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HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY TO US!

In 2008, Judy Whitt, previous CHS Principal, organized a steering committee of alumni from many classes to form an official Columbus High School Alumni Association. **Cecil Calhoun '52** began attending PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Student Association) meetings and at Witt's request and urging, assembled a group to form the Alumni Association.

A few months later, the Alumni Association co-hosted its first event with the Jordan Vocational High School Alumni Association to celebrate the 100th football game between CHS and JVHS. CHS alumni purchased orange t-shirts commemorating the game and organized decade-specific tailgates in the parking lot.

After the tailgating fun, alumni moved into the stadium to support their respective team. Former football players and cheerleaders from both schools were recognized on the field before the game and paratroopers from the U.S. Army's Silver Wings parachuted onto the 50 yard line.

At halftime, alumni from both schools paraded down the field and the bands played both alma maters.

"The only thing not perfect about the evening was that Jordan won the football game," joked Calhoun.

During the next three years, the Alumni Association was incorporated and obtained its IRS designation as a Section 501(c) (3) charitable foundation, contributions to which are



Bill Weaver '60 visited CHS in March 2012. It was his first time back to campus since June 1960.



Bill Weaver '60 (far left) playing saxophone in the dance band, "The Shadows." Also pictured are George Alexander (trumpet), Kenneth Collins (drums) and Andy Shield (piano).

fully deductible for federal income tax purposes. With permission from the CHS principal, an Alumni Room was created and furnished at the school. The association then established a permanent endowment called *Endowment for Excellence*, to govern the distribution and use of funds for CHS programs, and began an effort to fund the endowment. The association also entered into a

separate agreement with the Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley to hold and manage the investments of the endowment fund. Income from the endowment, along with membership dues, is used to provide supplemental financial support to CHS for expanded participation in many educational special programs.

"Now, four years later, the CHS Alumni Association is going strong and getting better every day," commented Association President **Morton Harris '52**. "I encourage all CHS alumni and friends of public education to support and join the Alumni Association. This can be done by completing the Membership Form on page three. A lifetime membership is \$200 and a yearly membership is \$20. Join today and stay up-to-date on CHS's many achievements and Alumni Association events."



Alumni gathered on the field at halftime of the 100th football game between CHS and JVHS in 2008.



Message from Association President - *Morton Harris '52*

The Alumni Association continues to grow its membership (now well over 1,000) and increase its support of CHS. In January, a new alumni relations and administration program was launched to support broader communication and interaction with Alumni. The program is administered by OmegaFi, a Columbus, GA-based company that specializes in database management, fundraising and alumni communications.



Morton Harris

During the coming year, our goal is to add 500 new members and complete our initial fundraising effort for the *Endowment for Excellence*. Alumni and friends have already contributed over \$265,000 to the Endowment. All of these initial donors will be recognized as *Founding Donors* in a permanent ledger to be displayed in the Alumni Room at CHS. *Founding Donors* who contribute \$1,000 or more will additionally be recognized on a *Founding Donor* plaque at CHS. If you wish to contribute to the *Endowment for Excellence*, please do so soon as there are only a few days remaining to be listed as a *Founding Donor*. See page 3 and the enclosed pledge card for more details.

Contributions to the *Endowment for Excellence* provide funds to support CHS and its student programs. This support assists in attracting highly motivated students from all parts of our community. Our donations are an "investment" in the many enthusiastic and committed students who attend CHS from throughout the area, many of whom will become future leaders of our community.

As our Alumni Association begins its fourth year, I think back on the many incredibly talented Alumni who have been so actively involved in bringing us to where we are today. It is a privilege for me to serve with so many committed people who share the goal that Columbus High School remains one of the top public high schools in the state of Georgia and in the Country.

The future leadership of the Alumni Association is important. If you would like to become more involved or are interested in serving as a member of the Board of Trustees or volunteering for specific projects, please contact me at mah@hatcherstubs.com or (706) 243-6225.

– Morton A. Harris '52



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Change of Guard at CHS

Judy Whitt both began and concluded her entire teaching career at Columbus High School. After serving as Principal from 2009 to 2011, Whitt retired in May 2011. She was vital in creating the CHS Alumni Association and will continue to serve on the association's Board of Trustees.

In 2011, the Alumni Association began working closely with Dr. Marvin Crumbs as the new Principal of CHS, and the Trustees all expressed their appreciation of Dr. Crumbs. "We look forward to a long and productive relationship," commented Alumni Association President, **Morton Harris '52**.

2012 Columbus High School Awards

- 2012 Platinum Award for High Performance under the Single Statewide Accountability System (SASS)
- 2012 Advanced Placement Recognition as an AP Merit School, AP STEM School and AP STEM Achievement School; 66 AP Scholars; 35 AP Scholars with Honor; 46 AP Scholars with Distinction and 8 National AP Scholars
- Class of 2012 SAT Scores earned 2 National Merit Finalists, 5 National Achievement Finalists and 14 Commended Students
- The CHS Engineering team tied for first in the T.E.A.M.S. (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science) competition at Auburn University's 2012 Engineering Day
- The CHS Swim Team won the 2012 City Championship
- The CHS Baseball Team won the 2012 State AAA Championship

Endowment for Excellence

Since its inception in 1890, Columbus High School has gained a stellar reputation for turning out extremely well-prepared graduates who have excelled in their chosen fields of study and occupations. Today that reputation is at its zenith as the Columbus High School Liberal Arts Magnet is recognized both across Georgia and nationally for its academic excellence.

The extra opportunities provided by the Columbus High School Liberal Arts Magnet enable students to experience education at a high level and to develop social and leadership skills that complement the excellent academic program. Some of these ancillary programs require funding from students and their families, and many CHS students come from families of modest means.

To support these bright young minds and perpetuate the CHS legacy, the Alumni Association established an endowment within the Community Foundation of Chattahoochee Valley, Inc. known as the *Endowment for Excellence*.

The *Endowment for Excellence* provides annual support for these students to participate fully in school academics and programs.

Thanks to many CHS alumni and friends, the *Endowment for Excellence* campaign has already raised more

than \$265,000! Alumni support of the *Endowment for Excellence* provides a perpetual fund, professionally invested and managed, that will touch the lives of Columbus High School students and our nation for generations to come.

“I really hope all of our alumni and friends will do what they can to support the *Endowment for Excellence*,” explained Alumni Association Trustee **Frank Etheridge '64**. “We hope you will make a generous pledge today by completing and returning the enclosed pledge envelope. No pledge is too small, and these young men and women need our support.”

All donors making a gift or a pledge before June 30, 2012, will be recognized as a *Founding Donor* and will be honored with their name inscribed in our Founding Donor Book placed within the school. Contributions of \$1,000 or more will also be inscribed on a Founding Donor plaque at CHS.

You should have received your *Endowment for Excellence* brochure and pledge card recently. Thanks to everyone who submitted a donation. If you haven't made your donation yet, please complete the enclosed pledge envelope today.

“No pledge is too small... success needs them all!”

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I am joining as: Alumni, Class of _____ Friend of CHS _____

\$200 Lifetime Dues \$20 Annual Dues (Renewal every January 1)

First	Middle	Last	Maiden	Spouse's Name
Address		City	State	Zip
Home Phone		Cell Phone	Work Phone	
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Mail application and check to CHS Alumni Association, Inc., PO Box 5353, Columbus, GA 31906. Dues payment are fully tax deductible.



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Help us keep our records up-to-date! Edit your profile online at www.ColumbusHighAlumni.com or clip this form, place it in a stamped envelope and send to: CHS Alumni Association, Inc. #2072, PO Box 2187, Columbus, GA 31902.

Name _____

Graduation Year _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

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Columbus High School - Then and Now

Do you ever wonder what the halls of Columbus High School look like now? Last winter, **Bill Weaver '60** was curious and decided to send an e-mail to chsalum@gmail.com asking if he could tour the school on a visit to Columbus in March. **Ken Crumpler '61** and **Gloria Jones Dodds '62** happily responded to Bill's request and the three had a good time reminiscing about the "good old days" at CHS.



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- * Learn more about the Alumni Association
- * Search for alumni
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