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Message from Association President Morton Harris '52

During this school year, the Alumni Association will be expanding its involvement to support excellence in education and opportunities for students at CHS. This new program, under the leadership of **Cecil Calhoun '52**, will have CHS alumni meet with students to discuss their particular career interests such as engineering, accounting, business, medicine, etc. Each student will have the opportunity to meet with a CHS alumnus who represents his or her interest. We are working with CHS's principal, Dr. Marvin Crumbs, to develop and implement the program.



Morton Harris

In addition, Cecil is organizing a new group of alumni leaders who will serve as CHS Class Representatives. Each Class Representative will be responsible for identifying and developing contact information for all CHS alumni to be added to the database. Growing our database will allow the Alumni Association to keep all CHS alumni informed of the outstanding accomplishments of CHS and its students, and keep in better touch with each other. There are still a few slots for Class Representatives which need to be filled. If you would like to participate, please contact Cecil at (706) 327-5880.

Congratulations to **Frank Etheridge '64** and **Bob Jones '63**, co-chairmen, and many others for a successful conclusion to our *Founding Donor Project*. The project involved over 125 Founding Donors who contributed the initial funding of the

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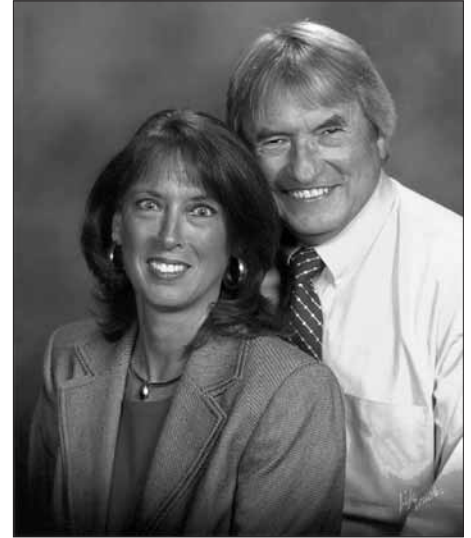
Spirit of Columbus High Award

Judy Whitt, former teacher and principal at Columbus High (1980-2011), and husband, Randy, former teacher at Columbus High (1980-2010), made a \$30,000 commitment to the Columbus High Alumni Association to establish a new recognition award for teachers. The award, called the *Spirit of Columbus High Award*, is to be given each year over the next 30 years (2012-2042). The purpose of the award is to annually recognize a dedicated faculty member who is helping to shape the future of the community by investing his or her time, effort and spirit in developing and shaping the lives of students at CHS.

In establishing the award, Judy and Randy expressed the following, "Columbus High School has a well-deserved reputation for excellence in education which is based not only on the achievement of the students but also on the commitment of the faculty to create an outstanding learning environment that nurtures and supports all endeavors of students. Dedicated faculty members take full advantage of the opportunity to shape the future by investing in the lives of the next generation. The *Spirit of Columbus High Award* is an expression of gratitude to these exemplary faculty members."

A copy of the purpose and criteria for this \$1,000 award will be posted in the CHS Alumni room at Columbus High and on the Alumni website.

While thanking Judy and Randy for their support, and accepting the award on behalf of the Alumni Association, **Morton Harris '52** said, "The *Spirit of*



Judy and Randy Whitt

Columbus High Award is yet another grand example of the many ways our Alumni Association will continue to support truly excellent education at Columbus High School."

Helen Neal Kleiber '63, a former teacher at Columbus High until her retirement in 2005, stated, "Having been a faculty member at Columbus High for 18 years, and having known both Judy and Randy Whitt during those years, I congratulate the Whitts for creating this award to recognize dedicated teachers. They know full well how hard teachers work to create the type of atmosphere in which our students can excel because each of them was that type of educator. I love them both and appreciate them developing an award that recognizes the dedication of specific educators."



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Association's *Endowment for Excellence*. This permanent endowment fund will ensure the ability of the Association to provide continuing support to CHS and its students and will help CHS maintain its top academic status both in Georgia (No. 6 this year) and in the Nation (top 1%). Funds from the Endowment and other contributions allow our Association to provide supplemental income to CHS to ensure its ability to provide broad and excellent educational opportunities to children from all areas of Columbus, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Also, many thanks to **Ken Crumpler '61** for his ongoing efforts in working with CHS Class Reunions. Ken attends each reunion where he publicizes the Alumni Association and solicits new members.

Columbus High School is one of our city's most valuable assets; and it has been my privilege to serve and work with so many dedicated people who believe, as I do, that promoting excellence in education will not only benefit students in their personal lives but also create a brighter future for our community.

A "Tradition of Excellence" Continues at CHS

High above Lakebottom Park, nestled among tall pines, Columbus High School has stood for more than one hundred years as a beacon in the community. What makes CHS shine so brightly is her traditions - of academic excellence, of superior extracurricular activities, of a strong sense of family and of community involvement. Taking great pride in our history and longstanding traditions, the entire CHS community supports our mission to provide an academic, social and ethical environment which promotes success and leads to the desire for lifelong learning at our "school on the hill."

Building on the legacy of excellence that has defined CHS over her rich history, the faculty accepted a challenge by our district in 1991 and developed The Liberal Arts Magnet Program, a rigorous college preparatory program to ensure the continuation of the tradition of excellence. Initially, entering freshmen included both magnet and traditional students; in 2001 CHS became a dedicated magnet open only to eligible students. To be admitted, students take a reading test, write an essay and take a math placement test. In addition to these evaluations, prospective students must earn a B or higher in all eighth grade courses. Once accepted, students must agree to meet our high expectations, some of which are the maintenance of a C in every course, extensive summer reading,

a summer math packet, daily homework, twenty hours of community service annually, writing across the curriculum in MLA research style and a Senior Project. Beginning in 2013, students must also complete one Advanced Placement course, the equivalent to an undergraduate college course. At CHS, both teachers and students understand that "failure is not an option"; thus, our attrition rate is low. At CHS, it is "cool" to excel.

Both reading and writing play integral roles in all classes. Since the implementation of "Writing across the Curriculum," students are expected to write in every subject area. In mathematics, for example, students must explain in paragraph form how a problem is solved. Extensive reading, writing and time management activities culminate in the Senior Project. Each senior chooses an area of interest; documents 100 hours of out-of-class time on the project (25 of which are with a mentor); produces a physical project, paper and portfolio; and presents his findings orally to a panel of community judges at Boards Night in April.

As academic excellence is important at CHS, social integration, character building, respect for diversity and community involvement are just as important. To foster self assurance, etiquette is taught in planned curriculum advisement sessions and applied at social functions, such as the Holiday Social (a four-course dinner). Each student is issued a Columbus High School Social Manners Booklet and must exhibit good manners not only at social functions, but also in classrooms and hallways. Character education is embedded in our curriculum and displayed in the day-to-day experience at school. Throughout their high school career, students adhere to an Honor Code monitored by the Integrity Committee. At CHS we teach tolerance for diversity by example. At various activities students are intentionally assigned to sit by and/or work with students of different gender, ethnic background and race. The mutual respect, appreciation and acceptance

Columbus High School Alumni Association, Inc. Membership Application

I am joining or renewing as:

- Alumni, Class of _____ Faculty of CHS Friend of CHS
 \$200 Lifetime Dues \$20 Annual Dues

Name: First, Middle, Last, Maiden _____ Spouse's Name _____

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All dues payments are tax deductible.

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Dream Trips

This year, the Columbus High School Alumni Association sponsored two deserving students on a *Dream Trip*. The trips, coordinated by faculty members, provide great opportunities for expanding knowledge and allow students to gain much more than would be possible inside a classroom setting. The students are selected by a committee of teachers who review each application and reward the two most deserving students who need financial assistance. Funding is provided by donations to the Alumni Association.

Below is an excerpt from a letter to the Association by one of the 2012 recipients.

Dear Alumni Association,

Thanks to your graciousness, I was given an amazing opportunity to visit one of the most beautiful nations on this planet, Australia. Everyone should be able to travel, for it is a means of getting to know other cultures. Australia could not have been a more perfect place to travel. This trip was a trip of a lifetime, and it was significant to me, because I was able to see the world first hand.

This trip plays a tremendously significant role in my life. As a young girl, I dreamed of traveling abroad, but I

never thought the dream would become a reality. I have never been outside of the country or farther than west of the Mississippi River, but on this trip saw the world through my own eyes. The icing on the cake was going to one of the most beautiful places on Earth. I could not have chosen a better destination. Going to Australia taught me that there is an amazing and interesting world beyond the borders of Columbus, Georgia. This trip allowed me to see the world first hand, and I will never forget my first trip abroad.

What I gained from this trip will definitely influence my future. I discovered that I may one day want to work overseas. I do know that I plan to travel in the future and further my knowledge of the lives of the people across the world. While in Australia, I learned more about their culture than I could have ever learned from a textbook. For that, I will be eternally grateful to the Alumni Association.

Sincerely,

Zasmine Hymes-Green



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 - Lorraine Jarrell
1952 - Cecil Calhoun
1953 - Betty B. Bush
1954 - Milton Jones
1955 - Bill Cliatt
1956 - Neil Heidt
1957 - Elinor B. Winn
1958 - Judy Boyce
1959 - Margie A. Drury
1960 - Alice Douglas
1961 - Ken Crumpler
1962 - Gloria Dodds
1964 - Pat Lane
1965 - Kathy A. 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/Julie Strupe
1979 - Laurie Wolfe
1980 - Mark Magonie
1982 - Teresa Pope Young
1984 - Wendy Lewis
1985 - Traci Wilson
1987 - Christy B. Jones
1992 - Beth Wilhett Carlisle
1994 - Karen McNally White
2000 - Josh Orlich

We are missing several years and need your assistance. If you are interested in helping to develop our database and gather contact information from your classmates, please contact **Cecil Calhoun '52** at (706) 327-5880 or **Vickie Rounsaville '66** at vickier@topproducer.com.

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Judy Whitt (Retired Principal)

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Tradition of Excellence

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fostered by these groupings result in the election of diverse class and organization officers and inclusive social groups. Furthermore, believing that students should appreciate various points of view and understand different cultures, CHS teachers sponsor Dream Trips abroad. Whether exploring Australia, France, China, Spain, Italy, Greece or one of the other “dream destinations,” CHS students find that learning beyond the classroom enriches their lives. In the community students grow in caring attitudes by donating 20 hours per year to one of over 40 agencies. This community involvement introduces students to the various needs, resources and opportunities within the community, opens up possibilities for career interests, and helps build a resume for summer work, scholarships and award applications.

Extracurricular activities help develop well-rounded individuals who exhibit good sportsmanship and are able to work as a team member. Our sports program consists of varsity teams in 11 sports for females and 10 sports for males. Band, orchestra, choral music, drama, technical theater and numerous related performance events allow students to develop and showcase their talents. Other extracurricular activities include special interest clubs, academic honor societies, competitive academic teams, as well as special events committees. Through extracurricular activities many of our students not only find and develop their strengths and talents, but also discover possible career choices.

Having completed four years at Columbus High, students are prepared to enter the college or university of their choice, to tackle the ethical challenges that the world presents, to handle social situations with ease and to continue their journey beyond high school as a

fully contributing member of society. Columbus High School educates students for life and for leadership in a world that demands excellence. In fact, the pursuit of excellence becomes the mantra of CHS alumni, and many have gone on to reap the rewards of high expectations by achieving success not only locally, but also nationally, and even internationally. Many, in the tradition of “once a Blue Devil, always a Blue Devil,” have found ways to give back to their Alma Mater in appreciation for the foundation that has led to their achievement and for the family they joined when they became a CHS student. All members of the CHS family (students, faculty, administrators, staff and parents - past and present) contribute to the tradition that is our “school on the hill” - Columbus High.

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