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

What a school year this has been! As our teachers, staff, and students take a much-deserved break, we'd like to take a look back at some of the successes made possible through your support. Whether through your annual Legacy NAFC membership, participation in our virtual Education Celebration Gala, or by giving or volunteering to another Education Foundation cause, your generosity has made a substantial impact. Let's celebrate this past year's accomplishments while enjoying all the summer has to offer!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

The purpose of the Legacy NAFC initiative, and as a corollary, the purpose of this newsletter is to try to increase our connection to all of you, the friends of the NAFC Education Foundation. We're especially eager to increase the involvement with ALL former students, faculty and staff. Additionally, we're pretty sure that these stories of memorable Bulldogs and Highlanders will be of interest to friends and family members, even if they were never students, faculty or staff at an NAFC school. Will you share a copy of this newsletter forward to people you know who care about our great NAFC schools? You can be the key to help us reach a spouse or a widow of a former schoolmate or colleague. Whether they live near or far away, there might be children of... or even parents of... your friends from yesteryear, and many of them still would be delighted to read the stories of those profiled here.

At both high schools, the Hall of Fame has been an important way to recognize former students, faculty and staff. In this issue, we take a look at two individuals who have done a lot to see that we have a robust "alumni community" at New Albany and at Floyd Central. For both of them, basketball was important during their high school years. From my perspective, what they have done since high school has really meant a lot to me, personally. Both men have helped to build the backbone of the alumni organizations at their respective schools.

I was one of the principal founders of the Floyd Central Alumni Association in 2008. One of the people that I sought out, for guidance and advice was Greg Neely, a New Albany ('67) grad, just a few years older than me. The newly launched NAHS Hall of Fame had just welcomed its first class of inductees in the fall of 2007. New Albany already had a roster of its graduates from over a century. By contrast, our first graduating class was just coming up on their fortieth reunion! In a conversation with FC principal, John Marsh, I asserted this: "I don't think that we should wait until Floyd Central is fifty years old. We should have something up and running, with the training wheels off, before we get to the school's golden anniversary!" I want to thank Greg Neely for encouraging me to push forward.

This spring brought yet another fiftieth "milestone" in FC history: our "Superhicks" team, who advanced to the Indiana boys' basketball state finals, led by Coach Joe Hinton in 1971. We also profile in this issue, Larry Brumley, FCHS '71, one of the cornerstones of that great team. Of course, there have been many other great student athletes at Floyd Central in the past fifty years (and yes, at New Albany, too). That said, I want to tip my hat to Larry for consistently standing up -- in word and in deed, especially in the past five years -- to support our ever-growing plans and events, focused on a strong Highlander alumni community.

I hope that you enjoy learning more about Greg Neely and Larry Brumley... what they did while they were in high school and in the decades since.

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



R. GREGORY NEELY, NAHS CLASS OF 1967

Greg had a whirlwind high school career, in the largest graduating class ever at NAHS (1967). He was a member of Wranglers (the men's speech club) and Quill & Scroll (journalism honor society). He was not only a superb athlete, with nine varsity letters, he was also sports editor of the Vista. He was a top basketball scorer with total points in the upper ranks of Bulldog career history. He was a two-time state track finalist on the mile relay team, and a member of the conference champion cross-country team.

He played basketball for U of L on full scholarship and earned his undergraduate degree in 1971, majoring in history. He earned his law degree at IU (Indianapolis) in 1974 and was an associate editor of the Indiana Law Review. Greg began his legal career as an Indiana Deputy Attorney General before returning to New Albany in 1977. He joined the legendary firm of Cody and Cody, now known as Cody and Neely. He has served on the board of the Floyd County Public Defender's Office and he is a member of the Sherman Minton Inn of Court. A long-time active member of Trinity United Methodist, Greg has served on the church council for over 15 years and as chair of several committees. He is a past president of Kiwanis Club of Historic New Albany and was awarded Kiwanian of the Year in 1980.

Greg has been recognized for his service to the Bonnie Sloan Post #28 of The American Legion. He is a past president of Floyd County Council for the Arts and he has been a board member of the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana.

Greg serves as president of the NAHS Memorial Fund Committee which fulfills teachers' grant requests to supplement and enhance student experiences. Greg was inducted into the New Albany High School Hall of Fame in 2018.

Greg and his wife Vicki LaFollette Neely (also class of '67 at New Albany) have two children who are likewise New Albany grads (Matt '02 and Sarah '05) and three grandchildren.

I asked Greg about the future of the New Albany High School Hall of Fame.

He replied "I look forward to the induction of new members. It really is a great way to recognize the countless New Albany High School legends, from both the distant past and more recent decades as well. I certainly wondered if I belong in the same ranks as some of them. I felt very honored that the committee chose to induct me."



LARRY BRUMLEY, FCHS CLASS OF 1971

Larry came to Floyd Central as a freshman when the school opened its doors in 1967. As a senior, he was a member of the '71 Superhicks basketball team that went to the state finals. After high school, he went to IU Southeast and various banking schools. In the fall of 1972, he began working as a trainee at the American Bank in New Albany. After five mergers and acquisitions, he was working for PNC Bank, without ever really changing his employer.

Building on twenty-five years of experience with this group of banks, Larry left PNC and went to Regional Bank in 1997, which later merged to MainSource Bank. He went on to serve for twenty years, and he retired in 2017 from his position at MainSource as Senior Vice President in the Commercial Banking Group. Over the span of his career, he has worked with many clients to help

grow their businesses and meet their financial needs. Although he relocated away from PNC in 1997, many of his commercial banking clients followed him for their business banking needs. A large number of those had been in a client relationship with him for over thirty years when he retired.

Larry's community involvement has been extensive for decades. He has served: as president of the New Albany Optimist Club; past president of Harvest Homecoming, Inc for two terms. and chairman of its board for two terms, plus five terms as its treasurer. Additionally, he served two terms as president of Highlander Youth Recreation. He has also served as a member of the New Albany Urban Enterprise Zone Board, a member of the NA-FC School Building Corporation Board, a member of the Floyd County Revolving Loan Fund Board and a member of the New Albany Economic Development Board. He has served as a volunteer to the Salvation Army since 2010.

Larry was inducted into the Floyd Central Hall of Fame in 2017. He and his wife Diann (Messmer), also a Floyd Central graduate from the class of 1970, have subsequently elected to join three dozen other loyal FC supporters by becoming a Founding Donor to the Floyd Central Alumni Board Endowed Fund. The fund supports the FC Legacy scholarship program.

Larry and Diann live in Georgetown. All four of their children are also Floyd Central graduates: Jenna Hagedorn ('93), Lindsey Cavins ('96), Kyle Brumley ('98) and Kevin Brumley ('02). They have 8 grandchildren.

I asked Larry to reflect on what Floyd Central meant to him

He replied "My high school days were an extraordinary period of growth and change. Yes, the basketball program was an obvious example, but in those first four years, there was much more than that. There was also a continuous evolution in the individual communities where we grew up as kids. What came out of it was one very real and very unified "Floyd Central community".

Recently, my good friend and teammate, Jerry Hale sent me a card and wrote a great little message in it: Referring to the (1986) movie, he said "We made Hoosiers come alive, long before they actually filmed it". As true as that is, what happened at Floyd Central was even more dramatic than the movie. We learned the importance of hard work and teamwork to accomplish a goal. Many high schools can teach you that. The outpouring of community support for the Superhicks was magical, and that's something that is still alive today."

Great Classroom Projects Make an Impact



Through your annual Legacy NAFC membership, the NAFC Education Foundation was able to send \$65,000 worth of classroom resources into NAFCs. These projects not only funded traditional classroom resources but Covid-19 response resources like PPE, cleaning supplies, and virtual learning tools. With over 150 individual projects funded, there is no shortage of success stories. Please enjoy a few pictures and project summaries made possible through your investment!



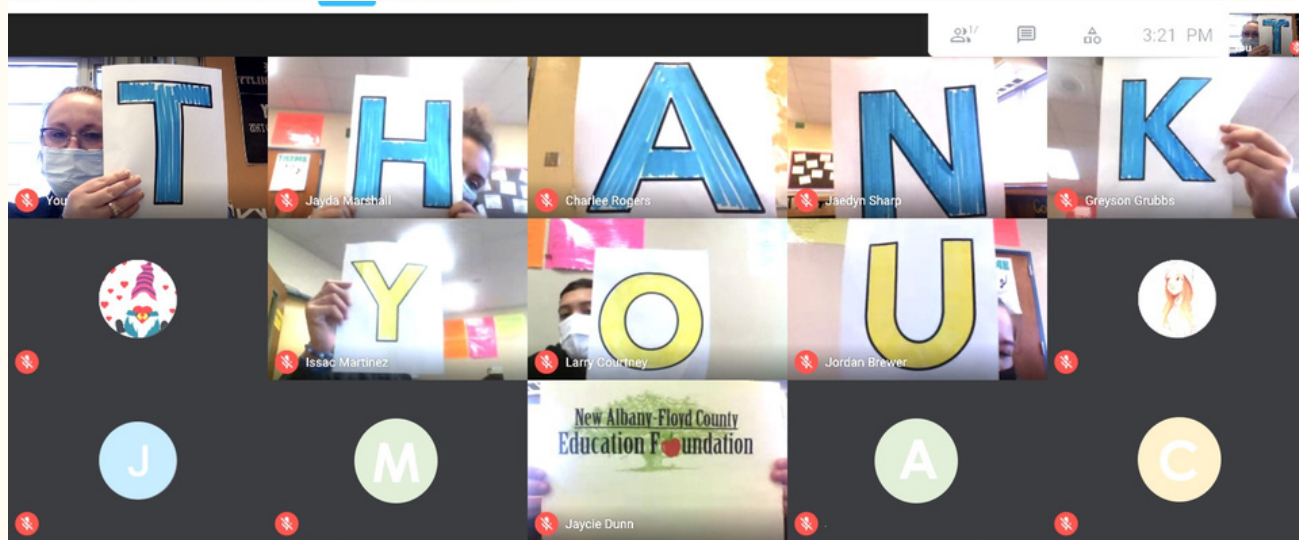
From the FCHS Theatre Arts Facebook Page:

"A massive THANK YOU to the New Albany-Floyd County Education Foundation for their support this past year! With funding provided from their Great Classroom Project Grants, we were able to purchase new play scripts to diversify our classroom library to include women and BIPOC authors. Our Advanced Theatre students had a blast reading and using these stories for dramaturgy and directing projects!"



From the Slate Run Elementary Facebook Page:

"Thank you to New Albany Floyd County Education Foundation for providing a grant to provide sensory tools that were easily sanitized and allowed students to have individual supplies for reading groups this year! "





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New Albany High School

Play FORE! Education Golf Scramble – July 16th

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Morning Flight
Donuts and Coffee
7:30 am Registration
8:00 am Morning Shotgun Start

11:30 am Lunch Served

Afternoon Flight
12:00 pm Registration
1:30 pm Afternoon Shotgun Start
4:00 pm Snacks Served

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Join us for the 13th annual Play Fore! Education Golf Scramble at Fuzzy Zoeller's Champions Pointe, in Memphis, Indiana on Friday, July 16th, 2021.

Accepting sponsorships and teams of 4. More information can be found at: bidpal.net/PlayForeEd

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