerated Reading Program has

also grown, which helps spark kids’ interest in reading.

One thing that hasn’t changed is her enjoyment of reading a good book.

“I’ve borrowed quite a few (books). I need to check to make sure they are good ones for the kids,” she joked.

Ann has read several books but her favorites are the Harry Potter novels.

“I love the magic,” she said about Harry Potter. “In the beginning, he didn’t realize the magic. It was the learning process I liked.”

Ann’s two daughters are both teachers. Janet Hemenway teaches fifth grade in Papillion and Amy Smith teaches third grade in Ranson, West Virginia. Ann’s husband, Dean, retired from the telephone company.

Connect on Social Media

Morgan Kapels
Class of 2005

Ever catch yourself scrolling through your social feeds looking for something that makes you smile, sparks nostalgia, and keeps you connected? Look no further! Columbus Public Schools Alumni Association has social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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Athletic Hall of Fame set for August 29

Save the date! The Discoverer Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet will be held August 29th at the Agricultural Park in Columbus. For more information and ticket sales, go to <https://www.cpsanchor.com/anchor-organizations/discoverers-athletic-hall-of-fame/athletic-hall-of-fame-banquet.html>.

These funds will offer opportunities for: scholarships for current and graduating students; teacher, staff and student recognitions; innovation and enrichment grants for students, teachers and staff; after school programs; support for staff positions not currently in the school budget; and alternative educational opportunities including online learning for students.

Questions may be directed to HOF Chairman Roger Brown, or Foundation Executive Director Nicole Anderson at 402-563-7000 ext. 12847 or andersonn@discoverers.org.

2019 Discoverer Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees:

Meritorious: Roger Iwansky

Coach: Al Schnable

Individuals: Bob Wilhelms, Todd Thalken, Frank Brower, Don Soulliere, Tim Carpenter, Kari Krumland Bice, Mary Olsufka Bellamy, Kathy Gerber Hash and Dave Murphy.

Teams: 1988-89 Tennis Girls Doubles, 1969 Boys Tennis Doubles, 1981 Wrestling, 2005 Girls Soccer.



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Woodside was assistant principal for six years and principal for 10 years.

Woodside helped to bring Career & Technical Education to the forefront by serving as a Building Linkages National Pilot Steering Committee co-chair in 1998. CHS was one of five schools selected as a national pilot site for the development and integration of a four-

Retirements

year curriculum for students selecting a career major in manufacturing working toward certification in the context of the real-time work world environment in manufacturing.

The project introduced manufacturing standards to the curriculum serving both industry and education.

Reunion Information

1954 - May 24, 2019 at Country Shadows at 4:30 p.m. It will be a casual get together.

1956 – Meets at 10 a.m. the first Wed. of every month at Stack & Steak for morning coffee. All classmates welcome.

1958 – Class lunch the first Wednesday of every month at noon at Maximus. All classmates and spouses welcome.

1959 – Meets the second Thursday quarterly (January, April, July and October) at Stack n' Steak at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and conversation. Classmates and spouses are welcome.

1960 – Meets the first Tuesday of each month at Maximus at 11:30 a.m.

1962 – Meets the first Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at Stack 'n Steak. All classmates and spouses are welcome.

1964- 55th Reunion! August 16-17, 2019. Rooms have been reserved at the newly renovated Ramada Inn for the reunion. The ice breaker will take place at the Whiskey Sands Bar on Friday evening. A private buffet will be served in the Loup banquet room on Saturday evening. The Ramada Inn will also hold a block of sleeping rooms under the name Class of 1964 Reunion. For information on

the Ramada Inn, <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/ramada/columbus-nebraska/ramada-columbus-hotels-and-conference-center/overview?CID=LC:RA::GGL:RIO:National:47438&iata=00065402>.

1969 - 50th Reunion! August 16-17, 2019. August 16: Barbecue at 6:30 p.m. at the Henry Building. August 17: 2:00 p.m. tour of the new Columbus High School. Meet at the Anchor in front of the school. Social at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. at the VFW. For questions contact chsdiscoverers1969@gmail.com.

1979- August 9-10, 2019. August 9: Horseraces; August 10: 10 a.m. tour of CMS followed by a tour of CHS; and 6:30 p.m. at The Friedhoff Building, 1270 27 Ave. – the Old Schwesers Building). For more information, contact Cindi Uhlmann Jarecke.

1989- 30th Reunion! July 27, 2019. Tour at the new Columbus High School at 11:00 a.m.

1999 - 20th Reunion! Join us on Saturday, August 3, 2019 for dinner, drinks, and dancing at the Oak Room in The Friedhof Building (1270 27th Ave – The Old Schwesers Building Downtown). Sign up at <http://bit.ly/chs99reunion20>. More information will be shared with registrants including information about a scavenger hunt, school tours, sports booster club golf tournament, hotel blocks and more!