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CHAGRIN FALLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

I am hoping that all of our alumni and friends are doing as well as they can be during this difficult year. We were preparing for the spring issue of the Tiger Tales before school was shut down. The past four issues had been published by our CFHS newspaper class. With a little uncertainty of being able to have the class tackle this issue, we decided that I would put it together. The online program does not have all the bells and whistles the program we have at school. Naturally, I am not nearly as technology oriented as our students. Hopefully you can look past a little more of the basic look for we have a lot to share with you.

We know that schools across the country are dealing with reopening in a variety of manners. At this time here is what Chagrin is doing. Cuyahoga County students will attend school in the morning, while Geauga County students attend in the afternoon. The other half of the day students will be doing virtual work. This is done four days a week. Depending on the school building the fifth day is done virtually in some manner. As you know we have a dedicated staff at Chagrin that will make the best of the situation. Naturally the schools are looking a little different to be properly prepared for a safe and healthy environment for our students.

On behalf of the CFAA, I would like to thank all the alumni that have been essential during this period. It is humbling to see so many fellow Tigers put themselves at risk for all of us.

We look forward to getting back to normal. We are hoping that we can see one another soon and celebrate Blossom, the Hall of Fame, and reunions in 2021.

Keep the Tiger Pride Alive!

Brian McKenna '88

Alumni Director

ANNUAL ALL-CLASS REUNION IN FLORIDA

In life timing is everything and this phrase certainly rang true for the 2020 CFHS all class reunion in Lakewood Ranch, Florida. As Yogi Berra once said "You don't have to swing hard to hit a home run. If you got timing it'll go." And this years reunion was a home run with impeccable timing. Fifty Alumni and friends were able to gather on Saturday March 7th before the threat of the covid 19 virus to safely visit and reminisce about our school years in Chagrin Falls. Following a catered lunch a short program was presented **Suzie Sutton Wright '62** on the history and present status of the CFHS Hall of Fame. Four Hall of Famers were in attendance ; **Ken Lauterer '56**, **Reed Carpenter '62'** **Suzie Sutton Wright 62'** and **Tom Martinko '74**. Memory books of recent inductions were shared and all present were encouraged to join the Alumni Association which helps to support this event. Reed Carpenter also elaborated on the Save Grove Hill project and Tom Martinko spoke about the upcoming campsign to reestablish the victory bell at the high school football field. **Jim Fitz '58** sold raffle tickets for Chagrin memorabilia raising \$185.00 for the Alumni Association and \$100.00 was donated to the victory bell project. Thank you to Gary Palmer 58' Drone Ohio and Suzie Sutton Wright for raffle items. Many thanks to class reps for sharing information and also to Chagrin graduates who live in Lakewood Ranch.

This reunion is about staying connected and supporting CF schools. We are hoping loyalty makes a difference and no matter what is happening in our lives or the world "things past belong to a memory alone..but things future are property of hope." We are striving to Keep Tiger Pride Alive. Please follow us on FB All Class Reunion Florida CFHS, look for future articles in the Tiger Tales or contact us by email reedatplay@gmail.com, sueandjim370@roadrunner.com wsuzannebg@yahoo.com

1ST ANNUAL CFAA EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

The CFAA held the First Annual Chagrin Falls Euchre Tournament on 2/22/20, at Chagrin Falls Township Hall. The event with over 100 players was SOLD OUT prior to the event and was wildly successful. 50 teams of players vied for the \$400.00 purse, joined the 50/50 raffle and enjoyed locally crafted beer from the Crooked Pecker Brewing Company. Chaired by **Andrew Weingart '96** and MC'd by **BJ Koval '03** the tournament lasted long into the night. CFAA plans to hold the second annual event in 2021, in the meantime, you can support CFAA by purchasing CFAA Logo playing cards for \$10.00 plus postage.



Enjoying the Euchre Tournament are **Jeff Gips '90**, **Brent Luce '88**, and Bill Koval.

History of Chagrin Falls

John Bourisseau '64 is President of the Chagrin Falls Historical Society Board of Trustees. The past two months he has shared the history of our community in a series of articles published in the Chagrin Valley Times. We would like to thank him for letting us share it as well. This is the first article of the series.

Over the past few weeks, the Chagrin Falls Historical Society has received numerous inquiries regarding the history of Chagrin Falls, Chagrin Falls Park and the Park School. Chagrin Falls students, former students, village residents past and present, have emailed or called, not to mention all the traffic on social media. One concerned student posed a whole series of excellent questions to be addressed, stating that before they took action, they wanted to have accurate information.

Accurate reporting of history is important. What is happening now is that a great deal of the narrative being put forth is both inaccurate and inflammatory. Over the next few weeks, we will address some of the historical issues that are being raised.

In the early 1950s Chagrin Falls resident Judge William K. Thomas, who at the time was a Geauga County Common Pleas judge, along with the Rev. John Townsend and the Chagrin Falls Junior Women's Club were instrumental in developing and getting funding for the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center. In 1952, the women's club applied for and received a grant from the Kroger Co. for \$10,000 to help fund their projects in the community park. Their project was entitled "Build Freedom with Youth." Many residents of Chagrin Falls were cognizant of the condition of those who lived in the community park and put forth much effort to try and help.

A few years after the development of the community park center, Judge Thomas was having dinner with friends where he expressed disbelief that some people were still pushing the false narrative that the county line and school boundaries were redrawn to exclude Chagrin Falls Community Park. This local icon of social justice was exasperated that these rumors persisted.

In 2013, former Chagrin Valley Times Editor David Lange wrote about this same issue following the publication of a book by a former community park resident A. Hitchcock, who pressed the same false narrative. In 2016, a doctoral student at Cleveland State University produced an interesting and insightful thesis about students growing up in the community park. Unfortunately, she restated the false narrative from the unsourced Hitchcock book to draw some of her conclusions.

Full disclosure, growing up in Chagrin Falls in the early 1960s, this is the narrative that I believed.

The official record

Here is the historical record. Chagrin was settled in 1833. By 1840 the town was exploding due to the development of a variety of industries. One of the issues these early residents faced as they moved toward becoming a village, was that the county line ran

right through the center of town. About half of what eventually became Chagrin Falls was in Orange Township, with the other half being in Russell Township. Picture standing at what is now Step-In, in 1840, you would be standing in Cuyahoga County, but all of Triangle Park, and everything to the East, would be in Geauga County. A proposal to the State Legislature was made for a land swap between the two counties. Cuyahoga County would get a 900-acre parcel of Geauga County in Russell Township and Geauga would get 900 acres of Cuyahoga County in Orange Township. This swap actually took place in 1841. The county lines had two protrusions, Russell Township west into Orange Township and Orange Township east into Russell Township. In 1843, Russell Township decided they did not like the 900 acres they got in the swap (there was not enough good farmland) so they gave it back. Orange Township kept their 900 and Chagrin Falls was able to be developed as a unified community.

This piece of history is taught to all Chagrin Fall High School students who take government.

Chagrin Falls Park

The education of students who live in Chagrin Falls Park has always been the responsibility of Bainbridge Township. School district boundaries have never been altered or redrawn to exclude Chagrin Falls Park.

Chagrin Falls Park (the name given to it by the original developers) began its development in the 1920s, 80 years after the land swap. By the mid-1930s, children in the community park were being transported to the Bainbridge Centralized School on Chillicothe Road near where Bainbridge Township Hall is located today. The community park is located in Bainbridge Township. In 1936, a group of park residents petitioned the Bainbridge Township Board of Education to build a school in the park for the 20 or so students who resided there. The school district complied and in 1937 a K-8 one-room schoolhouse was built. This was not without controversy in the community. There were concerns at the time about de facto segregation, and as the student population grew, so did the controversy. In July of 1946, an article in the Call and Post (a weekly newspaper for the African American community in Cleveland) outlined a lawsuit being filed by the NAACP against the Bainbridge Township school district to eliminate the 'Jim Crow' School in the Park. One of the attorneys of record for the NAACP was future Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. The schools were not re-integrated until the 1960s.

Much of the narrative on the schools is taken from a history of Chagrin Falls Park written in 1986 by Andy Wiese. His history is a remarkable document developed through research and interviews with more than 40 park residents. There are two copies at the Chagrin Falls Historical Society available for review. Mr. Wiese is a professor in the history department of San Diego State University.

CLASS & REUNION NOTES

In spite of how 2020 has put a damper on reunions, it did spur on a number of virtual reunions. It was terrific to hear how some alumni were gathering online to reminisce and catch up with one another. Below are tentative reunion plans for many classes. Plan B for some will be meeting virtually.

The **Class of '61** is working out plans for their 60 year reunion. It will take place next year (2021), *if it looks safe to travel*. Timing to be determined. Options are Memorial Day weekend, September, or sometime in between. Otherwise, 61 will celebrate 61 in 22. A call to all classmates: please be sure either Bill (parlin_bill@yahoo.com) (114 Hamlin T Lane Altamonte Springs, FL 32714) (207-691-9842) or Karin (knutskogen@mac.com) (258 Bentleyville Rd, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022) (440-476-5563) has your current contact information!

The CFHS **Class of 1970** is rescheduling their 50th Class Reunion due to the current covid-19 situation. The 50 + 1 Reunion is being planned for the weekend of July 23, 24 and 26th, 2021. Yes, events all three days! Local classmates will still be meeting throughout the fall to update plans for next year's reunion. We will continue to be contacting classmates via email and making postings on our Facebook page. Classmates, please stay in contact with us. But we are requesting your help. We want any up to date/current email address for you and any other classmates you are in contact with. Please send this information to **Darrell Johnson at commish94@aol.com**. Please don't think that another classmate has sent their contact information. We want to hear from you. Stay tuned!

The **Class of 1971** will be having their 50th reunion over Memorial Day Weekend 2021. Friday night will be at the All-Class Reunion at Town Hall, while Saturday night will be at Village Martini and Wine Bar. Questions? Ruth or Gail on Facebook, or ruthcav@cebridge.net.

The **Class of 1986** will be celebrating their 35 year reunion over Blossom Weekend 2021 (May 28 - 31). Anyone interested in joining the reunion committee is welcome to participate. We can use your help even if you are not local. Please contact Tom Williams at tj_williams@sbcglobal.net or call at his cell at (440) 552-7011 if you want to help and to make sure we have your correct contact information. Please visit our class Facebook group at "CF Class of 86" for more information. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion!

The **Class of 1991** will be having their 30th reunion on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at the Chagrin Falls Historical Society. Please reach out to one of the reunion committee members to update your contact info: Laura Wurster Jones joneslau@windstream.net, Sally Florkiewicz Gallik sflork@hotmail.com, Jeremy Fow jtfow@earthlink.net or John Meyer john@johncharlesmeyer.com

The **Class of 1996** will be celebrating their 25-year reunion over Blossom Weekend 2021 (May 28 - 31). Please email Julie (Ferlito) DiMatteo at julie.dimatteo@gmail.com to make sure she has your contact information. Join our class Facebook Group "Chagrin Falls High School Class of 1996" for more information!

The **Class of 2000** plans to celebrate our 21th reunion over Blossom Weekend 2021. Event details are still in the works. For more information visit the CFHS Class of 2000 Facebook page or contact Lisa (Laufik) Nelson at LML113@yahoo.com.

The **Class of 2006** is tentatively planning for a 15 year reunion over Blossom Weekend 2021. Please email Grant Monda (grant.monda@gmail.com) or Michael Hermanson (mhermanson4@gmail.com) with your latest contact information. They are also looking for classmates to join in on the planning if you are interested.



Standing: • Mark Laderer '62 • Reed Carpenter '62 • Stacy Laderer • Jim Pierce '62 • Diana Lambert • Ron Brooks '62
Tom Florkiewicz father of 'TJ' Florkiewicz '88 • Barb Nye Cameron '63 • Sally Florkiewicz mother of 'TJ' Florkiewicz '88
Dave Polen • Ken Lauterer '56 • Bruce Bird' 58 • Bob Huber • Carolyn Groth Huber '59 • Jim Fitz' 58
Ellen Langstaff Bissett '65 • Karen Swaye Blewitt '65 • Tom Martinko '74 • Julie Keck Thrasher '55 • Deborah Martinko
Ed Eloff '75 • Larry Welker '65 • Dave Barry '65 • Mary Barry • Chip Morril '67 • Cay Lambert • Curly Payne '62
Bill Szitar '59 • Bob Lambert' 57 • Rob Sickling '65 • Bob Mayberry '62
Seated: • John Lambert '62 • Sheila Bird • Rita Boslaugh Walker '64 • Marilyn Fluitt Lambert '63
Suzanne Sutton Wright '62 • Kathy Conley Polen '71 • Kathy Conley Polen '71 • Sue Fitz
Ann Sherman-Swartz '83 • Janet Carpenter • Doug Thomas '65

DO YOU REMEMBER

PACT (Parents Action for Career Teachers); the Little Red Schoolhouse; field trip to the Cleveland Orchestra; watching WVIZ in the classroom; 10th grade class “Education for Living”; classes in shop, foods and typing; Advanced Placement; Key Club; Baccalaureate; marching band; driver’s education with Town and Country; walking into town; Blossom time; clap outs, especially the one for those graduating from third grade at Gurney; winter formal; spring musical; your first teacher; Gurney’s “blue bench”; snow days; The Geauga Times Leader; the Cleveland Press; swimming at the Rec Center; Fisher Brothers Grocery Store; Odd Fellows band concert night; Spiece’s Drug Store; Dr. Cameron; Miss Neff; Dr. Curtiss; the Chagrin Banking Company; A & P; Greenway Grocery; Ober Manufacturing Company; the Kite Company; the Chagrin Valley Little Theater; the Popcorn Shop; Adams Bag Factory (later Chase Bag); Henry Church’s blacksmith shop; Masonic Hall; Lowe’s TV; the Interurban; jugs (detentions); Mr. Fry’s “board of education” (the paddle); Your metal lunchbox; Home Economics class; the Drive-In, Tanglewood Theater, Woolworth’s; candy cigarettes; roller skating

BETCHA’ DIDN’T KNOW

Charles S. Bentley was born in Chagrin Falls in 1846. He earned both his B.A. & M.A. at Hillsdale College. He became a lawyer and was elected to the Sixth District Court of Appeals. He retired from the bench in 1895. Two years later he was the founder and first dean of Cleveland Law School, which would later be known as the Cleveland Marshall College of Law. Charles would stay on as a professor and dean until his retirement in 1914.

Hamlin’s Wizard Oil

“There is no Sore it will Not Heal, No Pain it will not Subdue.”



We have over 10,000 graduates from CFHS and even more students that went to Chagrin for at least some of their schooling. In the school board’s first 1850 census, it lists brothers Lysander and John Hamlin. They would make their way on to Chicago and in 1861 began to produce Hamlin’s

Wizard Oil. The liniment claimed to be a cure-all from pain and sore muscles to even cancer. Traveling performance shows would go from town to town in the Midwest touting the abilities of the oil not only on humans, but even with horses and cattle as well.

The liniment was made up of primarily alcohol and also included camphor, ammonia, chloroform, sassafras, cloves, and turpentine. The bottles came in two sizes selling for 35¢ for two ounces and 75¢ for a five ounce bottle. Due to their entertaining travelling medicine shows and colorful ads, Hamlin’s Wizard Oil was one of the most popular patent medicines in the United States a century ago.

If you like the items below, then you will enjoy History of Chagrin Falls Schools, Vol. 1 (1833 - 1960) by Tom Mattern ‘55. You can purchase a copy from the CFAA or at Fireside Book Shop.

“During the American Civil War, Union General Benjamin F. Pritchard was responsible for the capture of the President of the Confederate States of America, Jefferson Davis. Davis was attempting to flee from capture dressed in women’s clothing. General Pritchard was a resident of Chagrin Falls for some years before the Civil War and had attended Reverend Taylor’s ‘select school’ at the Town Hall for a few terms.”

When the Chagrin Falls Schools were officially started in 1849, four teachers were hired at a salary of \$1.50 per week. Their salary was raised to \$2 per week in 1853, while the superintendent received \$8 a week.

How we became the Tigers!

When we first started to participate in athletics we really did not have a nickname. Our colors were orange and black, so we just referred to us as the orange and black. In the fall of 1941 a new nickname, the "Skippies," was adopted during the football season. The name came from a tiny toy fox terrier who was the team mascot.

In the spring of 1946, the newly organized Chagrin Fall Booster Club sponsored an essay contest at the high school to replace the nickname Skippies. The winner was to receive a prize of ten dollars. The class of 1946 had the winner, David Griffith, who wrote his essay naming the new school mascot, "Tiger." He wrote:

A compact and powerful team with plenty of scrap and determination needs a name and colors to match. The tiger provides both the name and the colors for Chagrin's teams. Our traditional orange and black is displayed proudly

by our friend in stripes about his body. With this name for our teams, we can listen with glee to our opponents' shouts of 'Hold that Tiger.'

Not only was the Class of 1960 the first to graduate from the new high school. They were also the class that gave us the original Tiger mascot, Mortimer.

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TOM MATTERN ALUMNI VICTORY BELL

History of the original “Victory Bell”

By Tom Mattern, CFHS Class of 1955, Alumni Director Emeritus

In September 1843, a new school, the Asbury Seminary, opened its doors on the west side of Philomethian Street. In January 1854, a new bell weighing 95 pounds was put into the school's belfry. It remained there until it was taken out and put into the new Chagrin Falls Union School belfry in 1885. The new school building was next to the Asbury Seminary on Philomethian Street. When the 1885 school building was torn down in 1940, the bell was put in storage in the school's boiler room of the new 1940 addition to the 1914 high school building facing E. Washington Street which is the present location of Chagrin Falls Intermediate School. In the early 1960s, after the new high school building and gymnasium were completed at the old fairgrounds on E. Washington Street, the bell was placed inside an outdoor brick structure and used as a “Victory Bell” at the Friday night football games. Sometime before the start of the 1968 football season, the first pilfering of the bell took place. The bell was stolen from its brick structure in front of the gymnasium.

Thanks to Mike Solether '69, we now know how the stolen bell made its way back home after its first theft. Mike writes: “The first recapture of the Chagrin Falls Victory Bell. I can't remember the exact date or complete circumstances for this event, but I do remember the following:

It was the fall of 1968. The Chagrin Falls Tigers were not having a good year on the gridiron. Seems Coach Piai couldn't motivate his players to the level of his past teams. It wasn't that they weren't trying, but the Chagrin Valley Conference was changing. The other communities were growing and we were not.

There had to be something done to revitalize the spirit. Earlier in 1968, our Victory Bell was stolen. Yes, that was it! Find the bell, present it at a pep rally and all would change for the better.

Under the leadership of Ken Melby '69, the investigation began. After a short while it was learned that a band of Solon Comets had taken the bell. Ken had found out the name and address of one of the perpetrators.

One Thursday afternoon after school, the word went out. We were going to bring our bell back home. The football players could do this then, as practice on this day was done under the lights at night.

All who wanted to show a display of force were asked to participate. About 40 people assembled in the senior parking lot. Our destination was a home in the area of Miles and Harper Roads. Let's go!

When we arrived, we stood outside the house. Ken knocked on the door. A sheepish teenager answered the door. A conversation took place. Satisfied, Melby turned and walked down to us. The bell is in a field off Cannon Road.

Here we went again. At the farmhouse, we were greeted with the same result. “The bell is in that field,” the boy said. After a short hike, we found what we were looking for. Mission accomplished!

The next day at the pep rally, the Victory Bell was presented to the high school. We all cheered!

It didn't matter, though. We still lost the game that night. All in all, we only won two games the entire season. But we now had our bell returned to its proper home.

The Victory Bell was again stolen a few years after its return. Then it was up to another class to find it and return it to its proper home. Which they did. Then the bell was taken once again in the fall of 1970. It is thought to have been stolen the week of the West Geauga or Kenston football game. Since then the bell remains gone and lost to history.

The Story of the new Chagrin Falls Alumni Association Tom Mattern Alumni Victory Bell

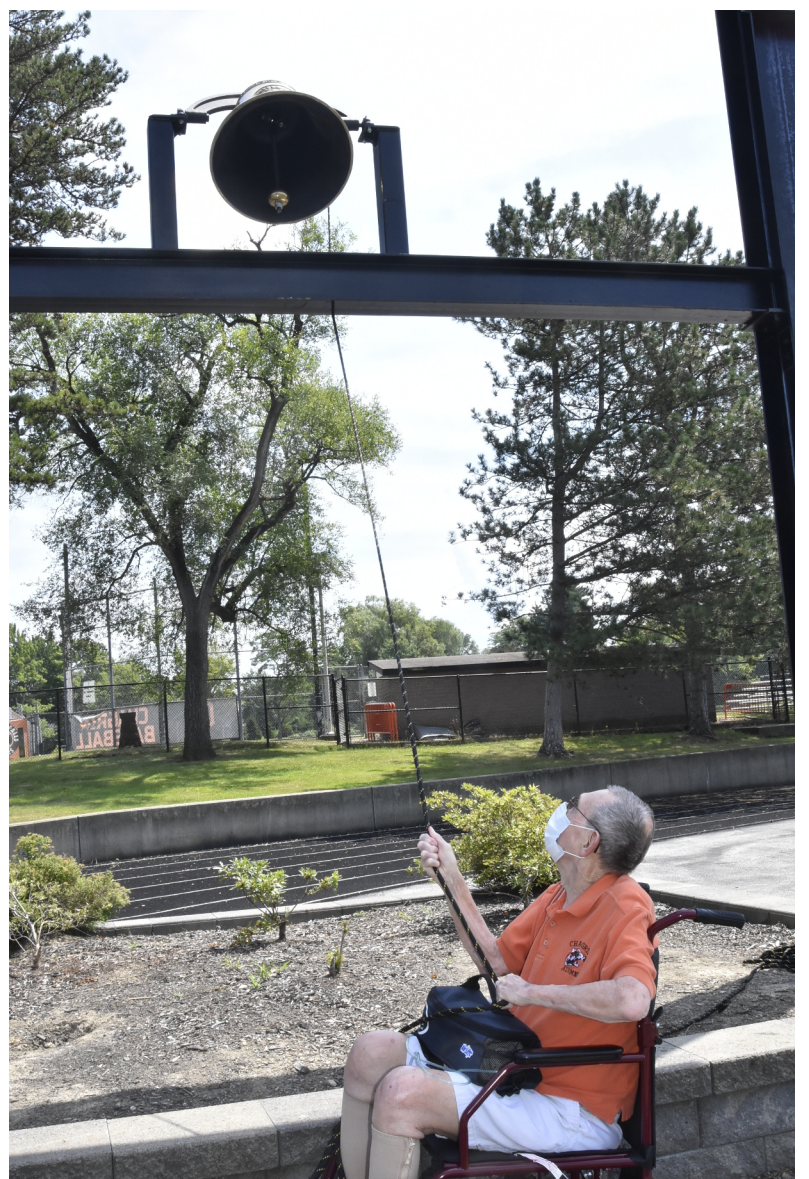


Photos by John Tillotson '72, CFAA Photographer

Through the efforts and generosity of **The Martinko Family (Bob '67, Marilyn '69, Linda '71, Tom '74, Carol '75, Sue '85, & Rick '86)**, C.S. Harris Stadium now has a new "victory bell." We would like to thank in particular Dr. Tom Martinko, who is also a member of our Chagrin Falls Schools Achievement Hall of Fame for his overseeing this project. Another thank you is for a donation from the 2020 Florida All-Class Reunion.

On Aug. 14th, we were able to have a ceremony to christen the new bell with **Tom Mattern '55** being given the honor to be the first to ring it.

The purpose of the ringing of the Chagrin Falls “Victory Bell” will be for students to celebrate a varsity victory in C.S. Harris Stadium. Our student-athletes are to understand that the ringing of the bell will represent honor, achievement, and spirit. Additionally, the bell will be a part of graduation. The bell should ring to start graduation, a reminder of the students' most meaningful triumph. After the ceremony, all seniors are invited to ring the bell once to celebrate their own personal victory of graduating from Chagrin Falls.



WINTER ATHLETICS

Although it was a little while ago, we did want to give a recap of the winter season, which was another terrific season for the Tigers. We had 12 student athletes make it to the state swimming and diving meet. From our girls team, Kate LaMonica finished in 5th place in diving. Our girls 200 medley relay team of Isabella Klug, Libby Bare, Ellen Guddy and Madi Machado finished in 16th place and the 400 free relay team of Isabella Klug, Annie Mills, Madi Machado and Libby Bare qualified for state. Madi also qualified in the 100 back and breast. From the boys team, Keanu Sherman qualified in diving. Our boys 200 medley relay team of Josh Rooney, Michael Tropf, Clark Reboul and John Cashy finished in 6th place. We also had the 400 free relay team of Bobby Munz, Clark Reboul, Zach Muckle and Michael Tropf finish in 9th place. The 200 free relay team of Parker Broz, Michael Tropf, Clark Reboul and John Cashy finished as state runner up. Also John Cashy qualified in the 100 back and 100 butterfly finishing 16th in the back and 15th in the butterfly. Clark Reboul qualified and finished 4th in the state in the 50 free. John Cashy was named CVC MVP. Our boys basketball team won the CVC conference. The girls basketball team, hockey team, wrestling team and gymnastics team had good seasons. Thank you to the 38 winter seniors who have dedicated themselves to their winter sport the past four years. Beth Sonnhalter, our swimming and diving coach, was named CVC Boys Coach of the Year. Dave Bargar was named the CVC Boys Basketball Coach of the Year. Not only was it a successful season on the field of play, but also in the classroom. Thirty student-athletes were named to the CVC AllAcademic Team. In order to be named to the CVC All-Academic Team you must be a senior, have a 3.25 Cum GPA, and lettered twice in your sport.

A Classmate's Memories of Tim Conway '52

By Florence Brichford Bras '52 and Diane Bras

I graduated from Chagrin Falls High School with our most famous Tiger, Tim (formerly Tom) Conway, who died in May 2019 at age 85. Younger graduates may know him as the voice of “Barnacle Boy” from SpongeBob SquarePants, but his classmates first saw him on national TV in McHale’s Navy and later as a regular on The Carol Burnett Show. If you have never seen it before, put down the paper, go to YouTube and search for “Tim Conway dentist skit.” It’s classic Conway and it’s very hard to not laugh out loud once he starts stabbing himself with the novocaine by accident; his co-star, Harvey Korman, can’t keep a straight face.

My family moved to Chagrin Falls when I was in 4th grade. Tom and I lived on different sides of town so I didn’t know him very well, but we were not a very large class (52 graduates in the class of 1952) so of course we were acquainted.

In 8th grade, we were both in Miss Voelker’s English Class at Chagrin Falls Elementary School. Miss Voelker was usually a music teacher but this time she was teaching an English class. Tom sat in the middle of the front row. He was smaller than average at that age. Miss Volker had a habit of standing right in front of Tom’s desk for much of the class. On the occasions when other students were acting up in the back of the class, Miss Voelker would take it out on Tom. She would grab Tom by his shoulders, lift him a few inches out of his seat, and shake him, red-faced and yelling. I guess she didn’t like teaching English very much. Teachers certainly couldn’t get away with that today, and I think that’s a good thing.

Tom was an all-around nice guy. (Think Tom Hanks.) He was kind and pleasant to everyone, never got in trouble, never rude to anyone. He loved horses--his father worked with horses in Gates Mills. He also played many sports; I remember seeing him play basketball and football--he wasn’t very big but with his spirit and determination, he was a valuable member of the sports teams. People have often asked me if he was funny when we were kids in school. That started in our last year. During senior year, Tom took a public speaking class and he just blossomed. Everyone was suddenly saying, “What happened to Tom? How did he get so funny?” His senior yearbook photo names him as the class comedian--which those of us who knew him from 4th grade and earlier would not have expected!

After we graduated we went our separate ways (he went to Bowling Green University and I went to Kent State). We crossed paths around 1957 in San Francisco. My husband and I were dating and he took me out to the Red Garter, a popular nightspot in North Beach. We walked into the packed room and suddenly someone yelled “FLO!” from the other side of the room and started waving. It was Tom! We met up in the middle of the room--he told us that he was in the Army, in the entertainment division, and offered us tickets to a show he was doing the next night at the Presidio. We went and enjoyed the show along with all the soldiers.

The next time I saw him was at our 20 year reunion, at the Metropolitan Park in Chagrin Falls. He brought his whole family, his wife and six children. Some local children were playing outside the picnic shelter and recognized him. When the star-struck kids were brought to his attention, he kindly went and spoke with them for a bit, which must have been very exciting for them.

I heard news about Tom over the years second-hand because our classmate Rhea Collier stayed in touch with him. When Tom got his first big acting job, on McHale’s Navy, he decided to change his name to Tim because there was already a Tom Conway in Hollywood. I will always think of him as Tom, though!

Somewhere around 2000, my husband and I were vacationing in Oahu, at the Hawaiian Village Hotel. We met a couple from Chicago who hadn’t done anything but sit at the pool. We told them to meet us for breakfast and we would go to the Hilton Kahala, which is fun because you could sometimes see a celebrity. No sooner had we sat down then the husband said, “Wow, there’s a celebrity there! It’s Tim Conway!” I leaped out of my chair and said, “Tom!” He was seated about three or four tables away. I went over and said hello and introduced myself to his wife and we chatted for a few moments. When they left a little while later, they stopped by our table and talked to us all for a few minutes. Lots of excitement for the couple from Chicago--It just goes to show you there can be a lot more to a Hawaii vacation than sitting around by the pool.

Tom put Chagrin Falls on the map when he was on the Carol Burnett Show by mentioning it on the show several times over the years. Chagrin Falls can be proud that it’s most famous son brought joy and laughter to millions for over 50 years.

The author, Florence Brichford Bras, would love to hear from classmates at jfbras@pacbell.net.

HAINES AND MILLS CROWNED TOP DEBATERS IN COUNTRY

Our Speech & Debate program turns out tremendous results year in and year out. However, this year the Speech and Debate program had to turn to competing in virtual competitions. This did not slow down seniors Maggie Mills and Sasha Haines. After several tournaments and dozens of rounds they have made their way to the top and have been crowned NATIONAL CHAMPIONS in Public Forum. It is the first National Championship in Chagrin Falls history in Speech & Debate. A congratulations also go out to their coaches Corinne Midlik, Ken Kasee, and Rich Haber.

Below is an article from the School.

Haines and Mills crowned top debaters in country

By Charlene Paparizos (Chagrin Falls Schools Communications Director)

Four-year Chagrin Falls High School public forum debate partners, seniors Sasha Haines and Maggie Mills, won the public forum debate national championship on June 19. The National Speech & Debate Association held their weeklong tournament online this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sasha and Maggie debated in 16 rounds before advancing to the final round against the team of Erick and Schmitter-Emerson from Campbell Hall School in Los Angeles, California.

“Haines and Mills have been together from the beginning and

have seen as much as any debaters could dream of seeing,” said adviser Ken Kasee.

The future trajectory of their debating career was clear almost immediately, according to Chagrin schools.

Sasha and Maggie were the first team in the history of Chagrin Falls High School Debate to qualify for the state tournament as freshmen. As sophomores, they were semi-finalists at the state tournament and became the first team from Chagrin Falls to qualify for the Tournament of Champions held at the University of Kentucky. As juniors, they again qualified for the Tournament of Champions while breaking again at the state championships. They put it all together as seniors, qualifying again for the Tournament of Champions, winning the state championship without dropping a ballot (20-0) and then finishing their career as the first all-female team to win the National Speech & Debate Association Public Forum Championship since 2007. The duo won the final round on a 9-4 decision.

“My senior year was the most fun year of debate yet. I had always enjoyed debating, but during my senior year, I focused less on winning and more on enjoying myself. Once I started to think of debate as a fun activity rather than an academic task, my partner and I improved rapidly. I also spent a lot of time with my teammates and coach, people who have become my second family,” Maggie said.

From Left to Right:

Corrine Midlik (Speech and Debate Coach),
Maggie Mills, Sasha Haines, Ken Kasee
(Speech and Debate Head Coach), & Rich
Haber (Speech and Debate Coach)



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Mail to: Brian McKenna '88, Alumni Director, Chagrin Falls Schools, 400 E. Washington St.,

SCHOOL NEWS

Chagrin Falls Schools was honored by the Ohio Park & Recreation Association (OPRA) at their annual conference on February 3 during a session titled “Turning Research into Practice.” OPRA recognized the District as part of their “Promotes Play Initiative” in which the District received a \$20,000 grant to off-set local bond funds for the construction of the new Chagrin Falls Intermediate School playground this past summer. The aim of the grant was to support public places of play and recreation. The new playground was constructed to promote healthy lifestyles with key design elements aligned to the National Standards for Physical Education. Those design elements include balancing, climbing and brachiating (endurance, hand-eye coordination, and rhythmic movement).

Chagrin Falls High School student, Anais Levi, has been selected as a National Honorable Mention winner by the National Center for Women and Technology (NCWIT). The criteria for the selections include computing experience, related activities, leadership skills, courage in the face of barriers to their success, and their plans for post-secondary education. This year’s 400 national recipients rose to the top of over 4,700 applications. Of those 400, 40 are selected as National Winners and 360 are selected as National Honorable Mention recipients. “This is the highest-level recognition any girl has received from NCWIT in my career,” said computer science teacher Carolyn Petite, Chagrin Falls High School.

Chagrin Falls High School has earned the College Board AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science A. Schools honored with the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have increased young women’s access to AP computer science courses. Out of the 20,000 institutions that offer AP courses, 818 achieved this important result during the 2018-2019 school year, nearly 20% more than the 685 schools recognized last year. In 2019, Chagrin Falls High School was one of 143 recognized in the category of AP Computer Science A. Chagrin Falls High School had 21 females take the AP test in Computer Science in 2019 and they all passed with an average score of 4.39. The State of Ohio had 288 females take the test in 2019 and the average score for the females in the state was 3.47. Overall, 7.3% of the female students who took the AP Computer Science A test in the state of Ohio attended Chagrin Falls High School in 2019.

Chagrin Falls High School awarded 38 students from the class of 2020 into the Cum Laude Society. This society is among the oldest academic honor organizations in the country for high school students. The society is based on three core values that come from Ancient Greece: arete, which means moral goodness and living up to one’s potential; dike, which is the concept of justice; and time, which relates to being true to what is right and acting with honor.

Chagrin Falls High School is a 2020 Best High School, based on rankings from U.S. News & World Report. CFHS is ranked No. 2 in Cleveland, No. 7 in Ohio and No. 330 in national rankings. Nearly 18,000 schools were nationally ranked, and 691 schools were ranked in Ohio. In addition, the school was nationally ranked No. 110 in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) high schools. Ranking factors included a percentage scoring of college readiness, college curriculum breadth, math and reading proficiency, math and reading performance and graduation rate.

Mike Daugherty, Director of Technology and Information Systems for Chagrin Falls Schools, has won the 2020 ISTE Technology Coordinator of the Year Award. This award is presented by the International Society for Technology Education (ISTE), an international group of educators who work to inspire the creation of solutions and connections that improve opportunities for all learners. The ISTE Technology Coordinators Personal Learning Network notified Daugherty that he had been chosen as the recipient. This network consists of Chief Technology Officers, Directors of Technology, Directors of Instructional Technology, Technology Coordinators, and other leaders in educational technology.

Dr. Robert Hunt, superintendent of Chagrin Falls Schools, is the recipient of the 2020 Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Ohio Superintendent Outstanding Performance Award. This is one of the highest awards the foundation bestows on an educator. Dr. Hunt was nominated by CF School Board President Phil Rankin and members of the Chagrin Falls Board of Education.

Angie Jameson, Library Media Specialist for Chagrin Falls Middle School (CFMS), earned the Rosen Publishing Ohio School Librarian of the month award for April 2020. The award is given in partnership with the Ohio Educational Library Media Association (OELMA), a professional organization for effective school librarians and libraries statewide. The librarian of the month award recognizes one school librarian each month who has designed, developed, and implemented a collaborative lesson plan or programming that encourages and empowers student learning.

The National Science Foundation selected CFHS computer science teacher Carolyn Petite as a 2020 recipient of the Presidential Excellence Awards in Science, Math, and Engineering.

ALMA MATER

As the mist lifts high above us
In the valley view,
There you stand, our Alma Mater
Clear and brave and true.
May we always keep your honor,
Keep your standards high,
Hold your memories always with us
As the years go by.

Tho in time our paths may lead us
Far across the sea,
Still our love will bind us ever
Hand in hand with thee.
Proudly singing of your honor,
Cry above the din
Praise to thee, our Alma Mater
Praise to thee, Chagrin.

CFAA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Since 1990 the CFAA has been proud to award 149 scholarships totalling over \$150,000 to our graduating seniors. We are proud to share the recipients of this year's scholarships.



Maggie Mills
Tom Mattern Scholarship



Ainsely Smith
Ruth Noble Scholarship



Tyler Stinson
Lenny & Lana May Scholarship
(son of Jeff '91 & grandson of Bob '64)



Molly Sobota
Alumni Scholarship
(daughter of Lori Purtell '86)

ALUMNI CHILDREN

Each year we recognize the children of alumni at graduation with a corsage. Unfortunately we were unable to honor them at a traditional ceremony. and do a group picture. Below are the 36 graduates that have a parent, including 5 with both parents being CFHS graduates. This is the second highest amount falling short of the 41 in 2018. This number is also over 20% of the senior class.

- Evan Bargar (**Brian ‘87 & Halle Philpott Bargar ‘88**)
- Maya Bellini (**Justin Bellini ‘92**)
- Madison Bottcher (**Shawn Conley Bottcher ‘91**)
- Mason Briggs (**Steve ‘87 & Jamie Scolaro Briggs ‘87**)
- Kaitlin Burgess (**Kasie Diamond Burgess ‘94**)
- Mitchell Chapic (**Danica Winovich Chapic ‘90**)
- Audrey Charlton (**Treg ‘84**)
- Jack Cornell (**Jack ‘94 & Jennifer Gornall Cornell ‘91**)
- Cecelia Cox (**Bob ‘89**)
- Jack Dustin (**Jim ‘83**)
- Lillianna Faulds (**Angela Tenebria Faulds ‘93**)
- Emma Ferguson (**Sandi Smith Ferguson ‘85**)
- Anna Gellin (**Rebecca Jefferson Gellin ‘94**)
- Daisy Hall (**Elizabeth Hopkins Hall ‘92**)
- Paige Hammond (**Colleen Kelly Hammond ‘86**)
- Ashley Jones (**Jay ‘89**)
- Trenton Kruse (**Todd ‘93**)
- Katherine Kwasny (**Joe Kwasny ‘83**)
- Breanna Magersupp (**Andy Magersupp ‘79**) (**Mike Topalian ‘80** - Stepfather) (**LouAnn Marino ‘75** - Stepmother)

- Mary Frances Mahoney (**Tim ‘81 & Colleen Clegg Mahoney ‘80**)
- Jack Maistros (**David ‘82**)
- Sara McKee (**Jennifer Orazen McKee ‘88**)
- Alyssa Miller (**Kristy Scolaro Miller ‘89**)
- Molly Miller (**Camie Munz Miller '84**)
- Henry Mitton (**Chrissie Baker Mitton ‘90**)
- Isabella O'Brien (**Gregory Scott O'Brien ‘83**)
- Lilly Orazen (**Gabe ‘90**)
- Clark Reboul (**Rob ‘88 & Kristin Clark Reboul ‘88**)
- Sarabeth Rutkowski (**Bob ‘89**)
- Che Sinclair (**John ‘68**)
- Molly Sobota (**Lori Purtell Sobota ‘86**)
- Tyler Stinson (**Jeff ‘91**)
- Kelsey Taussig (**Amy Johnson Taussig ‘84**)
- Sam Vickers (**Greg ‘82**)
- Will Winovich (**Barry '84**)
- Halle Zalba (**Tony ‘85**)

TENTS FOR RENT

The CFAA has two tents available for rent for your parties. Both are white 18' by 30' professional grade tents. They are kept at the school, so pick up and drop off is very simple. Please contact us at the Alumni Office if interested.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birth News



To Don & **Meredith Neidhart Connerton '95**,
a daughter, Brooke Anne, Oct. 5, 2018.

To Stacy & **Stephen Frappier '95**, a daughter, Reese Agnes, Dec. 8, 2019.

To Lisa & **Bob Humphrey '99**, a daughter, Izabella Nicole, March 5, 2020.

To Haley & **Kurt Schron '01**, a daughter, Reese Parks, July 23, 2020.

To Melanie & **Colby Folani '02**, a son, Joseph Colby, Feb. 19, 2020.

To Stu & **Christine Collins Kocian '03**, a son, William Collins, April 3, 2020.

To Amanda & **Brian Hollingsworth '03**, a son, Connor Andrew, Aug. 17, 2020.

To Melissa and **Dustin Lopez '03**, a son, Solomon Edward, March 20, 2020.

To Paul & **Hillary Moy Johnson '03**, a son, Henry Philip, Feb. 15, 2020.

To Julie and **Michael Price '03**, a son, Robert Michael, March 25, 2020.

To Robert & **Thomas Rohr Schleper '03**, a daughter, Josephine Everett, was born on Nov. 19, 2018.

To Michael & **Sara Vanderwist Ganousis '03**, a daughter, Calliope Theresa, May 15, 2020.

To Jen & **Zak Gebler '05**, a son, Calvin Mark, June 8, 2020.

To Jason & **Colleen Koval Law '05**, a son, Nathan Pierce, April 4, 2020.

To Nathan & **Emily Richmond Cherrier '05**, a son, Auron James, Dec. 6 2019.

To Kay & **Ephram Wilkoff '05**, a son, Walden James, June 12, 2020.

To Dave & **Phoebe Brown Costa '06**, a son, Callum Alexander, March 3, 2020.

To Dayna & **David Goodrich '06**, a son, Gordon Patrick, April 6, 2020.

To Josh & **Robyn Leopold Tevepaugh '06**, a son, Wolfgang Randale, Jan. 18, 2020.

To Jeff & **Emily O'Connor Vaisa '06**, a son, Rhett Jeffrey, on Jan. 8, 2020.

To Matt & **Melissa Davis McCarter '08**, a daughter, Claire Elizabeth, June 3, 2020.

To **Brett '08 & Judy Stricker Axner '08**, a son, Lincoln David, May 8, 2020.

To Peter & **Kate Koberna Lafferty '10**, a son, Jack Robert Wood, Feb. 13, 2020.

Wedding News



Walter Hochstedler & **Anna Reynolds '78**, May 23, 2020.

Jerry Kling '04 & Erin Wallenhorst '06, March 20, 2020.

Jon Pall Palmason & **Kerry Chemnitz '06**, Aug. 11, 2020.

Nathan Wynveen '07 & Alida Mossberg on Feb. 1, 2020.

Daniel Sherbun & **Kaitlin Wolfe '10**, Sept. 27, 2019.

Brooke Kratche '11 & Chris Kozlowski, July 9, 2020.

Colin Groneman '12 & Catherine Edwards, Aug. 24, 2019.

Eric Marrasco & **Claire Kampman '13**, July 2, 2020.

Amanda Davies & **Johnny Thombs '14**, June 20, 2020.

Donations

Cynthia Close Wyszynski '67 has made her Tiger Pride donation in memory of high school French teacher Virginia Colignon.

Apologies from the CFAA on an error in the last issue. In 2019, **Bryant Schroeder '67** became a Tiger Pride member. We listed his name incorrectly and appreciate his donation last year.

The 2020 Florida All-Class Reunion made a donation to the Victory Bell Fund.

In Memoriam

Elsie May Banks Kittelson '43

Frances Martell Haskins '43

Tom Doner '46

Janice Edwards Klever '49

Lois Tuttle Fortenbaugh '50

John Miller '54

Candy Jones Lum '61

Brooke Owens Steinle '61

Robert Rowan '68

Bruce Fortenbaugh '69

Barb Moore '72

Guy Bartholomew '77

Debbie Arnold Burnett '77

Andrew Lesica '77

Lois Waller Nero '78

Paul Hissett '80

Brian Davis '81

Michael Davis '00

Former CFHS Principal John Gaydosh

IN THE NEWS

Author **Jack Buchanan's '49** latest book, *The Road to Charleston: Nathanael Greene and the American Revolution*, published in March 2019 by the University of Virginia Press, will receive two awards this spring. It will earn one of two Honorable Mentions for books on the Revolution published in 2019 from the Fraunces Tavern Museum in lower Manhattan. The Tavern was where Washington said goodbye to his officers in 1783. In Washington D.C., Jack will be on hand to accept the Best Book on the Revolution published in 2019 from The Society of The Cincinnati.

Jack Schron '66, president and CEO of Jergens Inc. in Cleveland, Ohio, was named winner of the 2020 ISA John J. Buckley Lifetime Achievement Award. The John J. Buckley Lifetime Achievement Award honors any individual for their long standing service in the industrial supply industry. Normally announced at the annual ISA convention, this year's award ceremony took place at the annual summer picnic for Jergens. ISA president and CEO Ed Gerber travelled to Ohio for a surprise visit to present Schron with the award in front of his employees and family. Schron has been an active member of ISA for decades, serving on various committees and the board of directors. He served as the association's president in 2011-2012.

Jeff Langstaff '70 has been with the City of Kent Police Department for 42 years. His current roles are as a juvenile officer and CIT.

Eric Malmquist '75 has celebrated 37 years as a sales representative with Colarts America. Due to the recent closure of the Chagrin Falls Library, his showing of photographs of the Chagrin Falls area and northeastern Ohio at the Chagrin Falls Public Library will now be rescheduled for May and June of 2021.

Bob Darden '85 is Vice President of General Contracting at PCS Companies in Cleveland.

Ohio Wesleyan University Professor **Sean Kay '85** was the 2020 recipient of the Welch Award for Scholarly Achievement, an honor that recognizes distinguished scholarly or artistic achievement among OWU faculty members.

Matthew Johnson '87 co-founded Brightfield Transportation Solutions, which provides electric vehicle charging stations powered by renewable energy. Matthew also has the role of Vice President for Product Development of the Asheville, North Carolina company. BTS was the first to install public solar integrated EV charging stations in the U.S.

Mark Rupp '88 lives in Boise, Idaho and runs Capital Financial Solutions, a wealth management firm.

Todd Kruse '89 is a flight attendant at Mesa Airlines. He and his fiancée Ronda Carlson live in Apache Junction, Arizona.

Dr. Blake Ohlson '90 is an orthopaedic surgeon in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. Blake specializes in foot and ankle disorders.

Nathan Smith '91 is the Vice President of Maintenance at

Southern Shade Tree Company in Pineville, North Carolina.

Heather Grubich White '93 is the owner of Bomber Preflight & Bomber AfterAction, a before and after school program for K - 5 students in the Kenston School District.

Grant Varnum '94 is a demand planner for Nestle Corporation in Solon, Ohio. Outside of work and family, Grant spent time with his father sketching out and designing a one-of-a-kind French press. Although his dad passed, Grant has taken the idea to production. The OVRNDR French press provides you with the purest cup of coffee with a removable lid. To purchase visit <https://planetarydesign.com/?ref=2785>

Mindi Sanders DiPadova '95 is an assistant nurse manager in Cleveland. She recently travelled to Abu Dhabi with 40 other caregivers from the Cleveland Clinic to help with the COVID pandemic.

Eric Simon '96 is now a Product Development Engineer with Husky Injection Molding Systems, located near Burlington, VT. I also recently celebrated my 20th anniversary with the company and my 10th anniversary as a licensed Professional Engineer.

Andy Hitchcock '97 is a Regional Business Manager at Swagelok in Solon.

Elena Shaddow Harrington '97 was recently on an episode of NCIS New Orleans. She has been in several shows over the years and most prominently played Sister Sophia in NBC's *The Sound of Music Live!* starring Carrie Underwood. Elena's career has been mainly on the Broadway stage where she last played Ottilie Schell in *The Visit*.

Tom Siko '98 has assumed the role of President at Vincent Lighting Systems. It is a Solon based entertainment technology company with offices throughout the midwest.

Scott Burr '01 recently published his newest new novel, *We Will Rid the World of You*, which is available in print and eBook. This fall, his memoir will be published that he is co-authoring with Richard Bresler (the first student of Gracie Jiu-Jitsu in the US). Scott is a graduate of the creative writing program at The Colorado College, where he won the Ebey Prize for novella-length fiction and was a finalist for the Reville Prize in short fiction. He is also the author of the novel *Bummed Out City*, the training manuals *Get a Grip: A Practical Primer on Grip Strength and Endurance Training...* and *More and Suspend Your Disbelief: How to Build and Build Strength With the World's Most Rugged Suspension Training Device*, and the essay collection *Superhero Simplified: Collected, Selected, Revised and Expanded*. He was the 2006 winner of the Geauga Park District Foundation Nature Writing Contest, and a finalist for the Gordon Square Review's inaugural contest for Northeast Ohio writers (2017). His novel *Bummed Out City* was one of Library Journal's most-read books for 2015. His nonfiction work has appeared in *Climbing* and *Urban Climber* magazines; his short stories and novel excerpts have appeared in *Metonym*, *Mildred*, *The Decades Review*, and

elsewhere. A long-time martial artist, Scott holds black belt rank in Gracie Jiu-Jitsu, Kodokan Judo, and the Korean art of Kuk Sul Do.

Alison Barriball Gilmore '02 is the third grade team lead and teacher at The School District of Desoto County in Arcadia, Florida.

Julianne McCall '02 was appointed by the Governor of California to lead the state's Precision Medicine Initiative; serve on the Governor's COVID-19 Testing Task Force; and is a member of the CA Surgeon General's Senior Leadership Team. Julianne also recently co-directed the 2019 International "Brain Bee" Neuroscience Olympiad in South Korea.

Allison Yang Murn '02 is the North American Marketing Director of Retail Products for Aveda and has her own brand consultancy firm, Illumniting. Allison also teaches brand management to MBA students at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management.

Dustin Lopez '03 and his wife Melissa recently purchased and refurbished Sun Valley Party Center in Bainbridge. From weddings, community events, to even reunions, he would enjoy welcoming fellow Chagrin graduates to visit the updated location.

Chris McCall '03 serves as CEO of a startup called Fotokite in Zurich, Switzerland and travels around the world to meet with Fire Chiefs about using drone technology he and his team have developed to assist urban fire-fighting and search-and-rescue missions.

Thomas Schleper '03 and his husband Robert just recently moved back to Chagrin from Denver, and have brought back their daughter, Josephine (20 months old) with them. They were able to purchase his mother's house, which makes Jojo the 4th generation of the family to live there.

Chris "Spud" Smith '03 is a Publicity Manager at Flatiron Books in New York City. He began his career in publishing as a publicity assistant at Penguin, and has since promoted books by numerous acclaimed writers and *New York Times* bestselling authors, including former Cleveland Brown and current Fox Sports 1 analyst Emmanuel Acho, Pulitzer Prize-winning humorist Dave Barry, former Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden, rock climber Tommy Caldwell, actor Michael J. Fox, psychologist Adam Grant, climate change activist Paul Hawken, National Book Award-winning poet Terrance Hayes, novelist Amor Towles, and original SNL writer Alan Zweibel.

Evan Gerhardt '03, Senior Sales Professional at Mercedes Benz of Ann Arbor, has been awarded for the “Best of the Best” in sales for 2019 by Mercedes-Benz U.S.A. This distinguishes him in the top 10% of sales in the nation.

Adam McLean '04 recently changed his last name from Epstein to McLean. This is a matrilineal ancestral name that honors the heritage of his late mother, Ruthanne Wiley. Adam, a public school music educator in Massachusetts, also recently had an article published by the National Association for Music Education, which you can read here [:https://nafme.org/musician-month-project/](https://nafme.org/musician-month-project/).

John Rini '04 is a Senior at the global consulting firm Korn Ferry in Cleveland.

Robyn Leopold Tevepaugh '06 is a Registered Nurse at University Hospitals in Cleveland.

Dr. Ryan Marino '06 is a physician at University Hospitals in Cleveland. He is part of the faculty for the Center for Emergency Medicine.

Alex and **Hannah Binder Dulac '07** are owners of two Snap Fitness franchises. They originally owned one in Madison, Ohio and have recently become the proprietors of the Chagrin Falls franchise.

Sandra Miralia '07 is the RELA Curriculum Writer at Prince George's County Public Schools in outside of Washington, D.C. in Maryland.

Chelsea Dworak Dyer '08 is a graduation coach for Fulton County in Georgia at Independence High School. Within the same district **Amy Booms Lemons '02** is the Principal at New Prospect Elementary School.

Brendan Fung '09 is the Co-Founder and Chief Marketing Officer at Westbound Place + Co, a collaborative community space in Denver, Colorado.

Dillon Garofolo '09 is an Account Executive with NHL Seattle.

Samantha Gebler Evers '10 recently started her new position as principal of Julie Billiard Schools in Westlake, Ohio.

Megan Takacs '09 is in enterprise business development for Lyft in Denver.

Peter Kampf '11 is Manager Transaction Services at Cohen & Company in Cleveland.

Lindsay Lingafelter '11 is Senior Specialist at Reprise Digital in New York City.

Joe Sitzwohl '11 got a new job as a Strategic Account Manager with a tech company in NYC called BioDigital. They make 3D interactive models of human anatomy, physiology, disease and treatments.

Nathan Rosengarden '12 is a talent manager at the Rosengarden Group in Portland, Oregon.

Nick Berry '13 is Senior Consultant - Real Estate & Construction at Page Group in Los Angeles.

Shannon Fung '13 is moving to San Francisco to be a research manager at Ipsos Healthcre.

Katie McCormack '13 is Assistant Engineer/QC Specialist at Turner Construction in Washington, D.C.

Jess Petsock '13 has started a new job at NAE/NWAN as a Software Support Specialist. Jess is also still working at CVS as a lead pharmacy technician (CPhT).

Kyle Weber '13 was a member of the Boston Cannons, who won the 2020 Major League Lacrosse Championships. Kyle graduated from Bates College in 2017 and in the same year was named USILA Division III Midfielder of the Year. Outside of being a professional lacrosse player, Kyle has also been working for Nike.

Kirsten Hendricks '15 is attending Columbia University Doctor of Physical Therapy program (DPT).

Charlie Winovich '15, based in Cleveland, is the Chief Product Officer for the Swedish company Mediscan.

Matt Esterer '16 is an investment banking analyst at Petrie Partners, LLC in Houston, Texas.

Joey Lustig '16 is a Customer Relationship Advocate at Fidelity Investments in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ashley Weitzel '16 is a scientist at BASF Master Builder Solutions in Cleveland.