

Fern Creek High School Alumni Association
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January 2016

Your Alumni Association is ready to hit the ground running for a great year. Our next event will be our annual 50's luncheon which will be held at noon at Wildwood Country Club on April 13. We welcome the Class of 1966 into this group as they celebrate their 50th reunion this year. If your class did not graduate at least 50 years ago but you are planning a reunion this year, you are encouraged to attend also. A reservation form is found on the back of this newsletter. Also, please use the form to give us your updated information so we can reach you by email and phone. We still have less than 25% of our alumni email addresses.

We are in the final steps of completing the database project that will link all alumni to each other. Please go to our website www.ferncreekalumni.com and register. The next big step will be allowing access to the database directly from the website to all of our annual and life members. We have taken these steps since the company that was to publish a directory went out of business. This on-line access will replace it with the most current information available. Members will have access on April 1. Please register and pay your dues if you are not already an annual or lifetime member. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Your Alumni Association has provided funding for student, teacher and facility needs over the past 10 years in the amount of over \$1.26 million. Each year we provide 5 scholarships of \$2,000 each for our teachers so they can

attain Master's and Doctorate degrees. We also provide \$2,000 scholarships to students. We increased the number to 7 this past year and have budgeted for 8 for 2016. Both of our Legacy scholarships went to students with a parent from the class of '87. They are Aneissa Coulter (UK) and Jordan Schlaug. The other 5 receiving scholarships were; Secou Drame (UL), Shelby Fogarty (WKU), Gabriel Llaguno, Shafaq Tahir (UL), and Will Vineyard (Centre)

Many improvements to our facilities have been made that would not have been possible without our support. The funds provided by the Alumni Association have made our campus a better place to learn and have enabled our athletes excel on the field or court. We have also supported our Marine Corps Junior ROTC program as they have competed and won national championships.

Come join your fellow alumni at our monthly (except July and Dec.) meetings at school on the 3rd Monday at 7 PM. The General meeting is open to all alumni and we want more of you to participate with us and to provide new leadership in the years to come.

Hope to see you soon!

Joey Bailey '65
Executive Director
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ALL ALUMNI PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ADDRESS BELOW

SO WE MAY UPDATE OUR RECORDS

Name _____ Class _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

_____ number attending 50's club luncheon on April 13 @ \$25 Please enclose your check and list the names of all attending with you.

Please return this form in the enclosed envelope.

FERN CREEK HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Fern Creek High School shed the "Priority School" label by the KDE this fall. Thus ending five years of state monitoring of our academic achievement. Our school tagline that "The Creek Is Rising" is apropos of our school turnaround. Fern Creek High is now rated as a Proficient School in the state of Kentucky and has developed interventions to increase student achievement. These academic programs have been lauded by JCPS Superintendent Donna Hargens, Kentucky Commissioner of Education Steven Pruitt and prompted a visit by US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan last spring. Our teachers serve a mission to meet the academic needs from our most struggling to our most gifted through tiered support systems and are held accountable to tracking standards-based achievement of each student in each class. This individualized attention has been central to our student success.

In addition, "The Creek is Rising" also reflects success on the field of competition. In the last year, we became Wrestling State Champions and finished in the Final 4 for both Boys' Soccer and Football.

I want to thank the Alumni Association for your continued support. Through your philanthropy, the students and staff at Fern Creek have the ability to teach and learn in better equipped classrooms, participate in off-campus learning opportunities both far and wide, and attain post-secondary scholarships, among the myriad of smaller projects that you support. This partnership is an invaluable resource to us and something we use a selling point to attract quality students and staff into our building. Go Tigers!

Nate Meyer, Ed.D.



HOMECOMING WEEKEND 2016

Please mark your calendars for September 9-11 for the events we will sponsor this year. We will "kick off" the weekend on Friday night with a tailgate before the Football game with Butler. Mark's Feed Store will cater the event and we will have a large tent and plenty of tables and chairs for all. On Saturday morning we will have breakfast prepared by our award cooking club with tours of our renovated facilities. Then, on Sunday we will gather for lunch to induct the newest honorees into our Hall of Fame. To nominate a classmate go to our website and download the application which is due by June 1st.

Check out the pictures of Homecoming 2015 on our website. JCPS superintendent, Dr. Donna Hargens joined us for all 3 days events. "The friendships made in high school are often among the most meaningful and long-lasting relationships in our lives," Dr. Hargens said. "Fern Creek's Alumni group is very active and supportive of the high school and I enjoyed spending time with both former acquaintances and new friends at this year's reunion."



REUNIONS

There are several classes who are planning reunions this year. The classes who we have heard from are 1956, 1961, 1966, 1976, and 2006. Here are the contacts for these reunions:

Class of 1956 60th

George Brangers at cutcover@yahoo.com

Class of 1961 55th

Sandra English at senglish221@aol.com

Class of 1966 50th

Tony Murphy at tmurphy@seminon.com

Class of 1976 40th

Nancy Dreher at nandix8@aol.com

Class of 2006 10th

Noelle Ricketts at nricketts01@gmail.com

Details will be updated as we progress throughout the year on our website under the reunion tab. Any classes that want to plan a reunion can contact joeybaileycpa@gmail.com for assistance.



INTERESTED IN SERVING?

We are still in need of class representatives for each class. If this is an area that you would like to serve, please contact Joey Bailey at joeybaileycpa@gmail.com or call 502-500-4830.

TEACHERS WHO ARE ALUMS

Currently there are 7 teachers who graduated from FCHS between the years of 1995 and 2008. They are: Brooke LaRosa, Doug Schneider, Josh Tichenor, T'shombi Basemore, Will Colon, Tony McBee and Jared Stout.

Brooke La Rosa '95 was asked the following questions and here are her responses:

What influenced you to return as a teacher?

I loved the area and this is where I grew up. I wanted to share my love of the school, the tradition, and the greatness that Fern Creek has to offer.

What is your favorite memory about your high school years?

Being the first class to go through the communication program, homecomings, and going to Mr. Gatti's after football games.

What is your biggest challenge in the classroom?

Technology. Cell phones are my biggest issue. Everyone just wants a quick answer instead of learning the why behind that quick answer.

Future newsletters will ask these questions of each of the remaining teachers and any new ones that join us at FCHS.

