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THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER OF LEGACY NAFC ALUMNI



The New Albany Floyd County Education Foundation is proud to introduce eight outstanding graduates—four from New Albany High School and four from Floyd Central High School—who are competing in a spirited fundraising challenge to support our students, teachers, and schools.

Each of these alumni brings a unique story of leadership, community, and gratitude for the educators and school community who shaped them. Together, they represent the heart of our mission: ensuring that every student in our district has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

SUPPORT THE 4TH ANNUAL LEGACY NAFC ALUMNI ROYAL COURT

2025

Legacy NAFC is the official alumni initiative of the NAFC Education Foundation. Through your generosity, the Foundation provides vital funding for programs that go beyond the regular school budget, including:

- **Great Classroom Grants:** Up to \$500 annually provided to each educator to implement innovative classroom projects.
- **Mental Health Grants:** Funding for programs that help students and staff navigate mental health challenges.
- **New Educator Resources:** \$100 for classroom resources to help new teachers get started strong.
- **Blessings in a Backpack:** Weekend meals for Pre-K through 6th graders who might otherwise go hungry.
- **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library:** Free monthly books for Floyd County children ages birth to five, encouraging early literacy.

Your support fuels these initiatives and helps create a brighter future for every student in our NAFCS community.

Join us as we celebrate the power of giving and honor the alumni who are leading the way.

The top fundraiser will be crowned before the **New Albany vs. Floyd Central boys varsity basketball game on Friday, December 12, 2025, at Floyd Central High School.**

Give online at the [Legacy NAFC Alumni Royal Court site](#).

Give by mail by sending your donation with the [NAFC Royal Court Donation Form](#).

For questions, please contact Sherri McKeen, Alumni Coordinator:
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MEET THE FLOYD CENTRAL GRADUATES!

2025 FLOYD CENTRAL
HIGHLANDERS



JULIA HOTT

Julia (Hubbert) Hott (FC '06) has dedicated much of her life to education and supporting students. With 16 years of teaching experience, she has taught at NAHS and IUS, and in 2024, returned to the classroom at FCHS as the Calculus and Finite Math teacher while also serving as adjunct faculty with Ivy Tech. Julia is also one of the teacher advisors for Floyd Central's Dance Marathon. Julia and her husband, Matt (NA '06), are raising three children: Katelyn, a 5th grader at Highland Hills Middle; Kaleb, a kindergartner at Floyd Knobs Elementary; and Kristian, who is in Pre-K at the Prosser Preschool program.

[Support Julia on the Royal Court!](#)



PAULA MERRILL

Paula Merrill (FC '89) has devoted her life to encouraging young people to grow in confidence through the arts. After earning her degree in Musical Theatre from Ball State, Paula returned home to Southern Indiana. She became the Owner and Director of the Weber School of Dance, the studio where she grew up. For more than three decades, she has inspired students through ballet, tap, jazz, and theatre, while also giving back through scholarships and annual food drives for local kids.

[Support Paula on the Royal Court!](#)



KATIE SUTTER

Katie (Bauer) Sutter (FC '04) has built her life around storytelling and community. A former Dazzler and Radio/TV student at FCHS, Katie carried her passion for communication into journalism, studying at Ball State before working as a reporter. For the past eight years, she has been a Marketing Account Manager at ProMedia Group, where her work with NAFC Schools, City of New Albany, and City of Jeffersonville has kept her closely connected to the stories and achievements of our community. She and her husband, Chris, are raising three children: Quinn is a 3rd grader at Floyd Knobs Elementary, Collin is a kindergartner at FKE, and Vivian is two years old.

[Support Katie on the Royal Court!](#)



MATT UHL

Matt Uhl (FC '97) is proud to call Floyd County home. A former football player and baseball announcer at FCHS, Matt carried his love of sports and history into college, earning a degree in sports marketing and management from IU and interning with the Indianapolis Colts. Today, he works as a Compliance Manager at Farm Credit Mid America and continues his passion for sports as the announcer for Highland Hills Middle School football. He and his wife, Erin, are raising their two children: Graham is an 8th grader at HHMS, and Grace is a 6th grader at HHMS.

[Support Matt on the Royal Court!](#)

MEET THE NEW ALBANY GRADUATES!

2025



Amanda (Hines) Braden (NA '94) has built her career and her life around family and community. A former Bulldog and WNAS student, Amanda has spent the past 25 years as a Realtor with Schuler Bauer, serving families across Southern Indiana. She also serves on the board of Blessings in a Backpack Floyd County, helping ensure students have food outside of school each week. Amanda and her husband, Joe, have shared their lives together since 2007, raising a blended family that includes her son Tyler, a Floyd Central graduate, and Jake, a Providence graduate.

[Support Amanda on the Royal Court!](#)



Braydon Hobbs (NA '08) turned his Bulldog pride into a global journey. After graduating from NAHS and earning his degree in Criminal Justice at Bellarmine University, Braydon spent 12 years as a professional basketball player in Europe and Australia. Today, he serves as an Account Advisor in Sales at Security Pros, helping businesses protect what matters most. Braydon and his wife, Sadie (FC '08) are the proud parents of three children who all attend Georgetown Elementary: Haven, a 4th grader, Cormic, a 1st grader, and Benson, a kindergartner.

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Karen (Akers) McKinley-Boyd (NA '75) has devoted her career to helping young people grow in confidence, strength, and resilience through gymnastics. After being part of NAHS's very first gymnastics teams, Karen turned her passion into a lifelong mission. In 1982, she founded The Tumbler's Club, which grew into All Starz Gymnastics, a thriving acro, tumbling, and training center that has impacted generations of Floyd County students. Today, she continues to guide athletes to discover the joy of believing in themselves. Karen has two daughters, Alexandria (Christian Academy '09) and Demi (NA '14).

[Support Karen on the Royal Court!](#)



Tony (Brown) Toran (NA '87) has dedicated his life to service, leadership, and community. A lifelong resident of New Albany, Tony serves as Deputy Executive Director of the New Albany Housing Authority, Pastor of Galatian Missionary Baptist Church, and President of the Indiana Missionary Baptist State Convention. He was appointed to the Floyd County Council in 2021 and was elected to the seat in 2022, where he continues to advocate for local families and programs that strengthen the community. Tony and his wife, Belina, were married in August 2025 and are the proud parents of Olivia, a senior at the University of Louisville.

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NAFC SUCCESS IN ACTION

Each day, innovation and compassion come to life in our classrooms thanks to the generosity of donors who make Great Classroom and Mental Health Grants possible. Through the school corporation's NAFC Success video series, you can see these inspiring projects in action and hear directly from the teachers and students they impact.

At **Floyds Knobs Elementary**, a **Mental Health Grant** transformed an underused courtyard into a vibrant outdoor classroom where students can learn, explore, and recharge in nature. The space has quickly become a favorite spot for both lessons and mindfulness breaks.

📺 Watch the story: [Floyds Knobs Outdoor Classroom](#)

At **Slate Run Elementary**, a **Great Classroom Grant** helped make one kindergartner's dream come true. Meet Easton, a student with visual impairments whose new adaptive bike gives him independence and joy, proving that inclusion and innovation go hand in hand.

📺 Watch the story: [Easton's New Bike](#)

At **New Albany High School**, a **Great Classroom Grant** made it possible for biology students to study genetics and evolution through a hands-on Finch Project by observing traits, behaviors, and even hatching baby finches. The experience bridges classroom learning with real-world science in a way textbooks can't.

📺 Watch the story: [Finch Project at NAHS](#)

Together, these projects show the ripple effect of community support through empowering teachers to bring big ideas to life and helping students grow, connect, and thrive.



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The New Albany Floyd County Education Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that works in conjunction with NAFC Schools to provide privately funded supplemental resources and programs to students, teachers, and schools. Legacy NAFC is the official alumni support group of the NAFC Education Foundation and New Albany Floyd County Schools.

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