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Fall Into Alumni Pride

A Message From NAFC Education Foundation Executive Director, Tyler Bliss

The summer and fall would traditionally bring many celebratory reunions for our NAHS and FCHS graduates. We know many of these celebrations have been postponed or cancelled until next year. Indeed, high school alumni classes across the country and world are having to make similar decisions. What better time to reconfirm your pride for your NAFCS by staying connected through Legacy NAFC? Your physical reunions may be on hold, but a real and current impact for the students and teachers of NAFCS doesn't have to be! These are unprecedented times... let's not let that stifle our enthusiasm for being a proud Bulldog or Highlander. In this issue, you'll see your key investment at work. Fall into NAFCS Alumni Pride!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

This column is intended to share with you some of the great NAHS and FCHS alumni and their contributions to our community, our nation and the world. Both high schools have honored special graduates in their respective Alumni Halls of Fame. As you read these profiles, you may think of schoolmates, who ought to be nominated for induction into the Hall of Fame at either school. In each newsletter, we want you to meet... or let us re-introduce you to... some special people whose education began with the New Albany-Floyd County School system. In this, the second edition of this column, you will read about an extraordinary physician and a very special dentist. Each has done so much more than practicing his profession, devoting so very much of themselves to ways of making Southern Indiana the great place that so many of us cherish.



STEPHEN NALE, NAHS CLASS OF 1967

Steve earned a scholarship at NAHS, awarded by the Floyd County Medical Society and he went on to make its supporters proud by graduating from the University of Louisville (MD) in 1974. He has served patients as a personal physician (family practice) for over forty years, and as a leader in the local medical community for most of that same time span. He has served Floyd Memorial Hospital twice as Chief of staff and also eight years on the Board of Trustees, three years as Chairman. He has served on the U of L (School of Medicine) faculty, and subsequently in the same capacity for the IU School of Medicine. For over thirty years, Dr. Nale has been recognized for tirelessly serving on countless boards of directors, including the Riverfront Musicale Committee, Develop New Albany, the Riverfront Heritage Cultural Center Advisory Committee and the Floyd County Council for the Arts. He has also served as the official NAHS team physician since 1980. He earned the Physician Community Service award from the Indiana State Medical Association fully twenty years ago. Steve and his wife Sharon have three grown daughters.

We asked Steve: "What special opportunities did your years at NAHS provide to you and what impact has there been on your life, as a result? "He answered: "I played bassoon in the orchestra at New Albany and the Louisville Youth Orchestra. And I still do, as a bassoon player in the IU Southeast Concert Band."



DENNIS "DENNIE" JENKINS, FCHS CLASS OF 1979

Upon graduation from FCHS, Dennie attended Indiana State University earning a BS in Biology in 1983. He went on to earn his DDS from Indiana University School of Dentistry in 1988. Creating a unique dental experience with Designing Smiles in 1988, Dennie has created smiles for 32 years in Sellersburg. From 1999-2009, Dennie traveled the country teaching cosmetic dentistry to dentists from all over the world. Dennie remains active in the local dental community as a member of the SIDA, IDA, ADA, Spear Study Club and AACADennie and his wife of 29 years, Jolie (FCHS 1987) reside in Floyds Knobs where they raised their two children, Devin and Gabbi. Devin (FCHS 2013) attended IPFW, playing golf while pursuing an MBA in Finance. He now resides in Sellersburg with his wife, Kassie (FCHS 2013) and daughter, Wrenley. Gabbi (FCHS 2016) is a Senior Softball player at IU where she is studying education. Dennie's favorite hobbies include gardening, golf, and the travels required to chase his kids' sports. Dennie and his family attend Northside Christian Church.

We asked Dennie: "How would you describe your high school experience? "He answered: "Floyd Central was a special place to attend both academically and athletically. I was so well prepared for college and beyond, shaped by those early years at FCHS. I would later get to coach softball at FC and I can assure you that Floyd Central is still leading the pack."

The Great Pumpkin Delivery

Over 1,800 pumpkins delivered to preschool, kindergarten, and 1st grade students in NAFCS.



In a traditional year, the Education Foundation would provide funding for admission and transportation for elementary students to attend cultural and historical field trips. Due to health and safety protocols, this year those trips cannot take place. However, this Fall we wanted to provide a unique learning opportunity for our students. Through partnering with Huber's Orchard and Winery and funding provided by Caesars Foundation of Floyd County, we were able to provide a pumpkins, activity kits, and learning resources to every preschool, kindergarten, and 1st grade students in NAFCS, over 1800 kids.



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\$28,000 Awarded To NAFCS Teachers for Classroom Resources in September, \$53,000 this year!

Over \$800,000.00 has been funded through this program since 2009, thanks to donors like you!

In September, the NAFC Education Foundation awarded an additional \$28,000 to 56 NAFCS teachers through their Great Classroom Project grant opportunity. Teachers may apply for \$500 towards classroom resources and COVID-19 response resources. So far this year, the Foundation has provided over \$53,000 towards these projects. Great Classroom Projects were started in 2009 to provide additional resources to creative teachers for learning opportunities that enhance the educational and curricular objectives of their classrooms. Since that time, over \$850,000 in classroom resources have been put into the hands of teachers and students in all 16 NAFC schools.

For more information, please visit:

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