



# Columbus Public Schools Alumni News

Fall 2015



## Setting sail on a new voyage of Discovery

By Dr. Troy Loeffelholz  
CPS Superintendent

If you have driven north on 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue or driven east or west along the Lost Creek Parkway, you may have noticed a large building starting to take over what used to be a cornfield. The new Columbus High School, which was approved by voters in May of 2013, is beginning to take shape. This 270,000 square foot facility will be the home of the Discoverers for the next 60-80 years. The new high school will include an auditorium that will seat 780, a gymnasium that will seat 2,200 and have three full length cross courts, a second gym that will seat 700 and have two full length cross courts. The building will also contain a weight room, training room, wrestling room, cafeteria to seat 500 students, and a music wing that will be second to none.

The academic portion of the building includes, 75 regular classrooms, library media center, and 4 career and technical education rooms that is more than twice the amount of square footage of the current program. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education has been at the forefront of this project. The connections with the local business and manufacturing community are making this a reality.

By December of 2014, the site work for the building pad was completed with footing for the STEM finished. Beginning in late February and early March, bricklayers were mobilizing to lay block for the academic wing. Since that time, the first floor of the academic wing was completed, and they have begun to block the second floor classrooms.

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## STEM Academy creates opportunities

By Landon Wietfeld  
CPS Foundation Executive Director

Along with the construction of a new Columbus High School comes the introduction of a new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Academy.

STEM fosters creativity and innovative thinking and teaches students to become problem-solvers to our everyday concerns. STEM education prepares the students of Columbus Public Schools to become innovators, doers and inspiring minds of the future. Graduates of CHS will have the ability to assess problems, employ STEM concepts and design creative solutions in their daily lives.

The completion of the STEM Academy brings many benefits to not only the students and parents, but also for local businesses and the community of Columbus. STEM and Career Education

at CHS will affect the future in supplying a competent workforce to meet the needs of local industry. Columbus has the distinction as the birthplace of public power and the first designated industrial site in the U.S. STEM career education allows Columbus Public Schools to provide a wealth of trained, skilled technicians for businesses in the Columbus area.

The STEM Academy inspires students to apply their core curriculum skills in science and math in obtaining jobs in the community and stimulating the local economy.

Students will use the four areas of STEM to solve problems using creative methods.



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# Lifetime & Annual Members

The cutoff date for this newsletter was September 8. We print members once a year in the fall issue. Dues paid after that date will be printed in the 2016 fall newsletter. Dues can be paid at any time of the year. If you wish to become a member, please fill out the form in this newsletter. Thank you for paying your dues.

## *Lifetime Couples*

1937 Jean Fricke Ashby  
1939 Laird & Lois Loomis  
1939/36 Robert & Eleanor Van Berg Loshbaugh  
1943/44 Calvin & Pat Heynen Gloor  
1943/44 Karl & Mimi Hahn Mueller  
1950/49 Ronald & Roberta Saalfeld  
1951 Dr. Robert & Carole Smith Quick  
1951/52 Marvin & Sandy Davis Trofholz  
1949/51 ES Bud & Arlene Finley Van Berg  
1952/55 Charles & Mary Ann Dietrich Johansen  
1952/56 Gerald & Delores Klug Mueller  
1952 Dwayne & Virginia Van Berg Smith  
1953 James & Sandy Briswalter Ernst  
1953/57 Gerald & Nadene Loseke Karlin  
1953 Gary & Janice Potter Nantkes  
1953 Harlan Petter  
1955/56 Ed & Jolaine Loseke Nielsen  
1957 James & Kathryn Ericksen Lohr  
1958 David H. Kuper  
1958 John & Julie Floyd Schutz  
1960/61 Richard & Mary McErney Goc  
1960/62 Ted & Sharon Aermi Otte  
1962/63 Ken & Karen Rice Gigstad  
1962/63 John & Kay Asche Nelson  
1963 Lawrence Hake  
1963/64 Gerald & Bonnie Hay Luckey  
1964/66 James & Connie Elliott Hellbusch  
1964 John & Bonnie Knight Kennedy  
1965/74 James & Gayle Massman Oppliger  
1965/68 Ronald & Maureen Daniels Taylor  
1966/67 Bruce & Sheryl Cattau Channer  
1966 William Fleischer  
1967 David & Sue Bullock Oppliger  
1967 Ken & Deta Coover Robb  
1968/67 Dennis & Lynn Turner Behlen  
1968/67 William & Rita Mikkelsen Ingold  
1968 Larry & Charice Rumbaugh Nyffeler  
1969 Don & Sue Folsom Brouse  
1969 Greg & Judy Brock Warner  
1970/72 Brian & Barbara Tank Nelson  
1971/72 Tom & Susan Anderson Bernstein  
1972/73 Dana & Nancy Winkle Bailey  
1972/73 Richard & Cindy Palmblade Kant  
1974 Dr. Ronald & Ann Bremer Ernst  
1974 Rick & Marsha Hopp Joseph  
1977 Loren & Michelle Bellum Goedecken  
1986/88 Chris & Amy Busted Blaser  
1989 Craig & Becky Kuncl Andreasen  
1989/90 Greg & Julie Insinger Hutcheson  
1993/96 Todd & Tasha Henninger Moss

## *Lifetime Single*

1928 Elmer [Bus] Lohr  
1935 Bettie Sharp Eggli  
1937 Arthur Garbers

1938 Jean Vanberg Chase  
1938 Bernice Brock Hegi  
1938 Martha Boehm Kusek  
1939 Vera Ellen Gertsch Martin Weller  
1940 Frances Behlen Brakel  
1940 Dorothy Yonkie Folden  
1940 Walter Matzen  
1940 Julian Meyer  
1940 Ryland [Rip] Nantkes  
1942 Norm Loseke  
1942 Bill Smith  
1943 Helen Whiting Gerber  
1943 Walt Lips  
1944 Walter Kiuntke  
1944 Donald Smith  
1945 Edward Babka  
1945 Clarence Brunkhorst  
1945 Carroll Devlin  
1945 Nan Bernstein Klassen  
1946 Tom Bernstein  
1946 Delores Cattau Ebel  
1946 Robert Osborn  
1946 Homer Rothleitner  
1947 William [Bill] Haney  
1947 Robert Jaeggi  
1947 Jean Johannes Johnston-Mills  
1947 John O'Neal  
1948 Edward [Skip] Gass  
1948 Bernice Gates Gengenbach  
1948 Wayne Schild  
1948 Rudy Winkelman  
1949 Larry Blaser  
1949 Vernon Feye  
1949 Marilyn Hunkins Gentry  
1949 Dorothy Held Glaser  
1949 Roland Kluver  
1949 Charles Walden  
1950 Ethel [Genie] Clark Ingold  
1950 Wilma Schild Kilgore  
1950 Donna Olson Morlock  
1952 Karen Norton Cook  
1952 David Kraus  
1952 Donald Rice  
1952 James Schultz  
1953 Kathy Gerhold Marr  
1953 James Murphy  
1953 Janice Mueller Nelson  
1953 Kenneth Peterson  
1953 Robert Pope  
1953 Donald Schupbach  
1953 Charles Speice  
1953 Ronald Tschauner  
1953 Judd Wagner  
1953 Louis [Lou] Welch  
1954 Jeanette Fickel Blaser  
1954 Richard Cuddeford  
1954 Frederic Krebs

1954 Robert [Bob] Mead  
1954 Marlene Schild Syas  
1955 Loretta Williams Meistrell  
1955 Barbara Boyd Park  
1955 Jeanie Frey Randall  
1955 Edward [Ed] Riggins  
1955 Byron Speice  
1956 Helen Korte Campbell  
1956 Wanda Schild Eihausen  
1956 Douglas Groteluschen  
1956 Vard Johnson  
1956 Barbara Lundin Mitlyng  
1956 Larry Novicki  
1956 Ronald Rice  
1957 Sylvia Rodehorst Hermone  
1957 Ron Lambert  
1957 Mary Kluver Lauber  
1957 S Kay Becher Rockwell  
1957 Richard [Dick] Whitcomb  
1958 Robert Duranski  
1958 Larry Ray Krumland  
1958 Sharon Welch Lehr  
1958 Mike Liddy  
1958 Jane Evans Novicki  
1959 Deanna Osborn Augustin  
1959 Geri Austin  
1959 Howard [Steve] Ellenburg  
1959 Sylvia Wilke Faller  
1959 Leonard [Len] Fleischer  
1959 Mary Coffey Frauendorfer  
1959 Kay Swanson Genereux  
1959 Betty Kaspersen Hegi  
1959 David Hollman  
1959 Mary Ann Behlen Hruska  
1959 Con Keating  
1959 Ron Salak  
1959 Richard [Stoney] Stone  
1959 Arnold Stuthman  
1959 Margaret Corn Trew  
1960 Sheila Nelson Backes  
1960 Gayleen Oppliger Hingst  
1960 Gary Hoge  
1960 Darlene Ebel Jansen  
1960 James Jura  
1960 David Kathka  
1960 John F. Lohr  
1960 Joe Matejka  
1960 William Mcauliff  
1960 Joan Marr Nichols  
1960 Jerry Norris  
1960 John [Jack] Odgaard  
1960 Larry Schmidt  
1960 Keith Van Velkinburgh  
1960 Paula Jean Arndt Verdoorn  
1961 Steve Ahl  
1961 Bob Ahrens



## Lifetime Single

1961 Karlyn Kuper Carson  
 1961 Jean Pittman Cederburg  
 1961 Janice Feye-Stukas  
 1961 Bernard Hay  
 1961 Joanne Smith Jonas  
 1961 Gerald Whitcomb  
 1962 Gary Lee Burmood  
 1962 Cecil Bykerk  
 1962 Diane Ericksen Hembry  
 1962 Glenda Loseke Kleinkauf  
 1962 Jean Groteluschen Schmidt  
 1963 Kent Behlen  
 1963 Sandra Ottsen Davis  
 1963 William Doan  
 1963 Mathew [Bud] Fleischer  
 1963 Janet Kummertz Hansen  
 1963 Kathryn Varner Overturf  
 1963 Mark Schild  
 1964 Joseph Augustine  
 1964 Thomas Holub  
 1964 Rita Zulkoski Moeller  
 1964 Russell Muller  
 1965 Mickey Brazeal  
 1965 Henry Clausen  
 1965 David Ernst  
 1965 Gary Gruenhagen  
 1965 David Heiser  
 1965 Dennis Hirschbrunner  
 1965 Mary Holy Kuhlmann  
 1965 Tom Petsch  
 1965 Edward Riley  
 1966 John Anderson  
 1966 Mark Anderson  
 1967 Emily Cameron Shattil  
 1967 Tom Hagel  
 1967 Don Oppliger  
 1967 Gary Uphoff  
 1968 Steve Anderson  
 1968 John Ballew  
 1968 Ann Loomis Burns  
 1968 Steve Ferris  
 1968 Michael Floyd  
 1968 Robert Jones  
 1968 Robert Lohr  
 1968 Janice Groteluschen Oeltjen  
 1968 Donald Sieh  
 1968 Connie Welch Sylvester  
 1968 John Zocholl  
 1969 Yenni Gembol Fuglei  
 1969 Lester Hake  
 1969 Nancy Hegi-Cuba  
 1969 John Jacobsen  
 1969 Thomas Obrist  
 1969 Sharon Pepler  
 1969 Marcia Hake Schlender  
 1969 Mary Sims  
 1969 Jamie Johnson Snyder  
 1970 David Athey  
 1970 Brad Berlin  
 1970 Michael Brown  
 1970 Virginia Curry  
 1970 Peggy Dankert

1970 Joann Eickhoff-Shemek  
 1970 Steven Eymann  
 1970 Danny Gernstein  
 1970 Daryl Henry  
 1970 Terri Drozd Hoesly  
 1970 Mike Jacobs  
 1970 David Kincaid  
 1970 Greg Kluck  
 1970 Yvonne Mihulka  
 1970 Gary Osborn  
 1970 Thomas Rich  
 1970 Jim Schaefer  
 1970 Janelle Krumland Shepherd  
 1970 Ronald Walters  
 1971 Kimberly Ball  
 1971 Greg Gersib  
 1971 Neil Klutman  
 1971 Patricia Caffrey Mcquillan  
 1971 Jennifer Allen Mills  
 1971 Robyn Gembol Ryan  
 1971 Jolene Hellbusch Scalzo  
 1972 Kelly Bembry-Hennings  
 1972 Susan Dixon Bowman  
 1972 Roger Brown  
 1972 Randall Cheloha  
 1972 Judy Ernst  
 1972 Thomas Folsom  
 1972 Thomas Heiser  
 1972 Daniel Miller  
 1972 Jennifer Gonka Peterson  
 1972 Michael Robak  
 1972 Kelly George Shada  
 1973 Gary Abel  
 1973 Sue Shively Anderson  
 1973 Mike Berlin  
 1973 Kurt Micek  
 1973 Brenda Collins Onstead  
 1973 Kay Grassmeyer Sprunk

1974 Bradley Busler  
 1974 Mary Nosal Chen  
 1974 John Curry  
 1974 Brian Miller  
 1974 Rex Porter  
 1975 Lindsay Ball  
 1975 Jane Hopp Beltz  
 1975 Michael Burrows  
 1976 Janice [Jan] Uden Bostelman  
 1976 Larry Leach  
 1976 Robert [Bob] Markham  
 1976 Mark Redrow  
 1976 Kyla George Reising  
 1976 Ann Ewert Richards  
 1976 Alan Dale Robertson  
 1977 Dan Berlin  
 1977 Richard Haney  
 1977 Mark Morris  
 1977 Duane Olsufka  
 1977 James Schwartz  
 1977 Becky Willman-Gragg  
 1978 Randy Eihausen  
 1978 Mark Jilek  
 1978 Donna Brandt Liss  
 1978 Kathy Curran Maca  
 1978 Trish Hopp Ross  
 1978 Kim Joiner Seving  
 1978 Bob Shively  
 1978 Alan Siemek  
 1979 Cindy Aerni  
 1979 Leslie Nielsen Hitchner  
 1979 Karen Koppel  
 1979 Kenneth Robinson  
 1980 Kathi Miles Horsley  
 1980 Lynn Strehle Sjuts  
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The mission of the CPS Foundation is to inspire learning, enrich teaching, and create opportunities for students and staff through community support.

The role of the Foundation is to provide the students of Columbus Public Schools with as many educational opportunities as possible by filling gaps created in the regular school district budget from funding shortfalls or regulatory constraints. At the same time, we supply administrative support for 11 organizations that exist for the benefit of

the District. These consist of the PACS, PTOS, Booster Clubs, Matt Moore Foundation, Alumni Association and the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Last school year with the generous support from our Alumni, Donors, community, and CPS staff:

- 12 Students received scholarships
- 8 Students experienced Washington D.C.
- More than 270 first graders received a book to take home to share
- 5 Classroom grants were awarded to innovate new programs

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- 9 Students took college credit courses at no cost
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## Gary Duranski

### Graduating Year?

1960

### Favorite Class/Teacher?

Mr. Cliff Hopp and Mr. Dell Miller

### Most Memorable High School Experience?

Was a member of the 1960 Track team that won the All-Class State Championship.

Placed fifth in the mile at State.

Was awarded the Columbus High Sportsmanship trophy.

### What would you change if you had high school to do all over again?

Would have placed more value on academics. (studied harder)

### Where do you live now?

Columbus, NE

### What are you doing now?

I retired from teaching/coaching in 2001 after 36 years in Education. Was the Elementary Physical Education Coordinator for the Gering Public Schools System for seven years and taught Health/Physical Education for the Columbus Public Schools for 29 years. During the Columbus years, I had the privilege of coaching a ton of great kids in Basketball and Boys Tennis. In tennis, I coached five Boys State Championship Teams and had 11 State Champions in Singles or Doubles along the way. Was selected the Nebraska Coaches Association Tennis Coach of the Year in 1996-97. Was humbled and honored to be inducted in my alma mater Athletic Hall of Fame as coach in 2009. In retirement, I really enjoy being a spectator in sports. Jane and I followed our three kids in their activities and get a big kick out of watching our grand kids develop in their various sports. My main activities today are traveling and golf, which I took up after graduating from college. Hardest game I ever played. I'm extremely grateful that I got to teach when I did, coach when I did, and work for whom I did. They were great times in the

# Meet the Duranski Family

Columbus Public School System.

## Jane (Krumland) Duranski

### Graduating Year?

1962

### Favorite Class/Teacher?

Mr. Brooks and Mr. Jeffery.

### Most Memorable High School Experience?

Performing as a majorette with the Columbus High School Band at Aksarben and other events. Enjoyed all the friendships made and keeping in touch with them.

### What would you change if you had high school to do all over again?

Would have valued my education more and taken it more serious.

### Where do you live now?

Columbus, NE

### What are you doing now?

In 2004, I retired from education. I taught kindergarten for 26 years at Field Elementary. Field that eventually became part of Centennial Elementary, where I taught for 3 years. I enjoy playing golf and tennis when not working with a few friends making pottery. Gary and I enjoy going to sporting events and concerts. We enjoy our three children and six grandchildren getting involved in their different interest. Columbus Public School System is a great place to get an education. Im glad I attended Columbus High and that my children also had the opportunity.

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# Meet the Duranski Family

## Jeff Duranski

**Year Graduated:**  
1985

**Favorite Class/Teachers:**  
Mr. Schmaltz, Mr. Steinbrook, Coach Schnabel

**Most Memorable High School Experience:**

Probably all of the friendships, especially those that developed from the many hours involved with sports. Thirty years later we still get together and stay in contact.

**What Would You Change If You Had To Do High School Over Again?**

Maybe would have focused a little harder both academically and athletically. At that time, you're a teenager and time seems to stand still. You don't realize the time you wasted on things you maybe shouldn't have.

**Where Do You Live Now?**  
Columbus, NE

**What Are You Doing Now?**

Married to Lisa (Dooley) Duranski and have two kids: Addi (currently a 7th grader at CMS) and Cooper (a 5th grader at North Park). I taught Social Studies at Crete High School for 2 years and have been at Schuyler Central High School for the last 17. At Schuyler, I taught Social Studies and am now in the Technology Department. Most of my time is spent running kids to their activities and helping coach their different sports.

## Jami Duranski Edgar

**Year Graduated:**  
1987

**Favorite Class/Teachers:**  
Biology with Mr. Callan. He worked us, challenged us and believed all of us could reach his expectations, even when we didn't think we were capable.

**Most Memorable High School Experience:**

Besides all the people who always made me laugh, especially Lisa Staroscik Wilke, Steve Barnes, and Jeff Morton.....winning the 300 hurdles at state my junior year and signing my letter of intent to play volleyball hold a special spot in my heart.

**What Would You Change If You Had To Do High School Over Again?**

Nothing really. Hind site is 20/20..... There are some things I would have cared more

about and some things I should have cared less about! I had a lot of highs AND a lot of lows. I think that's what's suppose to happen.

**Where Do You Live Now?**  
Grand Rapids, MI

**What Are You Doing Now?**

I teach 4th grade and raise a daughter (Veronica) who is 17 years old and plays a lot of volleyball that I love to watch, and a son (Sam) who is 14 and plays lacrosse, which I love to watch, but a sport I know nothing about.

## Jennifer (Duranski) Ross

**Year Graduated:**  
2001

**Favorite Class/Teacher:**  
A theatre class I took with Ms. Schlobaum.

**Most Memorable High School Experience:**

Serving as co-captain of the first "Diamond Dancers" squad at CHS.  
**What Would You Change If You Had To Do High School Over Again?**

I would focus more intently on the things I was passionate about, regardless of obstacles and adversity.

**Where Do You Live Now?**  
Omaha, NE

**What Are You Doing (family,etc):**  
I recently moved back to Nebraska with my husband, Aaron, and our two children, Eversley Meta (4) and Hickson Mays (3). We moved from New Jersey, where we lived for about 8 years. My husband works as a Hedge Fund Accountant from his home office, and I just opened a dance studio in Lincoln, "Nebraska Ballet Theatre & School." Our lives are crazy right now, but exciting!

## New high school

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In addition, the STEM building, music building and the auditorium walls have been put up. Bricklayers continue to block around the music and STEM building. In early August, the precast walls for the gymnasiums were installed. Another steel building will be used for the weight room, training room exercise room, and two classrooms, which will be also be added shortly.

It is the goal of Hausmann Construction to have the building enclosed by winter, so they can begin to finish the interior of the building. The new high school is scheduled to be complete in December of 2016 with students and staff occupying the facility in January of 2017.



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- 1982 Christine Nielsen Hancock
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- 1984 Janet Arnold Keating
- 1984 Thomas [Tom] Nelson
- 1985 Beth Schupbach Buehler
- 1985 Anna Castner Wightman
- 1986 Kip Anderson
- 1986 Kerry Belitz
- 1986 Robert Cruise
- 1986 Jodi Miller Holen
- 1986 Linda Raimondo Myers-Bock
- 1986 Steve Sobota
- 1986 Rob Zulkoski
- 1987 Elizabeth [Lisa] Staroscik Wilke
- 1988 Donette Brase Droge
- 1988 Russ Eihausen
- 1988 Shelly Nielsen Schmidt
- 1989 Jon Bellum
- 1989 Chad Johannes
- 1990 Brent Griffith
- 1990 Aaron Hoefling
- 1991 James Kennedy
- 1992 Alicia Young Fults
- 1993 Becky Chinn Coulter
- 1993 Chris Mulligan
- 1998 Lindsay Berlin Ogle
- 2000 Jennifer Johannes-Hascall

2001 John S. Lohr

### Annual Couple

- 1942/45 Jack & Mary Lou (Vruble) Haase
- 1943/46 Jack & Joyce (Johnson) Schultz
- 1952/55 Fred & Liz (Frederickson) Geiser
- 1960/61 Marty & Jean (Treinies) Munson
- 1963 Barry & Marla Braithwait
- 1963 Gayle & Jeanetta (Swanson) Janssen

### Annual Single

- 1940 Mildred Karlin Meyn
- 1945 Doris Fricke Corbridge
- 1945 Loran Schmit
- 1946 Clarice Blaser Everett
- 1947 Robert Henke
- 1948 Lorene Rosenberry Cerny
- 1948 Clara Ruth Miessler Loucks
- 1948 Ethel Krumland Sutton
- 1949 Dorothy Behle Cattau
- 1950 Ronald Lassek
- 1952 Delane Robert Bell
- 1952 Richard Brandfas
- 1952 Ellen Feye Martin

- 1953 Marilyn Burman Becic
- 1953 Shirley Ewert Lococo Fischer
- 1954 Harold Marlar
- 1955 Joan Mikkelsen Mimick
- 1956 Gene Peterson
- 1956 Kathleen Swanson Schelert
- 1957 James Ludwig
- 1958 Jim Asche
- 1959 Jerry Roth
- 1961 Dianne Swan Amenta
- 1961 Jeanette Hake Volker
- 1962 Kenneth Kohlmeier
- 1962 Pat Prososki
- 1964 Lynn Bokelmann Van Vark
- 1965 Jim Prentice
- 1965 C. Sue Zybach
- 1969 Nick Frazer
- 1970 Paul Woerth
- 1971 Linda Schaufelberger Kohler
- 1974 Tom Hoganson
- 1975 Tom Lange
- 1978 Pat Burrows
- 2005 Jenna Davies Watley
- 2006 John Lange
- 2009 Alisha Lange

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## *Columbus Alumni Reunion Plans for 2015 & Beyond*

**1935** - Local class members meet every 4 months for lunch (Oct., Feb., Jun.). All '35 grads welcome.

**1937** - Meets 1st Wed., every 4 months (March, July, Nov.).

**1946** - '46 locals meet the first Friday of each month for lunch. All classmates welcome. Contact: Ruth Olson Babka, 402-564-5991 or Laura Eller Stuefer, 402-564-2057.

**1949** - Locals meet the first Monday of the month for breakfast at Picket Fence Cafe. All classmates welcome. Contact: Rosella (Blaser) Norris for info. 402-564-7498.

**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 11:30 a.m. at Maximus.

**1962** - Meets the first Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at Picket Fence. All classmates and spouses are welcome.

### **From Front Page** **Stem**

Students will strive to learn more and grow in the field in which they have chosen for their profession.

STEM education is taken very seriously not only in the Academy itself, but also throughout the CPS District. This curriculum will be integrated K-12 in a team approach emphasizing math and science due to the technology and engineering principles being used. In the upcoming months, the STEM Academy will be reaching out to receive matching funds for the purchasing of equipment to enhance the STEM experience of our students. Visit [www.stemworkscolumbus.org](http://www.stemworkscolumbus.org) to learn more about STEM, and how it is creating a tremendous impact on the students of CPS and the community of Columbus. Continue to stay up to date with the progress of STEM by liking the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/stemworkscolumbus](http://www.facebook.com/stemworkscolumbus).

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- 50 CPS students received a discount for Camp Invention
- 2 Individuals participated in a National Honor Choir in Utah

Due to the substantial support the CPS Foundation received, numerous students were able to capture these exceptional opportunities. If you are interested in learning more about the Foundation or would like to see how you can create a memorable experience for the students of CPS, please contact Landon Wietfeld at 402-563-7000 ext. 1103. You may also visit our new website at [www.foundationforcps.org](http://www.foundationforcps.org) for a listing of classroom grants still seeking funding for the 2015-2016 school year. The CPS Foundation is solely operated on contributions from generous individuals. The Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) organization and gifts given to enhance a student's experience at CPS are tax deductible as allowed by law. We thank you for your commitment to our mission.