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Newsletter of Columbus / Columbus North High School Alumni Association

Message From Our President

Greetings to the Bull Dog Nation:

We are on our last leg of our 150th Anniversary celebrating the educational excellence of Columbus High School. Activities to date have included:

- "An Evening with Four Freshmen"
- Homecoming & Alumni Hall of Fame induction
- Veterans Memorial Display Dedication
- Special exhibit at Bartholomew County Historical Society Museum on 3rd Street
- History Day/Week at CNHS — "150 years of History at CHS/CNHS & the Columbus Community"
- 150th Day Celebration at CNHS—"Wear Blue" Day with cookies for our students and cake for our staff

All of which culminates with our Bull Dog Gala on May 11 at the Mill Race Center, which you will read more about in this edition of *True Blue*.

Recently, as a result of your generous contributions, your Bull Dog Alumni Association was able to award the following faculty grants:

- \$456.80 to Jerrica Dowling & Toni Held, English/Library Departments, to attend Indiana State Library's AP Language & Composition----research techniques, etc.

- \$152.00 to assist Kelley Culp, English, attend the UDL-IRN conference and be a presenter at the International Conference
- \$200.00 for Counselor Patrick Pemberton to get AP Classroom timers
- \$555.00 for Katie Chaplin, English, to obtain 15 teacher copies of "Courageous Conversations about Race: A field guide for achieving Equity within Schools"
- \$1,200.00 for PBIS Committee Co-Chair Jerry Mihay, to purchase student & staff awards & anti-bullying banner
- \$1,200.00 for Marcia Cheek, World Languages, for 2 Professional Development days for 6 teachers/subs in order to study Enhancing World Languages Curriculum

Thank you for your continued support of the Bull Dog Alumni Association, Inc. We hope to see you on May 11 for a grand celebration.

Yours for the Bull Dog Nation,

Pete

Pete King ('72), President

Bull Dogs for Life!



Our second installment of Alumni Board profiles features two of the newer members of the Bull Dog Alumni Association’s Board of Directors – Jacob Martin & Barbara Handt.

Board Profile – Jacob Martin

Jacob was born and raised in Columbus. He graduated from CNHS in 2009, where he played football for the Bull Dogs. After graduation, he completed a B.S. Management at the Krannert School of Business Purdue University. Jacob has a financial planning practice he operates in Columbus, currently sits as the Columbus Young Professionals President, Treasurer for his BNI chapter, and participates as an Ambassador for the Chamber of Commerce.



He and his wife, Laura, (also a Columbus native) call downtown home; and they completed a full remodel two years ago.

They have a 2-year-old Newfie, Tonks, who keeps them busy when they aren’t volunteering or working. They even find time to sleep every once-in-a-while!



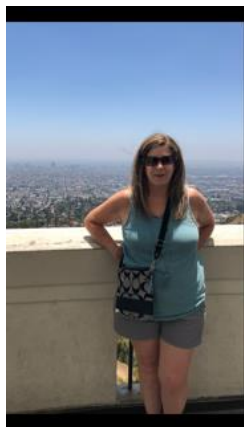
Jacob added, “people like to ask what I do with my free time, I laugh because I haven’t had anything close to that in years! But I wouldn’t want it any other way.”

We’re so happy to have such a recent graduate on our Board. Jacob brings with him energy, insight, and a solid connection to the large number of newer additions to the ranks of Bull Dog Alumni. We look forward to his ongoing and future contributions to the Bull Dog Nation.

Go, Dogs!



Board Profile – Barbara Handt



Barb is an English Teacher at CNHS and a Bull Dog from the Class of 1983 where she participated in gymnastics. (Her mom, Frances Zapfe, graduated from Columbus High School in 1955!)

After high school Barb studied at Ball State University, earning a Bachelor’s degree (1987) in English Education with a minor in French. She received a Master’s Degree in Education from Nova University (2002) and is currently pursuing a second Master’s Degree (English) from Indiana University.

At CNHS since 1994, she has taught all levels in grades 9-12 and is currently teaching Sophomore Accelerated, Junior American Literature, electives, and IU dual credit classes (W131 and L202). Some of her favorite courses to teach are writing and British Literature. In addition to teaching, she is test center supervisor for the SAT and ACT tests held at North and helps with the Bull Dog Pantry. Founded by Libby Arthur and funded by Gleaner’s food bank, the pantry is now in its fourth year of operation; and Barb has helped with the pantry since it opened at North. About twice a month the doors are opened for students and community members.

Besides the Bull Dog Alumni Association Board, Barb has volunteered with the President’s Advisory

Committee at Ball State University, St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus, Girl Scouting (as a parent volunteer), and for Jody’s Gymnastics Center.

Barb’s daughter, Rachel, was a cheerleader, gymnast, and band member (flute) at CNHS (2007). Barb recalls many happy years attending Rachel’s games and competitions! Rachel earned a Doctorate in Physical Therapy in 2016 from Indiana University and completed a residency at the University of Southern California in 2017-18. She currently teaches in the DPT program at IU and works at IU Health.

Being inside for so much of her work, Barb likes to be outdoors when she can where a favorite activity is working in her flower gardens. She moved to a different house just a year ago, so she is still trying to make it feel like home. She likes to take long walks and chat with neighbors; and when she has a couple of free hours, she enjoys antiquing.

Her three sisters live in Indiana, so she enjoys watching the nieces and nephews in their events. One niece (Megan) is a freshman at CNHS and another (Sara) is a junior at CSA. A nephew Matt is a sophomore at IU where Barb enjoys watching him play drums at basketball games. Barb also loves to read and is always game to try something by a new author. This year the Alumni Association helped fund a visit to CNHS from the Indiana Poet Laureate, Adrian Matejka, which was a great treat for the kids.

Hedy asked Barb to help at some Alumni events (where she graciously and energetically did so); and before she knew what had hit her, she was on the Alumni Board! Barb says, “I am happy to be a part of this organization, and I appreciate the opportunity to give back to the school that has given so many great memories to me and to my family”.

And we’re thrilled to have her with us!



Bill Stultz Retiring

Bill Stultz, who has led Columbus North Band programs for over 30 years, is retiring at the end of May. During his tenure, the band has performed at high-profile events like the Rose Parade and presidential inauguration. They have recently also completed a tour of Italy.

Mr. Stultz was recently quoted in The Republic – "... It's not a job. Maybe a love? Maybe a passion? I just enjoy what I do."



Walking the hallways in the music wing of CNHS, the marching band plaques and memorabilia you see paint a small picture of what he has meant to the band program and provide a hint at the number of lives he has touched during his tenure here.

Maybe the best way to send him off and wish him well in his future endeavors is to share messages we recently received from him:

>>> *William Stultz 03/04/19 8:17 AM* >>>

This past Saturday all three of the Columbus North Jazz Ensembles performed at the ISSMA Jazz Contest.

Congrats to all three Jazz Ensembles as they all received **Gold Ratings** with Jazz I scoring high enough to earn a "With Distinction Award". Also 13 Solo Awards between the three groups.

One Proud Director!!

>>> *William Stultz 03/11/19 6:50 AM* >>>

To All;

Great Performance by our **eleven** Indiana All-State Band Members as they performed with the All-State Bands at Purdue University yesterday.

One Proud Director!!

All State Members:

- Flutes** - Dariana Chavez, Nya Croft
- Clarinets** - Hyrum Croft, Miyu Fujiwara, Morgen Herndon
- Bass Clarinet** - Aishwarya Pattel
- French Horn** - Julia Deak
- Trombones** - Eli Heichelbech, Parke Lee
- Euphonium** - Nickolas Cooksey
- Percussion** - Joey Zhao

>>> *William Stultz 03/14/19 7:32 AM* >>>

To All: We have a group of Band, Choir and Color Guard traveling to Italy tomorrow to perform in the cities of Venice , Rome and Florence. Should be an outstanding history lesson for these students as they tour historical buildings, churches and sculptures of these cities.

One Proud and Excited Director

**It's not all about the music ---
it's about LIFE!!
THANK YOU, Mr. STULTZ!!**



Choir

There's also good news from the choral department, according to Alex Baker, Choir Director.

Columbus North had very successful performances at a recent competition in Anderson. Both North Stars along with Debuteens and Music Men finished in second place in their divisions. Additionally, Debuteens and Music Men qualified for the finals round of performances and received two caption awards for best vocal.

Congratulations to both these teams on their hard work this season!

Brown Music Winners

Columbus North High School seniors **Alex Farrar** and **Julia Iorio** won first-place honors in the 2019 Brown Music Competition held at First Christian Church.

Farrar, playing the alto saxophone, placed first in the Betty F. Brown Awards for Instrumental Excellence, performing "Prelude, Cadence, et Finale" by Desenclos.

Iorio, a mezzo, earned first place in the Anna Newell Brown Awards for Vocal Excellence, singing "Mandoline" by Faurè and "The Lonesome Dove" by Weill.

Both Farrar and Iorio will receive a college scholarship in the amount of \$3,500.

Eli Heichelbech received a second-place award of \$2,000. Heichelbech performed "Morceau Symphonique" by Guilmant on trombone. Third-place honors of \$500 were shared by Justin Thayer, French horn, performing "Concerto No. 1 in Eb major, Op. 11" by Strauss; John Jackson, clarinet, performing "Allegro from Concerto for Clarinet, Op. 36, by Krommer; and Amanda Wissmann, piano, performing "Rhapsody Op. 79, No. 2" by Brahms.

In the senior vocal competition, Rosa Hernandez and Leah Rodriguez tied for the second-place award, each receiving \$1,250. Hernandez, alto, performed "Voi Che Sapete" by Mozart and "When I Have Sung My Songs" by Charles. Rodriguez, a mezzo, performed "Beau Soir" by Debussy and "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion" by Handel. Alexis Parker, mezzo, received the third-place award of \$600 for her performances of "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" by Myers and "Der Nussbaum" by Schumann. Elise Beverly, mezzo, performing "Nymphs and Shepherds" by Purcell and "Caro Mio Ben" by Giordani, earned the fourth-place award of \$400.

Eight seniors competed in the instrumental competition, and five seniors participated in the vocal competition.

In the sophomore and junior competitions, eight instrumentalists and 13 vocalists competed for scholarships for music lessons or music camps. Underclassmen winners were:

Instrumentalists: Erica Song, receiving a \$1,000 award; Gabrielle Lifferth, receiving an \$800 award; and Minjung Kim and Dariana Chavez, receiving \$600 awards.

Vocalists: Grant Jackson, receiving a \$1,000 award; Pranav Venkataraman, receiving a \$600 award; Molly Nelson, receiving a \$500 award; and Allison Parker, Erica Song and Eden Zaborowski, receiving \$300 awards.

KUDOS FOR THE ACHIEVEMENTS!

True Blue!



Grace Wang Earns Writing Awards

From Katherine Stahl in the English Department:

Hi Everyone,

It is my pleasure to announce that **Grace Wang** is the recipient of not one, not two, but **THREE** National Medals in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition.

Grace earned medals for her work in the following categories: personal essay/memoir, poetry, and flash fiction.

Please take a moment to congratulate Grace if you see her. She is a brilliant but humble young woman!

(Editors Note: We examined the list of national medalists; and, from our review, we saw only two other students who received Gold Medals in three different writing categories! Wow!!)



2019 Top Ten

This year marked a first in the annals of CNHS. The Top Ten graduating seniors were all female!! You can see this group of extraordinary young ladies pictured below.



They are:

First row: Suzanne Ward, Juli Soda, Julia Iorio, Amanda Wissmann, Augustina Fainguersch

Second row: Claire Kim, Hannah Blair, Anna Holle, Abbey Landini, Alexandria Munnicha

VERY

COOL!



How's your Bull Dog History IQ?

Do you know the answer to the following questions?

- How many facilities have been home to high school?
- When was the first game in Memorial Gymnasium?
- When were the first classes held in what is now the CNHS building?
- When did we have our first dedicated high school building? Our first dedicated vocational facility?
- What was the first club organized at high school? And when was it formed?
- How did the *Log* get its name?
- When was *The Triangle* first published?
- How many state championships (team and individual) have been garnered by Bull Dogs over the years?
- Since 1872's first graduating class, have we ever had a year without a graduation ceremony?
- What was the best class in school history? Oh! --- That might not be in the book!! ☺
- What was the nickname of the first girls basketball team?
- When did the high school have its first pool?
- Was *The Triangle* the first school paper?
- What was the cost of the first *Log*?
- Who blew up the Chemistry Lab in the '50s?
- How many graduates were in the first graduating class?
- During what decade was the Prom first mentioned?

These and other morsels of information just might be found in the new book:

The Story of CHS / CNHS: *150 Years*

This book is a collaborative effort by several alumni and former BCSC staff to create the first printed history book of our school. These folks have worked for the past several months researching many areas of the school's history.

This effort contains content divided into the following sections:

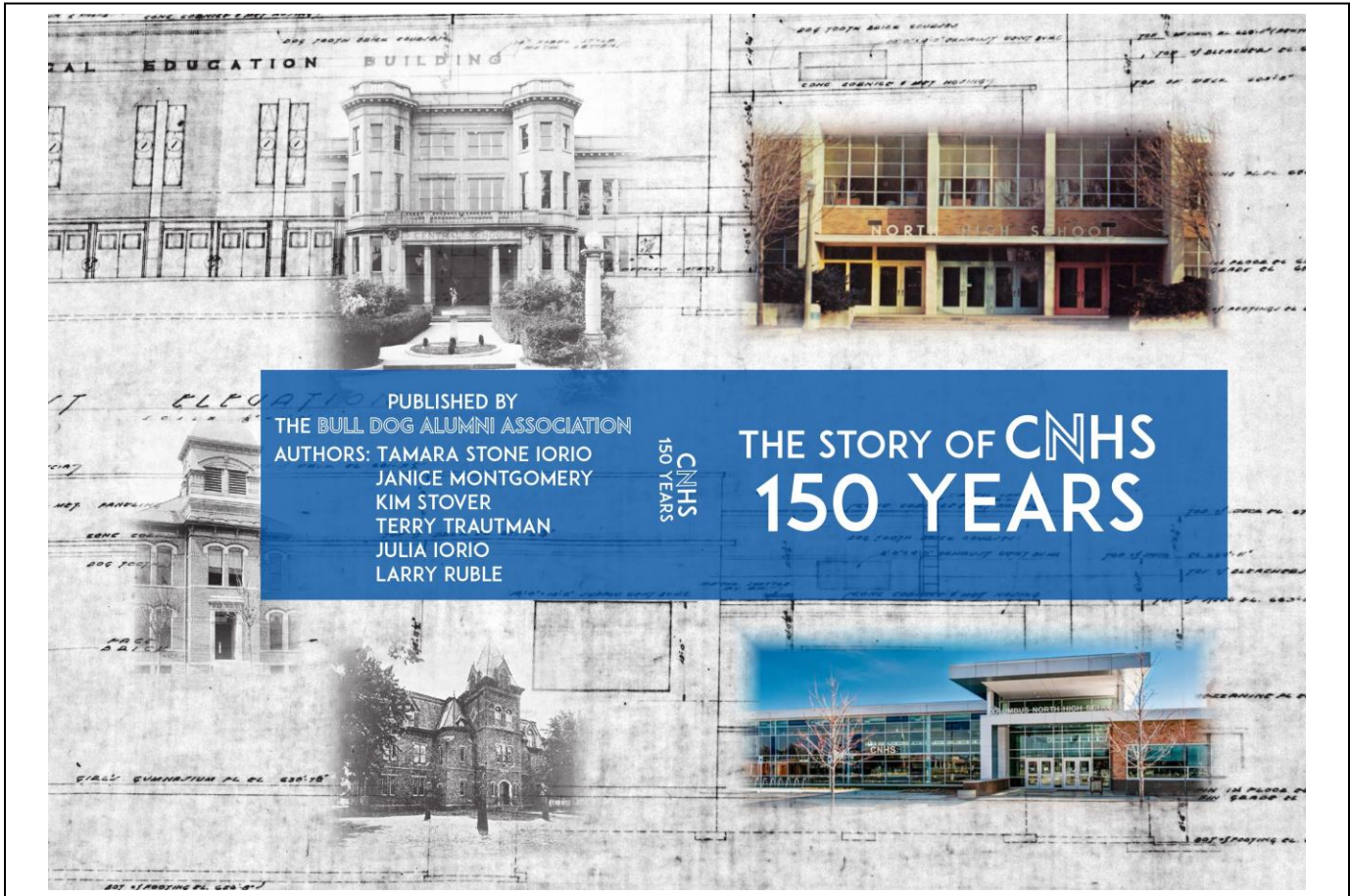
- **Facilities:** Where It All Happened
- **Academics:** Inside the Classroom
- **Faculty:** The Gatekeepers
- **Student Life:** The Halls are Alive
- **Athletics:** The Thrill of Victory
- **Other Sports:** Going the Extra Mile
- **Performing Arts:** In the Spotlight
- **Publications & Media:** Let's Communicate
- **Alumni:** Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow

Not intended to be a comprehensive history (but rather a springboard to such a history), this coffee table style volume **will be on sale beginning May 10** (at the American Pie Concert).

It will also be on sale at the Gala Reunion on May 11 where the authors will be in attendance to reminisce, discuss, and sign a copy we hope you purchase!!

You can check out the book's cover (along with getting a taste of the design capabilities of some current Bull Dog students) on the next page.

Final question: When will you buy your copy?



The cover above was designed by three current Bull Dogs:

Anna Kelley
Annie Tran
Salomé Cloteaux

We're so proud of these young ladies and thrilled at how their work reflects the quality of the creative, educational, and technical efforts exhibited each day at CNHS!

Mostly, we're very thankful they agreed to be a part of the creation of this history!



Reunion Season Coming Soon!

It won't be long until the Reunion Season is upon us!

At this point, we know of four classes that already have reunions on the calendar. They are:

- **1959 60th** – July 26-27
- **1964 55th** – October 5
- **1969 50th** – September 13-14
- **1959 Undefeated Football Team Reunion** – September 6
- **1974 45th** – September 7
- **1979 40th** – July 26-27

Do you know of others? '89? '94? '99? If so, please let us know! We'll add your reunion to our website event & reunion calendars and our Facebook page, as well as making an announcement on our website.

You can always check out any known reunion info that's been shared with us at the following links to our website:

[Scheduled Reunions](#)

[Upcoming Events](#)

Reunion assistance can be found at:

[Reunion Resource Page](#)

The strength of ANY alumni organization is the ability and willingness of its members to stay connected and build community! It happens one class at a time!



Interested in Joining Our Team?

The Bull Dog Alumni Association is always looking for creative, energetic, and giving alums to help lead us into our next chapters!

- Are you interested in being a part of something much larger than yourself?
- Would you like to partner with our wonderful high school and all the great staff, students, and alumni that makes CNHS what it is today and what it can be tomorrow?
- Can you see yourself getting excited about helping the school grow and excel as it begins its next 150 years?

As we review where we've been and where we're going, we know some of the next members of our committed team are reading this newsletter. Could you be THE one?



Check out the list on the next page. Does it sound like you could make a difference?

If so, please let us know! We would love to get you more connected and enable you to use your unique skillset to help power the Bull Dog Nation!

So... Come and join us!



Areas of need

- **History** – Our new book we mentioned is just the beginning. Organization and compilation of our comprehensive and ongoing history is up next. We don't want to wait another 150 years to get this done!
- **Archives** – In conjunction with our history, we have many archival objects to catalog and preserve for future use. Nostalgia can be a great energizer and often provides inspiration for that next great idea!
- **Communications** – Keeping the Bull Dog Nation informed and energized is a huge task, but we can leverage technology to do just that. Do you have skills in web design / development / maintenance? Social media skills? Writing and compilation of publication of newsletters, brochures, etc.?
- **Building Community** – The Bull Dog Nation doesn't just happen. Can you help us build community and stay connected as graduating classes, school organizations, interest groups, and beyond? Assisting classes with finding ever-more-mobile classmates and helping to create and maintain a comprehensive database of alumni is one goal we would like to pursue more ambitiously in the very near future.
- **Engagement** – The success of most organizations is generally aligned with how well the limited human, creative, and financial resources are utilized. Channeling energy, properly investing our human and financial capital, and helping to continually re-energize the organization is a key.

THANKS
TO ALL
FOR A
GREAT
150th
YEAR!





150th Anniversary Review

Wow! It has been a great year of celebration thus far (review some pictures below), but don't forget the **Bull Dog Gala Reunion** – IT'S ALMOST TIME!! ... See next page!

The Four Freshmen



Veterans Memorial Dedication



Chuck Taylor Night at North-East Game



150th Day of School of 150th Year



Bull Dog Exhibit at Bartholomew County Historical Society



Check out the high school memorabilia exhibit at the Bartholomew County Historical Society on 3rd St. until mid-May: <http://bartholomewhistory.org/>



150th Anniversary Gala Reunion

Events like this only happen once every 150 years, so none of us has any experience with it!! We really hope it can become the big deal it deserves to be! We do know one thing --- each person in attendance makes it a bigger deal!! That means that it is now squarely on all our shoulders! We'll do our parts, and we're counting on each of you to do yours. Thanks in advance for your support!!

Stick a note on your fridge, put an entry in your Daily Planner, and plug into your e-calendars:

May 11th
5PM-10PM
Mill Race Center

But most importantly, get your registration in the mail!! You can download your registration form and information at:

<https://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/150th-anniversary-gala-reunion/>

Simply supply the requested information for you and any guest, and then send it with your payment to the address supplied. It promises to be a great evening!!

If you have questions, please direct them to your Bull Dog Alumni Association at our [Contact Us Page](#).

Special Thanks to our Sponsors:

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Have Another Piece of Pie!

Please mark your calendars for the **American Pie concert on May 10**. Last year was supposed to be the finale for Ed Niespodziani; but when he heard about the plans for the 150th celebration, he said he would be back for another year!



Ticket sales are historically brisk and will probably begin around the preceding Monday. Watch our website and Facebook page for actual dates. This will be a great show!!



IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT EVENING!!

(American Pie photos Courtesy of [The Republic](#))



Bull Dog Connections

Check out the website for the CNHS Media department & students:

<http://cnhsmedia.com/>

Check out the school newspaper (Yep, it's still called *The Triangle*, even if it might look a little different!) at:

<http://issuu.com/cnhsmedia.com>

You can see and listen to the school's videos & daily announcements given by the students at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cnhsmedia>

Twitter account for CNHS Media:

<https://twitter.com/cnhsmedia?lang=en>

Twitter Account for Bull Dog Athletics:

<https://twitter.com/cnhsbulldogs?lang=en>

Erne Auditorium Instagram Account page:

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/1840985742880928/judson-erne-auditorium-at-columbus-north-high-school/>

Bull Dog Connections

Columbus North Athletics Page – Great page dealers with all the Bull Dog athletic teams:

<https://columbusnorthathletics.org/>

Bull Dog Alumni Association on the web

Website:

<http://www.columbusnorthalumni.org/>

Join us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/columbusnorthalumni>

Twitter account:

https://twitter.com/BullDog_Alumni

Email to:

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in our next True Blue?
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