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A Message from the NAFC Education Foundation ***Sherri McKeen, Alumni Coordinator***

February is a month that naturally makes us think about love, and this issue gives us plenty to celebrate. In our Alumni Spotlights, we're sharing two stories of NAFC graduates who each found their forever partners among fellow NAFC alumni. There's something special about knowing that even years after graduation, the connections rooted in our school community can lead to a lifetime together.

We also want to share our sincere gratitude for the incredible support surrounding our 15th Annual Education Celebration Gala. From a sold-out crowd to a record-breaking total of more than \$300,000 raised, the generosity of our alumni and community continues to amaze us. Every dollar will go right back into programs that support NAFC students, educators, and schools, and we are truly thankful to everyone who helped make this milestone possible.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Amanda Beam, Guest Contributor

February is the month for love, and what better way to honor Cupid than to celebrate our alumni couples and the continued contributions they make to New Albany Floyd County Schools.

Joe and Melissa Glover may be graduates of different high schools, but there's no rivalry in their 14-year marriage. Parents of two daughters, **Joe (NAHS '94)** serves as vice chancellor at Indiana University Southeast, while **Melissa (FCHS '96)** leads the software quality assurance team at Bastion Solutions. In their free time, they volunteer at their children's schools and remain active, helping others in our community.

Vicki and Dan Williamson met as friends in the New Albany High School choir, a relationship that became the foundation of a 43-year marriage grounded in faith and fellowship. **Dan (NAHS '79)** founded Promedia Group, a media and marketing company, where he serves as CEO. Working alongside her husband, **Vicki (NAHS '80)** leads human resources and acts as CFO. The Williamsons also dedicate their time and talents to their church and to local nonprofits.

Happy Valentine's Month to all our NAFCS couples who show their love of our schools and this community throughout the year.

Teammates in leading and in life: *Melissa Kovachik Glover (FC '06) and Joe Glover (NA '04)*



On game days, Melissa Glover trades her keyboard for a clipboard, taking her place on the bench as an assistant coach for the Hazelwood fifth-grade girls' basketball team. A software quality assurance manager by profession, she supports not only her daughter but every player on the hardwood.

From the stands, her husband, former Indiana University Southeast athletic director Joe Glover, cheers the team on.

“I always laugh that when my career in athletics was over, her career in athletics began,” said Joe, now the university’s vice chancellor.

It’s an unexpected role reversal. The woman who once avoided the spotlight now coaches her children in sports, balancing practices and games with her full-time job.

Meanwhile, the former high school sports broadcaster with the radio-ready voice has gladly taken his place in the bleachers, always ready to lend a hand. In addition to advocating for students at IUS, he has served as president of the New Albany Rotary Club and sits on the board of the NAFC Education Foundation.

That willingness to serve — and to support one another — defines the couple. Shaped by their own experiences, they understand the power of community and work to give back.

“That’s why I became involved,” Melissa said of her volunteer work at her daughters’ schools. “There’s such a need.”

The Glovers’ childhoods couldn’t have been more different.

Melissa grew up on a farm in rural Greenville, Indiana, surrounded by fields of tobacco and vegetables. Though she played golf and soccer for several years at Floyd Central High School, the self-described “big nerd” excelled academically, especially in math, loading her schedule with honors classes. She graduated in 2006.

Raised in New Albany, Joe hadn’t seen a farm until he met Melissa. A first-generation college student, he credits teachers and mentors with helping him find his path. The 2004 NAHS graduate found success in the classroom and at WNAS, the school’s renowned radio station.

“This community has given me a lot. I don’t know what life would have looked like if those guys didn’t take an active role in helping me and building me up,” said Joe, who earned the Lilly Endowment Scholarship that funded his four-year college tuition. He carries a deep desire to give back the same support that once shaped his life, and he is grateful to share that commitment with a partner who genuinely cares about others.

Though both took classes on the IUS campus during college — Joe studying business there while Melissa was one of the few women in Purdue Polytechnic’s electrical engineering program — they met through a mutual friend. Their first date nearly left Melissa swooning.

“I hadn’t eaten anything all day,” said Melissa, who had been sitting with a hospitalized friend. “It was like an hour and a half wait. I did almost pass out.”

What began as a long wait for a table soon became an enduring relationship.

In 2008, Joe graduated with a bachelor’s degree in business marketing. He returned to IUS, first serving as sports information director and later as assistant athletic director. But 2011 proved especially memorable. Melissa graduated and, engaged the year before, she and Joe bought their first home together. Joe also accepted the position of IUS athletic director — at 26, the youngest college AD in the country.

They married the following year.

Melissa began her career in quality engineering at Samtec before joining Bastion Solutions, where she now leads the company’s software quality assurance team. Being a working mother to two young girls hasn’t always been easy, particularly with Joe’s earlier travel schedule. Now that both daughters are in school, she has more opportunities to volunteer. She is also the first female manager at her company with children, allowing her to bring a working mother’s perspective to her leadership team.

“As moms, we try to take on way too much, and we need to focus on the things that matter and let go of what doesn't,” she said. She also emphasized that communicating your needs, and understanding your partner's, strengthens the relationship.

Reflecting on their life together, Joe said he has learned the importance of a partnership built on shared responsibility.

“When I was traveling all the time, it was a lot harder to help out,” Joe said. “My biggest advice to those soon-to-be dads is, don't do that. Make sure you're in there and you're supportive as an equal partner in everything.”

Whether on the bench, in the stands or in a boardroom, Joe and Melissa continue to show up for those in their community and each other.

“It means a lot,” Joe said. “That's the thing about public schools here locally. We're lucky that we have them. But it still takes a village. It takes all of us.”

Making beautiful music: *Vicki Melhiser (NAHS '80) and Dan Williamson (NAHS '79)*



When Vicki Melhiser and Dan Williamson sang together in the choir room at New Albany High School, neither imagined the life they would one day build side by side. Nearly five decades later, they are still harmonizing—through faith, family, and a thriving business rooted in service.

“We got married on faith, and we just believed God was going to take care of us,” said Vicki. “And God has taken really good care of us.”

Before they became husband and wife, Dan and Vicki were simply friends. Though Dan graduated from NAHS in 1979 and Vicki followed in 1980, their friendship grew through their time together in the NAHS Acapella and Swing Choir.

One of their most memorable experiences came in the spring of 1979, when the choir traveled to Hawaii for a competition. Their chorus earned a silver medal, but for Dan and Vicki, the trip helped spark a connection that would shape the rest of their lives.

After graduation, Dan began college at Indiana University Southeast, and the two stayed in touch.

During the fall of Vicki's senior year, Dan decided to take a chance and ask her out, and she agreed. One date led to another, and soon they were spending time together every day.

Through Dan's parents and weekly Bible study, their shared faith deepened as well.

"Love formed very quickly because we knew each other so well," Dan said.

Dan proposed in the fall of 1981, and the two were married the following summer—beginning a marriage built on commitment, friendship, and faith.

"She's my business partner. She's the love of my life," Dan said. "I don't know how I could have done any of the things I've done without her help."

In his early twenties, Dan worked for his father at Ashland Petroleum Company, where he learned the fundamentals of business and management. But an unexpected opportunity soon pointed to a new direction.

When Vicki's sister got married, Vicki asked Dan to film the wedding, knowing that while at NAHS he had interned at WLKY and could run a camera. At the reception, other brides approached him with similar requests.

"A light bulb came on," Dan recalled. "I was like, 'Oh, I can charge for this.' And it just took off like wildfire."

Within a few years, Dan and his brothers were filming as many as 100 weddings annually. In 1986, he founded a video company that would become ProMedia Group, a New Albany-based marketing firm that continues to grow today.

At the same time, Vicki was developing her own professional strengths after graduating from IUS, working in payroll, insurance, and human resources at Doctor Bizer's Vision World. She also became Dan's trusted sounding board as he edited his videos, offering feedback and insight—especially from a bride's perspective.

"He has certain gifts, and I have certain gifts," Vicki said. "We really complement each other. I'm someone who prefers to be behind the scenes, doing what I can to help him succeed."

In 1989, Dan left his dad's company to devote himself fully to building the business. As technology and marketing evolved, ProMedia evolved with it—becoming one of the first companies in the area to offer website design.

Today, guided by four core pillars—Creativity, Collaboration, Client Focus, and Celebration—Dan and Vicki lead a 25-person team offering videography, photography, digital marketing, social media management, and web design.

While Vicki stepped back from day-to-day operations for a period to raise their two children, she later returned in a major leadership role. She now serves as the company's CFO and leads human resources. "If you interview the team, they'll tell you she's the glue," Dan said. "She's what keeps everyone happy and moving forward."

Giving back remains central to both the couple and their business. Dan has served on numerous nonprofit boards throughout Kentuckiana, and the couple remains deeply connected to their Graceland Church family. Dan plays bass guitar in the church band alongside their son Jordan on drums, while Vicki has served in music and preschool ministry.

Their impact has also been recognized by their hometown. In 2024, Dan was inducted into the New Albany High School Hall of Fame—an honor reflecting decades of leadership, entrepreneurship, and community service. It was also a meaningful recognition for their family, which represents four generations of NAHS graduates.

In September, ProMedia Group will celebrate its 40th anniversary, a milestone that Dan and Vicki view not simply as a business achievement, but as God's blessing.

"Our business is a miracle," Vicki said. "We've got two wonderful children, great family and friends, a church family, and so many people who prayed for us—we're just incredibly grateful."

Nearly 46 years after their NAHS choir days, Dan and Vicki continue to live the values that first brought them together: faith, love, partnership, and gratitude.

"Our success in business," Dan said, "is also a success for New Albany High School and our community."



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A RECORD-BREAKING NIGHT: 15th Annual Education Celebration Raises Over \$300,000 for NAFC Schools

The NAFC Education Foundation's 15th Annual Education Celebration was one for the record books.

This year's Gala sold out with 560 registered guests filling the room with energy, generosity, and deep pride in our schools. Educators, alumni, business leaders, parents, and community supporters gathered with one shared purpose: to invest in the students and teachers of New Albany Floyd County Schools.

And the result was extraordinary.

Thanks to the overwhelming support of our community, the evening generated a record-breaking \$300,000+ in revenue to support the Foundation's work across all 16 NAFC schools.

AN EVENING POWERED BY STUDENTS

One of the most meaningful moments of the night came from our own students. Talented performers from across NAFC schools took the stage to present the story of the NAFC Education Foundation through the arts, showcasing the creativity, confidence, and opportunity that your support makes possible. Their performances were a powerful reminder of why we gather each year.

GENEROSITY AT EVERY LEVEL

The evening featured more than 200 silent auction items and six incredible live auction experiences. From those who attended in person and raised their paddles, to supporters bidding from home, to the generous in-kind donors who contributed over \$100,000 in auction items, the spirit of giving was everywhere.

This year's event was also made possible by the commitment of 50 event sponsors who stepped forward to champion public education in our community.

Behind the scenes, volunteers and committee members worked tirelessly to bring the evening together. Their dedication ensured that every detail reflected the heart and mission of the Foundation.

INVESTING IN WHAT MATTERS MOST

Funds raised from the Education Celebration directly support initiatives that strengthen our schools, including:

- Great Classroom Grants
- Mental Health Grants
- The Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- Blessings in a Backpack

Each dollar raised represents real opportunities for students and meaningful support for educators who go above and beyond every day.

GRATEFUL FOR OUR COMMUNITY

From the moment doors opened to the final celebration of the night, the 15th Annual Education Celebration reflected what makes NAFC special: a community that shows up.

Whether you attended, sponsored, donated, volunteered, bid on an auction item, or supported from afar, you played a role in this record-setting success.

Because of you, our teachers have greater access to innovative resources. Our students have expanded support systems. And our schools continue to grow stronger year after year.

Thank you for believing in public education and for investing in the future of NAFC students.

More photos and highlights from the evening are being shared on the [NAFC Education Foundation Facebook page](#). We hope you will take a moment to relive this unforgettable night with us.



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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