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*A Message From NAFC Education Foundation
Executive Director, Tyler Bliss*

Spring is nearly here. Soon budding trees and flower bulbs will bring us a new sense of optimism and hope as we look forward to what the rest of the year holds. But, the flowers and trees are not the only things due to bloom. In NAFCs, students will begin their final stretch of growing before the summer recess. Do you remember your Spring semesters at New Albany and Floyd Central? 11,500 young learners are about to finish an incredibly challenging year. Your membership to Legacy NAFC has brought a substantial impact to our current teachers and students. We thank you for your support!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

As part of my intro to this month's Alumni Spotlight feature, I want to thank Tyler Bliss for the profiles of the last two issues. They were really great. I hope to return to contributing to this column periodically, but Tyler and I also want to continue stretching the boundaries of the life stories that get told here. For March, I am very pleased that two terrific graduates, one from each high school, have agreed to be guest contributors. Separately and together, they have taken up the challenge of writing about Hall of Fame inductees who are no longer with us. I look forward to hearing from more readers with suggestions of members of the alumni community that you would like to see in a profile here. This is also a great opportunity to recommend someone that you would like to see as a nominee to either school's Hall of Fame.

Rex Bickers, FCHS '70, guest editor for Alumni Spotlight



LEE KELLY 1947-2020

It's hard to think of WNAS and not think of Lee Kelly. For four decades Kelly was general manager of the high school radio station and the voice of the Bulldogs. Kelly died unexpectedly last year at the age of 72. But his legacy lives on.

WNAS was America's first high school radio station ever. It broadcasts now from both New Albany and Floyd Central and has continued to grow and evolve. And it was Kelly who was instrumental in growing the station.

Kelly came to New Albany to become general manager of WREY AM in 1969. He took over as WNAS station general manager and instructor in 1973. He managed radio programs at both FCHS and NAHS for three years before moving to NAHS full time.

Kelly had the perfect voice and personality for radio. Local residents recognized him not only from football and basketball broadcasts but also from his local election coverage and serving as emcee of the Harvest Homecoming parade.

Under Kelly's guidance, WNAS saw huge growth. Initially, its broadcasting hours were 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., weekdays only. Today the radio station is on 24 hours, seven days a week. WNAS, which now includes a TV station, has also remained a popular course choice among students at both high schools.

While Kelly is a graduate of Silver Creek High School, his name is synonymous with NAHS and WNAS. He clearly qualifies as a faculty legend for his 40 years of guiding and growing the radio station, and for being a mentor to thousands. He was inducted into the New Albany High School Hall of Fame in 2013.

In preparing for this first-ever posthumous profile, Lee's widow, Sally graciously assisted in its preparation. She was asked what she remembers about the early days when Lee split his time between the two schools.

She recalled: "At New Albany, WNAS was already twenty-plus years old when we came here. But at Floyd Central, radio was still in its early days. There was just one class of students, and Lee went there first period, every morning. Teaching was all new to him, and I know he thought that he was just as green as the kids were. The entire community was just always so welcoming. I remember that Roger Whaley first met Lee through Harvest Homecoming and Roger asked him to consider coming to WNAS. It was a great start to what lasted for such a long time".

Submitted by guest contributor Chris Morris, NAHS, '79



RAYMOND WEATHERHOLT, JR. 1940-2020

Ray Weatherholt was one of the original 67 members of Floyd Central's faculty and staff, there when the doors opened in 1967. And he was the last of those to retire from the school. Ray died from complications of CoVID-19 on September 8, 2020. He was 80 years old. For countless numbers of FC alumni who pursued careers in medicine and scientific research, he was the finest classroom teacher in the school's history. For decades before he retired and equally in the years after, Ray asserted that his finest classroom was outdoors, surrounded by wildflowers, birds, and butterflies.

Ray earned a degree in biology from Kentucky Wesleyan in 1962 and began his career in Ocala (Florida), teaching chemistry. He taught at Georgetown High School from 1964 to 1966, then took a year off to earn his master's degree in biology from Kansas State University, Emporia. He returned to teach at GHS for its final year before coming to Floyd Central. In his 36 years there, he continued to pursue graduate coursework in the summer at schools from Florida to Iowa. He also taught at IU Southeast.

He and his wife raised a daughter (Tama) and two sons (Shawn and Ray III). All three are Floyd Central graduates.

Anyone who knew Ray was quick to say: "although he retired from Floyd Central, he never left teaching". He was a tireless resource to Sunnyside Master Gardeners and one of the leaders of the group's "bluebird team". He helped to establish butterfly gardens across many locations in Floyd County. He was inducted into the FC Alumni Hall of Fame in 2016. The Ray Weatherholt Distinguished Student Prize and Scholarship Fund were established that same year. It is endowed in perpetuity and will provide a scholarship to its fifth annual awardee in 2021, promoting "the study of chemistry in the life sciences".

Ray's own words, excerpted from a 2016 column by local journalist Dale Moss seem as relevant today as they did then. Referring to his never-ending cycle of lifelong learning and teaching, Ray believed that he was blessed with "a wealth of knowledge that I wanted those kids to walk away with". His students ended up with that blessing, multiplied a hundredfold.

Virtual Education Celebration Gala One Month Away



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Education CELEBRATION

2021 VIRTUAL EVENT

FRIDAY, APRIL 16TH

Live Stream of Live Auction 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Silent Auction Ends 9:00pm

Online silent auction opens for bidding
Monday, April 12th

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We'll take care of dinner, you'll support NAFCs

Our upcoming virtual fundraising event, the 10th annual Education Celebration! on Friday, April 16th, 2021 is just a month away. We are now taking orders for our "Party at Home Packs" which include carryout meals and libations from local restaurant partners. We'll also throw in some sponsor promotional items, and printed programs so you can celebrate with us from home. Take a look at the delicious selections available below! Orders must be placed by Friday, April 5th.

Education CELEBRATION!

2021 VIRTUAL EVENT

PARTY AT HOME PACK MENU



Choose one entrée and one cocktail kit:

Entrée Options:

- Steak Frites
- Nashville Hot Chicken
- All-American Burger
- Spinach Salad with Chicken or Salmon

Cocktail Kits:

- Old Fashioned/En Fuego/Grocery/Craft Margarita

Choose one salad, one entrée, and one dessert:

Salad Options:

- Caesar's salad
- Garden salad

Entree Options:

- Fettuccine Alfredo Florentine with Grilled Chicken
- Ricotta Gnocchi in a brown butter sauce with roasted broccoli, summer squash, carrots, and cauliflower

Dessert options:

- Bourbon Banana Pudding
- Black Forest Cake

MESA



A COLLABORATIVE KITCHEN

Choose one entrée and one bottle of wine (one bottle of wine per two entrees)



Entrée options:

- Four Cheese Pasta with Grilled Chicken or Beef Tenderloin
- Bistro Burger
- Pacific Rim Salmon
- Hanger Steak

Wine options:

- Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Chardonnay, Vouvray



One shared charcuterie board and four bottles of wine

- Social Board for 8 guests - 21" bourbon barrel board with many helpings of traditional meats, cheeses, nuts, honey, and various produce
- 4 bottles of wine

Pick up on Friday, April 16th

IN ADDITION, THIS YEAR'S VIRTUAL EVENT WILL INCLUDE:

- A ROBUST SILENT AND LIVE ONLINE AUCTION
- THE RETURN OF OUR DREAM VACATION RAFFLE
- A LIVE STREAM OF EVENT ACTIVITIES FROM 7 TO 7:30 PM ON APRIL 16TH









The silent auction will be open for bidding on the morning of Monday, April 12th

The silent auction will close at 9 pm on the evening of Friday, April 16th.

Our virtual event website is up and running. You can explore all it has to offer here: <https://one.bidpal.net/educationcelebration/welcome> We hope you can join us virtually on Friday, April 16th!

Preview Auction Items Now

All Items

<p>#1 Live</p>  <p>Victoria National Stay and Play</p> <p>Round of Golf for 4 at Victoria National Golf Club Overnight stay in one of the club's luxury cottages!</p> <p>Preview Only</p> <p>Victoria National Stay and Play</p> <p>\$3,000 Value</p>	<p>#2 Live</p>  <p>"EverBright" Diamond Pendant</p> <p>14 K white gold 31 diamonds totaling 1.00ctw</p> <p>DAVIS JEWELERS</p> <p>Value: \$3000</p> <p>Preview Only</p> <p>"EverBright" Classic Diamond Essential Pendant</p> <p>\$3,000 Value</p>	<p>#10</p>  <p>LASIK with Dr. Kris Pugh</p> <p>\$3900 Value</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial Consultation• All Laser LASIK Procedure• Lifetime LASIK Guarantee <p>Dr. Black's eye associates SEE LIFE CLEARLY</p> <p>www.Have2020.com</p> <p>Preview Only</p> <p>Lasik Eye Surgery (both eyes)</p> <p>\$1,500 Starting Bid</p>	<p>#11</p>  <p>Starlight Distillery Private Bourbon Experience for 10</p> <p>Private Tour, Tastings, and Lunch</p> <p>Preview Only</p> <p>Starlight Distillery Bourbon Experience for 10</p> <p>\$400 Starting Bid</p>
<p>#12</p>  <p>Will and Estate Planning</p> <p>Preview Only</p> <p>Will and Estate Planning</p>	<p>#13</p>  <p>Ft. Lauderdale Beach Resort 7 Night Stay</p> <p>Master Suite Bath • GIG Living Room Kitchen</p> <p>Relax with tropical views on the beach</p> <p>Preview Only</p> <p>Ft. Lauderdale Beach Resort 7 Night Stay</p>	<p>#14</p>  <p>Cuvee Dinner and Wine Pairings for 8</p> <p>Wine pairings by: Master Sommelier, Scott Harper</p> <p>Preview Only</p> <p>Cuvee Dinner and Wine Pairings for 8</p>	<p>#15</p>  <p>Volare Private Six Course Chefs Tasting for Party of 6</p> <p>LOUISVILLE'S FINEST ITALIAN RESTAURANT</p> <p>Preview Only</p> <p>Volare Private Six Course Chefs Tasting for Party of 6</p>

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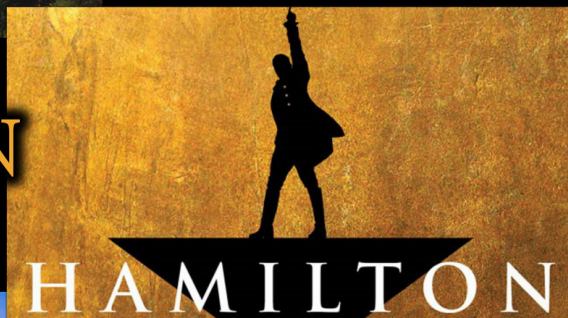
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THE WINNER WILL TAKE THEIR PICK OF ANY OF THE 6 PACKAGES
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2. ESCAPE TO MAUI

4-NIGHT STAY AT THE FAIRMONT ORCHID HAWAII (BIG ISLAND) WITH AIRFARE FOR 2

3. LOS CABOS ALL INCLUSIVE

5-NIGHT GETAWAY AT THE RENAISSANCE PARIS LE PARC TROCADERO & FOUR SEASONS HOTEL PRAGUE FOR 2

4. SIP AND SOAR THROUGH NAPA VALLEY

HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE, WINE TASTING, CHAUFFEUR, MERITAGE RESORT AND SPA 3-NIGHT STAY WITH AIRFARE FOR 2

5. ULTIMATE HAMILTON EXPERIENCE

DINNER WITH CAST MEMBERS, PRIVATE IN-THEATER MEET AND GREET, BROADWAY TICKETS, SIGNED CAST POSTER FOR 2

6. CHARLESTON LUXURY GETAWAY

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