

Fern Creek High School Alumni Association  
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# Tiger Tracks

FCHS - "Proficient, progressing, and proud"



**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 tailgate on Friday, Sept 22 at \$12 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ number attending breakfast on Sat., Sept 23 at \$8 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ number attending Hall of Fame Lunch on Sept 24 at \$20 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form and your check for the above total amount in the enclosed envelope by 9/1 so we can order the food and have the right number of places set for everyone.

***Paying at the event will be subject to availability.***

August 2017

Your Alumni Association has now invested over \$1.4 million of the funds we have raised into our beloved school, its students and teachers. We are very proud of this and hope that each of you will join us by supporting our efforts by paying your annual dues or even better becoming one of our lifetime members. The enclosed return envelope will make it easier for you to send us your tax-deductible dues and gifts. Thanks to all of you who are already lifetime members and those faithful alums who send us their dues annually.

We are trying to fill our archives with annuals from every year since we opened our doors. We need your help in locating donations of these books for the following years: 1928-30, 1933-35, 1937-41, 1958, 1964, and 1968. If you have any of these that you would like to donate, just drop them off in the school office for us or even better come to one of our general meetings at 7 PM in the Ramsey room at school on the third Mondays of February, April, August, September and November. You can enter the Ramsey room directly from the Ferndale Road side of the building.

However, on the flip side of this coin, we have a surplus inventory of annuals for the years from 1995 thru 2002, 2004 and 2008. We are happy to donate these for reunion distribution which is occurring for the surplus of 2007 this year. Otherwise, you can contact me to arrange to pick one of these up in the school office at no cost or have it mailed at a cost of \$10.

Our Board of Directors has increased its number of members to 15. We need your help in getting nominations for six members. Five will have terms of 3 years ending in 2020. One will have a one year term. There are four of our current directors that are eligible for reelection at our November 20th annual meeting. This will bring us up to the expanded numbers of directors and have 3 groups of 5 whose terms expire each year. Nominations are due by November 1. A nomination form can be found on our website [www.ferncreekalumni.com](http://www.ferncreekalumni.com).

Joey Bailey '65  
Executive Director



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Alumni and Friends:

I want to begin by thanking you for your continuous support of Fern Creek High School. Your contributions make teaching, learning, and participating in activities and athletics better because of your generous time and donations.

This support is crucial as our school continues to grow. We are anticipating 1,700 FCHS Tigers to be enrolled this year. As a result of our burgeoning school population, every square foot of space has been examined to see if it is best for our educators to teach and our students to learn. We have moved and added walls in several spots in attempts to accommodate. This is actually a great problem to have. This means more and more of our families in our Fern Creek community are trusting us with their child's education. And, why wouldn't they? It begins with a dedicated and passionate staff focused on continuous improvement. Our staff was honored in February of 2017 with the DuFour Award for our innovation and work with Professional Learning Communities. We have invested nearly \$70,000 in technology upgrades for student support this past year, and we have created the Ivy Plus Academy which

## HOMEcomings WEEKEND: SEPT 22-24, 2017

We will begin our festivities on Friday night September 22 at 6 PM with a tailgate under the tent catered by Mark's Feed Store followed by the football game at 7:30 against Atherton. On Saturday morning, we will have breakfast in the cafeteria at 8:30 AM prepared by our student cooking club. A tour of the school and our outdoor classroom will follow. Dr. Marty Polio, Acting Supt. of JCPS, has been invited to be our guest at both of these events. So please help us welcome him with our gracious FCHS hospitality. On Sunday, we

seeks to ensure our students have the opportunity to attend the top colleges and universities in the United States. This does not even mention our excellence in athletics this past year where we made state Final Fours in football and in boys' basketball for the first time in school history.

Our school is also in the spotlight for being the primary location for the full-length movie *And Then I Go* which premiered at the 2017 Los Angeles Film Festival and played to a sold-out show for the Flyover Film Festival in Louisville this July. Our classrooms, cafeteria, hallways, bus docks, breezeways, courtyard, and small gym are all prominently featured. This is a powerful film about the juxtaposition that many teens face between alienation and unhealthy friendship bonds. As a parent and educator, it is a must see on how we connect with our kids.

Once again, thank you for keeping the Creek rising. It is an honor to serve as principal of Fern Creek High School.

Nate Meyer, Ed.D.

will have our annual Hall of Fame induction lunch and ceremony at Wildwood Country Club beginning with a reception at Noon. The reservation form is on the back page. Please make your reservation and payment by Sept 1.



## REUNIONS

Louisville Mega Cavern will host the 50th reunion on Sept 23 for the class of 1967. For information contact Pam Pope Wilson at 502-321-5842

The Class of 1972 reunion committee invites you to join them at the Friday night Homecoming tailgate on Sept 22. They will designate some tables for you to gather with them.

The Class of 1987 invites classmates to their reunion on September 23. For information please call 502-609-7467 nor email crownrandy@bellsouth.net. Their website is [www.ferncreekreunion.com](http://www.ferncreekreunion.com) where you can make a reservation and pay to attend.

For information on the Class of 1997 reunion plans please contact Tara Tichenor-Carter at 502-407-8465 or Teisha Hinkle at 502-424-3785.

On September 23, the Class of 2007 will hold their 10th reunion at Wildwood Country Club. For information please contact Kenesha Cook at 678-664-7328.

If there are other classes that are having reunions and need help in reaching classmates, please contact Joey Bailey at 502-500-4830. We can put the information on our website and generate a mailing label list from our database.

## ALUMNI BAND

Calling ALL Alums who were in Band during high school! We had planned to have another Alumni Band for Homecoming '17. Currently, FCHS is in the process of securing a new Band Director. The decision has been made by FCHS Alumni Association to "table" this year's gathering, and plan for next year. We are in hopes a new Director will be announced soon!

Meanwhile, please keep your information up to date with the Alumni Association so we can keep the Band Database current!

"Debby" Murrell FCHS Alumni Band Chair

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES FOR 2017

The Hall of Fame committee met in July to review and discuss all of the nominations that were received. They have chosen 9 new members for induction on September 22.

They are: Jasper Thompson '38 (deceased), Capt. John McGinty '57 (deceased), Robert Redd '59 (deceased), Alan Cooper '60, William Long '65, James Lowry '67, Kenneth Leffew '68, Jaime King-Goldsmith '93 and Gordon Beck '96.

Their Hall of Fame plaques will be added to the other 140 which are located in the rotunda of the Alumni Auditorium.

Please consider nominating a deserving member of your class for next year's induction.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

In April, the Alumni Board approved scholarships for five teachers and seven students in the amount of \$2,000 each for a total of \$24,000. The teachers' scholarships are presented in the name of Iris and Kenny Arnold. They are both longtime loyal supporters of our beloved school and this Alumni Association. These scholarships will help our teachers attain graduate degrees and National Board Certifications. Of the seven student scholarships, three of them were given to students whose parents or grandparents attended FCHS. All of these scholarships truly represent the vast diversity of cultures that we now have at our school.