

# **Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation, Inc.**

# Fall 2017

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# CHS CLASS BUILDS PARTNERSHIP WITH CITY OF ABERDEEN

By Lee Sumner, CHS Construction and Building Trades Program Instructor

The Aberdeen Central ATEC Construction and Building Trades Program's Residential Construction class has teamed up with the Aberdeen

Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department to build three cabins that will be moved to Wylie Park campground at the end of the school year.

Two of the cabins will be 12' x 16' medium-sized cabins that come with electricity, heat and air conditioning. The third cabin will be a 22' x 33' large cabin, and will be fully equipped with electricity, heat and air conditioning along with a bathroom and kitchenette.

Last year the Construction and Building Trades classes built one medium-sized cabin for the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. After the success of that project it was decided to expand the program for this

school year. Lee Sumner, the Construction and Building Trades Program instructor, has thirty-five students in two different groups working on the cabins. The students provide the labor and get to use the experience as an opportunity to learn about common construction, electrical and plumbing practices. The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department provides the blueprints and pays for the building materials, making this partnership beneficial to everyone involved. The students are proud of their finished cabins knowing that they will be part of Wylie Park campground for many years to come.





# FROM THE DIRECTOR...

The Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation has many goals and activities, but only one purpose – to support our students and staff. We are active in the community helping with class reunion tours, providing funding for needs in our schools, overseeing the CHS Hall of Fame and other events, maintaining the alumni room, publishing this newsletter, and much more.

However, we could not do all these things without the support of our volunteers. Some of our volunteers are CHS alumni, and some are dear friends of CHS. I encourage you to read through this newsletter to learn more about the many ways our volunteers make a difference. From those serving on the Foundation Board, to the class reunion coordinators, to our dedicated CHS Alumni Room volunteers, it is my privilege to work with them all! Have a blessed holiday season!

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Gretchen A. Sharp, Executive Director Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation, Inc.

### Looking ahead...

CHS Hall of Fame Nomination Deadline – Jan. 15, 2018 Knight for a Princess event – April 7, 2018 CHS Graduation – Class of 2018 – May 20, 2018

# CHS ADDS AGRICULTURE EDUCATION CLASSES AND FFA

Over 300 students at Aberdeen Central signed up for agriculture education classes newly offered this fall at CHS. Agribusiness, fundamental animal science, companion animals and wildlife and fisheries classes are being offered. "My students come from diverse backgrounds, some of them are from farming and agriculture families while others are not but they all are passionate about animals and want to learn new things," said Cheyenne Leonhardt, Agriculture Education Teacher at Aberdeen Central High School's A-TEC Academy.

Students are also participating in FFA, a co-curricular activity that gives them a chance to use the skills they learn in the classroom. Leonhardt said, "I am

# **IN MEMORY**

We wish to express our sympathy to the family of **Dr**. **Bernard Gerber** who passed away December 4, 2016 in Aberdeen. He was a graduate of Aberdeen Central High School, Class of 1944, and was inducted in the CHS Hall of



Fame in 2015. He is remembered for his exemplary service to numerous professional and civic activities including the Aberdeen School Board, as well as his long and distinguished career as a general surgeon.

We also wish to express our sympathy to the family of **Nancy Dewhirst Thielen** who passed away March 22, 2017 in Rapid City. She was a graduate of Aberdeen Central High School, Class of 1953, and was inducted in the CHS Hall of Fame in 2006. She founded the Nancy Thielen School of Piano, and inspired her students with her untiring enthusiasm. She was inducted into the SD Musicians Hall of Fame in 1992. excited to bring my students to State FFA Convention in April. It is a great way for them to see and experience new things that FFA offers them. Some of my students are very interested in horses so I am also excited to get them started on horse judging."



Leonhardt is dedicated to her students and the future of agriculture education and FFA, "I foresee the agriculture program growing at Aberdeen Central. I would love to see the FFA program grow and gain popularity as well. FFA was an integral part of my high school experience and I want to see my students learning and growing from the program like I did."

# **DEAR FEATHERS...**

Dear Feathers, How many different languages are spoken by students in the Aberdeen School District? ~*Multilingual* from Mansfield



Dear Linguistically Learned, There are 13 different languages spoken by students in the Aberdeen School District including Spanish, Karen, Somali, Russian, Chinese, Bulgarian, Catalan, Ndebele, Palauan, Slovak, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and English.

Go Eagles! Feathers



# **THE 2017 CHS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**



Pictured left to right are Arliss (Krueger) Alberts '49, Burt Elliott '70-'07, Mary Sanderson '85, Sue Gapp '73, Michael Black '82, Lee Wolf '56, Dale Schornack '74, and Mel Klein '57 at the CHS Hall of Fame Banquet on September 30, 2017 at Aberdeen Central High School.

# **STAFF RECOGNITION**



**Mike Flakus** - SD Football Coaches Association 2017 Region 1 Football Coach of the Year. 20 Years as CHS Head Football Coach!

Bruce Kleinsasser -South Dakota High School Activities Association Distin-

guished Service Award for his years of service in cheer.

Aberdeen School Board received the Bronze Award from the Associated School Boards of South Dakota re cognizing board members' participation in outside

activities, board development and training, and demonstrated leadership at various areas and levels

**Gene Brownell** - South Dakota High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame



Steve Cogley - South Dakota Boys Soccer Coach of the Year

Kim Zimmerman - 2017 Girls Golf Coach of the Year Aberdeen Central High School was named Forte International Exchange Association's 2016-17 School of the Year for having a





positive influence on foreign exchange students.

Ken Young was honored for more



than 20 years of service as the technology director of the Aberdeen School District with the James D. Parry Leadership Legacy Award from the Technology and Innovation in Education.



**Nicole Schutter** - South Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals Rookie of the Year Award

Kerwin Hoellein - South Dakota Technology in Education Teacher of the Year

Aberdeen Board of Education - Associated School ds of South Dakota Award of Excel-



Boards of South Dakota Award of Excellence

> Steve Caron - South Dakota Council of Teachers of Mathematics Distinguished Service Award

**Shannon Knuppe**, CHS Counselor - 2017 South Dakota School Counselor of the Year

**Merle Aske** - American News All-Area Wrestling Team Head Coach of the Year

**Dawn Seiler**, CHS Girls Head Basketball Coach - 2016 South Dakota Sports Writers Association's Girls Prep

Coach of the Year. Seiler was named the prep girls coach of the year. She coached the Golden Eagles

coached the Golden Eagles to a one-loss season, which ended with the first girls' basketball state championship in school history. The state title was also the first of Seiler's coaching career, which includes 550 victories.



**Greg Murley & Bill Martens** - Area 4 - Boys & Girls Cross Country Coaches of the Year







# **2017 CLASS REUNION RECAPS**



### Class of 1947

The Class of 1947 gathered at Mother Joseph Manor for comradery, coffee and cookies at their 70th class reunion. Those present enjoyed looking through

1947 yearbooks and scrapbooks. Eight class members attended: Back row – Jim Dafnis, Colleen (Johnston) Walker, Bob Milstead, Hazel (Wendt) Schaunaman; Front row – Gerry (O'Brien) Schley, Anna (Schwab) Piatz, Kathy (Blando) Ellingson; Not pictured – Penelope (Sieh) de Hueck. American News Reporter, Katherine Grandstrand, was there to capture the occasion – see her video at http://bit.ly/2flbPcx.



### Class of 1957

The Aberdeen Central High Class of 1957 gathered for their 60th reunion on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 8 and 9, 2017 at the Ramkota Hotel with a buf-

fet supper on Friday evening and a formal sit-down dinner on Saturday evening. The reunion theme was the A&W Drive-In where a number of classmates were car hops during and after high school. Root beer floats were served both nights. A&W memorabilia used in decorating was courtesy of Reuben Hoffman, former Aberdeen A&W owner and the A&W Drive-In of Webster. A video of memories and events from the year 1957, as well as a slide presentation of Aberdeen circa 1960 were shown by Bob Couser of Aberdeen. School tours of Old Central and New Central were offered on Saturday morning. A total of 118 classmates and guests attended, as well as former teachers, Mary Amacher and Barb Stutenroth. It was a delightful and a grand time for the committee and those 78-year old seniors who attended. Many classmates said it was our best reunion ever – seems we hear that at every

reunion. Submitted by Marcie (Jung) Andersh, Class of 1957 Reunion Committee

### Class of 1967

September 15-17, 2017 at the Dakota Event Center (DEC) Attendance: 101 classmates, 51 spouses/ guests

Friday: Registration, Appetizer Social Saturday: Tour of Old Central, Photo op and lunch at Scotty's, Social, Buffet Dinner, Program Sunday: Coffee and rolls, Send-off A good time was had by all!







### Class of 1972

We met on Friday night at The Flame and had roughly 15 attending - we then walked, after dinner, to Lager's and had a few drinks. Saturday was the main event, beginning at 5 PM for check in and appetizers. We had pontoons available for rides on the lake. Sunday AM we had a church service at Craig Bostian's church, Zion Christian Fellowship, and then a brunch at Mavericks following church. Roughly 20 people attended the brunch. That was the extent of our 3 days!

### Class of 1977

The Class of '77 had a Great Reunion. The event started with a casual evening at Wakeside (great place to have your reunion). We had around 110 attend. Saturday morning started with Skeet Shooting, Golf or Tours of the New/Old High School. After a picnic lunch at Storybook Land, Saturday evening we had our event at the Ramkota. We had a cash bar, music and heavy

# **2017 CLASS REUNION RECAPS**



appetizers. The program was centered around our classmates that we have lost way to soon - 38 classmates have passed, and that is close to 10% of our class. Here is part of the speech given by Sue (Ulrich) Donkersgoed,



"My father was a Soil Conservationist, and trees were a big part of my life growing up. A tree is a symbol of life, the roots where they start... the branches the strength and the beauty of the majestic reaching to the stars. Tonight each of you will go home with a seedling (a present from me) ... please plant this and remember our classmates, and also this evening. Attached to the seedling is a bookmark talking about trees and their meaning. We also have trees front and center and I would like to take this time to read the names of our classmates that have passed and put their Memory cards on the trees. I ask if you want to come and put a special classmate on the tree as I read the names to come up and place it on the tree. These memory cards can be passed on for our future reunions and Celebrations. Our class will be donating a bench and shade tree at Central Park." View the CHS Class of 1977 Reunion Slideshow at http://bit.ly/2kl5jxm



### Class of 1987

The CHS Class of 1987 gathered together August 18-19, 2018 at the Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center.

Tour of Old Central which is now the ARCC. This is the 2nd floor library! Thank you, David Eckert, for your passion and leading our tour! Thank you Aberdeen Community for seeing the opportunity to keep this beautiful building useful.



### Class of 1997

20th Class Reunion. We spent Friday night at the Dakota Event Center. We enjoyed food, drinks and conversation. Getting all caught up on each others' lives today. Saturday was spent with some of our closest friends sharing our company with kids, rounds of golf, tours of the school and enjoying the beautiful Aberdeen air. Saturday evening began with a good 'ole ride in a school bus, driven by one of our own '97 graduates, Shannon Guy. We enjoyed the bus ride out to Wakeside Bar & Grill, where we enjoyed more good food, drinks and the company of classmates, people we have not seen in a long time. We danced and enjoyed the evening air at the lake in front of a fire. Sunday was a finale to our weekend. Charles Erb set us up with a good 'ole Aberdeen Smoke Fest. Chicken, brisket, and pork! We got our tummies filled before some had to hit the road for home. Thanks to everyone who came and also thanks to the ones who were not there as well. It was a successful event and we all look forward to the next! Go Eagles!

### Class of 2007

On Saturday morning, the class of 2007 toured the Old Central Building. That afternoon we toured the New Central. Both events were enthusiastic



2007 Class motto, "Behind us are the shadows of what we might have been and ahead the image we hope to be."

and well-attended. On Saturday evening, our class convened at Centennial Village for supper provided by Nacho Business. It was a hearty evening of reminiscing, laughter, music, and yard games. The decision has been made to hold a 15-year high school reunion. That event will take place in 2022.

# **REUNION CENTRAL**

- Mike Ewing, Class of 1977

Imagination and memory catch up to reality at the fortieth.

But no, that's an impossible task, except perhaps for Superhuman/Super-reunion Sue.

Up to forty years (or more if one lived in one's head as a kid)

Meet minutes of "Is that ...?"

So there's really no catching up or knowing. But that's all right, how can we ever know? People talk and seem present and happy. And through some intimations of accomplish-

ment or accumulation

Modest humility wins out as:

Sympathy supersedes status,

Compassion crushes competition,

And empathy eliminates look at me.

Laughter and pleasure at connection and reconnection-

Eyes brimming, occasionally filling, and then spilling

At the twin Christmas trees for the already deceased.

Clad in ornaments of and for the dead,

Portraits of beautiful children almost all potential then.

And what of the portraits of the quick, the ob-

# 2018 CHS CLASS REUNIONS "SAVE THE DATE"

HS Boys Basketball State Champion Teams Reunion -February 9-10, 2018, Contact Jay Kusler at kusfam@abe.midco.net

**Class of 1958** - September 7-8, 2018 at the Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center, Contact Marilyn (Marshall) Maloney at maloney@nvc.net

**Class of 1963** - September 7-9, 2018, Contact: Claudia Gates Sauer, 605-290-8127; Trudy Japs Didreckson, 605-225-1097 or Edie Gelling Price 562-693-9395

> **Class of 1968** - September 14-15, 2018 at the Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center, Contact Alan Chapman at ccacfrog@nvc.net

Class of 1973 - July 27-28, 2018, specific details in the spring. No mailing will go out. Contact achs73class@yahoo.com or check the CHS class of 1973 Facebook page

**Class of 1988** - August 10-12, 2018, Contact Tammy Greer at Tammy.Greer@nashville.gov

Visit https://aberdeen.k12.sd.us/foundation/reunions.html for additional and updated information.

servers,

The Eagles set to check out, to fall back into the familiar by plane, train, and automobile,

Out of now into tomorrow?

Well, we leave with three things from our

Smart, sweet and so so solid erstwhile class president:

- Love yourself

- Live fully in the present

- And what was the third?

The first two are assignment enough, a process, a whole life's work.

So, we, the upright, will smile at this spectacle, hold it warmly,

Privileged and grateful for having been and being here,

And consider number three a reason

To check back in, at the fiftieth for example, to reappear.

# SHOP FOR YOUR GOLDEN EAGLE APPAREL AND GIFTS ONLINE!

The Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation partnered with Western Corporate Image Group to set up a website to market a variety of Aberdeen Golden Eagles apparel and gifts. Visit the site at **www.cigthreads.com** to do some holiday shopping for the Golden Eagles in your life! For every order, \$1 will be donated to the Foundation.



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# THE DEAN KRANHOLD MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE

The Dean Kranhold Memorial Endowment with Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation is nearing the \$10,000 mark! What does this mean? Once it reaches \$10,000, we will begin to utilize the funds to support our CHS musicians. Our goal is to make that happen this winter.

Mr. Kranhold directed bands at Holgate Junior High and Aberdeen Central. He served as Assistant Principal at Aberdeen Central for 20 years, retiring in 2005. He received numerous accolades and awards for his musicianship and service to students including the South Dakota Outstanding Bandmaster in 1984 and Distinguished Service award from the SDHSAA in 2005.

The endowment was started in 2009 by Mr. Kranhold's friends, co-workers and family to honor his dedication to the students of Aberdeen Public Schools and his passion for the Fine Arts, especially band. It has grown over the years through their generous contributions. The Challenge? Help finish the good work they started!

We all remember Aberdeen Central High School - the teachers, directors, administrators, and our classmates – gave us our start in life, and now is the time to give back so that the young people of Aberdeen can also benefit from a fine education. It's a great opportunity to honor Mr. Kranhold's legacy.

The Aberdeen Public Schools' tradition of academic excellence is widely recognized throughout the community, region, state, and



country. Enhanced student opportunities and accomplishments are made possible by the generous support of many devoted alumni, community organizations, businesses, and friends. All gifts to the Foundation are tax deductible. Please fill out the contribution form on the back page to designate your donation to the Dean Kranhold Memorial Endowment by January 1!

We sincerely look forward to having you join your classmates and fellow musicians in this most worthy project.



# A WRINKLE IN TIME - ABERDEEN CENTRAL'S ALUMNI ROOM KEEPS HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES ALIVE

By Becca Simon, as published in the Aberdeen Magazine, September 8, 2017

People might say that high school is about getting an education in order to attend a good college and succeed in life. But if you ask the folks that staff the Alumni Room at Old Central High School, they'll be quick to tell you what it's really all about: making memories that last a lifetime.

If you walk through the building on any given Friday, you're bound to hear the sound of laughter reverberating throughout the hallway as volunteers reminisce over coffee and yearbooks from decades gone by. This is a typical day at work for the Alumni Room staff, in which work and play effortlessly intertwine. They sort memorabilia, refurbish trophies, mat and frame photos, and plan for reunions, all while coming together to pay homage to the good ol' days.

It all started in 2006, right after the move to the new Central High School. Boxes upon boxes of trophies – some nearly a century old – remained untouched in the basement with no proper home to return to. In an attempt to clear them out, an open house was held in which visitors were allowed to take any items they desired. But this did little to make a dent in the sheer amount of stuff they had, and there seemed no other choice but to simply toss it all.

Lynn Hanson, leading volunteer of the Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation, couldn't accept that. "We couldn't throw all that away," she said. "I'm not much of a saver, but there's so much history there."

David Eckert, supervisor at the ARCC, agreed, and the ARCC painted the room, put new carpeting in it, and told the Foundation to do whatever they want. "We had free reign with whatever we wanted to do in here," Lynn explained. "We kept talking, sorting, and cleaning up trophies, and classes started to say 'Hey, we want our stuff on display.'"

Since then, the community really stepped forward to make the Alumni Room what it is today. Generous Alumni who wanted to contribute to the cause donated everything in the room – from trophies, to uniforms, and even the cabinets that house them.

All this history collected into one place makes the Alumni Room the perfect location for class reunions. The volunteers set out the trophies, pictures, and memorabilia they have from when that class was in high school so alumni can relive the glory days of their youths. It also serves as the reception room before each annual Hall of Fame Induction ceremony.

"When you talk to alumni, they are so grateful to be able to come back and reminisce," Lynn elaborated. "A lot of people get in here that weren't even aware it was here. We get things in the mail and people are always dropping things off. I think the longer you're out of school, the more meaning it has to you."

These cherished memories are the reasons that those

who have since gone on to carve their own paths in life are so compelled to the room, going out of their way to donate items and keep coming back. For people like David Shaw, retired industrial arts teacher, former track star, and 1961 graduate at Aberdeen



Central, the room represents some of the proudest moments of his life. David was a successful 800m runner and long jumper, and went to state for four events his senior year. "Aberdeen Central was a fantastic nurturing environment for me. I had good support, great teachers, and lots of memories. It was phenomenal."

As a history major, David has always been exceptionally interested in the past, so once he found out about the Alumni Room, he was nothing short of ecstatic. He provided a display case for track and field and has donated heavily to the room, providing trophies, newspaper clippings, and more.

The Alumni Room also captured the attention of voice actor, performer, and actor Wally Wingert, who attended Central in the late 70's. Although his family moved before he had the opportunity to graduate from CHS, he still attends all of the reunions. Before he even graduated, Wally was working full-time at KELO and KSFY doing radio voice-overs. In 1987, he moved to Los Angeles to act. It wasn't long until he discovered he preferred voice acting to traditional acting, and has since provided the voices for a multitude of cartoons, including Invader Zim, Family Guy, Hey Arnold, Garfield, and more. In 2009, he even served as the voice of the Jay Leno show.

Most notable of Wally's donations is his Elvis Presley suit that his mom hand-stitched for him for the Eaglean Follies, Central's student talent show. After Elvis passed away in 1977, Wally and his friends decided they wanted to do a tribute in memoriam. The rumor spread throughout the school that it was going to be

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something to see, and the show completely sold out. Years later, people still talk about it.

Wally loves looking at memories from the old days and seeing the people who managed to accomplish some really great things. He recalled four of his teachers, which he has dubbed the Fantastic Four, who played a huge hand in inspiring him to be who he is today. "I could mention 10, but the main four were my drama teacher, Tom Kelly, who was an enormous influence in helping me perform my craft, my English teacher Dennis Adams, Sandy Weins-Kersten, my typing teacher, and my radio/TV teacher, Jerry Ochs. That's the best thing about Central, the teachers."

Although Wally has long since moved on from Aberdeen, he still holds it close to his heart, making it a point to attend class reunions and Hall of Fame ceremonies. He stays in touch with many of his friends, teachers, and former girlfriends from his high school glory days. "You go back after all these years and expect everyone to be heavy and not have much hair left," he laughed. "We're all still a pretty good looking bunch."

For Debra (Olson) Sowell, a 1967 graduate who currently works at Northeastern State University in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, the Alumni Room is a place that allows her to reconnect with an old flame: the debate team. "The CHS Debate Program was one of a handful of influences that determined the general trajectory of my life," she reflected. "That is a big responsibility to attach to a high school activity, but it is a true statement."

Debra wistfully recalled her competitions from as early as ninth grade, which kindled her love for debate. In the course of her debate career, she learned how to lose gracefully, perfect her skills, and formed friendships with teammates and coaches that would forever change her. "It was the most magical time of my life," she said.

Walking around the Alumni Room is like an emotional roller coaster back to Debra's past. "I walk around it and it's just wonderful. I remember the music program and Girls State; I remember the things that my friends did. The fact that it's in Old Central is so meaningful to so many of us. I really would like to express appreciation for the people who work in that room. It's a labor of love."

"It is a connection to the past, and it helps me connect with the school system today. [The students today] are such wonderful kids," Debra said. "They are just like we are. Someday their trophies are going to be right next to ours. I suppose there are plenty of practical uses for the room, but hopefully it will remind the alumni that the school system is something worth supporting. If you don't live there anymore, you can support it with donations, and if you do, with your time."

Although the volunteers at the Alumni Room love what they do, they are always seeking more volunteers who are passionate about preserving the past to ensure that their efforts continue long after they move on.

If you would like to donate to the Alumni Room or lend your efforts to their team, contact the Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation office at 605-725-7118.

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# CULINARY 1 - PROSTART 1 CLASS OPENS AND OPERATES "CENTRAL CAFÉ"

Every Thursday for five weeks in October/November the ProStart culinary class developed, priced, prepared, and served a featured meal in the Central Cafe. CHS staff were invited to sign up for dining in the Cafe or placing carry out orders. The price for a meal was \$5.00 each week. The following is one of the menus prepared in October by the students:

Spinach Salad - The fresh spinach is tossed with strawberries, red onion, feta cheese, and candied pecans, all dressed with a homemade balsamic vinaigrette.

Creamy Italian White Bean Soup - Healthy and hearty soup, made with white beans, chicken broth, spinach and lemon juice.

Osso Buco-Style Chicken Thighs - Chicken thighs simmered in a delicious tomato sauce, then sprin-

kled with a zesty gremolata all on top of a creamy Parmesanlaced polenta. Italian Butter Spritz Cook-

spritz Cookies - An assortment of three light buttery cookies,



one dripped in chocolate and rolled in toffee, one sandwich cookie fill with a chocolate, orange buttercream, and one dipped in almond bark.

# **STUDENT SUCCESS MAY 2017-OCTOBER 2017**

2017 Cheerleading All-State Team - Laura Jensen & Hannah Kelley

**Paiton Burckhard** – 1,000 kills in her volleyball career 10/24/17 vs. Harrisburg

Girls XC Team – Third Place State AA Championships 2017 All-State & All-American XC Teams - Melanie Jacobs: All-State Team - Zoey Douglas

Boys XC Team – Sixth Place State AA Championships 2017 All-State XC Team - Jackson Harrison, Aaron Ryan

**CHS Golden Eagle Marching Band - 3**rd place in Class 5 Open at Quad State Competition at USD with a score of 85.95.



National Merit Semi-Finalists – Christian Scarlett and Amanda Jacobs

**Simmons & Holgate Middle School Marching Band** – First place in the Lake Region Marching Band Festival

### All-State Chorus -

Soprano - Hannah Johnson, Mikayla Lynn, Laurelyn Marmorstein, Ryann Yamaura, Gabrielle Zimmerman; Alternate - Mallory Beckler

Alto - Jennifer Appl, Maddie Comstock, Symmone Gauer, Deryn Lewis, Jasmyn Mattke; Alternate - Aliah Davidson

Tenor - Eric Jacobsen, Luke Reierson, Westen Sander, Tabor Schabot, Jacob Smilloff; Alternate - Tucker Morgart

Bass - Camren Fletcher, Rawley Moore, Tanner Pietz, Connor Stubbe, Jayden Wahl; Alternate -

Lirr Bwell Too

All-State Orchestra - Hannah Johnson, violin; Sophie Wieland, violin; Abe Wieland, viola; Christian Scarlett, bass



Golden Eagles Boys & Girls Cross Country Teams – 2017 ESD Champions, Second Year in a Row as Double Winners!

#### **2017 All-ESD Cross Country Teams:** *Boys Team*

Aaron Ryan – ESD XC Champion – 1st, Jackson Harrison – 2nd, Luke Jacobs – 8th, Josh Mehlhoff – 9th *Girls Team* 

Melanie Jacobs – 2nd, Zoe Douglas – 5th, Trinity Miller – 8th, Jordan Hermansen – 12th, Abby Kopecky – 14th, Ava Riggs – 15th



**Golden Eagles Boys Soccer** – Second Place at the 2017 State Soccer Tournament! Season Record 14-1-0!!!

**2017 All-State Boys Soccer Team** - 1st Team - Jesse Margolies, Kolton Haselhorst; 2nd Team - Parker Aman

2017 All-State Girls Tennis Team – Olivia Goetz

**CHS Golden Eagles Marching Band** - Outstanding Band Award at the 2017 Gypsy Day Parade

2017 All State Girls Soccer Team - 1st Team - Debora Wills, Hillary Mantone; 2nd Team - Grace Imberry 2017 All-ESD Girls Soccer Team - Deborah Wills, Hillary Mantone, Grace Imberry, Eden Schanzenbach, McKenzie Cordia

**Golden Eagles Boys Soccer** - ESD Champions for 2017, Second Straight Title!

# **STUDENT SUCCESS MAY 2017-OCTOBER 2017**

2017 All-**ESD** Bovs Soccer Team - Parker Aman, Jesse Margolies, Kolton Haselhorst, Desmond Dean, Tyson Aberle, Zach Palmer. Honorable Mention - Brekk Weidman





**Golden Eagles Boys Golf** - 4th Place 2017 State AA Tournament, and ESD Champions for the first time since 1998!

2017 All-State Boys Golf Team - Jonah Dohrer, Bennett Lundy, Ethan Vikander

Aberdeen Central Fall Play – "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940"

Homecoming Week Victories: Girls Volleyball – Homecoming Victory over Pierre 3-1, Cross Country



– Girls Win/Boys Second @ Watertown Invitational, Football – Homecoming Victory over Rapid City Central 16-6, Boys & Girls Soccer – Both Win in SDH-SAA State Play-Offs

Brandon Kusler and Jessica Rohrbach, 2017 Aberdeen Central High School Homecoming King and Queen!

**Marcus Hlucky** - Gatorade Soccer Player of the Year for South Dakota Golden Eagles Girls Golf Team -Runner-Up in 2017 State Tournament (Best finish ever by a CHS girls golf team) Sidney Wirebaugh – 3rd



– All-State & All-Tournament Team, Cassidy Gough – 7th – All-State Team, Brooklyn Hofer – 15th – All-State Team, Daniel Podoll, Mikayla Santjer, Camryn Wipf

ESD Champions, 2nd Title in School History (1996-2017)

Sydney Wirebaugh – ESD Champion – Medalist @78 2017Golden Eagles on All-ESD Golf Team - Sydney Wirebaugh, Brooklyn Hofer, Camryn Wipf, Danielle



Podoll, Cassidy Gough

Golden Eagles Boys & Girls Track Teams – All-State Performances:

Boys Team -

Preston Barr, Landon Lundquist, Chris Weber, Cannon Hannigan, Jackson Harrison, Jordan Schneidt, Jacob Kuch

Girls Team -Melia Mounga, Paiton Burckhard, Jenna Grismer, Zoe Douglas, Melanie Jacobs, Chelsea Bad Moccasin, Ava Riggs, Abby Kopecky

Aberdeen Central Boys Athletic Teams -ESD All-Sports Award Championships for the 2016-2017!



# **STUDENT SUCCESS MAY 2017-OCTOBER 2017**

New School Shot Put Record by Paiton Burckhard at 40'9"

Fuel Up to Play 60 -All nine of our schools reached the touchdown status for



Fuel Up to Play 60. Below is a short video of our very own State Ambassador Dustin Hermansen, Governor Daugaard and the First Lady. <u>http://bit.ly/2fPhrWf</u>

### South Dakota Honor Choir -

Sopranos: Mallory Beckler, Hannah Johnson, Peyton Johnson. 5th Alternate - Mikayla Lynn

Altos: Maddie Comstock, Symmone Gauer, Deryn Lewis, Laurelyn Marmorstein. 2nd alternate - Amanda Jacobs, 3rd alternate - Claire Vetter.

Tenors: Jon Mitzel. 2nd alternate - Jacob Smilloff, 6th alternate - Matt Carpenter Basses: Camren Fletcher, Connor Stubbe

# 2017 All-ESD Track Performers:

Boys Squad Aaron Ryan – 1600 Meter Run Jackson Harrison – 3200Meter Run Jordan Schnait – Long Jump Preston Barr – 4 X 100 Relay Landon Lundquist – 4 X 100 Relay Chris Weber 4 X 100 Relay

Girls Squad Melai Mounga – Discus Paiton Bruckhard - Discus Chelsey Bad Moccasin – 300 Hurdles & 4 X 400 Relay

Melanie Jacobs – 3200 Meter Run Zoe Douglas – 4 X 800 Relay Abby Kopecky – 4 X 800 Relay & 4 X 400 Relay Ava Riggs – 4 X 800 Relay & Medley Relay Jordan Hermansen – 4 X 800 Relay Allie Zueger – Medley Relay Kianna Gellhaus – Medley Relay Brooklyn Kusler – Medley Relay & 4 X 400 Relay Brooke Malsom – 4 X 400 Relay

### 2017 ESD Track Champions:

Cannon Hannigan – Triple Jump – 44'8" Third Straight TJ Crown Chelsey Bad Moccasin – 300 Hurdles 46.87

**2017 All-State Boys Tennis** - Jesse Margolies, Matt Hollan, Dylan Bader, Tyson Miller Third Place in ESD Tournament

**2017 All-ESD Conference Tennis Team:** Jesse Margolies – Singles & Doubles, Matt Hollan – Singles & Doubles, Tyson Miller - Singles

# **CHS ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

The Russ Keen Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a CHS graduate currently in his/her sophomore or junior year of college, and pursuing a degree in Communications or Journalism. The scholarship is funded by an endowment established by family and friends of Russ Keen. This year's recipient is Jacob



Womack

The Doolittle Business Scholarship is awarded to CHS graduates currently in their sophomore or junior year of college, and pursuing a degree in business. The scholarship is funded by the Doolittle Memorial Trust. This year's recipients are Kaylee Babcock, Megan Teply, Kasey Grote, Adam Acker, and Katie Vetsch.

# THE MERRITT JOHNSON DIGITAL COMPOSITION PROJECT

By Susan K. Vaughan, Ph.D., M.B.A.

Merritt Johnson (1902-1978) was a teacher, composer, organist, and pianist, whose career spanned fortyfive years, primarily while teaching at Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota. His compositions from the early 1900s to the late 1970s represent styles and genre rich with melodic appeal and diverse rhythmic patterns that Johnson credited to African rhythms of the 1960s.



Merritt Johnson started biography work with Susan K. Vaughan, Ph.D., M.B.A. (CHS Class of 1965) in 1969 while she was a graduate student at Texas Woman's University. This was the beginning of momentous project, "I've had a remarkable life, and the Johnson project was a supreme highlight," said Vaughan.

At that time, the only way to copy his music was with the use of a thermofax machine. Those copies were given to Mitta Johnson Angell, Merritt's older daughter, who plays with the Dallas Symphony, when the project was put on hold due to limited technology options.

Since there were no means for digitizing music during that time, the project was deferred until 2015, when it was activated as a collaboration with Robert Russell at Northern State University and Dr. Mark McKnight at the University of North Texas. Angell searched through her house and found the bag of thermofax music and all scores and notes of Merritt's that Vaughan did not have saved in her storage materials. These biographical materials and many scores of music were shared with UNT and NSU, to create a complete collection of Johnson's music.

The link below takes you to the biography of Merritt Johnson, written by Vaughan: http://www.library.unt.edu/collections/music/merritt-johnson

As a result of the Johnson Digital Composition Project, all of his music and digital recordings are available free of charge to anyone worldwide. The collections of Johnson's music are permanently stored at UNT in Denton, Texas, available free of charge to the public. For access to the print and recorded music, use the links below.

Merritt Johnson in the UNT Digital Library

https://digital.library.unt.edu/search/?q=Merritt%20Johnson&t=fulltext&fq=untl\_institution%3AUNTML Merritt Johnson Collection at Northern State University

http://digitalcollections.northern.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16707coll9

# **DID YOU KNOW...**

# Mandarin Chinese is the most widely spoken language in the world.

The Aberdeen School District is partnering with the Northern State University Confucius Institute this year to explore and expand our foreign languages, and to bring cultural awareness and learning to our community. By being an international host and partner with the Confucius Institute, we were able to bring a teacher from China to Aberdeen. Through working with Dr. Greg DePies, Director of the Confucius Institute, our team was able to hire Ran Jiang to teach Mandarin Chinese classes at Aberdeen Central High School.



The Confucius Institute's purpose is to bring Chinese language and culture learning opportunities to the region, increase understanding, knowledge of and appreciation for the people and culture of China, and organize travel, scholarship and study exchanges.

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# Corrections from Spring 2017...

- Burt Elliott Eagle Pride Contributor Partner
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# WELCOME BACK TO CHS!

Homecoming week always brings much excitement for students and staff, and this year it also brought several CHS Alumni back to visit with students.

Cathy (Clark) Britton '70 spent

the day working with the CHS choirs and show choirs. Mrs. Britton directs middle school and high vocal programs in Sioux Falls. Her concert and show choirs have received multiple awards and performance requests.

Mary Sanderson '85 visited with the Debate and Democracy classes, as well as Ms. Siebrasse's World Geography classes. Ms. Sanderson shared her experiences working with multiple non-profit foundations in diverse ethnic and racial groups. She helps fund, build and lead teams in 18 countries around the world.

Dale Schornack '74 presented to Mr. Hanson's Sports Broadcasting class and Mr. Konda's Debate and Democracy classes. Mr. Schornack shared his experience as a veteran journalist. He has been a news anchor and reporter for over 38 years. He has covered a variety of major news stories around the globe, keeping viewers informed and connected to the world around them.

Mel Klein '57 spoke to several PE classes, as well





as a few other classes in the theatre. Mr. Klein talked about the importance of being part of a team, and its effect on students' future success. He worked hard to develop his skills and become an outstanding high school and college athlete. His distinguished coaching and advancement career at Augustana University has been marked by many successes.

# **MILITARY SERVICE RECOGNITION - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE**

# Robert Cleworth, CHS Class of 1943

Robert graduated from CHS in 1943, and went immediately into the Navy. He was inducted at Omaha, NE, became a radio technician, and last served in Panama at Coco Solo Naval Air Station. He graduated from Univ. of Minnesota in 1952, and sang professionally with a mixed quartet called the Mid Americans the summer of 1955 from Texas to Arkansas to Missouri. He taught music (vocal) at Wisconsin Rapids, WI, for 32 years and retired in 1987.

#### Robert Zimmerman, CHS Class of 1952

Robert attended SDSU for 4 years, and earned a Distinguished Military Graduate honor. He stayed in the Army for 23 years. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after three tours overseas (one of which was a year in Vietnam) as an artillery officer. While serving in Germany in 1967, he received the Army Commendation Medal and in Vietnam two Bronze Stars. After retirement, he sold real estate in Olympia, WA, plus did polygraph testing. From 1982-86 he went to Saudi Arabia as a personal manager with Computer Science Corporation. He is now a geoduck farmer with his son,

living on Puget Sound.

Gerry Sumption, CHS Class of 1965 After studying in college for a year, he volunteered for duty in the

US Navy. He went through basic training, was trained as a medic, and specially trained as a corpsman. Upon completion, he was assigned as a Fleet Force Marine Corpsman for combat Marine units in Phu Bai, Ouang Tri, and Da Nang, South Vietnam, where he spent two tours of duty from 1967 to August 1969. During a brief R & R in Hawaii, he and Jean Olson, a 1967 Central High graduate, were married. After their wedding, Gerry returned to Vietnam and fought in the TET Offensive which pitted the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army against South Vietnamese, US, and Allied forces. TET was one of the largest campaigns of the Vietnam War. On the battlefield, a jungle environment riddled with explosions and gunfire, he treated soldiers with traumatic injuries and evacuated men killed in action. Suffering injuries himself, he treated his own wounds. He was sprayed



with Agent Orange in the field and flew on approximately 100 medical evacuation (Medivac) missions in a threemonth period. His Medivac



helicopter was hit by ground fire at least 16 times and shot down twice. He finished four years of Navy duty at Pax River Naval Base in Maryland. As a result of his heroic service as a combat Marine Corpsman, Gerry witnessed horrific events in the war, was injured, and suffers today from the effects of Agent Orange and PTSD. He and Jean have been married for 48 years, enjoy a daughter, and live in Arizona. For more information, please see www.saveourwarriors. com.

Do you know a CHS alumnus that received a military honor or medal, or served in some other capacity that should be recognized? The Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation would like to recognize and thank them for their outstanding military service in the Blue & Gold Alumni and Friends newsletter. Please send your information to Gretchen. Sharp@k12.sd.us. Thank you!

# **VOLUNTEER THANK YOU - CHARLIE & GINNY CLARK**

Dedicated volunteers Charlie and Ginny Clark have worked with the Alumni Room since its beginning in 2006. Both are alumni of Aberdeen Central – Charlie in '49 and Ginny in '54. Charlie was a CPA and Ginny worked in the Aberdeen School District business office for many years. The APS Foundation and all of our CHS Alumni wish to thank Charlie and Ginny for their dedication and service! They are both true blue with hearts of gold.



# **DALLAS BRASS QUINTET PERFORMS WITH GOLDEN EAGLES**

Aberdeen Central band members, as well as 8th grade band students from Simmons and Holgate Middle Schools gathered on October 30 to meet and rehearse with the Dallas Brass. Since its founding in 1983 by Michael Levine, the Dallas Brass has become one of America's foremost musical ensembles. The Dallas Brass repertoire includes classical masterpieces, Dixieland, swing, Broadway, Hollywood and patriotic music. "The members of the Dallas Brass are musicians of the highest quality. Exposure to our younger musicians helps develop and inspire a greater passion for playing wind literature. In our area and locale, we do not get to expose our young musicians to this quality professional musicians very frequently," said CHS Band Director, Jeremy Schutter.

Over 175 students rehearsed with and participated in a clinic with members of the Dallas Brass in the morning, and then performed with the ensemble during their evening concert in the Civic Arena. The Dallas Brass also performed for over 1,100 area elementary students during the afternoon.



"The experience my students had with the Dallas Brass was extremely positive. They were excited about it before the rehearsal, and even more so afterwards. They were very proud of their performance. The message that the Dallas Brass performers had about the importance of music was very positive, and it resonated more coming from people closer to their age," said Jim Panerio, Simmons Middle School Band Director.

Sara Weischedel, Holgate Middle

School Band Director said of the experience, "I believe it takes a lot to grab the attention of professional musicians, and our kids certainly made an impression. The performance was an amazing experience for our students and they sounded fantastic."

Funding for this opportunity for ASD students was provided by the Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation Innovation Partnership Grant, in conjunction with the Aberdeen Area Arts Council and the CHS Music Boosters.





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Submit completed Nominating Form by January 15, 2018 to: Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation, 1224 3<sup>rd</sup> Street S. Aberdeen SD, 57401

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