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Building the Future of Columbus High—One Brick at a Time

Columbus High Alumni Association Launches \$300,000 Campaign to Build Alumni Wall

*"From what we get, we can make a living;
what we give, however, makes a life."* -
Arthur Ashe

Yesterday was made possible by alumni who believed in a purpose greater than themselves. Through bricks and mortar, hard work, and perseverance, they built the foundation for the legacy that is Columbus High School.

Today, the Columbus High School Alumni Association (CHSAA) is continuing to build on the legacy of alumni who came before us. Because of generous contributions to the CHSAA, we can offer life-changing opportunities to current and future students and enhance their educational experiences at Columbus High School. You have touched the lives of our active members by providing:

- Funding for virtual science labs at CHS.
- A lunch fund for underprivileged students.
- P-SAT testing for freshmen and sophomores.
- Materials needed for senior projects (equipment, etc.).
- Support to send clubs, like the Robotics Team, Space Program, Math Team, and Debate Team, to national competitions.

We are extremely proud of these achievements. Alumni gifts made this possible. However, there is more work to be done. You are faced with the opportunity to help the Columbus High Alumni Association provide for the needs of CHS teachers and current and future students by purchasing a brick today. Not only will your contribution go toward a brick of your choice on the Alumni Wall, but profits from this campaign will benefit CHSAA's endowment fund to support the future of Columbus High.

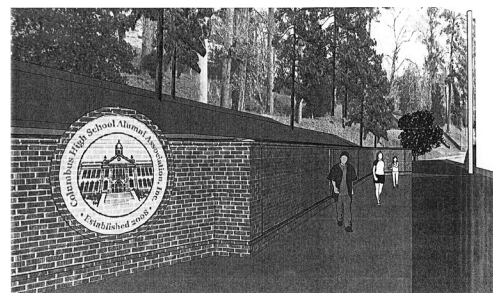
Your brick will be featured on an Alumni Wall along the Cherokee Avenue side of the school to complement the existing Centennial Wall. To purchase your brick today, visit ColumbusHighAlumni.com or complete and return the order form provided in this newsletter.

To date, 132 generous alumni have raised over \$26,000 for the Alumni Wall campaign through donations and the purchase of bricks. Additionally, the class of 1969 donated over \$30,000 during their 50th anniversary to create the Columbus High Alumni Association emblem in the middle of the wall.

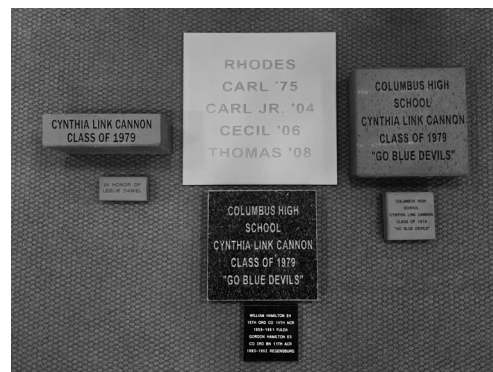
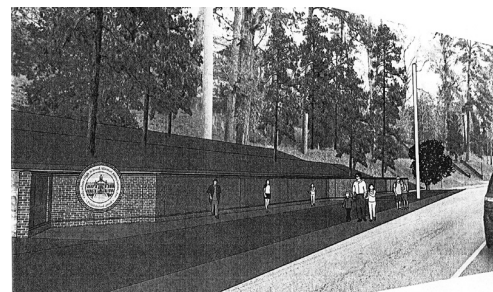
Tomorrow's possibilities are endless, as is the future of Columbus High School—with your help. We are sure there are many organizations worthy of your support. However, donating to Columbus High honors the priceless lessons you learned as a student and the impact it made on your life. We appreciate your support of our mission to promote loyalty, knowledge of Columbus High and to provide assistance to its students, teachers, and programs. *We are, as always, Columbus High.*

Sincerely,
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Renderings of the Alumni Wall to be built along the Cherokee Avenue side of Columbus High to complement the existing Centennial Wall.



Donors can choose from a variety of bricks/pavers:
4"x8" Alumni Brick - \$100
4"x8" Alumni Brick with mini replica - \$125
8"x8" Legacy Brick - \$500
8"x8" Legacy Brick with mini replica - \$550
12"x12" Super Legacy Glazed Paver - \$1,000
12"x12" Partner in Education Paver (black granite) - \$5,000

Columbus High Students Inspire Ken Crumpler '61

Alumni Wall Captures Ken's Memories, Vision for CHS

As **Ken Crumpler '61** spearheads Columbus High's Alumni Wall brick campaign, he sees something special within each brick. Ken envisions a wall that will not only remind him of the friendships and memories he's made at CHS, but one that will symbolize a strong future for one of the top schools in the nation.

"I think it's a worthy mission and cause. With Columbus High School being the No. 2 high school in the state of Georgia and No. 85 in the United States...why would you not want to be a part of something like that?" Ken said. "As much as I work with different groups of kids up at the school, they never cease to amaze me with what they are doing in school besides making these unbelievable grades and everything else they're involved in. It's pretty neat to me."

The success of Columbus High's students made it an easy decision for Ken to get actively involved in the Columbus High Alumni Association (CHSAA). He is the president-elect of the CHSAA and serves as one of the board's vice presidents. Ken hopes other alumni will educate themselves about achievements of CHS' students and programs and support the CHSAA.

"It doesn't matter how busy you are. You can always make time for what you want to do."

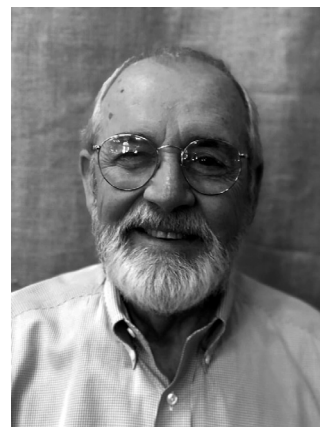
At the age of 76, Ken hasn't had a problem staying busy in the Columbus community. He's worked in the men's clothing business for 61 years. He has also served on the Greater Columbus Golf Authority board and Safehouse Ministries board.

Ken has enjoyed getting to know different generations of families in Columbus over the years. Working with CHS students keeps Ken young and allows him to revisit some of his favorite childhood memories. He'll never forget the brownie point competition that took place in Gussie Goss' class.

A former member of the track and field team, Ken is impressed with the various amount of activities today's CHS students are involved in today and admires their goal-driven mindsets.

"I wasn't trying to listen in on this conversation between two students, but the part of it that I heard was, 'Well, that's a pretty good thing to be striving for, but I was thinking something more along the lines of Secretary of State of the United States of America.' When I was a sophomore in high school, I was thinking about, 'What are we going to do this weekend and am I going to have enough money to do it?' It's just amazing."

It's clear to Ken that the students at CHS will be the leaders of tomorrow. To join Ken in supporting them by buying a brick for the Alumni Wall, you can connect with him at kkrumpler@yahoo.com or (706) 593-9253.



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Learning from the Hardest Days

Tim Ratliff '66 Continues Quest for Cures

Twelve days before Purdue University student Tyler Trent passed away on New Year's Day, the 20-year-old whose courage inspired millions nationwide tweeted, "Sometimes the hardest days are the most important days." Few people better understand that than Columbus native, **Dr. Tim Ratliff '66**.

After taking as many science courses as he could at Columbus High, Tim spent his undergraduate years at the University of Tennessee and the University of Texas, Arlington with the career goal of being a park ranger. With Tim being so passionate about the outdoors, he didn't envision too many hard days on the park trails. However, life's terrain got unexpectedly rocky for Tim and his family when he was in graduate school. Within the span of six months, he lost his father-in-law to prostate cancer and his father to malignant melanoma.

"It changed my life," Tim said. "I hung up my professional boots and put on a lab coat to begin my cancer research career."

Tim is now a distinguished professor at Purdue and serves as the Robert Wallace Miller Director of the Purdue University Center for Cancer Research. Tim and his colleagues don't treat patients, but rather discover how cancer cells develop and determine new ways to treat and image cancers.

"I am an immunologist by training and my primary focus at this time is immunotherapy of prostate cancer," Tim said. "I also study inflammation and its impact on prostate disease."

Prior to arriving at Purdue in 2007, Tim had his biggest career breakthrough while working at the Washington University School of Medicine. He was part of the research team that validated the prostate specific antigen (PSA) test for prostate cancer.

"It has saved many lives through early detection of the disease," Tim said.

One of those lives happens to be his own. Tim was diagnosed with prostate cancer and underwent surgery in the summer of 2016. Since the cancer was caught and treated early, Tim now has an undetectable PSA.

While Tim had some hard days during his fight against cancer, he knows they pale in comparison to what Tyler went through. Tyler's battle against osteosarcoma garnered national attention prior to the Purdue football team's game against Ohio State. Despite the Boilermakers being a big underdog against the then-No. 3 Buckeyes, Tyler guaranteed a Purdue victory. With Tyler in attendance, the Boilermakers backed his guarantee with a 49-20 victory.

GET TO KNOW TIM

SPOUSE

I am married to the most wonderful lady in the world, Jackie Ratliff. We celebrated our 50th anniversary this year.

CHILDREN

I have two children, Stacie Marino and Gregory Ratliff. Both are married and I have six wonderful grandchildren.

HOBBIES

I enjoy outdoor activities. I still run regularly, hike as often as I can, snow shoe when opportunity arises, and plan to hike another 14er soon. I have hiked Mt. Fuji and viewed the sunrise, hiked several 14,000-foot peaks in Colorado, kayaked the Na Pali Coast in Kauai, and canoed the Green River in Utah and many other rivers in the Ozarks of Missouri. I have had many wonderful experiences with family and friends. I also love landscape photography.

Do you stay in touch with friends from Columbus High?

Yes, I stay in touch with some friends but have lost track of others. I still communicate with **Sanford Epps '65**, **Linda Campbell '66**, and **Karol McNutt '66**.

Tim and his colleagues have kept Tyler in mind during some of their current research. Dr. Philip Low made it possible to take cells from someone's body, modify them, and put them back into the body to attack the cancer. The method was first tested on osteosarcoma in May. Tyler's hardest days indeed turned out to be his most important ones.

"It's a great opportunity to honor Tyler and do something on this particular type of cancer," Tim said in an episode of Boiler Bytes, which can be found in full here: <https://bit.ly/2kWPr5f>. "It can't be soon enough."

You can connect with Tim at tlratliff@purdue.edu.



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Become a Volunteer!

Do you have a little free time and an interest in helping current and future CHS students?

The Columbus High School Alumni Association needs volunteers for a variety of areas. If you are interested in being a CHSAA volunteer, please contact **Ken Crumpler '61** at (706) 593-9253.

Keep CHSAA in Mind When Making Your Year-End Donations

The Columbus High Alumni Association depends on donations to further our mission of promoting loyalty, knowledge, and support of Columbus High, its programs, and its continued educational excellence.

As you consider your year-end charitable donations, we hope you will include us in your plans. Columbus High Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) and your gifts will be tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Donations of any amount are appreciated.

The focus of our fundraising efforts in 2019 is to assist with building our Alumni Wall. If you would like to support the Columbus High Alumni Association but do not want to purchase a brick, please follow the instructions below.

To make your gift online:

- Visit ColumbusHighAlumni.com.
- Click the button that says "Click Here to Purchase a Brick" under the Alumni Wall tab.
- Scroll down to the bottom of the page and use the dropdown menu to select "I do not want to purchase a brick, but please accept this donation."

To make a gift via check, please complete the brick order form included in this mailer and check the box that says, "I do not wish to purchase a brick/paver but would like to support the future of Columbus High and its students with a donation of ____." Please mail the completed form with your check made payable to the Columbus High Alumni Association to the following address:

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