

# The Alumni NEWSLETTER



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## VETERANS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST



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*We hope you enjoy this issue of The  
CHS Alumni Newsletter!*

### CHS ALUMNI & CHS PTSA ARE PROUD TO PRESENT THE

### *1st Annual Alumni Veterans Appreciation Breakfast!*

By Frank Leonzal '83 and Nicole R. Washington '80

We want to acknowledge and honor our CHS Veteran Eagles from all branches of the military and pay respect to our veterans who are our former classmates, "Fallen Eagles" who have soared home.

It is a time of celebration for Cleveland HS Veterans and the Alumni to gather to enjoy a hearty breakfast and a wonderful program!

All past, current, and future Cleveland Eagles are invited to attend our 1st annual event.

**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2024

**Doors Open:** 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon  
(Breakfast served from 8:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)

**Program Begins:** 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** 5511 15th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98108 -  
Cleveland High School Main Cafeteria

**Cost:** Veterans FREE, Guests \$10.00

**Parking:** Cleveland HS south parking lot and  
front of Cleveland HS, 15th Avenue South.

**Online RSVP is required for coordination needed  
for planning purposes/availability.**

Please let us know if you can attend this special  
occasion online at <https://bit.ly/chsaa-veterans>

# CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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## 2024-25 UPCOMING EVENTS

**Oct 5:** CHSAA Board Meeting,  
King County Fairwood Library in  
Renton at 11:30 a.m.

**Nov 1-15:** '80/CHS Alumni Classic  
Retro T-shirt & Sweatshirt  
Fundraiser

**Nov 1:** RSVP due for CHS Alumni/  
CHS PTSA Alumni Veterans  
Breakfast

**Nov 9:** CHS Alumni/CHS PTSA  
Alumni Veterans Breakfast at 8:00  
a.m.

**Dec 3:** Giving Tuesday (All Day!)

**Dec 4:** CHSAA Board Meeting via  
Zoom only at 4:00 p.m. PST

**Mar 1, 2025:** CHSAA Annual  
Meeting

**Aug 16, 2025:** 1975 50th Reunion

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often you want your donation to  
go. Use your Donor Dashboard to  
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## ALUMNI PASSAGES

Please submit death notices and obituaries for Fallen Eagles through the secure form on our website. You may upload a photo, add a bio, and link to the obituary. Submissions will be added to the website and next newsletter.

[clevelandalumsea.org/fallen-eagles](http://clevelandalumsea.org/fallen-eagles)

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## CHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

A nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization of Washington State and the United States, this Association was founded for the purposes of: preserving the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest [located at 28322 SE Issaquah-Fall City Road, Fall City, WA] in perpetuity to honor former Cleveland students who gave their lives in service to the United States of America; supporting the educational uses in forestry, ecology, botany and environmental studies of the forest; and supporting and assisting students and staff of Cleveland High School in Seattle, Washington in their educational activities. Any individual who attended Cleveland Junior or Senior High School is a member of the Cleveland High School Alumni Association.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Tracy (Case) Arnold '82

There's so much to share!



In March, I had the pleasure of watching the **Cleveland High School boys' baseball team play against Auburn Riverside** (check out photos I took - 2024 March 13 CHS Baseball vs ARHS baseball at <https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-pf2R7x>). The baseball

coach expressed deep gratitude for the support provided by the alumni association, as he had been personally purchasing items to ensure the boys had what they needed to compete.

In June, I had the honor of presenting **scholarships to the 22 outstanding students**. What an impressive group of graduates! Cleveland had over 200 graduates in 2024, with over 80% planning to continue their education at colleges and trade schools. Notably, 114 received gold cords for maintaining a GPA of 3.8 grade point or higher. Each student was remarkable, regardless of their grade points.

For 2025, we're excited to introduce into our scholarship program a method for our students pursuing the trades. Stay tuned!

I'm thrilled to report an **increased interest in the Cleveland Memorial Forest**. The space has been utilized for events such as the CHS staff retreat and a cross-country team building day. We are actively working on plans for the forest and obtaining the necessary approvals to begin improvements. The school community is enthusiastic about utilizing and developing the forest further.

One question that keeps me up at night was posed to me by a staff member (and parent of a couple alumni): **How can ensure the sustainability of the CHS Alumni Association for the future?** As many of you might know, the district has tightened its budget, and CHS needs our support more than ever. Simultaneously, our alumni association expenses are rising. Last year, our three newsletters cost just over \$10,000, which includes postage (which continues to increase). The board is considering reducing the newsletter frequency to two times a year while increasing the size of the newsletter. We'll be making some adjustments to the content, but we want to ensure there are plenty of photos to share. We plan to utilize social media more, along with limited email and postcard campaigns, and we must keep our

membership list accurate to reach all alumni effectively.

In our efforts to connect with the school's needs, **PTSA President Castalia Simon** and I met with Principal Lam at the end of the 2024 school year. We're focusing on identifying key priorities. From our discussions, emergency backpacks and back-to-school supplies topped the list of needs that the CHS Alumni Association can support. A desire expressed was for new bulletin boards throughout the school to replace older ones. We are compiling a 'wish list' from staff, coaches, and advisors to help prioritize where our assistance can be most impactful. We will share the list with the alumni, because as **Nicole R. Washington ('80)** wisely says, "closed mouths don't get fed."

## *A Heart Felt Thank You*



*Mary Lou (Zarkades) Barton '54 with Roger's flag and flowers from the Alumni Association.*

The words "Thank You" are among the most beautiful we can offer and receive, and today we take a moment to express our deep gratitude to **Mary Lou (Zarkades) Barton '54** for stepping up and showing her Eagle Pride! We truly appreciate her tireless contributions—her time, effort, and dedication to supporting the Cleveland High School Alumni Association.

Serving on the board in various roles and actively participating for so many years, Mary Lou has been an invaluable asset to our community.

Together with her husband, **John "Roger" Barton, CHS '54**, Mary Lou set a remarkable example of generosity and commitment. Her willingness to share her talents and gifts has strengthened the mission of the CHS Alumni Association, making a lasting impact on our work.

*With sincere gratitude,*  
Cleveland High School Alumni Association

## WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!

There are many opportunities, both big and small. We need individuals who can write articles (we have an editor and AI to help), write grants or point us to available ones, along with new board members (we currently have three openings) and committee members for various initiatives. We have so much we want to accomplish, and we need your help. For example, the Class of '64 benefited from volunteers from the classes of '80 and '81 for their reunion, allowing classmates from 1962 to 1965 to socialize without worrying about logistics. This small act made a significant impact!

**We're thrilled about the launch of the new CHS Alumni Veterans Committee!** A huge shoutout to Michael Fortson ('80), Rodney Tibbs ('77), and Nicole R. Washington ('80) for spearheading this initiative. We're currently gathering information on our alumni's military backgrounds, so please share your stories with us!

Additionally, a special thanks to Nicole and Frank Leonzal ('83) for their efforts in organizing the upcoming **1st Annual Veterans Breakfast on November 9th**. Stay tuned for more details—we can't wait to honor our veterans together! Thank you for your support as we strengthen our community!

## HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Make sure to **update your information** online or send an email to [membership@clevelandalumsea.org](mailto:membership@clevelandalumsea.org)

If you hear of any **fundraising opportunities**, please let us know!

- **Volunteer** – big or small, we appreciate your help.
- **Spread the word** about the CHS Alumni Association!
- **Donate** to the CHS Alumni Association (you can choose where you want the money to go!)

If you have any **suggestions**, please let us know. We welcome your feedback and suggestions. Thank you for your support! Once an Eagle, always an Eagle!

**Tracy (Case) Arnold, Class of 1982**

*President*

Cleveland High School Alumni Association

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P.S. Full disclosure – Artificial Intelligence (AI) helped me write this article (and many in the newsletter). I'm sure Ms. Cecelia Moore, former CHS Language Arts teacher, and

member of our Alumni Association, has figured out that my writing skills haven't improved this much in 43 years.

## CHS '80/CHS ALUMNI CLASSIC RETRO T-SHIRT AND SWEATSHIRT FUNDRAISER

By Nicole R. Washington '80

*Show your Cleveland "Eagle Spirit and Support" with a custom Classic Retro T-shirt or Hooded Sweatshirt!*

Forty percent (40%) of the purchase price will support Cleveland High School's 2024-2025 School Supplies, including notebooks, pens, and various materials.

**The Class of 1980 and CHS Alumni** are working hard to provide school supplies for CHS for this school year. When you purchase a T-shirt and/or Hooded Sweatshirt, you show your support and get a cool "Classic Retro" CHS designed by Dana Tsuboi Lim, Class of '80.

Our "FUNDRAISER" begins **Friday, November 1st**, and ends **Friday, November 15th**, so don't wait; get ready to place your order on November 1st.

<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/chs-classic-retro-t-shirt-and-sweatshirtfundraiser>



There are several classic CHS color choices at reasonable prices, with **T-shirts** starting at \$25 and **Hooded Sweatshirts** at \$40 (note that there is an extra charge for sizes 2XL, 3XL, and 4X).

*Please buy a T-shirt and/or Hooded Sweatshirt to help us provide needed school supplies and ensure Cleveland HS students have a wonderful school year!*

## CHS FALL ATHLETICS – WELCOME NEW TEAMS & COACHES

By Daniel Jurdy, Cleveland Athletic Director

This Fall we welcomed in the Class of 2028 – our new Freshman Eagles – and ushered back the rest of the student body after a warm and enjoyable summer. In my third year as Athletic Director, I’m encouraged to see athletics participation increasing and new teams forming as a result. We made the decision to move into the AA division this year which positions us more fairly against schools of similar size for the post-season. For conference games, we will continue to play both AA and AAA high schools throughout the district.

For the first time in five years, we have a Girls Soccer team competing this Fall, led by new head co-coaches **Abraham Kidane** and **Rickey Davis**.

The Football program continues under the helm of head coach **Leonard Hicks** who leads with passion both for the game and in guiding his athletes to be examples of community-minded and responsible young men. Participation has been challenging over the years and Coach Hicks continues his work to grow a competitive program.

Cleveland baseball coach, **Gary Tatterson** has stepped up to coach Golf this season; returning three-sport coach **Dan Hamilton** will continue to lead a thriving Cross-Country program and **Lorna Considine** returns to coach a full roster of over 40 Girls Volleyball players! Girls Swim has combined with Franklin High School’s program this year.

Over 200 Cleveland students are participating in Fall sports – many of those from the Freshman class and many are also first-time players of the sport. Cleveland continues to uphold our “everyone participates” sports culture, meaning all athletes regardless of skill level or experience can join their program of choice. This is an important Cleveland value I am passionate about. I consistently hear from parents who see first-hand the positive impact athletics participation has on their student’s high school experience. There are so many life skills taught through athletics – leadership, resilience, teamwork – that impart a way of persevering and problem-solving throughout life. Participation also grounds the student in a community at school – some of whom still struggle with lost social confidence.

As you know, school budgets continue to be challenged all-around, and with anticipated school closures, we have major

headwinds to face this year. Athletics budgets are non-existent, and we rely on team fundraising and donations from our community for basic program needs like uniforms and gear.

Over the years, the CHSAA has generously supported Cleveland Athletics – last year your grants helped us purchase Boys Soccer uniforms, Track & Field equipment and other significant unmet needs. We are so very grateful and look forward to a strong continued partnership this year.

Together we can ensure our Cleveland Eagles are provided with the best experiences possible during these pivotal high school years.

**Thank you, Alumni Association, and GO EAGLES!**

**Cleveland HS Fall Athletics Not Too Late!** – Cleveland STEM High School [seattleschools.org](https://seattleschools.org)

**Metro League schedule** – Cleveland | Metro League [metroleaguewa.org](https://metroleaguewa.org)

## SOCIAL WORK AT CLEVELAND STEM HS: BUILDING COMMUNITY WITH STUDENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT

In the February 2023 CHS Alumni Association newsletter, **Amy Hashiguchi**, CHS social worker, shared the school’s need for financial support for their InvestED, Food Pantry and Cleveland Closet programs.

**Thanks to the generous donations from CHS alumni, we were able to continue to support CHS with a donation of \$2,000 through their InvestED program. The school was able to provide 13 caps and gowns, 8 prom tickets, and purchase 14 yearbooks for students at the end of the school year.**

In late June, Amy shared with the CHS Alumni Association board the Social Work CHS Impact Statement for the 2023-2024 school year. The school supported over 80 families within the CHS community.

In addition to the support the Alumni Association provided, they were able to provide **55 winter coats, food and grocery needs for 75 families, clothing and household goods for 60 families, assist with rents and utilities or emergency hotel stays for 25 families, and 26 tickets to attend the Malcolm X Opera for students, families and key Cleveland staff.** Additionally, they served over 1,000 lunches and snacks out of their food pantry.

## WOODWORKING CLUB – BRINGS THE VISION TO CHS

Steve Pratt, Cleveland High School’s physics and chemistry teacher, is in discussions to reinitiate the woodshop program at Cleveland STEM. Currently, a few seniors and Mr. Pratt are working to establish a woodworking club. They have been researching similar programs across Washington and compiling a tool list. The students and Mr. Pratt are also planning to tour Franklin’s woodshop in October to gain insights into what our program might look like.

The biggest need right now is getting the Woodworking Club off the ground! Mr. Pratt would like the students to first start with hand tools and learning some basic projects.

Some of the **tools they need to be donated or purchased** include Japanese hand saws, hand planes, sanding blocks, mallets, chisels, sharpening stones, coping saws, clamps, squares, marking gauges, wood glue, N95 masks, vises... just to name a few.

The goal is to teach students about the structure of wood, the types of cuts, how to cut wood, and ultimately how to create various small projects.

The news was also shared with **Bob Jurcan** from the Class of ‘64—our go-to person for woodworking. He expressed his enthusiasm, saying, “So good to hear! This would be an extremely valuable addition to the CHS experience. I will be glad to do anything to advance this proposal.”

**If anyone with the CHSAA would like to support or has a list of potential advocates, please email**

[srpratt@seattleschools.org](mailto:srpratt@seattleschools.org) or [president@clevelandalumsea.org](mailto:president@clevelandalumsea.org)

## FALL FUNDRAISING GOALS - IMMEDIATE NEEDS!

### EMERGENCY BACKPACKS

The school needs to replenish and replace the outdated emergency supplies NOW! The backpacks will be labeled “donated by” to let the students & faculty know where they came from.

Bags will be labeled with “**Donated by CHS Alumni Association & Class of 1964.**”

- Cost – **\$9,000 for 90 emergency backpacks**
- Raised so far specifically for this need\* – **\$8,300**

### BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We want to supply the necessary school supplies for every CHS student (pens, paper, composition notebooks, binders, calculators and more for 900 students!). Most of this cost comes from the school budget!

- Cost – **approximately \$20,000\*\*+ for 900 students**
- Raised so far specifically for this need\* – **\$2,000**

### NEW BULLETIN BOARDS

(10 throughout the school)

The bulletin boards that came with the 2007 remodel are no longer functional. Additional high quality boards are required throughout the school to allow the kids to display their informational flyers (and keep the tape off the walls).

- Cost – **approximately \$3,000\*\***

\*Grants are being written for funding as well.

\*\*In the process of negotiating prices

## JOIN US FOR GIVING TUESDAY 2024 - DECEMBER 3, 2024!



**Giving Tuesday** is a global movement that encourages people to give back to their communities. It takes place every year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, following Black Friday and Cyber Monday. This year let’s make it the biggest and most impactful Giving Tuesday yet for the Cleveland High School Alumni Association!

### Why Participate?

In 2023, millions of people around the world came together to support their favorite causes, raising billions of dollars for nonprofits. Your participation can help us reach even greater heights in 2024. By joining this movement, you can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most.

### How You Can Help:

1. **Donate:** Every dollar counts. Your contribution can help us fund vital programs and services.
2. **Volunteer:** Give your time and skills to support our initiatives. Whether it’s a few hours or a full day, your help is invaluable.
3. **Spread the Word:** Use your voice to amplify our message. Share our campaign on social media, tell your friends and family, and encourage others to get involved.

**If you want to help support these efforts at Cleveland, you can donate directly to the Cleveland Alumni Association.**

<https://clevelandalumsea.org/donate>

## REMEMBERING OUR GOLD STAR HEROES

By Tracy (Case) Arnold '82

Despite the rainy weather, approximately 160 Cleveland students, staff, alumni, family, and friends participated in this year's annual **Memorial Ceremony at the Forest**. Here's a recap of the day's events.



Emil Martin '42

Four buses, graciously provided by **Frank Leonzal**, a CHSAA board member and Class of '83 alumnus, along with First Transportation, transported CHS students and faculty to the ceremony.

### The History of the Memorial Forest

**Bernie Moskowitz**, a CHS board member and Class of '57 alumnus, shared the history of the Cleveland Memorial Forest and its origins.

#### Guest Speaker – Emil Martin '42

**Emil Martin** eloquently recounted his World War II experiences to a respectful audience of both young and old Eagles. His son, Terry Martin, recorded the speech and shared it with the Alumni Association, honoring Emil's service and generosity in sharing his testimony.

#### Guest Speaker – Ed Boprey '45

Ed offered a brief history of life at CHS during the war, detailing how he and his classmates raised funds for the Memorial Forest.

### Taps and Presentation of the Flag

Four diligent CHS students held the flag while **Bernie Moscovitz**, played Taps on his authentic Civil War Bugle, stepping in for a Color Guard. They skillfully folded the flag according to the instructions they had learned the day before. Bernie then presented the flag to **Mary Lou (Zarkades) Barton** in memory of her husband, **John "Roger" Barton, US Army**.

After the ceremony, attendees enjoyed snacks, beverages, photos, and conversations. Due to inclement weather and time constraints, this year's annual trek to the Rock was postponed.

## CHS STAFF RETREAT AT THE FOREST

By Tracy (Case) Arnold '82

This year, on August 27, **Principal Jeff Lam** organized a retreat for the Cleveland High School staff at the **Cleveland Memorial Forest**. Approximately 60 staff members traveled to the forest on two buses (a special thanks to **Frank Leonzal '83**, and **First Transportation** for their generous donation). For most of the staff, it was their first visit to the forest.



After Principal Lam's kickoff speech, **Bernie Moskowitz**, a CHSAA board member and Class of '57 alumnus, shared the history of the forest. As a former Renton School District teacher, Bernie connected well with the staff, who remarked throughout the day on his impressive teaching skills.

I took the opportunity to express my gratitude for the staff's hard work and dedication to our CHS students. They received information about donations from the alumni association, which included emergency backpacks and back-to-school supplies. Staff members were encouraged to submit their "wish lists" to help us understand their needs better.

**Kevin Hernandez**, a CHS teacher and Link Crew advisor, led engaging icebreaker activities that included everyone. Afterward, the staff broke out into groups to work on various activities. Bernie and I had the chance to chat with several staff members, including band teacher **Robby Seager**, science teacher **Steve Pratt**, and the CHS librarian, **Logan Reichert**. We discussed several exciting opportunities for the CHS staff and students to collaborate with the alumni association.

The PTSA generously provided a delicious lunch for the staff, contributing to a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Overall, everyone enjoyed the retreat and expressed a strong desire for future gatherings at the forest.

Learn more about the Forest on our website:

<https://clevelandalumsea.org/memorial-forest>

## GIVING TUESDAY

### Our Goal:

This year, we aim to raise \$100,000 to support Cleveland High School.

With your help, we can provide:

- \* Scholarships
- \* Back-to-school supplies
- \* Emergency backpacks
- \* Support for athletics and activities
- \* InvestED
- \* Trips and Events to the Cleveland Memorial Forest (plus continue to improve the grounds)
- \* And so much more!

### Get Involved:

- » Visit our website: <https://clevelandalumsea.org/donate/>
- » Follow us on social media:  
[Instagram.com/chsaa\\_seattle](https://www.instagram.com/chsaa_seattle)  
[Facebook.com/chsaa\\_seattle](https://www.facebook.com/chsaa_seattle)
- » Join our mailing list: <https://clevelandalumsea.org/newsletter-archives/#subscribe>

*Together, we can make a difference.*

*Let's come together on Giving Tuesday and show the power of community and generosity!*

## PARTNERING WITH CHS PTSA

In 2023, the Cleveland Alumni Association reestablished an active partnership with the CHS Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). Over the summer, several CHSAA board members—Meredith Blache, Frank Leonzal, Nicole Washington, and Tracy Arnold—held a meeting with CHS PTSA officers Castalia Simon, Madeline Moy, and Lisa Nakamura (CHS Class of '85) to discuss our shared goals and plans for



*PTSA and CHS Alumni Association board members meet to collaborate.*

the 2024-25 school year. During this meeting, we focused on our respective organizations' objectives and how we can collaborate to support community building and fundraising for Cleveland High School and its many student, family and administrative needs.

On June 1st, the PTSA successfully hosted an auction, "Red and White," at the Centilia Cultural Center located in heart of north Beacon Hill, raising over \$35,000 after expenses to benefit Cleveland STEM High School students, staff, and athletic teams. A "Taste of Beacon Hill" dinner featured restaurants, Hiroshi's, Perihelion Brewery, CheBogz Filipino Food and Carnitas Michoacan (voted one of Seattle's best tacos by The Seattle Times!), who provided a menu reflective of Cleveland's diverse community. These generous business owners offered discounts or sponsorship donations including Carnitas Michoacan – who generously came in as the auction's only platinum-level sponsor. Further, more than 100 silent auction items were procured from businesses, individual donors and Cleveland's athletic teams. Numerous CHS alumni, along with alumni from

Franklin and Rainier Beach, attended to express their support for both the PTSA and CHS. The event was a huge success and a tremendous show of community support for Cleveland!

Following a conversation with Principal Lam, the PTSA decided to grant half of the auction proceeds to enhance the Youth Empowerment Program (YEP), an elective class that connects CHS students with internship and career opportunities. Due to its success, the program is now looking to expand into a full-fledged class.

If you would like to support the PTSA, please make your donations through the CHS Alumni Association General Fund (just note that your donation is for the PTSA). Check out their website - <https://clevelandptsa.org/> - for more information on the PTSA.





## CLASS OF 1980 SUPPORTS THE CHS MEMORIAL FOREST

By Nicole R. Washington '80

The Class of 1980 Reunion Committee member **Tim Fields** attended the June alumni board meeting and presented CHSAA board president Tracy Case Arnold with a generous donation of **\$1,015** from their “CHS Classic Retro T-Shirt and Sweatshirt Fundraiser” organized by the committee.



*Tim Fields '80, presents a check to the Alumni Association.*

Tim shared that “the class of '80 hopes that our contribution to the **Cleveland High School Memorial Forest** will make a difference for future generations of Eagles to enjoy all the exciting educational, environmental ideas to come, and be a place for remembrance, learning, and beauty. Our class loves showing our Eagle Pride this way.

*In our journey of life, we have learned that giving back from the human spirit is what allows our “Eagle Spirit” to*

*soar high . . . staying true to the “Red & White.”*



## CHS RATED 5TH BEST SEATTLE PUBLIC HIGH

*Places in the Top 15% Nationwide!*

According to the U.S. News Best High Schools Rankings 2024, **Cleveland High ranks fifth best among the 21 Seattle public high schools and rates 39th in the State of Washington.**

Nearly 18,000 schools were ranked on six factors based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college. Of Cleveland, they said, “Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® coursework and exams. The AP® participation rate at Cleveland High School is 40%. The total minority enrollment is 87%, and 57% of students are economically disadvantaged. The four Seattle schools ranking higher than CHS were Lincoln, rated 11th in the state; Ballard, 13th; Garfield, 15th; and Roosevelt, 17th.

**The schools’ overall scores are based on six factors:**

1. **College readiness**, based on the proportion of 12th-grade students who took and earned a qualifying score on at least one Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam (30% of the ranking).
2. **State assessment proficiency**, based on aggregated scores on state assessments that students may be required to pass for graduation (20%).
3. **State assessment performance**, based on whether performance on state assessments exceeded expectations given the school’s proportion of underserved students (20%).
4. **Underserved student performance**, based on how Black, Hispanic, and low-income students performed on state assessments compared with those not underserved in the state (10%).
5. **College curriculum breadth**, based on proportions of 12th-grade students who took and earned a qualifying score on AP and/or IB exams in multiple content areas (10%).
6. **Graduation rate**, based on the proportion of students who entered ninth grade in 2018–2019 and graduated four years later (10%).
7. **Out of nearly 18,000 U.S. high schools, Cleveland rated in the top 15 percent, number 2,398.**

Full story at <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/national-rankings>

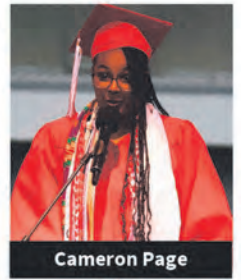
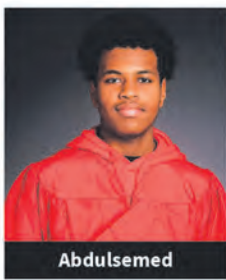
# 2024 CHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Class of 2024 surprised the Alumni Association Scholarship Committee with **43 applicants** (a record). Thanks to the generous donations of our alumni and our amazing former CHS staff, we granted **\$35,050 to 22 seniors** (another record). Two of these students received an **Ed Landon Educational Scholarship [ELES]** as they are pursuing education degrees.

Scholarship applications require letters of recommendation from CHS faculty, as well as mentors outside of CHS, highlighting the student's attributes. These letters were full of praise for the students' dedication to pursuing higher education and developing leadership skills. Recipients may use the funds granted for tuition, books, room and board, and other necessities. Many applicants are the first in their families to attend college. We wish them the best of luck as they continue their education.

### CHS Alumni Association Scholarship Committee

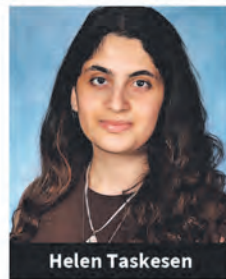
JoAnn (Victor) Smith ('56), Sharon Victor ('60), Janice (Dahl) Stepp ('66), Sachi Yari-Doty ('89), Sandra (Ellis) Bunning ('57), Barb, Thiessen ('67), Mary Ann (Bosnich) McCord, Tracy (Case) Arnold ('82), and Meredith (Murray) Blache ('81).



## 2024 CHSAA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



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## Abdulsemmed Abdulsemmed

COMPUTER SCIENCE | UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Abdulsemmed will pursue a computer science degree at the University of Washington. He is preparing for a career in software engineering.

He was highly recommended by the UW's Math Science Upward Bound (STEMsub) program. Typically, students start the STEMsubprogram in the spring of 10th grade, but Abdulsemmed joined in the winter of 11th grade. He hit the ground running and quickly caught up, making the most of his opportunities. He even encouraged his younger brother to join STEMsub.

CHS Science teacher Christal Lee said, "Abdulsemmed has an enthusiasm for computer science, building computers from scratch, and a general interest in technology. The tech world would benefit from Abdulsemmed's sense of humor, his curiosity, and his care for his community."

Besides working as a daycare helper/assistant, he was the team captain and leader of the CHS football team. He earned the honor of Defensive Player of the Year and Most Improved in Football Weight Training. He was a member of the That's Crafty! Club and the Computer Science Club. His hobbies include building, fixing, and reselling computers.

## Nurasikine Aly

COMPUTER SCIENCE | UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Nurasikine will study at the University of Washington Seattle campus. She will pursue a degree in computer science, focusing mainly on software development.

In addition to her high grades, she is active in the community and at CHS. She belongs to the Cham Refugee Community (the diasporic indigenous ethnic group from Vietnam), Girls Who Code, Rainier Scholars (as a proctor, she instructed, supervised, and answered questions, and helped grade 3rd/4th grader's tests), TRIO Upward Bound, Team Read (coaching elementary students to improve reading comprehension), and also worked at Obsev Inc. At CHS, she was part of the Key Club, the Green Team, the tennis team (winning the Most Encouraging award), the cross-country team (athlete of the week), the yarn club, and the cooking club.

Steve Pratt, CHS chemistry teacher, shared, "Her ebullient personality stands out. She frequently visits my classroom during lunch right before AP Chemistry. During this time, she studies, reviews with friends, and laughs infectiously. She has a light-hearted spirit that helps keep her studying in perspective."

"While many high-ability students are hard on themselves or overwhelmed by the pressure of an AP class, I appreciate Nurasikine's mature perspective toward her studies. Nurasikine is a remarkable student and a joy to teach. If I had to choose between a class of National Merit Scholars or a classroom full of Nurasikines, I would choose the latter. Her joy of learning is something I don't encounter often. Not only will she be successful in college, but she will also bring a smile to her department."

## Kevin Chen

COMPUTER SCIENCE | UC BERKELEY

Kevin will attend the University of

California, Berkeley, studying computer science. His dream started with the Hour of Code, a Code.org initiative introducing computer science to his fifth-grade class.

Active in the community, Kevin shared "Even though I made STEM opportunities for myself elsewhere, such resources were, and still are, scarce in my community. Seeing this lack of progress, I was inspired to create STEM education opportunities for my community by founding UpSTREAM, providing accessible and culturally relevant STEM resources for hundreds of youths citywide." In addition, he was a researcher at Social Futures Lab (UW CSE), a software engineer for Project Sidewalk (UW Makeability Lab), and a software developer for 30+ (Fact Fluency Game). He speaks four languages—English, Taishanese, Cantonese and Mandarin.

At Cleveland, Kevin completed eight of the school's nine AP courses, was a member of the Symphonic Band (trumpeter, first chair), and was a student conservationist for Trees for Equity in Education (TrEE).

Kevin summed up his time at CHS: "Four rocky years have defined the Class of 2024's experience at Cleveland: one year completely remote, one year returning from remote learning, and the last two being part of recovery efforts. The Class of 2024 has undergone four separate leadership changes at Cleveland, with four different principals and a massive educator overhaul after our sophomore year. Despite these challenges, I am proud to graduate a Cleveland Eagle. The tumult of my high school experience has taught me to be a leader within our school and the surrounding com-

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munity. I know that my leadership will take me far after high school.”

Paul Davis, Cleveland computer science teacher, shared, “Kevin is the kind of person who radiates Cleveland High School values. He is resilient through hardship. He works incredibly hard and is gifted in what he does. He seeks to invest in his community and uplift those around him.”

### **Kenneth Devera**

MEDICAL SCIENCE | UNIVERSITY OF WA

Kenneth will attend the University of Washington in Seattle, pursuing a degree in medical laboratory science. His mother’s unwavering commitment to healthcare inspires him to follow in her footsteps to become the medical professional she always wanted him to be.

Active at Cleveland during his four years, he was office assistant for the main office, assisted in organizing events for CHS, was on the senior cabinet of ASB, a co-founder and vice president of CHS Yarn Club, a member of Key Club, a member of the national honor society, vice president of HOSA and a member of the green team environmental club.

His community-oriented activities are just as impressive: medical writer for The MedReport Foundation, volunteer for Seattle Parks and Recreation, community volunteer for Rainier Valley Food Bank, student volunteer for Seattle Public Utilities’ Adopt-a Street, and a volunteer at Cleveland’s local orchard, the Maple School Ravine. His hobbies include biking, coin collecting, and research/information-seeking.

Clare Sobestki, a former Cleveland Science and CTE teacher, shared: “Kenneth consistently demonstrat-

ed his leadership in these projects, coaxing his more reticent classmates to participate while keeping the group focused on the final product and ensuring that the quality of work rose to his high standard.”

### **Isaac Draculan [ELES]**

MUSIC ED | CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Isaac received the Ed Landon Educational Scholarship. He will attend Central Washington University in the fall, majoring in music education.

While at Cleveland, Isaac was captain of the cheer team, captain of Drumline (and won many awards, including the Spirit Award), president of the Music ASB, and was in the orchestra as first chair. In addition, he was part of Music Youth Southeast (first chair), Wintergrass Youth Orchestra (First chair), the Franklin High School Musical (playing the violin/piano player), and the Seattle All-City Marching Band (cymbal section leader).

In the fall of 2022, the CHS music teacher left two weeks into the school year. Unable to find a replacement with a music background, the school hired a substitute, Pam Linxweiler, who gave credit to Isaac for keeping things going. Of the six classes she taught, Isaac was in three, which he helped lead. She shared, “While I helped in any way I could, Isaac essentially ran our entire music program, and I assisted him. Fortunately, he knew what needed to be done and led the way for over three months.” They had a guest teacher, Kim Roy, to teach beginning and advanced orchestra classes one day a week. Isaac often conducted these classes, with Kim giving him guidance and feedback.

He became an excellent conductor and conducted their winter concert.

She continues, “He plays the piano, violin, and a wealth of percussion instruments. He is also in The Seattle Youth Symphony’s My Southeast Orchestra, where he has played several violin solos. He has conducted many pieces during My Southeast performances, including one at Benaroya Hall. Isaac is a rare find with great talent and experience in the college path he intends to pursue.”

Tyson Koyano, a teacher at Cleveland, stated, “His real power lies in his potential as a leader. I repeatedly watched him build, support, and even protect his peers, helping create a complete high school experience for them, often at his own expense. Isaac saw that the drumline and band were falling apart as the school failed to provide their needed support. He organized his own practices using lessons he created himself. As a cheer team leader, Isaac helped lead efforts to restore harm done to the team, including organizing a petition and leading discussions with the school administration. Leadership comes so naturally to him that when I hold formal discussions, Isaac naturally steps up as a moderator without being asked, making sure quiet people are heard.”

### **Layla Ismael**

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE | HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Layla will attend Harvard University to study biomedical engineering and computer science. She shared, “Post-Harvard, I hope to make medical technologies more accessible and solve health disparities that affect communities in America and interna-

tionally. I want to build hospitals, invent technology, and use my interdisciplinary learning to better the world.”

She continued, “I want to study biomedical engineering to solve systemic medical issues through an interdisciplinary lens. As a biomedical engineer, I want to work alongside skilled researchers to tackle AI modeling, genetic and proteomic sequencing, and imaging.”

For most of her high school career, Layla battled a crippling diagnosis of brain cancer, which was discovered when she was only 14. Steve Pratt, a CHS physics chemistry teacher, said. “While many will aspire to become a doctor because of the prestige or family pressure, Layla desires to become a doctor so she can see the full humanity of her patients, especially those who look like her. To Layla, doctors aren’t the people you see for once-a-year check-ups or on Netflix medical dramas. . . they’re the folks who either help or hinder the painful process of medical care. Layla wants to learn the complicated truths and unknowns of oncology while also empowering patients to find those same truths when battling their own cancer. Layla is one of the more resilient students I have ever taught, and I know she possesses the grit and heart to make it as a future MD/PhD whose passion is improving her community.”

Her impressive community activities include founder of Beauty in our Community (BiOC), lead intern at Youth Digital Stewards, intern at Seattle’s Institute of Systems Biology, lead intern at Choose180, and peer leader/program coordinator at The Service Board.

At Cleveland, Layla was president of the National Honor Society, president

of the Debate Club, secretary of the Black Student Union (BSU), a member of the Cleveland Racial Equity team, a founder of the Coalition for Muslim Voices, and a former leader and member of Young Queens. Her hobbies include snowboarding and Somali dance.

## Donovan Jackson

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING | SEATTLE  
CENTRAL COLLEGE

Donovan will enroll at Seattle Central College this fall, with the goal of transferring to the University of Washington to pursue an electrical engineering degree and a career goal of helping advance our U.S. electric grid.

He discovered his passion for electrical engineering through his engineering courses and projects at CHS.

Donovan was a lineman for the small but mighty CHS football team. He volunteered with the administrative staff at a local fire station, helping organize charity giveaways of backpacks for kids of all ages. He participated in community events to teach people about fire safety and help keep the community safe.

Donovan was also part of the Tree Project on Beacon Hill his junior year, joining classmates at an orchard weekly to do restoration work. Donovan studied the lack of tree canopy in South Seattle and the impact of heat islands on communities of color. Working with the Seattle Parks Department, he and the team helped remove invasive species while planting native plants to make this orchard healthier. His grandfather played an influential role in his life, instilling a strong work ethic and caring nature to give back to his community.

Donovan’s Humanities teacher, Tyson Koyano, shared, “Donovan shows reverence for the history of Cleveland HS. He was one of the flag folders for our Memorial Day Event at Cleveland Memorial Forest. He was eager to learn from alumni and participate in this important ceremony”.

## Frida Jackson

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & POLICY | UC  
SANTA BARBARA

Frida will attend the University of California Santa Barbara to study Environmental Science and Policy. Fascinated with the outdoors, she wanted to go into a field to fight against climate change. Taking ten separate science classes in high school, she was educated continually on the effects of climate change on the organisms she loved.

While at CHS, she was on the cross-country team for four years, an officer of the Outdoors Club, a member of the Q2 club and the Sunrise Club, was manager of the baseball team, and helped with campus clean up and restoration.

She was voted co-captain on the cross-country team for both her junior and senior years and received two awards for outstanding female athlete. She led practices during summer and other breaks. Dan Hamilton, CHS cross-country coach and teacher, shared, “Frida came to Cleveland and joined our cross-country team when our team structure, participation, and schedule were very unsettled because of COVID-19. Frida grew into a leadership position even as a freshman because of her consistency, work ethic, and natural leadership. What stood out to me was her positive approach toward our season.

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Rather than fixating on how our season was disrupted or different than normal, she focused on our opportunities and how we could enjoy them as a team. Our girls' cross-country team is now the largest it has been in at least 20 years, and Frida's leadership played a part in that growth."

During her junior year, Frida spent the second semester at the High Mountain Institute, an outdoor school in Colorado. When she arrived, she realized how inexperienced she was. She had never been backpacking, had never put on skis, and felt out of place compared to her peers. Frida shared in her scholarship application, "Those two weeks were the hardest of my life and the most miserable I've ever felt. 'You can never leave something without entering something else,' one of my instructors told me before we set out. His quote played repeatedly in my head as I pulled my sled for miles up the snow-covered mountain, alone with my thoughts. By choosing to leave my home, I took off the restraints I had placed on myself."

Joe Donohoe, applied molecular biology and UW BIOL 100 teacher at CHS, shared, "When she returned, it seemed that her experiences had really sharpened and grown her abilities and drive to learn. In the 11th grade, she was quick to figure out new things, but far from the voracious and ultra curious learner who returned in 12th grade."

### David Li

COMPUTER SCIENCE | UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

David will be attending the University of Washington to obtain a degree in Computer Science, intending to be a game designer.

While attending CHS, he was active in Link Crew, ran on the cross-country team, and was a library assistant and CHS camera operator. In addition, he dedicated over 140 hours to the Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS) Food Bank and WILD (a wilderness inner-city leadership program) to serve those in need.

Andy Coughran, Cleveland Humanities Teacher, shared, "David is an amazing student inside and outside the classroom. He uses his creativity to bring awareness to subjects he is deeply passionate about."

For a project on Seattle history in Mr. Coughran's class, "David researched the stories of local Japanese Americans who were incarcerated at Internment Camps during World War II. He created a four-part diorama that respectfully showed what Japanese Americans in Seattle went through from Executive Order 9066, heading off to Camp Harmony, their life in Minidoka, and finally, the United States' formal apology to Japanese Americans in the 1980s. David's diorama was thoughtful and well-researched, and it helped teach important history in a meaningful way. I know that David will bring the same creativity and passion to college. Not only does David thrive in the classroom, he also plays a key part in our local community."

During the spring semester of his junior year, David worked on a Tree Project in his class. Every Thursday, he and his classmates went to an orchard on Beacon Hill and do restoration work. He worked with the Seattle Parks Department to remove invasive species and make this orchard healthier. "It is clear that David is determined to leave his communi-

ty in a better place than he found it."

### Sophia Li

BIOCHEMISTRY | UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Sophia will major in biochemistry at the University of Washington Seattle campus.

Sophia was an intern in the summer high school program at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Feeling the excitement, Sophia said, "Through those eight weeks, I found a passion for research. I experienced life in the lab. I had hands-on experiences, performed experiments, and presented my research project. When I met with researchers, I saw the passion in their eyes for their work and their eagerness to share it with the younger generation. I woke up every morning feeling pumped for lab day. Even though the lab articles I read made my head spin, they were fascinating."

After that experience, she entered a Math Science Upward Bound program at the University of Washington. This led her to major in biochemistry at the UW, which will help her pursue a career in the lab, discovering, solving problems, and learning.

Sophia was the founder and president of the Yarn Club, "Every crochet project I start begins with an idea. The process is challenging but motivating. The finished result leaves me proud and excited for the next idea." In addition, she was secretary of the Green Team Club, a member of the Key Club, on the tennis team, a participant in Lion Dance, a site assistant for Team Read, and a volunteer for Trees for Equity in Education (TrEE).

Steve Pratt, CHS AP chemistry

teacher, shared, “What amazes me the most about Sophia is her leadership abilities. As a natural introvert, Sophia entered Cleveland observant and quiet, trying to figure out high school in the post-remote learning world. After two years, Sophia took her pandemic passion—knitting—and founded a new ASB club. From knitting in a quiet corner during lunch to finding an advisor and stepping to the front of a classroom of students, Sophia courageously started something that led to a cultural movement at CHS.”

Joe Lenzo, CHS AP calculus teacher, shared, “Her internship at Fred Hutch, where she conducted her own research project and gained hands-on laboratory experience, has ignited her desire to pursue a career in scientific research. Sophia’s dedication to academic excellence and her unwavering commitment to her goals earned her the Math Excellence Award in 2022, and she maintains an impressive, unweighted GPA of 4.0. Her perseverance, determination, and passion for learning make her a deserving candidate for the CHS Alumni Scholarship. I do not doubt that Sophia will make meaningful contributions to her community and scientific research.”

## Rita Ngo

NURSING | UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Rita will major in nursing at the University of Washington to become a pediatric registered nurse. She stated, “As a nurse, I can provide a listening ear to patients to support them and empathize with what they are going through, elevating their concerns to other staff rather than brushing them off. Only the patients know what they are feeling and going through, so we

should never minimize their concerns.”

Besides attending Seattle Central College part-time, Rita was active on the girls’ swim team, the girls’ slow-pitch softball team, the girls’ basketball, and the cheer team. She also made time to be the co-founder and president of the Asian Student Union, a participant in Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), the Key Club (on the fundraising committee), Cleveland Teen Health, the National Honors Society, and the Link Crew leader. Outside of CHS, she interned at YouthForce (the Boys and Girls Club/The Friends of The Children) and worked as a Pier Agent at SMS International Shore Operations Inc.

Christal Lee, CHS science teacher, shared, “Rita’s willingness to try new things to grow as a student and as a person, her self-discipline, and resilience are assets she would positively contribute to any of her future endeavors. These qualities combined with her kindness and personable nature lay the foundation for her future success as a nurse.”

Rita took on rigorous classes while balancing clubs, sports, internships, and jobs, and found ways to advocate for herself that helped her manage her responsibilities.

Tyson Koyano, CHS teacher, shared “Beyond Rita’s academic skills, she is a joy to be around. She’s bright, often sharing insight through a critical eye. Her humor is wry but hilarious and her energy is infectious. Academia so often focuses solely on the graded skills of students, but I imagine in a world which seems to get more complicated each year, having a student who is a constant light will be needed in society.”

## Cameron Page

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING | WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Cameron plans to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering at Washington State University. She stated, “my time at Cleveland High School opened my eyes to a world of possibilities, ignited my curiosity, and inspired my innovation.” She is driven to contribute meaningfully to the field, emphasizing renewable energy sources.

Cameron’s teachers said that her being a class officer and involved in various leadership positions spoke volumes about her ability to lead, engage, and inspire peers.

Her CHS Counselor, Chloe Kimiai, stated, “Cameron’s involvement in social justice activism is commendable. She actively advocates for social justice causes, fearlessly raising her voice on pertinent issues and actively participating in activities geared toward positive change within her school and the wider community. Her proactive approach, including speaking at public forums and engaging with school boards, showcases her dedication to making a tangible difference in society. Her genuine commitment to social justice initiatives reflects her empathy, compassion, and strong sense of responsibility toward fostering a more equitable and inclusive environment.”

In addition to being ASB President, Cameron played on the CHS tennis and basketball teams, was a member of the Library Club and Art Club, and a GSA Chief Advisor. Community activities include a jump rope instructor, the Principal Hiring Committee, a sound technician, and tree/forest restoration for invasive plant removal.

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### Jaerlene Quinto

PSYCHOLOGY | UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Jaerlene will start at the University of Washington, majoring in psychology, aspires to research how diverse forms of self-expression can be brought into therapy and how art therapy can cultivate healing.

At CHS, Jaerlene created a new club called “Candid,” where students create films, digital art, and stories based on monthly prompts. She was secretary for the associated student body (ASB) government. She had various leadership roles in the Asian Student Union (media manager), the Link Crew (leader), the Cooking Club, and the Art Club (manager). She was also editor of Cleveland Publications in her junior year.

Chloe Kimiai, CHS Counselor, shared that Jaerlene “has shown exceptional leadership skills by organizing pep rallies, cultural nights, and promoting school spirit.”

Outside of Cleveland, Jaerlene volunteered at Food Lifeline, interned at the Boys and Girls Club, was a journalism assistant at Southwest Youth and Family Services, and was a video lab cohort member on the Vera Project.

At the end of the year, she wrote, produced, shot, and edited her own short film, which was accepted into several film festivals. She created the film, “Contagion” when she was a sophomore.

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Dan Truog, Jaerlene’s CHS Media teacher for two years, described her as “incredibly creative, a leader with infectious energy, and someone who

understands that when a deadline is looming, you often have to roll up your sleeves and get the job done yourself.”

### Delyla Saeteun

VISUAL MEDIA / FILM STUDIES | SEATTLE CENTRAL COLLEGE

Delyla will attend Seattle Central College and participate in their Visual Media program for film. Her goal is to explore her love for cinematography and then transfer to a university to finish her degree.

Transferring to Cleveland her junior year, once she familiarized herself with CHS and the students, she jumped into many activities and made the most of her senior year to make the “high school part” of her life “interesting and fun.”

While at CHS, she was president and founder of the CHS That’s Crafty Club, president and writer for the Vantage Point (CHS monthly broadcast news club), manager for the weightlifting club, co-president of the CHS Cooking Club, and main designer for the CHS yearbook. Staff and students were impressed and thankful for the new tradition she started with the CHS Daily Announcements.

One of her hobbies is video making (and she loves to crochet). She is making a video tour of Cleveland High for the Alumni Association and future students so they may see the remodeled high school from the comfort of their home. During the summer, Delyla helped the Class of 1964 at their reunion by providing school tours for the visiting alumni.

Dan Truog, Career and Technical Education Teacher and Yearbook Advisor, shared, “Delyla stands out as

an excellent student, a natural leader, a powerhouse creative and compassionate human who has continually challenged herself and left her mark on Cleveland. I have truly loved being her teacher and can’t wait to see what she does next.”

### Quinci Spivey

PSYCHOLOGY / BIOLOGY | LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Quinci will study at Loyola University Chicago. She will major in psychology or biology, with a goal of becoming a physician’s assistant. She said becoming a PA “Combines my STEM passion, nurturing qualities, and desire to really be of service. The relationship with my own doctors allowed me to feel safe and comfortable, making me look up to them and see how important their role is to a community.

At Cleveland, Quinci competed in both swim and golf in the fall. Mindful of her schedule for school deadlines, sports practices, and matches, and a work shift, Quinci’s dedication to her leadership commitments (captain of both teams) and her consistency while juggling the multiple obligations still allowed her to earn a 4.0 grade point. She also worked weekends as a lifeguard and swim instructor.

She served as prophet and peer leader at the Service Board (tSB) in Seattle, which brings together high school students from the South End with local adult mentors from diverse academic, racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds. Shona Kerrick, a former program manager at tSB, shared, “Quinci met twice weekly from the beginning of winter through spring (on top of being a Cleveland full-time student and multi-sport athlete) so she could take part in 12 weeks of social



justice workshops, six snowboarding lesson trips, and six service-learning projects with her peers in our community.” Quinci participated in the program on various levels since 2020.

She was also a founding officer for Inspiring Outdoor Connections and treasurer for Art of Resilience & Resistance.

Tymmony Keegan, CHS 10th grade humanities – global black studies teacher, shared, “Quinci continues to make a positive impact through her friendship, leadership, and consistently positive attitude. She is an outstanding community member and leader who is highly regarded by peers and adults alike. Quinci is authentically kind, always curious, and incredibly insightful. She works hard to make the most of whatever she’s engaged in and wherever she lands will be blessed by her presence.”

## Corrina Tanabe

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING | KYOTO UNIVERSITY

Corrina will pursue a mechanical engineering degree at the Kyoto University of Advanced Sciences in Japan.

She has an impressive list of activities, including Camp Fire Lemonades Group, Junior Young Buddhists Association, and Northwest Young Buddhists Association (co-president). While at Cleveland, Corrina was involved in (or even founded) many clubs — Pacific Northwest Key Club, Associated Student Body ASB (president her senior year), varsity volleyball (team captain), Japanese Student Association (founder), Washington Technology Student Association (TSA) (founder), Link Crew (group leader), varsity tennis, and the National Honor Society. Her hobbies include being a Kaze Kaiko

Taiko Group Member and a Sangha Class member. In her spare time, she worked at the Seattle Art Museum and the Seattle Asian Art Museum.

Deborah L. G. Baker, Language Arts & US History teacher at CHS, “While maintaining her impressive school performance, Corrina improved the CHS community through her active participation in a multitude of extracurricular activities. I often wondered how she managed these; however, I learned over time that she finds joy in her chosen activities and work. Her persistent positive outlook and buoyant approach to everything she puts her mind to are evident in how she carries herself and her unyielding involvement.”

A student from the yearbook asked Corrina, “What is one thing you want students to remember about you?” and she replied, “I want students to remember wonderful memories made through the events ASB has planned.” Corrina said this statement encapsulates the person she wants to be, “someone who can improve the world around me for others, even if it’s just a little bit.”

## Helin Taskesen

OPERATIONS RESEARCH & FINANCIAL ENGINEERING | PRINCETON

Helin will attend Princeton, pursuing an operations research and financial engineering degree with a certificate in applied and computation mathematics.

Helin wants to “make a positive change in the world, especially for the Middle East, through math, research, and technology.” This was sparked after she polled the opinions of the staff and students in the Seattle Public School (SPS) district about

Middle Eastern North African (MENA) representation. To create the change she was looking for, as a freshman, she founded the Middle Eastern North African Exchange (MENA-X). Helin said, “My vision was to increase student curiosity by recruiting and training mentors who students can look up to and connect with and by highlighting communities and people from the MENA region who have created a positive impact on society.”

Chloe Kimiai, counselor at Cleveland, said, “What I find most impressive is what the club was able to do to support others in the community. Rather than just a club space building connection, Helin also wanted to provide a mentorship program rooted in STEM fields and cultural understanding and competency.”

She became a full-time running start student at Seattle Central while still supporting CHS as an ASB cabinet member, being part of the Debate Club. She was team captain of the XBOT, FIRST Robotics Competition, which made it to the championship in Texas. She also volunteered for Team Read as a reading coach and, later, as a site assistant (leadership position).

To continue improving her skills, she was a research assistant at the UW on a surgical smart grasper, which will one day be used in virtual surgeries worldwide. She is also active in the Bridge to Turkiye Fund as a writer, English tutor, and fundraiser.

Chloe Kimiai continued “While her academic course load and record are impressive, her character stands out the most. She exhibits great determination and strength in her extracurriculars and leadership roles. She is always a strong communicator and respectful.”

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### Connie Thai

PUBLIC HEALTH | UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Connie will be attending the University of Washington to study in the public health field. She knew from the start that she wanted to incorporate her career aspiration of helping individuals into studying something related to healthcare.

In addition to taking rigorous classes at Cleveland, she volunteered over 100 hours during the last two years at the Rainier Valley Food Bank and tutored young readers as a coach for Team Read.

At CHS, she was active in the Yarn Club as a cabinet member while also joining the Green Team, the Key Club, and Future Health Professionals (known as HOSA and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education), which has a two-fold mission: to promote career opportunities in the healthcare industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.

Cleveland humanities teacher Isaura Jiménez Guerra shared, “As a leader, Connie’s commitment to supporting her community with food access has not only allowed her to serve her community but build ties to fellow community members. Connie’s dedication to her education and community work shows through not only her grades but her ability to stay on top of her demanding schedule.”

### Colin Tounalom

COMPUTER SCIENCE | UNIV OF WASHINGTON

Colin will be studying computer science at the University of Washington this fall. He has been driven by a passion for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) since

childhood. He started with engineering at Cleveland, then switched to computer science his junior year.

Chloe Kimiai, CHS Counselor, said, “While his academic and extracurricular activities are impressive, Colin’s character stands out most. Sociable and respectful, he works hard to achieve his goals, understands that sometimes it takes sacrifices, and has learned how to manage his time and balance everything he does. Despite any challenges, he shows up and does his best. I have no doubt that Colin can succeed in whatever path he decides to take.”

In his spare time, he plays golf, and volunteers coaching the First Tee of Seattle. At CHS, he joined the Key Club, the Asian Student Union (performing fan dancing), and the National Honor Society. He was also the Mechanical Lead for the Xbot Robotics team.

### Nina Tran

BIOENGINEERING | UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Nina will attend the University of Washington Seattle campus. Accepted into the College of Engineering, she hopes to pursue bioengineering. She discovered her love for health/medicine when she joined HOSA (Health Occupations Student Association) and attended the State Leadership Conference in 2023. There, she “found that bioengineering matched me perfectly — a career in engineering where I’d learn about the human body and not work with patients, but still have an impact on the world.”

While at Cleveland, she was active in cheerleading, the girls swim team, the Asian Student Union as co-president/founder, the Associated Student Body (a senior class cabinet member), the Na-

tional Honors Society, the Key Club, the Cleveland team health center, weightlifting, and was a Link crew leader.

Her community involvement includes being an intern at Youth Force Boys & Girls Club, a seasonal Pier Agent at SMS International Shore Operators, and previously as a barista at Sharetea.

Joe Lenzo, CHS advance placement calculus teacher, shared, “Nina’s volunteer work through Key Club, including participation in food drives and supporting community events like marathons, reflects her altruistic nature and commitment to making a positive impact on the community. She is an exceptional student with academic excellence, leadership qualities, responsibility, and a genuine commitment to community service.”

### Ella Wethall [ELES

EDUCATION | UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Selected for the **Ed Landon Educational Scholarship**, Ella will attend the University of Washington to pursue an education and community organizing degree.

A life-long inspiration, Ella’s mother, Liz Hepner, is a teacher in the Seattle Public Schools, of which the last 13 years have been at Cleveland. When asked about education goals, Ella stated, “Through her, I have witnessed the triumphs and struggles of being a teacher, the work that must be put in to create a conducive environment and a meaningful curriculum. Seeing both the effort she has committed and the rewards she has gotten—mainly in seeing her students’ success— I feel that teaching is something I am equipped for and passionate about, especially in my chosen field of humanities. I know that being a teacher, I could make a

difference in the lives of my students and, through them, our community.”

At Cleveland, Ella was active a cabinet member of the Associated Student Body, a Link Crew Leader, and an art club member. Playing softball for CHS, Ella slowed pitched as a junior and fast pitched as a senior (and was captain both years). As a junior, Ella started up the school newspaper (The Cleveland Journal) after it had been stopped during COVID, serving as editor-in-chief the last two years. Ella was Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook for three years.

Teacher Dan Truog shared, “Ella is the type of student whose intelligence, leadership skills, curiosity, and boisterous personality naturally stand out. I feel quite grateful for the opportunity to have taught Ella.”

**Forest Williams**

EMT CERTIFICATION / NUTRITION | NORTH SEATTLE COLLEGE

Forest will be starting at North Seattle College this fall to get his EMT certification. His goal is to study Nutrition. During his sophomore year of high school, Forest’s perception of what food expanded. “Being exposed to eating food with purpose has influenced a change in my diet, leading to lasting advantageous effects.” He wants to pursue higher education to find out how to apply his passion for understanding the impact that food has on an individual’s well-being to address and help more communities have equal access to applying that knowledge. “Food has a purpose in my life akin to education. With both, I continue to grow and improve my understanding of the world, while also improving my ability to help others.”

Forest was very active at Cleveland with being a club officer for the weight-lifting team, ran for the cross-country team, was Associated Study Body (ASB) helper, library volunteer, Teacher’s Assistant (TA), a school recycling leader, participated on the Green team, and was part of the TrEE (Tree Equity and Education) project.

Lindsay States, former CHS teacher, shared “Forest contributed significantly to our work rehabilitating a community orchard in the Cleveland neighborhood. Forest is committed to continuing his education as he knows that through education, not only will he be able to fulfill his academic goals but his personal goals as well. He consistently demonstrates his desire to leave all spaces better than he found them through his careful words and actions.”

As founder and leader of the Bands Clubs, he is an accomplished musician. Deborah Baker, CHS teacher, shared “Forest’s passion extends well beyond the classroom as an accomplished musician. If he is not perfecting his classwork, he is writing, producing, and performing his original songs. He wrote, produced, and published an original song for one of the final projects that also met the learning standards.” Forest and his band, performed at the 2024 PTSA “Red and White” Auction.

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**2024 Scholarship Recipients are also published on our website at:**

**CLEVELANDALUMSEA.ORG/CHSAA-SCHOLARSHIP-RECIPIENTS**

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## CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES 60TH REUNION WITH A HEARTFELT GATHERING

by Don Deschenes '64

The Cleveland High School Class of 1964, joined by alumni from 1962, 1963, and 1965, recently celebrated their 60th reunion with a memorable event bringing together approximately 100 people. The reunion, a true testament to the enduring spirit of Cleveland High, took place in the school's cafeteria – a new building that didn't exist when the alums were students.

The attending alumni were greeted by CHS alumni from the Class of 1980 and 1981. CHS Alumni Association Board member **Nicole R. Washington** (Class of '80), along with her classmates **Eddie Releford**, **Julianne (Cato) Eng**, and **Reggie Wilson**, helped greet the alumni at the parking lot and then escorted them to the school. Once they arrived, **Tim Fields** and **Dana (Tsuboi) Lim** helped everyone sign in.

Tours were arranged by the school, led by a recent 2024 alumna (and CHS Alumni Association scholarship recipient), **Delyla Saeteun**. CHS Class of 2025 seniors, **Kasandra Eleccion**, **Nathan Viradet**, and **Lilian Vo** donated their time to proudly show off our school.

**Bob Baugher** served as the Master of Ceremonies, guiding the event with a blend of nostalgia and humor. One highlight was a speech delivered by Seattle School Board member **Brandon Hersey**. Hersey emphasized the importance of building schools that last, drawing a connection between the longstanding CHS building and the sense of home it continues to provide for its alumni,

even six decades later. His words resonated deeply with the audience, underscoring the reunion's significance.

A key goal was to raise funds for repairing and replacing the digital signs in the cafeteria. The Class of 1964 set an ambitious target of \$10,000 but exceeded expectations by **raising over \$13,000**. The digital signs, consisting of two 85-inch monitors and ethernet cabling, cost approximately \$8,000. The newly installed monitors were put to good use during the reunion, displaying the "We Are Cleveland" video, which brought back a flood of memories for those in attendance.

The reunion lunch had a nostalgic touch, with attendees bringing their own brown bag lunches. The Class of 1964 provided water, Twinkies, and Hostess Cupcakes, adding a sweet touch to the afternoon. The meal's simplicity added to the event's charm, evoking memories of school days past. Additionally, Seattle's Favorite donated cookies (thanks to **Mishell (Case) Postma**, Class of '89).

CHS Alumni Association President **Tracy (Case) Arnold** accepted donations and handed out newsletters. Arnold announced that the excess funds raised would provide 72-hour emergency backpacks for each classroom, as well as much-needed school supplies for students. This gesture highlighted the ongoing commitment of Cleveland alumni to support their alma mater and link up with its current students.

In a touching moment, **Alison Sing**, a member of the Class of 1964, was recognized with a plaque for his tireless efforts to keep the class connected over the years, as well as his dedication to the **Cleveland Memorial Forest**. Sing then presented Tracy (Case) Arnold with a **challenge plaque**, encouraging other reunion classes to raise \$10,000 or more for the Alumni Association.

The reunion also included a poignant tribute to “Fallen Eagles,” honoring the 118 classmates who have passed away. Their memories were honored, and their names and the year they died were displayed on the new monitor, creating a powerful moment of reflection for everyone.

Class photos were taken, capturing the joy and camaraderie of the day. The reunion used the MyEvent platform (Visit <https://myevent.com/eagles1964> ), which will remain active until the end of December, allowing attendees to continue sharing memories and reconnecting online.

As the event came to a close, it was clear that this reunion, though different from past celebrations, was a meaningful way to express gratitude to a school that has played such a significant role in the lives of those who attended.

The Class of 1964 and their fellow alumni left with full hearts and a renewed sense of connection to Cleveland High School—a place that, even after 60 years and new buildings, still feels like home. For a full gallery of photos from the Reunion please visit [clevelandalumsea.org/events](http://clevelandalumsea.org/events)



Ken Blaszk, CHS Tech Support Specialist, and Don Deschenes, Class of 1964 Reunion Co-Chair, standing in front of one of the new state of the art monitors donated by the Class of 1964 to CHS.



Class of 1964 classmates (along with alumni from '62, '63, and '65) watching the reunion video.



Class of 1962 alumni at the 1964 reunion.



Volunteers from the 1980, 1981, and 1982 classes.



Class of 1963 alumni at the 1964 reunion.



Class of 1965 alumni at the 1964 reunion.



Class of 1974 is “Still Alive & Kicking” and We Celebrated! – In memory of Dan Bossuyt, Class of 1974

## CLASS OF 1974 50TH REUNION

By Steve Fontana '74 & Nicole R. Washington '80

Time has flown by for the Class of 1974, as they stayed “Cool” and “Groovy” celebrating their 50th Class Reunion on June 29th, at Terry’s Kitchen one of Newcastle’s most popular restaurants.

Their high school motto was “We’ve Got Pride” and it was evident in the 70 (or so) Alumni and spouses that attended. In addition, there were three special guests, former Cleveland High School’s Principal, **William Maynard**, and former Teachers: **Tom Champoux** and **Ed Yakushijin**.

The evening was highlighted by a delicious buffet-style dinner in a wonderful décor setting, a festive raffle, and trivia games. The raffle featured a large number of beautiful gift baskets as well as assorted gift cards and other prizes. The tables were decorated with hand-made centerpieces that incorporated many photos from their years at Cleveland HS.

A “Memory Table” was set up to include pictures, newspaper clippings, yearbooks, and sports memorabilia as well as other mementos from 1974. Each Alumni received a gift box filled with chocolate “souvenir treats.” Earlier that day, eight CHS '74 Eagles participated in a **golf tournament** at **Jefferson Park Golf course**.

The evening was filled with overwhelming excitement; to reconnect with classmates, reminisce about the good times and catch up on each other’s lives, and recognize that the years had flown away quickly.

They talked about the **Fallen Eagles** who were no longer there, and it reminded them how precious life is and that we should appreciate each and every moment.

It was truly an evening to remember, and it proves that the Class of '74 . . . **STILL GOT PRIDE!**

We welcome your photos and thoughts from the Class of 1974’s 50th reunion. **Please send your photos and comments to share to: [membership@clevelandalumsea.org](mailto:membership@clevelandalumsea.org)**



## 2025 Reunions

CONNECT WITH YOUR CLASSMATES!

### CLASS OF 1985 - 40TH REUNION

Time flies, and unbelievably, our 40th class reunion is just around the corner! We are eager to reconnect with all our classmates and reminisce about our days at Cleveland High School.

**We Need Your Help!** Are you excited about the reunion and interested in attending? Please reach out to us with your updated contact details. Send an email to [car-laklm@outlook.com](mailto:car-laklm@outlook.com) with the following information:

Full Name (include Maiden Name if applicable)  
Address / Phone Number / Email Address

Be sure to include “**Class of 1985 Reunion**” in the subject line of your email. Also, let us know if you’re interested in helping organize the event. We’re looking for volunteers to make this reunion memorable!

Once we have your contact information, we will contact you regularly to update you on reunion planning.

We can’t wait to catch up with everyone and create more unforgettable memories. The Class of ’85 is alive and kicking, and we’re excited to celebrate together!

~ *Class of 1985 Reunion Committee*

### CLASS OF 1975 - 50TH REUNION AUGUST 16

We will celebrate our 50th Class Reunion **August 16, 2025** and are **looking for classmates interested in attending**. If you are interested in attending the reunion, please email [membership@clevelandalumsea.org](mailto:membership@clevelandalumsea.org) and include your contact information (Name, Maiden Name, Address, Contact Numbers, and Email Address). Let us know if you want to help with the reunion as well. Please add “**Class of 1975 Reunion**” to the subject line. Once received, we will send you a communication.

~ *Class of 1975 Reunion Committee*

### CLASS OF 1965 - 60TH REUNION

The CHS 65 reunion team is planning our 60th reunion for **late summer of 2025**. We’ve been reviewing several venues and will do our best to find just the right one. Please help us and send all updated contact information (email, phone, address) to [chs65eagles@yahoo.com](mailto:chs65eagles@yahoo.com).

### CLASS OF 1984 40TH REUNION

By Tracy (Murray) Hamm '84 and Bruce Loyd '84

The Class of 1984 held its 40th Reunion on July 27, 2024. We began with a tour of Cleveland High School led by **Principal Jeff Lam**. It was wonderful to hear about all the accomplishments at CHS, including college-prep and STEM education. Touring the school after all these years brought back so many memories. And let’s not forget the remodel...it looks great!

After the tour, we had dinner at Baja Bistro, a Mexican restaurant on Beacon Hill. It was wonderful seeing everyone and catching up. With the short time we had for planning, we had a good turnout. The food and drinks were on point. A big thank you to the owners of Baja Bistro for hosting our reunion.

**Those who attended included:** Janie White, Bruce Loyd, Tracy (Murray) Hamm, Lee Momon, Jessica Forsythe, Nancy (Ness) Houlton, Janice (Hartzell) Foy, Robert LaGuardia, Erin Mamon, Mack Moses, Margaret Dofredo Gabutero, Stephanie Washington, Linda Oloans-Hobbs, Shalina (Strocsher) Johnson, Lillen (Wong) Namba, Calvin Tam, Po Wai, Erin (Panny) Munoz, Rick Burmaz, Mark Pedersen, Will Terry, Rodol Hipolito, Ria (Estrada) Rambayan, Mary Jane (Estrada) Ondrade, Gretel (Sto-ican) Patoc, May Victoria Alipao, and Mike Nakahara.

**The Class of '84 is donating to the CHS PTSA as their Reunion Challenge.** You can donate to the CHS Alumni Association online at: [clevelandalumsea.org/donations/chsaa-general-fund/](https://clevelandalumsea.org/donations/chsaa-general-fund/) (Make sure to mark that it’s for the PTSA under Comments.) or mail a check to:

**CHS Alumni Association**

P.O. Box 94004, Seattle WA 98124

## CHS JAPANESE AMERICAN STUDENTS 1941 – 1946

By Tracy (Case) Arnold '82

Recently, during a conversation with Lorraine Kuniyuki, a member of the CHS Class of 1979, I learned that her mother, Elsie (Yamashita) Kuniyuki, was “almost a 1942 Cleveland graduate.” Unfortunately, many students during World War II faced circumstances that prevented them from graduating. Some had to leave school to work or join the military, while tragically, many were forced from their homes, businesses, and schools and sent to internment camps.

This conversation made me reflect on the Japanese American students who did not have the opportunity to graduate from Cleveland High School, yet who will forever remain our fellow alumni. **We must honor and remember them.**

**We are seeking assistance** to identify and document the stories of the Japanese American students who attended CHS before being sent to internment camps and were unable to graduate alongside their classmates. According to the 1941 and 1942 yearbooks, at least 34 Japanese American students attended CHS during those years. We are still collecting data for the years 1943 through 1946.

We are reaching out to CHS staff for potential assistance on this project, possibly similar to the initiative where students helped research the **CHS Honored Dead** (alumni who died while serving our country in World War II). Principal Lam and Lisa Nakamura, a Class of 1985 alumna and CHS Booster Chair, are supportive as we explore ways to properly recognize our Japanese American CHS alumni.

Lorraine also mentioned that one of her mother’s 1942 classmates, **Mitsuye (Yasutake) Yamada**, is a poet who has published several books and poems on the wartime incarceration of Japanese Americans and her experience. You can learn more about her work on her website: [Mitsuye Yamada] ([www.mitsuyeyamada.com](http://www.mitsuyeyamada.com)). The CHS Alumni Association plans to purchase her books for the CHS library and will feature an article about her in an upcoming newsletter.

Additionally, I recently had the pleasure of meeting **Janice Kunitsugu**, a Class of 1966 alumna, at the Remembrance Gallery during the Puyallup Fair (Washington State Fair). The Puyallup Valley Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) has done a commendable job with the **Remembrance Gallery**, which raises awareness about the “Puyallup Assembly

Center” (PAC), the largest temporary American concentration camp in Washington State. If you haven’t visited yet, I encourage you to explore their website [Puyallup Valley JACL] (<http://www.puyallupvalleyjacl.org>) to schedule a tour.

**If you would like to help with researching or have names and information about former CHS Japanese American students who were unable to graduate during World War II, please contact us at [president@clevelandalumsea.org](mailto:president@clevelandalumsea.org).**

*Stay tuned for more information in our 2025 CHS Alumni Association newsletters!*

## 1979 METRO AA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

*The Record Still Stands...*

By Nicole R. Washington '80

This year marks the 45th Anniversary of the 1979 Metro AA Football Championship team and the record still stands to this day! Throughout the years the team has gotten together to look back over the years on the fall of 1979; knowing that the results of good leadership from Coach Ben Wright, hard work of his team, dedication, and resilience are humbling and appreciated.

The unwavering support, passion, and belief in the team was a driving force behind their success. By their side was the Coaching staff, every Guardian Angel, Cheerleaders, Yell Leaders, Spirit of the Eagles, Cleveland HS Band, Pep Assemblies, and every moment of encouragement was fuel for their football journey.

Cleveland High School, staff, faculty, and students, “Thank You” for standing by them through every victory and every challenge. Your loyalty and dedication inspire them to strive for greatness every day. This record is not just theirs; it belongs to each and every one of you who has been part of their 45 years incredible journey.

The ‘79 football team nailed every move, and the opposition did not stand a chance against the eaglets because by the end of the season they emerged as strong MIGHTY “CHAMPION” EAGLES!!!

*With Immense Appreciation, Gratitude, & Mighty Eagles Spirit!*

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**SEE PAGE 35 FOR OLD PHOTOS & MEMORIES!**

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## CHS HALL OF FAME / EAGLE LEGENDS

Our apologies for the delay in our Hall of Fame / Eagle Legend! Between the overwhelming response, the time it takes to fact find, changes in our board and committee, and just plain life, this is taking longer than anticipated.

The Selection Committee is eagerly waiting to review the applications. We are continuing our fact-finding efforts to support the school's final approval process; we are committed to ensuring that every nomination is considered thoroughly and fairly.

Remember, the next submission deadline is **January 7th, 2025**. Time flies, so don't miss your chance to nominate someone whose contributions have truly made a difference. Don't forget that Microsoft Word documents cannot be accepted online; PDF files, as well as photos and images in .jpg, .png, and .gif formats, are acceptable. Go to <https://clevelandalumsea.org/hall-of-fame-nominations-form/> to submit your nominations.

We're excited to see who will be recognized next and are optimistic about the positive impact these awards will have on our community. Keep those nominations coming and help us honor the exceptional individuals among our alumni!

**CHS Sports Legends** – there is a separate process, procedure and committee for those chosen for the Sports Legends (it is handled by the school). We will be sharing details about the recipients in an upcoming article.

*Thank you for your patience!*

## MY FIRST PUBLISHED NOVEL

By Paul Magnussen '73

For years I have thought about writing some stories. I have lots of ideas for stories I would love to write. A few years before I retired from Boeing in 2015, I even wrote the first draft for a young adult novel about two teen girls in the foster care system that run away from an abusive situation. But for my first published novel, I decided on a story that had been germinating in my mind for years. I started the manuscript around the time I retired, and it was self-published by Redemption Press in 2016.

The young adult novel is titled *Totally Unexpected!* (See cover photo). Besides writing the novel, I also did chapter illustrations at the start of each chapter. It's the story of sixteen-year-old Rebecca Robinson who lives in the fictional town of Whatcom, WA near Bellingham. She

discovers what she thinks is a UFO in her favorite meadow at the local park along Lake Whatcom. This leads to a total change to her life on many levels, including a new romance!

In all my stories for teens, I try to address issues that they face today from a Christian world view. In this novel I deal with bullying, dating relationships and an unplanned pregnancy.

*Totally Unexpected!* is available at **Redemption Press** as a paperback, e-book and audiobook. My intention with Rebecca's story is to create a trilogy of books. I have already started formulating what the next book will be about. It will be titled *Totally Unexpected! Tragedy and Triumph*.

## MARLENÉ (DEAN) CARTER, CHS 80 EAGLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

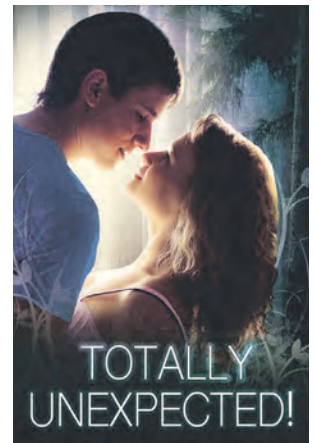
By Nicole R. Washington, '80

We are proud to spotlight Cleveland High School graduate, Class of 1980, **Marlené (Dean) Carter**. Marlené earned her Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from the University of Tampa in 2020. In addition to her impressive academic credentials, she is a retired Veteran Military Police Officer who dedicated 21 years of service to the U.S. Army.

Marlené is the author of the contemporary suspense novel, *The Million Dollar Club*, set against the backdrop of Seattle, Washington. This gripping mystery is filled with unexpected twists and memorable characters. The protagonist, Amara Mackelroy, takes on the role of sleuth when someone she cares for is murdered. As the plot unravels, Amara confronts the chilling reality of coming face to face with the killer. A haunting line echoes throughout the story:

*“Three down, 18 more to go.” Is the killer taunting the authorities or leading them astray?*

Marlené's commitment to realism and authenticity in fiction shines through her work. Drawing upon her exten-



## ALUMNI VOICES

sive experience as a Military Police officer, she applies insights garnered from 21 years of investigating serious crimes on military installations. Her collaborations with County Sheriff's Departments and the FBI, along with consultations with a Seattle Police Department detective, enrich her storytelling with authority and depth.

This is just the beginning for Marlené Carter; stay tuned for a full feature story about this uniquely talented writer on the CHSAA website. Also, here's some exciting news . . . Look for her next next novel *The Million Dollar Inheritance*, coming out in 2025!

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If you have participated or are currently involved, please reach out! We'd love to hear how you contributed and the memories you cherish. Additionally, if you know of any Fallen Eagles (including staff) who participated in Seafair, please share their names and roles.

Send your information and photos to [membership@clevelandalumsea.org](mailto:membership@clevelandalumsea.org).

## ARCHIVES & MEMORABILIA WANTED

by Tracy (Case) Arnold '82

Annuals for the Seattle School District & CHS Library The Seattle School District Archives is missing just four (4) of the Cleveland High School Aquila annuals (or yearbooks as I called it in high school back in the day).

If anyone has a copy of the **1980, 1984, 1988, and 2004 annuals/yearbooks**, you can send them to:

Seattle Public Schools Records & Archives Center  
Attn: Meaghan Kahlo, Archivist 2445  
3rd Ave S, MS 21-345 | Seattle, WA 98124

In addition, the Cleveland High School Library has an almost complete set of **yearbooks**, but needs copies of **1969, 1972, 1981, 1991, 2004, 2018 and 2022**. If you have a copy that you would like to donate, please send them to:

Cleveland High School  
Attn: Logan Reichert, Librarian  
5511 15th Ave S | Seattle, WA 98108

## MEMORABILIA – “GROVER’S CORNER”

In addition to the Archives and CHS Library wanting annuals, if you have any **CHS mementos or items you want to donate to the Alumni Association**, we would love them! We're working with the school to obtain a display case (or two) to hold our Eagle memories. The plan is to rotate the display case on a quarterly basis. The items will be in an area visible to students, staff, and visitors to the school (in a locked glass case).

**Please send the mementos to:**

Cleveland High School Alumni Association (CHSAA)  
P.O. Box 94004 | Seattle, WA 98124-9404

You can also contact us at

[membership@clevelandalumsea.org](mailto:membership@clevelandalumsea.org) with questions.

# Seafair 75

## LOOKING FOR SEAFAIR PARTICIPANTS

*2024 marked the 75th Anniversary of Seafair in Seattle!*

Our Cleveland High School Alumni board member, **Nicole R. Washington**, participated in Seafair for 14 years, starting as a Seafair Princess in 1983 and volunteered until 1997.

Many alumni have participated in Seafair in various ways—whether through Community Parades or Festivals as volunteers; Seafair—Commodores, Princesses, Pirates, Clowns, Parade Coordinators all have contributed to the success of Seattle Seafair and much more!

**We are seeking Cleveland HS alumni and staff who have been (or are currently) involved in the Seafair program.** As a significant part of life here in Seattle, Seafair holds many memories for us all. We plan to create an article next year featuring your stories, experiences and photos.

*In an effort to honor all of our Fallen Eagles while saving space and costs, we have provided a brief version of each obituary here. The full text of these tributes can be found on our website at [clevelandalumsea.org/fallen-eagles](http://clevelandalumsea.org/fallen-eagles).*

*Please note that many alumni are added years after their passing as we become aware of their deaths. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to celebrate the lives of our alumni.*



**Janet Louise (Carulli) Stimach**

CLASS OF 1957

Janet, 83, passed away on December 27, 2022, after a battle with cancer. She is survived by her son Craig and sister Linda of Wenatchee. A Seattle native from Georgetown, she graduated from Cleveland High School in 1957. Janet had a successful real estate career and was a generous philanthropist. She loved traveling, skiing, and spending time at her Hood Canal retreat.



**June (Anderson) Evanoff**

CLASS OF 1948

June passed away peacefully on May 7, 2024, in Redmond, WA, at 93. Born November 2, 1930, in Seattle,

she grew up in Beacon Hill and graduated from Cleveland High School before attending the University of Washington. June married George Evanoff in 1951, and they had three children. A creative and artistic soul, June was an accomplished oil painter and enjoyed teaching piano, cooking, camping, calligraphy, and traveling. She embraced her Swedish heritage and visited Sweden many times. June worked at Bethlehem Steel, Seattle Swedish Club, and local banks. She is survived by her children George Jr., David, Karin, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.



**Laverne (Patka) Casini**

CLASS OF 1953

Born on October 31, 1935, Lavern passed away on March 6, 2024, in Seattle, WA, at the age of 88.



**Karen (Phillips) Lunder**

CLASS OF 1955

Born May 7, 1938, in Minneapolis, MN, Karen passed away on May 19, 2024, in Covington, WA. A 1955 Cleveland High

School graduate, she earned a B.A. in Art Education from the University of Washington in 1961. Karen taught English in Seattle and later raised three children, volunteering with the Girl Scouts and teaching art. She worked as a graphic artist, CAD drafter, and substitute teacher. Karen was active in the Renton Arts Commission and the League of Women Voters. She enjoyed bridge, hiking, skiing, and traveling with her family.

Karen is survived by her children Erin, Erika, and Mark, her brother Ken, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family.



**Ret. Col Stephen E. Heppell (USAF)**

CLASS OF 1956

Steve passed away peacefully on May 4, 2024, in Great Falls, MT, at 81. Born June 4, 1942, in Seattle, WA, he earned a BS in Police Science from Washington State University in 1964 and a Masters in Police Administration from Michigan State University in 1967. He and Janet Sutherland, his wife of 60 years, embarked on a distinguished 30-year USAF career, with assignments across the US, Germany, and as Base Commander at Malmstrom AFB. Steve was awarded the Bronze Star and several Meritorious Service medals before retiring as a full colonel in 1994.

## FALLEN EAGLES

In retirement, Steve served as a volunteer fire chief in Neihart, MT, and later enjoyed riding horses with Jan in the Little Belt Mountains. He is survived by his wife Janet, three children, six grandchildren, and sisters Charlene, Kathleen, and Helen. He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Larry, and brother-in-law Gene.

Steve was deeply committed to God, family, and service to his country.



### Loretta Ann (Kuhl) Bostwick

CLASS OF 1957

Loretta Ann Bostwick, born December 9, 1938, in Mohall, ND, passed away on April 30, 2024. She grew up in Seattle and graduated from Cleveland High School. Loretta married Jim Bostwick in 1958, and they shared 54 years together raising their family. She enjoyed reading, gardening, and spending time with her loved ones.

Preceded in death by her husband Jim, Loretta is survived by her daughter Eva (Rick) Mathews, son David (Kathy) Bostwick, brothers Edward and Jon (Sue) Kuhl, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



### Kay Janice Haarmann

CLASS OF 1957

Kay Janice Haarmann, born September 30, 1939, passed away peacefully on June 15, 2023, at the age of 83 in Gig Harbor, WA. A proud graduate of Cleveland High School, she later earned bachelor's and master's degrees in

education from the University of Washington. Kay taught for 29 years in the Puyallup School District, retiring in 1997. She was a devoted member of Gig Harbor United Methodist Church and active in various church activities.

Kay is survived by her husband of 59 years, Ed Haarmann, her children Lisa Barabe and Kurt (Susan) Haarmann, and two grandchildren, Tim and Kate. She will be remembered for her faith and love of family.

### DeLaura (Gesner) McHenry



CLASS OF 1958

DeLaura McHenry, of Bellingham, passed away after a life full of love and resilience. A Cleveland High School graduate, she married her classmate Gary McHenry, sharing 61 years of marriage. DeLaura was a devoted mother to Eric (Carrie) McHenry and Michele (Richard) Sivertsen. Known for her strength, infectious laugh, and famous cookies, "Auntie Lo" was cherished by family and friends.

She is survived by her husband Gary, her children, brothers Phil and Jerry Gesner, sisters Yerda Gesner and Patti Quintana, and a large extended family. DeLaura will be greatly missed.



### Joan Irma Hertrich

CLASS OF 1956

Joan Irma (Guidi) Hertrich, born September 16, 1938, in Seattle, WA, passed away on October 20, 2023. A Cleveland High School graduate, Joan earned a teaching degree from Central Washington University, where she met her husband, Roger. She spent her career as a dedicated teacher in the Edmonds School District and raised three children: John, Lisa, and Joseph. Joan's greatest joy was her family, including her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A passionate gardener and reader, she cherished time with family and friends.

Joan will be remembered for her warmth, love, and devotion to her family.





**Dennis “Taka” Yamaguchi**

CLASS OF 1962

Dennis “Taka” Yamaguchi, born July 30, 1944, touched countless lives with his warmth and humor. A devoted husband, father, brother, and grandfather, Taka proudly wore many hats, but his favorite was his fishing hat. He served in the National Guard and spent decades as a dedicated police officer with the Port of Seattle.

Taka’s greatest joy was his family, especially his wife of 52 years, Nancy, their daughter Stacy, and grandson Blaine. He will be remembered for his stories, mentorship, and the lasting imprint he left on everyone he met.



**Kurt Thomas Hefner**

CLASS OF 1968

Kurt Hefner, born May 1, 1950, in Seattle, WA, passed away on September 5, 2023, at 73. Raised in Beacon Hill, Kurt graduated from Cleveland High School, where he made lifelong friends. He married Donna West in 1986, and together they raised four daughters. Kurt worked various jobs,

always ready to fix anything or make people laugh. He was devoted to his family, especially enjoying time with his children at their sporting events.

At 53, Kurt suffered a stroke that limited his abilities, but his resilience and sense of humor remained. He continued to attend family gatherings and brought joy to those around him despite his health challenges.

Kurt is survived by his daughters Stacy, Randi, Krissy, and Kelly, his sisters Sandy and Carol, and his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and extended family.



**Kenneth John Densmore**

CLASS OF 1970

Kenneth John Densmore, 71, of Lake Tapps, WA, passed away on June 18, 2023. Born May 6, 1952, in Seattle, WA, Ken was a lifelong Washingtonian and proud Northwest native. After graduating from Cleveland High School in 1970, he worked at Gibson Sound and Light before starting a 45+ year career as a journeyman lineman with Seattle City Light and Puget Sound Energy.

Ken married Sue in 1982, and together they raised three children: Chapin, Karley, and Jake. His family was his top priority, and he took great pride in welcoming his children’s spouses and five grandchildren into his life.

Ken retired in 2020 and cherished

his family, leaving behind a legacy of love and hard work.



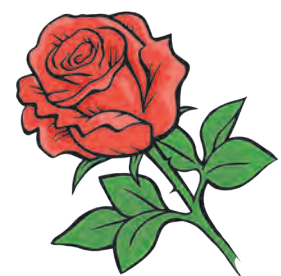
**Teresa Ann (Sposari) Reynolds**

CLASS OF 1971

Teresa “Teri” Reynolds, born July 23, 1953, in Seattle, WA, passed away on June 27, 2024, at the age of 70. Raised in Beacon Hill in a close-knit Italian community, Teri graduated from Cleveland High School in 1971. She married David Taylor in 1974, and they had two children, Ehren and Steven. Later, she married Steve Reynolds, and they spent many years together before parting in 2019.

Teri worked as an optician and medical records clerk throughout her life. She cherished her Italian heritage, enjoyed cooking for family and friends, and won awards at chili cook-offs. Diagnosed with leukemia in 2021, Teri bravely underwent treatment while remaining close to her family.

She is survived by her brothers Frank and Ron, sister Marylou, her sons Ehren and Steven, grandchildren Brandon and Kaylee, great-grandchildren, and many extended family and friends.





**Daniel E. Bossuyt**

CLASS OF 1974

Daniel E. Bossuyt, Sr., 68, passed away on August 10, 2024. Born on October 17, 1955, in Seattle, WA, Daniel spent over 40 years working for King County Metro and supporting the U.S. Navy as a civilian transport operator. He was known for his dedication, hard work, and love of helping others.

Above all, Daniel was a devoted father who cherished time with his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed baseball, crosswords, and sharing stories.

Daniel is survived by his wife, Grace; his children, Alicia, Kristina, and Daniel; and his grandchildren, Jasmine, Brady, Amelia, and Hazel. He will be deeply missed.

**More Fallen Eagles Added Since the Last Newsletter**

- 1932 Estelle (Winch) Manville
- 1934 Nellie (Stensen) Holm
- 1934 Dr. Walter Schuehle
- 1935 Bernice (Winch) McKechnie
- 1938 Alita (Winch) Perry
- 1940 Norman C. Sargent
- 1943 Rosetta (Santini) Scavella
- 1947 Betty Drange
- 1949 Karen Abraham
- 1949 Wallace E. Dyer
- 1949 Richard Leon McFadden
- 1950 Gerald Gribble
- 1951 Sondra (Harden) Dyer
- 1954 Eleanor (Fettters) Zeek

- 1956 Don Draheim
- 1956 Charlene (Eng) Ko
- 1957 Douglas Roberts
- 1959 Diana LaFontaine
- 1963 Glenn A. Moon
- 1964 Claudia June Allwine
- 1964 Ken Buckley
- 1964 Sheridan "Sheri" (Grimes) Butler
- 1964 Dennis Lee Calhoun
- 1964 Katherine (D'ioria) Durante
- 1964 Marigene Lucille Haechler
- 1964 Gloria Gail (Haight) Jaeckel
- 1964 Alma Faye (Poborsky) Jones
- 1964 Allen Keene
- 1964 Joanne Krevey
- 1964 Linda Jean (LaBranche) Martos
- 1964 Shirley Ann (Parrott) Meyers
- 1964 James Larry Pennington
- 1964 Christine Newton
- 1964 Kathryn June (Kimball) Shepardson
- 1964 Carole Diane (Alfano) Singh
- 1964 Jan Taketa
- 1964 Gary Thompson
- 1964 Mark Allison Wartes
- 1964 Barbara "Kay" Kay (Paulsen) Wheatley
- 1966 Patrick Fox
- 1966 Kenneth James Sullivan
- 1968 Susie Brewer
- 1971 Teresa Ann (Sporasi) Reynolds
- 1978 Frank James Schoenmakers
- 1990 Jeffrey Okamura

**FACULTY**



**Anita Sena-Johnson**

April 19, 1947 - June 9, 2024

Anita Sena-Johnson, born April 19, 1947, in Las Animas, CO, passed away on June 9, 2024, in Pueblo, CO. The youngest of 12 siblings, Anita earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Colorado. She taught in the St. Vrain School District for 13 years before moving to Seattle in 1990, where she became a drug and alcohol counselor at Cleveland High School. Anita later taught ELL at Shorecrest High School, retiring in 2012.

She is survived by her husband Eldon, children Don (Cheryl) and Trisha (Bret), and grandchildren Quinton, Juliet, Logan, and Landon. Anita was preceded in death by her parents and many of her siblings.



**Howard Hayden**

May 19, 1935 - April 23, 2023

Howard Hayden, a dedicated educator, taught for 30 years at Chief Sealth, Cleveland, and Ingraham High Schools in Seattle. A graduate of Cal and UW, he was a beloved teacher and father figure to many, known for his caring nature and love of the outdoors. A lifelong Christian, Howard had a passion for fly fishing and working with young people, which led him to active roles in Boy Scouts of America after his teaching career.

He is survived by a niece and nephew in California and many special friends.



**Fumio Bill Ishida**

CHS Art Teacher & Coach

May 19, 1938 – March 26, 2024

Fumio “Bill” Ishida, born on May 19, 1938, in Seattle, WA, passed away on March 26, 2024, due to complications from Alzheimer’s. Bill’s early years were marked by the internment of his family during WWII at Minidoka, ID, before returning to Seattle, where he grew up. A talented athlete and musician, Bill was an All-City Halfback at Garfield High and a drummer with the Lotus Skyliners, a big band that uplifted the Japanese-American community post-WWII.

After military service, Bill attended Central Washington University, where he played football and met his future wife, Dorothy. Graduating with a BA in Art Education, Bill began teaching at Cleveland High School in 1964. He also coached swimming, diving, soccer, wrestling, and football, and opened I & I Glass Designers in Seattle. Bill retired in 1992 but continued to work part-time at sports events.

Bill was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and enjoyed traveling, golfing, skiing, and playing in senior sports leagues. After Dorothy’s passing in 2019, Bill lived with his children and later in a memory care facility. His life of dedication and generosity left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him.

*In honor of Bill’s contributions, the Ishida family has made a special donation to Cleveland High School’s art department to support future students in his memory.*

Bill is survived by his children Mark, Crissy, and Kimi, and his grandchildren Ryan, Scott, and Ally.

**FROM THE TREASURER**



**Trena Walker '75**

We are excited to announce the implementation of a new bookkeeping system earlier this year for handling Treasurer Reports, called **QuickBooks**.

This innovative system allows us to consolidate all our accounts in one place, making it easier to track donations and expenses while generating detailed reports.

**Here are some key highlights since the May newsletter:**

- A total grant of \$35,050 has been awarded for 22 scholarships, including \$5,000 from the Ed Landon Educational Scholarship fund.
- The Class of 1964 generously donated \$5,980.52 for two TV monitors (and the wiring) in the cafeteria; the remaining funds raised at their reunion (over \$7,000 ) will be allocated

for the Emergency backpacks and back-to-school supplies.

- We transferred \$500 to the Cleveland STEM High School Arts Department in memory of **Bill Ishida**, a valued staff member, on behalf of Class of 1973 CHS alumnus, Allicyn (Hikida) Tasaka.
- Additional expenses incurred included insurance, newspaper publishing, mailing costs, and website cost and fees.

We plan to share a comprehensive breakdown of all expenses in early 2025 at the annual CHS Alumni Association meeting.

We continue to strongly encourage online donations. Our CHSAA website features a donation button for easy contributions, with the option to set up automatic donations on a regular basis – annually or even monthly.

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We also welcome donations via check.

**Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to Cleveland High School.**



## SPECIAL HONOR \$10,000 + GOLDEN EAGLE \$500-\$999

**Harold Imus '42 \$25,000** – A special donation for the Scholarship Fund in memory of Margaret Imus

**M.L. Shukis '54 \$22,000** – A special donation for the CHS Memorial Forest Project #1 (Front Gate Entrance, and for the new gate).

**John R. & Mary Lou (Zarkades) Barton '54 \$20,000** – A special donation for the CHS Memorial Forest Project #1 (Front Gate Entrance and for the new gate.)

## DIAMOND EAGLE \$5,000-\$9,999

1958 Dennis L. Ankeny

1979 Lorraine Kuniyuki – In memory of

Don Case ('48), in support of our new CHSAA President, Tracy (Case) Arnold ('82), and to honor a great Eagle Scott Case ('77)

1983 Frank Leonzal and FIRST Transportation – donated four buses for the CHS Alumni Association annual trek to the CHS Memorial Forest on May 24th. A value of \$3,400. They also donated two buses for the CHS Staff Retreat to the CHS Memorial Forest on August 28th. A value of \$3,100. A grand total of in-kind donation of \$6,500.

## PLATINUM EAGLE \$1000-\$4999

1948 Suzanne (Desimone) Hittman

1955 Beverly (Bull) Minice – In Memory of Dick Minice, Owen Bull, Dennis Peterson and Don Vizzare

1957 Kenneth Smith

1959 & 1961 Sam & Sharon Ronnie – In Memory of J.R. Barton '54

1963 Vincent Buddy Alit

1964 Don Deschenes

1964 Diane J Kero

1964 Alison Sing

1964 Thomas Steinbach

1968 Colleen M Kiyonaga

1980 Steven T. Mikami

1980 Nicole R. Washington

1982 James Arnold – volunteer hours matched by Boeing.

1963 Kerry A. Knowles

1964 Wallace A “Wally” Woo

1973 Allcyn (Hikida) Tasaka – In Memory of Bill Ishida (staff)

1976 Jim Lambo, Jr. – In Memory of Jim Lambo, Sr.

1979 Kenneth Lee

1989 Mishell (Case) Postma – In Honor of Tracy (Case) Arnold

Staff - Andres Tangalin

## SILVER EAGLE \$200-\$499

1945 Ed Boprey – In memory of John R. Barton '54

1949 Jeanette (Goerge) Erickson – In memory of her late husband, L. (Louis) Dale Erickson '47

1952 Donald White – In memory of my cousin, John R. Barton '54

1958 Susan Yamamura

1961 Dr. Terrance Chinn

1961 Ira Wes Reynolds

1962 John K Keppler

1962 Allan Schuehle

1963 Janeen (Williams) McClain

1964 Bob Jurcan

1964 James Major

1964 Mary (Schenkenberger) Taylor

1965 William Dasher

1965 Mike Rutter

1966 David Nakamura

1966 Janice Sao

1970 Paul Lesh

1974 Steve Fontana

STAFF: Grace “Gigi” (Orchard) Levesque

## BRONZE EAGLE \$100-\$199

1940 Emil (Martincevic) Martin

1948 Goro Todo

1948 Roberta (Skerry) Tomkinson – In memory of Don Duncan

1950 Miriam Munro

1954 Marilyn Shukis – Sisters Marilyn Shukis (class of 1954) who likes to be called ML, & Myra Shukis (class of 1968) are making this donation to the Cleveland High School Memorial Forest fund in Memory of John Roger Barton who took a special interest in the forest and worked hard to accomplish the protection of the forest so that it could not be destroyed by being sold and then developed out of existence. We honor John for doing this so that future Cleveland High

School students can benefit from the learning opportunities that will be possible because John worked to preserve the forest for perpetuity.

1955 Sandra Wong

1956 Joanne (Shaner) Carrell

1956 & 1961 Ronald & Virginia (Crisp) Fairbairn

1959 Donald H Lindberg

1960 Kay Hendricks

1961 Dale A Johnson

1962 Lawrence R. Bosi

1962 Allen Storaasli

1963 Vicki (Englisch) McFarlane

1964 Jane (Sabado) Erickson

1964 Vivian (Menzel) Ewing

1964 Toni Horton Lamberton

1964 Kathryn (Blackburn) Reed

1964 Noriko Takei

1964 Mary (Schenkenberger) Taylor

1965 William Dasher

1965 Joanna (Uchida) Smith

1966 Teri (Uchida) Ishihara

1966 Amy (Okazaki) Maki

1966 Keith Yamaguchi

1966 Valerie (Reese) Yerkes

1967 Barry & Jody (Yoshijima) Uchica

1970 Gayle and Richard Choi

1973 Ronald T. Roletto

1974 Nancy (Akiyama) Fujimoto

Staff - Cecelia Moore

Seana Murphy – In memory of John Roger Barton '54

David Thomas – In Memory of Herbert “Toby” Holm

## UNDER \$100

1945 Carolyn (Elfen) Brewer

1947 Don L. Baldwin

1951 & 1953 Harold L & Sandra A (Olson)

Kendall

1953 Donna M (Lee) Pincombe

1958 Margaret (Imus) Kaiser – In Memory of Valerie Scott

1964 James “Jim” Grandon

1964 Helen (Hyde) Lais

1964 Sally (Sullivan) Padilla

1969 Ruth Wix – In Memory of Myra Alonzo Clark

1976 Ruth Klemola-Phillips

2014 Aliyanda (Harris) Cobbinah



## IN MEMORY OF MR. ISHIDA



Bill Ishida "BI" 1981

As many of you have heard, our beloved CHS staff member, **Bill Ishida**, passed away March 26th. Mr. Ishida, known as "BI" by the students, was an integral part of CHS from the time he started in 1964 until his retirement in 1992. He was an outstanding art teacher, as well as a coach of many sports.

**Allicyn (Hikida) Tasaka**, Class of 1973, (Mr. Ishida's niece) donated to the CHS Alumni Association in his memory. **Proceeds will go to the CHS Art Department to purchase much needed art supplies.** Our goal is to raise \$2,000 for the Art Department.

If Mr. Ishida had an impact on your life, or you want to support the CHS Art Department, please consider a donation to the Alumni Association in memory of Bill "BI" Ishida and help raise money for the Cleveland High School Art department.

Donate online at <https://clevelandalumsea.org/donations/chsaa-general-fund/> or send a check to:

CHSAA, P.O. Box 94004  
Seattle, WA 98124-9404

*Be sure to mark your donation in Memory of Bill Ishida.*

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- **Use your Rewards Card** (or phone #) when you shop at **Fred Meyer, QFC, or Kroger** locations - <https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>
- **Tell your friends and family** to sign up to help us raise money for the CHS Alumni Association!

You will still receive your Fred Meyer Rewards offers and won't cost you anything. The donation is automatically sent to our organization. **Free money for the Cleveland High School Alumni Association!**

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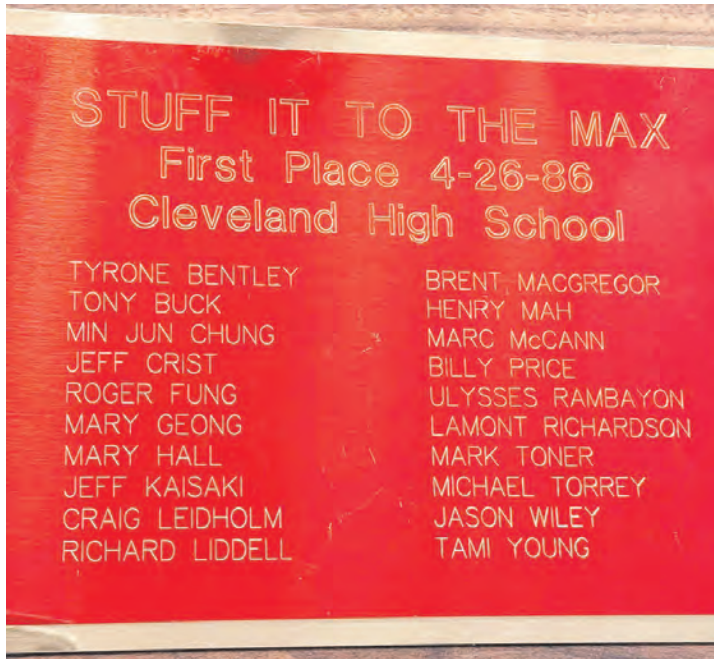
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# *Souring Through Time*

## 1986 - STUFF IT TO THE MAX FIRST PLACE



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# 1979 - FOOTBALL CHAMPS

## GRIDDERS BECOME 1979 AA METRO LEAGUE FOOTBALL CHAMPS



Readerboard proclaims triumph.

### FIRST TEAM ALL METRO

Eugene Bruce, Defensive lineman

Todd Corpuz, Punter

Glenn Evans, Wide Receiver

Gary Fetui, Linebacker

Tim Fields, Defensive lineman

Ron Flowers, Defensive back

David Suguro, Quarterback and Defensive back

### SECOND TEAM ALL METRO

Todd Corpuz, Linebacker

Ron Flowers, Running back

Outstanding Defensive lineman of the year: Eugene Bruce

Outstanding Defensive back of the year: Gary Fetui

Coach of the year: Mr. Ben Wright

### Regular Season

Cleveland 26

Franklin 20

Cleveland 6

Queen Anne 24

Cleveland 26

Seattle Prep 23

Cleveland 33

O'Dea 27

Cleveland 11

Rainier Beach 0

### Sudden Death Playoffs

Cleveland 10

Franklin 6

Cleveland 11

Lincoln 0

### State Playoffs

Cleveland 27

Arlington 38



"The Mighty Eagles"



The coveted trophy comes to the team that's #1.



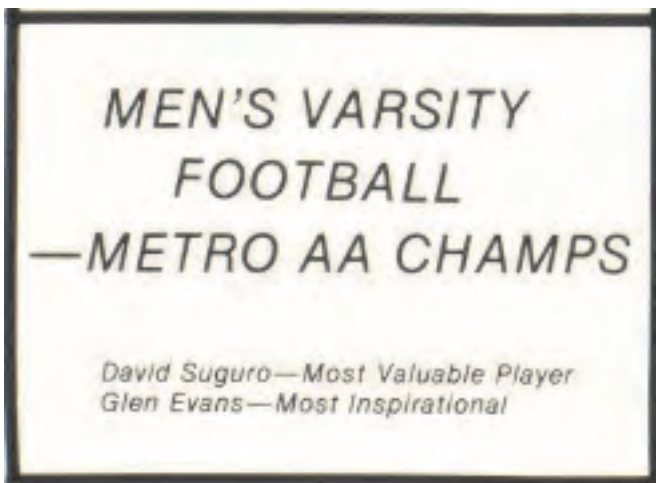
**FOOTBALL**

**FRONT R-L**

*Brad Santos, David Suguro, Glenn Evans, Ronald Flowers, Kurt Kaufman, Richard Wayman, Edward Simmons, Hilton Keller, Jim Foley, Sam Yamada, Reggie Wilson, Tim Fields, Joe Logan, Scott Koizumi, Wade Jackson, Curtis Jordan, James Sarver, James Young*

**BACK R-L**

*Todd Corpuz, Dale Corpuz, Tim Miyamoto, Mike Zuppe, John Lam, Vince Vigil, David Cooper, Leo Pulido, Dean Herrington, Eugene Bruce, Gary Fetui, Eddie Releford, Steve Suyama, Scott Sakagami, Steve Mikami*



*Although Cleveland Gridders might be small, they made it big!*

## THE 1972-73 CHS EAGLE DESIGN CONTEST

By Paul Magnussen, Class of '73

During the 1972-73 school year, while **Bill Maynard** was Principal of Cleveland High School, it was decided to have a contest to let student artists create a new eagle design for the school's mascot. According to Bill, "When I came in the year before, I found that of the 12 high schools in Seattle, we had the highest dropout rate, suspension rate, absentee rate, and number of fights per day in the city."

**Chis Kato** had joined the staff that school year as Vice Principal. Bill said, "We believed that it was extremely important to find a way to bring our students together." This led to the "We've Got Pride" campaign. As part of that campaign, the student leadership team Bill formed from students of different ethnic backgrounds suggested the Design the Eagle Contest.

Student artists were encouraged to submit their designs, which were displayed in a glass case in the main hall with numbers on them. Students voted on their favorite eagle. The winner would have their eagle featured on that year's yearbook cover. All participants would be allowed to paint their eagle designs on the walls of the main hall. As I recall, **Jeff Hanada won the contest with his watercolor eagle design**.

**Second place** went to a cartoon eagle design that was featured on a button for students to purchase (see photo). **Karen Craig (Spiel)** said she drew that "ferocious little guy. I remember the other eagles in the contest being realistic and very impressive, and I was surprised that the people chose this cartoon fellow!" Chris Kato got involved, too, by painting some words in the main hall (see photos).

My eagle design took **third place**. I remember spending hours after school for days painting it on the main hall wall at the southwest end outside of Sandra White's biology classroom. Each day, I would store the paint there and clean the brushes in her classroom sink. As you can see from the photo, I painstakingly painted each feather of the eagle to try to create a realistic eagle design.

Bill said, "It led to 'Getting it together at Cleveland' and all the other beautiful artwork that was painted on the walls in the halls. It truly was the beginning of a huge turnaround for CHS, and it started with your class. Over the next two years, we ended up with the lowest dropout rate, suspension rate, absentee rate, and number of fights per year in the district. And at the time, we were

actually the most multiethnic high school in the state." Something that I greatly appreciated about attending CHS.

Alas, I don't think my eagle is in the hall anymore, but I was greatly honored to leave my mark on the school at the time, literally.



**FIRST PLACE**  
*Jeff's Watercolor Eagle*



**SECOND PLACE**  
*Karen's "ferocious little guy."*



**THIRD PLACE**  
*My Eagle*

1977



1977 Memorabilia donated by Roger Yamaguchi

1966



Four Native American youth model traditional dress for an AIYAC (American Indian Youth Activities Club) fashion show, March 14, 1966 - Museum of History and Industry - University of Washington Digital Collections



1950



1950 State PTA Dinner - Unknown, Yocum Twins Jackie and Jimmie, Unknown

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