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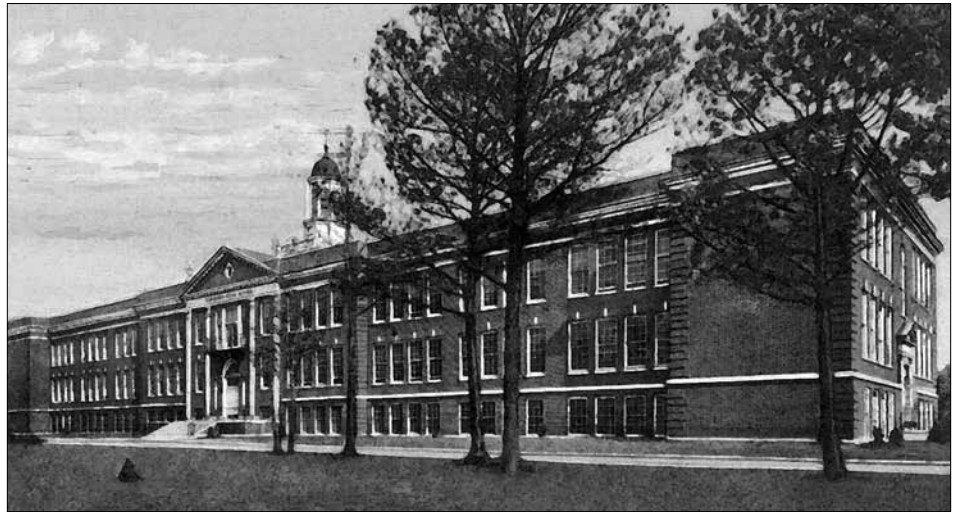
Columbus High Ranked Number One in Georgia

Second Year in a Row!

2014 was an excellent year full of achievements for Columbus High School. Again, for the second year in a row, Columbus High has been recognized as the number one public high school in the state of Georgia! All of the CHS community could not be more proud of the consistent academic achievement from present and past students.

In addition to securing first place in Georgia, CHS has received national recognition by being ranked the 38th public school in the country by *The Daily Beast*. Jumping from number 105 in 2013 to number 38 this year was not easy. Nothing short of the strong dedication and determination of the teachers, students, and parents of CHS allowed CHS to climb the national ranks. CHS principal **Marvin Crumbs** commented, "This ranking serves as a sign that Columbus High School and the Muscogee County School District are going in the right direction in regards to educating the children in this district and preparing them for life after high school. We raise the bar and elevate the expectations for our students, faculty and staff; and they are always up to the task."

No other schools from the area were featured in *The Daily Beast's* ranking. The next Georgia public school to place on the list is Lassister High School in Marietta, which was ranked 210 out of the 2,000 schools on the list.



The Daily Beast uses six different criteria for ranking schools throughout the country. Each criteria holds a specific amount of weight in the grading scale; graduation rate and college-acceptance rate are the two heaviest weighing criteria. Statistically, it is obvious how CHS was chosen as the best in Georgia and 38 out of 2,000 in the country.

Join the CHS Alumni Association in celebration of our alma mater and the past and present students who made this possible. Go Blue Devils!

Academic Statistics

- 100% graduation rate
- 97.7% of students attend college
- 20% of students qualify for free or reduce-price lunch
- 1722 average SAT score
- 25 average ACT score
- 63.4% of all students are enrolled in Advance Placement or International Baccalaureate courses
- 73.6% of students receive passing rate on their AP or IB exams

Columbus High Senior Alonzo Jones, Jr. Selected to Play in the Under Armour All-American Baseball Game

On August 16, the 2014 Under Armour All-American Baseball game took place at Wrigley Field in Chicago, Illinois. CHS senior **Alonzo Jones, Jr.**, was one of the athletes selected to play in the prestigious game. Alonzo



Alonzo Jones

shares the honor of being selected with several other high school baseball players from around the country.

Scouts from all over the country were present at the event. Not only was it the time to showcase each selected member's talent, but it was also an excellent training and learning opportunity for all involved.

The entire CHS and Columbus community is proud of the accomplishments of Alonzo and look forward to seeing what his bright future holds.



Class of 1964 50th Reunion and Endowment Contribution

In honor of: Patricia Hill Lane and Kenneth Thomas

The Class of '64 celebrated a landmark reunion year in 2014. Their 50th reunion was a much anticipated and exciting evening.

While planning the reunion, it became evident to both **Judith Van Meter Parris '64** and **Ruth Wilheit Laney '64** that two of their fellow alumni deserved recognition for their constant and outstanding dedication to the Class of '64.

Patricia Hill Lane '64 has been on the forefront of each reunion. She was the chairwoman for the Class of '64's 10th, 20th, 30th, 35th, 40th and 50th reunions. She has donated countless hours finding volunteers, coordinating details and successfully planning six reunions.

Kenneth Thomas '64 dedicated much of his volunteer time to a somewhat thankless role. Over the years, Kenneth managed addresses, the constantly changing phone numbers and email addresses for most of the class. Without his assistance, none of these reunions would have been possible.

Acknowledging the hard work from both Patricia and Kenneth, Ruth and Judith were able to sneak in a special request in the reunion registration packet. They asked fellow classmates to make a donation to the CHS Endowment for Excellence fund to honor Patricia and Kenneth.

The generosity of the Class of '64 was astonishing! \$5,637 was presented to the CHS Alumni Association in honor of these two extraordinary people.

You can view more photos and get more information on the ongoing Endowment Fund at our website, www.ColumbusHighAlumni.com.



Patricia Hill Lane (pictured left) and Kenneth Thomas were recognized by their fellow alumni during the Class of '64's 50th Reunion. \$5,637 in donations in their honor were presented to the CHS Alumni Association.

Columbus High School's 2014 Annual Fund

This has been a landmark year for Columbus High! A new fundraising campaign was introduced this year and because of CHS' amazing alumni, this campaign continues to be a great success.

CHS has raised \$18,705 from 136 donors in support of various educational programs for Columbus High. From the Columbus Robotics Alliance to the Debate team, The CHS Alumni Association is dedicated to helping support the academic and extracurricular activities that make CHS so extraordinary.

Impressively, over \$30,000 in funds have been provided to CHS from the Alumni Association since 2009. These important contributions were used to help fund:

- Social and field trip fees
- Supplement Freshman Lunch and Learn, where freshmen are introduced to the CHS Manners and Etiquette program
- Dream Trip Scholarships
- Advanced Placement fees for students who otherwise could not afford them
- Assistance with costs for academic competitions such as Debate Team, Math Team, Academic Decathlon and more

Although the amount raised is impressive, your support is needed to impact the lives of these students through leadership development, academic and extracurricular activities and scholarships. Make a contribution to the

2014 Columbus High Annual Fund today, and help ensure all students have the opportunity to experience these great programs. Any gift you make to the Alumni Association is completely tax deductible.

Visit our new website, www.ColumbusHighAlumni.com and click the "Support the Campaign" button to the right to make your contribution.

The impact you make with your gift will resonate with students for many years to come. Join the 136 donors listed below and make your tax deductible gift today.

2014 ANNUAL FUND \$18,705 pledged as of November 7, 2014

Graduate of CHS

\$1,000 - \$10,000

John F. Flournoy '58
In Memory of
George "Ed" Gullatt
Judy Smith Joiner '53
Arnetta Ordean McCord '65
Joe B. Psalmonds, Jr. '65
John W. Walden '61
Judy Whitt

Senior

\$500 - \$999

Walker Reynolds Bickerstaff '64
Thomas Bryant Buck, III '55
Jerry Fiser '61
Richard Spector Robbins '64

Junior

\$250 - \$499

Frank Jeter Bickerstaff, III '65
Leslie Lillenthal Cohn '65
Graham Screws Dukes '65
Barbara Swift Gabrielson '59
Sue Robinson Henry '70
Charles Luther Stanton '62
Beth Webb Stanton '65
Harry L. Williams, III '65

Sophomore

\$100 - \$249

Phyllis Spandorfer Bargonetti '57
Paul Belk '53
Al Norman Bell, Jr. '58
Vincent Finval Bergquist, Jr. '64
Ramona Bailey Blankenship '61
Julie Jambon Brandt '68
Steve Chappell '64
Lisa A. Cooper
Penny Moore Corcoran '60
Traci Green Courville '84
Nancy Pruitt Davis '66
Elaine Holleman Dean '53
Jim Goodroe '65
Virginia Clarke Green '65
Betty Fort Griffin '59
Gary L. Griffin '59
Sally Bickerstaff Hatcher '56
In Honor of Morton Harris
In Honor of C. Burton Hewitt III
Wade Hill '59
Leonard Walker Hindsman, Jr. '61
Ronald Mercer Hudson '64
Larry D. Hughes '63
Virginia Lowry Ives '61
Gloria Jones Dadds Johnson '62
A. J. Land, Jr. '56
Lynne Copping Land '56

Hugh Bedford Landrum, III '66

Neal Littlejohn '55
Mark Perrin Lowrey '54
Patricia H. Miers '65
H. Lev Norman '60
Jean Smith Norman '61
Ann Williams Norris '58
Allan Rinzler '59
Carolyn Sayers Russell '64
Tracy Spencer
Lee L. Stanford '64
In Memory of William George Stewart
Alcye L. Sullivan '49
Patricia Allen Weekley '66
Frances Doughtie Westbrook '63
C. Cody White '53
Chip Whitley '62
Robert W. Whitton '58
Stephen Derryll York '58

Freshman

\$25 - \$99

W. Mizell Alexander '63
Sara Glenn Barfield '67
Richard Barrow '75
Ila Stern Berenson '54
Judy Lowe Boyce '58
Karen Williams Brana '59

Thomas W. Brown '63
Frances Mayher Buckland '58
Dorothy Phillips Bush '60
Jane Ford Cofer '62
Toni Booth Comer '82
Leigh Cail Davis '92
Rita Waldrop Dennard '64
Margaret Neal Doty '49
Alice Gentry Douglas '60
Joseph R. Eastburn '61
Robert Thompson Flournoy '61
Deborah Anne Giglio Garrett '71
Sandi Oates Green '66
Kevin M. Harcourt '71
Nancy Leah Hendrix '61
Ethel May Hopkins '55
Carol Jo Lupo Ippolito '58
Doug Jackson '62
William Gibson Johnston '59
Kurt L. Keene '55
Sonya Jastremski Keene '55
Jean Kiralfy Kent '46
In Memory of
Peggy Pease Jenkins 46
William Kibby '64
Larry R. Kirkland '55
Ellen Witt Kreh '59
Catherine Giglio Lamar '55
Ruth Wilheit Laney '64

Esther G. Levine '58
William C. Lewis '53
Beverly Gayle McBride
MacGregor '65
John H. Martin '56
Michael Allan McBride '60
Hugh Morris '62
Allen Williams Parham '65
Eugene Hardwick Polleys, Jr. '57
Dee Rainey '53
Mary E. Roberts '62
Geraldyn Hunt Roller '63
Irwin B. Rothschild, Jr. '39
Susan Carroll Schlader '70
Ann Spencer '49
Walter Todd '62
Thomas Edward Walton '55
Ann Fokes Weaver '58
Ronald Morris Weaver '59
Betty Kiralfy Weinberger '49
Huel White, Jr. '54
Martha Fudge Wilson '64
Sheryl McDaniel Wise '82
Gayle Johnson Yarbrough '60
Nancy C. Zetter

Donor

\$1 - \$24

Charles Wayne Allen '59
Sherwood Evans Baxley '54
Murray A. Calhoun, III '61
Jan McGlaun Caves '63
Don Earle Haddock '64
Patricia Ann Plock Haddock '65
J. Gaines Hale '64
Shirley Anne Hewitt '04
In Memory of Sue Marie Turner
Mary Hallyburton McCreary '59
Paul Mitchell '56
Bob G. Preston '77
Barbara Rivers '66
Crystal Pendleton Shahid '97
Ann Patterson Willoughby '56



A Letter from Principal, Dr. Marvin J. Crumbs

Dear CHS Alumni,

As the proud principal of Columbus High School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous support and dedication to this great school. This newsletter serves as a channel for alumni to communicate with the school and with each other. I know it will be an effective part of your lifelong Columbus High School connection.

I recently read staying connected through experiences in high school and college is a simple but powerful bond. As alumni of Columbus High School, you have the opportunity to reflect on your time here and to celebrate the rich tradition and growing community that make your alma mater unique. We all have special memories of Columbus High School, which include the bonds we made with teammates, friends and teachers, as well as the experiences that touched our lives. Honestly, there is no better way to keep those memories and that school spirit alive than by actively participating in the Columbus High School Alumni Association. Membership encourages you to remain connected to your CHS family, give back to your alma mater and current students, and stay abreast of the current Blue Devil contributions and achievements.

Throughout my tenure at Columbus High I have witnessed the unwavering loyalty and commitment the alumni have for this esteemed school. I look forward to joining with you in this venture as we explore and develop new dynamic programs and opportunities that will add great new CHS memories to those you already have. We are, as always, Columbus High!

Sincerely,

Dr. Marvin J. Crumbs
Principal

2014 Alumni Weekend

The alumni weekend was held August 22-23, 2014. The first event of the weekend was an excellent golf outing. A great time was had by all, in spite of the Georgia heat. 15 players joined the game and ultimately the **Burton Hewitt '64, Bobby Garrett '61 and Jimmy Self '54** team won.

Next up was the Columbus vs. Jordan football game. The Blue Devils won the nail-biting game with a score of 29 - 27 on a last minute goal line stand. Over 20 alumni celebrated the victory at the game on Friday night.

Saturday morning, 18 alumni toured Columbus High School. It became obvious that CHS is a far cry from the facility it used to be. Between the remodeling and the new technology available, the beloved high school is most impressive. Alumni were able to tour the AP classes, view various community service projects and see other extra-curricular activities.

During the evening, about 75 alumni gathered at the River Club in Uptown for the alumni social. Although most were locals, many came from out of town to join the festivities. Just like all CHS events, the conversations were full of catching up, reminiscing and having a great time. **Harriett Ngo '08**, SCAD Magna Cum Laude Class of 2012, was the guest speaker for the evening. As always, it was inspiring and uplifting to hear how CHS impacted the life of such a successful young woman.

See page six for some great pictures from the alumni weekend!



Harriett Ngo '08 spoke at the alumni social on August 23, 2014. She was considered the highlight of the evening and shared how CHS impacted her goals for education and success.

CHS Alumni Association, Inc. Leadership

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Jimmy Walton '61

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J. Madden Hatcher, Jr. '55

Elizabeth D. Heard '53

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Pat Hill Lane '64

George M. McClusky Jr. '48

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Lee Pierson '68

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Bobby Rowe '47

Otis Scarborough '63

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Richard Saunders '67

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Robert Wilson '70

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The Alumni Associate database is missing several years and your assistance is needed. If you are interested in helping expand the database and gather contact information from your classmates, please contact **Gene Abernathy '58** at (706) 566-9522 or eabernathy2@earthlink.net.

CHS Class Coordinators

1939 - Richard Hecht

1940 - Nell Turner Spettell

1944 - Hooper Turner

1946 - Erie Sue Buck

1947 - Ruth Cliatt Gilbert

1950 - Red McDaniel

1951 - Corrine Jarrell

1952 - Cecil Calhoun

1953 - Betty B. Bush

1954 - Milton Jones

1955 - Bill Cliatt

1956 - Heidt Neil

1957 - Elinor B. Winn

1958 - Judy Boyce

1959 - Margie A. Drury

1960 - Alice Douglas

1961 - Ken Crumpler

1962 - Gloria Dodds

1964 - Pat Lane

1965 - Cathy Z. Bickerstaff/Patty Taylor

1966 - Vickie L. Rounsaville

1967 - Lynda Brocato

1968 - Lee Pierson

1970 - Pat Batastini Jones

1971 - Perry Buck

1972 - Libby Housand

1973 - Phyllis Nix Johnson

1975 - Nancy S. Burgin

1976 - Julie Strupe

1979 - Laurie Wolfe

1980 - Mark Magoni

1982 - Teresa Pope Young

1984 - Wendy Lewis

1985 - Traci Wilson

1987 - Christy B. Jones

1992 - Beth Wilheit Carlisle

1994 - Karen McNally White

2000 - Josh Orlich

Class of '64 Celebrates Their 50th Reunion!



Save the Date!

Join in on the fun!

The annual
CHS ALUMNI SOCIAL EVENT
will take place

May 15 and 16, 2015.

More information will be provided
through email and our website,
www.ColumbusHighAlumni.com
as it is determined.

CLASS OF '65:

Our 50th reunion will be the weekend
of **April 24-25, 2015!** Be sure to check
out www.ColumbusHighAlumni.com for
more information as it becomes available.
Additionally, information will be posted to our
Alumni Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/CHSAlumniAssociation)
[CHSAlumniAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/CHSAlumniAssociation)

CLASS OF '05:

The tentative dates for the ten-year
class reunion are **Thursday, July 30 -**
Sunday, August 2, 2015. Please contact
CHSClassOf05Reunion@gmail.com
for questions, comments or further
information. More information will be
posted on www.ColumbusHighAlumni.com
and [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/CHSAlumniAssociation)
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Columbus High School Alumni Weekend





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CHS Class of '52 Celebrate Turning 80 in Style

Everyone has reunions, but the Class of '52 was ready for something new. This year they threw an 80th birthday bash to celebrate their time at Columbus High, their friendships and each other.

62 years ago, the world welcomed 160 CHS Blue Devil graduates with open arms. Although it has been many years since they roamed the halls of CHS together, most of the alumni have stayed in contact through the unfaltering efforts of **Julie Gates '52**. Thanks to Julie and many alumni who assisted her, the Class of '52 took their high school reunion to a new level.

In lieu of a traditional reunion, it was decided that an 80th birthday party would be a fun celebration. Most alumni from the class

will reach or have reached their 80 year mark in 2014.

In true party spirit, many guest were invited to the event. In addition to alumni and their spouses, special guests included **Burton Hewitt '65**, President of the CHS Alumni Association and his wife, **Shirley Hewitt '64** and **Ken Crumpler '61**, Vice President of the Association. Ken played a dual role for the night, serving as a guest and an all-star bartender.

After an enjoyable cocktail hour and dinner, a champagne birthday toast was given by **Morton Harris '52**. Morton presented a certificate of achievement to each classmate for "successfully achieving the age of 80 and being thereby awarded the distinguished honor of becoming an 'Everlasting Four Score Blue Devil'."



The Class of '52 celebrates their milestone 80th birthdays together in lieu of a typical reunion.

After the toast, a special birthday cake was shared by everyone while messages from those who could not attend were read.

The CHS Class of '52 is looking forward to another fun filled night for their 65th Reunion in 2017.

