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## **"IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD..."**

It takes the dedication of every person who walks into our schools. It takes the respect and admiration of the community for all teachers and staff. It takes a strong partnership with families.

On behalf of the NAFC Education Foundation and its all-volunteer board, we would like to thank you, a very important part of our "village", for your sustaining support of the Education Foundation, Legacy NAFC, and our outstanding NAFC students, teachers, and schools.

It really is "the Most Wonderful Time of the Year", as Andy Williams has been telling us since 1963. We wish you the very best holiday season!

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

This month, our profiles exemplify just exactly how "the village" should work. Steve Perkins and Julie Collings have talked the talk and walked the walk for nearly thirty years each. They have been there, in those hallways, from Head Start to fourth year Latin.

For the past three months, this column has focused its spotlight on a handful of NAHS and FCHS legends from the 1960s and even earlier. This month, the time machine gets a spin of the dial with two graduates from the 1980s. Among the NAHS Hall of Famers, that's uncommonly young. There are only seven inductees from the past forty years. It would be great to have more profiles of Bulldogs from the more recent past. A lot of you who are reading this... probably know plenty. After all, many have now passed the thirty-year mark in their careers. Will you suggest the names of some schoolmates that others would like to meet?

Because FC is a younger school, Hall of Famers from the 1980s show up in greater numbers than their counterparts from the 1970s or 1960s. We will profile more of them in the coming months.

**Introduction by Rex Bickers, FCHS 1970**

## **Julie Guilford Collings FCHS 1984**

Julie Collings worked as a school nurse for 29 years, meeting the needs of students and staff on a circuit of three elementary schools in the NAFC school system. She began her career with a BSN degree from Bellarmine University in 1988. She worked for five years in hospital and surgical outpatient settings. Wanting to focus on public health and health education, she followed her instincts and took on a Master's degree in Public Health from IU, commuting back and forth to Bloomington for another three years. Focused on school safety, she is



credentialed (American Heart Association and American Red Cross, Stop the Bleed) as an instructor for emergency care. She has earned her National

Board Certification in School Nursing. It's a distinction earned by only 21 other school nurses in Indiana. She was honored as Indiana School Nurse of the Year in 2017 and inducted into the FCHS Hall of Fame in 2018.

Julie has been equally committed to community service, as a member of the Floyd County Head Start Health Services Committee, Nutrition/Physical Activity Coalition at Baptist Health Floyd, and past board member of St. Elizabeth Charities Council. As an active volunteer leader at Northside Christian Church, Julie was part of a medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic. For the 2021-2022 school year, she made one more new pathway change, becoming a Health Careers instructor at Prosser.

Julie and her husband Bill enjoy family life with their children Max and Meredith, plus their two married sons, Sam and Brandon, three grandchildren and their fourth one on the way.

### **Steve Perkins, NAHS 1987**



Steve foreshadowed his college experience during his years at New Albany. He was a member of Junior Classical League (JCL) each year, rising to consul (president) his senior year. He was also valedictorian of his class. He was a Phi Beta Kappa grad, earning his undergraduate degree at IU in Classical Studies. He taught middle school Latin before enrolling at the University of Texas (Austin), where he completed a Master's degree. He honed his craft at LBJ High School and was recognized as Latin Teacher of the Year by the Texas Foreign Language Teachers' Association.

Returning to Indiana, he truly found his calling at North Central High School (NCHS), teaching all levels of Latin and heading up the largest chapter of JCL in the state of Indiana. During his fourth year at NCHS, he co-authored the immensely successful Latin For Dummies. In 2013, he was selected as North Central's Teacher of the Year in May, then went on to be honored as Indiana Teacher of the Year in September. He has received numerous other teaching awards and he was inducted into the NAHS Hall of Fame in 2014.

Like Julie, Steve was ready for a change after the 2020-21 school year. He had planned to retire, but he has returned to the classroom, teaching Latin at Guerin Catholic High School in Noblesville. He and his wife, Melissa (also a Latin teacher) have two children: Austin and Olivia.



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# \$14,716 in Classroom Grants Awarded in December



For the fifth month in a row this school year, Great Classroom Project grants put thousands of dollars in resources into the hands of NAFC teachers and students! In December, 20 projects were funded in NAFC classrooms all across the district. This program has provided over \$90,000 this year and over \$950,000 in classroom resources since 2011. Congratulations to our outstanding educators and thank you to our donors for providing for our students!

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# Field Trips Made Possible



Elementary classrooms were able to resume visits to local cultural and historical landmarks in November through the NAFC Education Foundation. We are thankful to the Caesars Foundation of Floyd County for providing the funds for admission and transportation so that all NAFC elementary students may visit the Culbertson Mansion, Scribner House, Town Clock Church, Corydon State Capitol, Louisville Zoo, Stage One Family Theatre, Falls of the Ohio, Derby Dinner Playhouse, and more!

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# Save the Date! Education Celebration Gala Set for March 4th



Save the date for the annual Education Celebration Gala at Huber's Plantation Hall on Friday, March 4th, 2022. This fun event is for everyone: alumni, parents, teachers, business leaders, and more! The event will feature hors d'oeuvres, dinner, live entertainment, and a silent and live auction. The proceeds will benefit students, teachers, and schools in NAFC through the NAFC Education Foundation. Join us!

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