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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Euclid Alumni,

If you're reading this, I assume that like me, you have great memories of your time in the Euclid Schools. As an alumnus, you appreciate all that the school system had to offer, including the teachers and administrators, athletics, vocational programs, arts, clubs, and more that provided a rich academic and social experience. Those memories connect us with our past, with our friends, classmates, teachers, coaches, advisors and the Euclid Schools. The primary focus of the EPSAA is to facilitate those connections through class reunion support, hosting special events, communication (like this newsletter), collecting and maintaining a collection of memorabilia, and fostering a positive relationship between alumni and the Euclid Schools and community.

The EPSAA recently lost two giants. Joe Mayer, long-time teacher, administrator and EPSAA Director since its inception in 1991, passed away in January 2018. And in August 2017, Charles "Chuck" Hill, a prominent Euclid business man fondly referred to as "Mr. Euclid" who led the Sports and Distinguished Halls of Fame, passed away. Joe and Chuck will be dearly missed, but their legacies will live on through the ongoing work of the EPSAA.

Over the past year, we've been working diligently to get the EPSAA back up and running by creating a Strategic Plan. Through research and group discussion,

we've laid down a path to not only continue the legacy of the EPSAA, but to move forward and expand opportunities for our Alumni to connect in unique and rewarding ways. To start this process, we focused on the purpose of the association to reimagine our mission statement: *The Euclid Public Schools Alumni Association connects Euclid Schools alumni and association members to resources, information, benefits, and events that engage them with the past, present, and future of the Euclid City Schools.*

Much of the work of the Strategic Plan is already underway, including our new website (EuclidAlumni.org) and Facebook page, but there is still much work to be done. We are looking for alumni who are interested in sharing their time and talents to lead and participate in committees that will bring the Strategic Plan to life. We will also be moving to a quarterly e-newsletter in the future to save on printing and mailing costs. To continue receiving your newsletter, please visit EuclidAlumni.org/Communication to join our mailing list. If you wish to continue receiving a hard-copy newsletter in the mail, please complete the form on the last page of this newsletter.

The next steps of our Strategic Plan will be executed at our upcoming Annual Meeting, including forming committees and making important updates to our Code of Regulations, which have not been changed since the organization's inception in

1991. To accomplish this, we need forty people in attendance at the meeting. Please RSVP to the meeting using the link below and voting by proxy if you cannot be in attendance. You can also find the updated document at that link. We appreciate your support of our work.

I became the director of the association about a year ago and spend at least one day a week at Euclid High School. I can assure you that the same things you remember about your own experiences continue to happen in our Euclid Schools. I urge you to see this for yourself by going to Big Show or cheering on a sports team and to connect with your past by attending your next reunion, volunteering for a committee, and attending upcoming EPSAA events, including our Annual Meeting. I'm confident you'll love making those connections!

Go Admirals, Go Lions and Go Panthers!

Greg Fondran '83
Director, Euclid Public Schools
Alumni Association

EUCLID PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, March 23
10:00-11:30 a.m.
Euclid High School
Little Theater

Please RSVP and review
important agenda items at
**EuclidAlumni.org/
AnnualMeeting**



EPSAA HOSTS MULTIPLE EVENTS TO ENGAGE ALUMNI

Over the past several months, the Alumni Association has hosted a number of events, in collaboration with the Euclid Schools.

Last March, EPSAA joined the district's End of an Era event to end Euclid High School's beloved E-Room off in style. At that event, hundreds of Euclid alumni and community members were able to tour the school, peruse yearbooks and other memorabilia, learn about plans for the new high school, reserve a brick from the E-Room, and visit the E-Room before it was demolished.

In September, EPSAA hosted its first annual Homecoming Tailgate. Alumni and their families joined the Association for food and drinks before cheering on the Panthers at the Homecoming

game. We were lucky to be joined by the Class of 1998 Reunion.

Finally, EPSAA worked with the school district to host an E-Room Brick event in November. Alumni who requested bricks from the demolished E-Room were able to pick them up and tour the high school.

In addition to these large events, we have been doing regular outreach at athletic events, community events, and a weekly presence at the Euclid Culinary Bistro.

To learn more about these events and future events, visit EuclidAlumni.org.

SPORTS & DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT HALLS OF FAME

The Sports Hall of Fame has inducted two classes since our last newsletter. In 2017, eight new inductees joined the Hall of Fame: Jessica Beard (2007), Richard Delsanter (1988), William "BJ" Harrison (1995), Jerome Jackson (2003), Cherice May (2006), Marge McCance Leber (1985), Chris Papouras (1986), and Dennis Windham (Coach).

The 2018 event was held in September at Tizzano's Party Center in Euclid and six new members were inducted: Justin Antonini (Honorary), Terence Bush (1990), Paris Campbell (2008), Kathryn E. Carter (2005), Howard Drake, Jr. (2008), and Albert Simpson, Jr. (1998). In addition to the nominees, the inaugural Charles K. Hill Memorial Service Award was given to Mr. Harold "Doc" Daugherty.

The Distinguished Achievement Hall of Fame has had one induction since the last newsletter. At that event, held in May 2018 at the Henn Mansion in Euclid, five new inductees were added: Marc Freedman (1978), Dr. Ed Ryans (1989), Dr. Shruti Malik (2001), Dr. Jonathan Locust (2003), and Dr. Tamika Nunley (2003). Additionally, the Joseph P. Mayer Community Engagement Award was created and will be given for the first time at this year's induction on April 4th.

For more info about the Halls of Fame, visit EuclidAlumni.org/Events

IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI BAND

The Euclid Alumni Band proudly represents the 40,000+ alumni of Euclid City Schools. On Memorial Day each year, the award-winning Alumni Band plays a medley of military marches and other patriotic music as they march down Lakeshore Blvd, East 222nd Street, and past the reviewing stand at City Hall ending at the Euclid Public Library's Veteran's Memorial. If you still have your musical chops, or are ready to break out that instrument again, contact Alumni Band Director Mary Emser at euclidalumniband@gmail.com or contact the Alumni Office at (216) 797-7895.

FOUNDATION

The Euclid Schools Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization incorporated in 1991 to provide private financial support for the Euclid Public Schools. It is an endowment fund existing exclusively for the benefit of the schools and their students, sustained by contributions from individual donors and corporations. If you'd like to contribute to the ESF, please contact the Alumni office at (216) 797-7895 or e-mail alumni@euclidschools.org for more information.

ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Expect a phone call, mail and/or e-mail from Publishing Concepts (PCI), formerly Harris Connect, to update your information for the next edition, which we hope to publish in the spring of 2020. The last directory was published in 2015.

Our Euclid Schools mourn the recent loss of two of our greatest supporters, Joseph "Joe" Mayer and Charles "Chuck" Hill. Both men made significant impact on their community and they will be sincerely missed.

Most recently, Joe Mayer was the Vice President and Executive Director of the Euclid Public Schools Alumni Association and President of the Euclid Schools Foundation. Joe was a teacher and administrator in the Euclid Schools for many years. He was also very active in the American Legion, Baldwin-Wallace University, the Shore Cultural Centre, Kiwanis International, the East Shore Church and the Euclid Symphony Orchestra.

In lieu of flowers, Joe's family suggests contributions to the Euclid Schools Foundation which can be sent to the Euclid Schools Foundation, c/o Euclid Public Schools Alumni Association, 711 E. 222nd Street, Euclid, Ohio 44123.

Chuck Hill, a lifelong Euclid resident, was president of Hillwood Manufacturing Co. until his retirement in 1995. He was Chairman of the Euclid Joint Veterans Council, organizing the Memorial Day Parade and Services, and a member of American Legion Post 343 in Euclid. He was a high school football official for 55 years. Chuck was instrumental in Euclid Public Schools serving on the Alumni Association, Sports Hall of Fame and Distinguished Achievement Hall of Fame. He was affectionately known as "Mr. Euclid."

Awards for Joe and Chuck were established in their names and will be awarded at the Distinguished Achievement and Sports Halls of Fame Ceremonies.



A NOTE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Euclid Alumni,

From pre-kindergarten through senior year, the Euclid City School District is committed to providing an excellent education to our students and serve as an asset to our community. Our graduates are emerging from their high school experiences with college credit and/or industrial certifications. Some recent highlights include:

- Welding, Criminal Justice, Cisco Networking Academy, and Visual Communications students at EHS are advancing to the state and national level in their respective competitions.
- 19 Euclid High School students signed national letters of intent to continue both their education and sport at the collegiate level.
- 207 college acceptance letters were awarded at College Application Day in November.

In November of 2016, Euclid residents passed a \$136 million dollar bond issue to rebuild parts of Euclid High School, build a new middle school on the current high school campus, and build an Early Learning Village at the former

Forest Park site. At the high school, site work continues on the exterior of the building where approximately 80% of the middle school shell is complete. By the end of March, progress will continue to the E. 222nd side of the project where the high school skeletal shell will be complete by early November. Both projects are running on time and we expect full use by August of 2020. All of the athletic and performing arts spaces will remain but will be renovated. Central Middle School will be demolished and the land will be taken over by the Cleveland Metroparks.

Construction to the Early Learning Village is winding down. We have started to prepare for the final outdoor site work while furniture, cabinetry, floors, and paint are expeditiously progressing toward a completed project. The state-of-the-art Early Learning Village will house our youngest Panthers (preschool and kindergarten). We are excited to open this building in mid-June of this year. Stay tuned for more updates!

Go Panthers!
Marvin B. Jones, II
Superintendent, Euclid Schools

YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

Most Years Available

\$25 for Yearbooks 10 years old or more
\$50 for Yearbooks less than 10 years old

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UPCOMING EVENTS

EHS Big Show Freaky Friday

March 21 at 7:30

March 22 at 7:30

March 23 at 2:30 and 7:30

March 24 at 2:30

Tickets:

Adults \$12

Students/Seniors \$10

showtix4u.com/events/2288

EPSAA Annual Meeting

March 23 at 10:00 a.m.
in EHS Little Theater

RSVP:

[EuclidAlumni.org/
AnnualMeeting](http://EuclidAlumni.org/AnnualMeeting)

67th Annual PTA Scholarship Fundraiser

March 30 at 5:00 p.m.
at the Euclid Lakefront
Community Center

Tickets:

Presale \$40

At Door \$45

EPSAA Charity Tuesdays

at the Bistro

April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30
4:00-9:00 p.m.
at Beach Club Bistro

Distinguished Achievement Hall of Fame Induction

April 4 at 6:30 p.m.
at the Henn Mansion
Tickets:
2019DAHoF.eventbrite.com

Euclid High School Commencement Ceremony

May 21 at 7:00 p.m.
at Cleveland State University
Wolstein Center

For more information about
events, call or email us.

CLASS NOTES

The Lady Panthers of '71 meet regularly and were last seen at the Beach Club Bistro and Lakeshore Coffee House in downtown Euclid (owned by Greg Lawrence '70).

Class of 1983: Beth Steele Radisek organized the 35th Class Reunion at the new Ludwig's Bar and Grille (owned by classmate Pat Delaney) and at Cebar's Euclid Tavern featuring the band Pieces of Eight. Retro Euclid gym shirts were handed out to those in attendance.

EHS graduates Robert Smith (1990), Tony Fisher (1998), Pepe Pearson (1994), and Ken Walter (1991) and Mr. Tom Banc (Coach) were honored as the first inductees into Euclid's football "Ring of Honor" at the new Euclid Community Stadium.

1994 EHS grad and Sports Hall of Fame member Mike Yurcich was hired as was hired as The Ohio State University's new passing game coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

1997 EHS grad Franc West

competed on the 2018 season of NBC's The Voice.

2000 EHS grad and Sports Hall of Fame member Tamika Drake was named the head volleyball coach at Missouri Valley College.

2001 EHS grad Marques Richeson was named to Crain's Cleveland 40 Under 40 list.

2002 EHS grad Dr. Kari Cunningham opened Panther Pediatric Dentistry in Euclid.

2004 EHS grad and EPSAA trustee Jess (Oslund) Walters was named President and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cleveland.

2006 EHS grad Dean Bryson was honored by the Cleveland Metropolitan School District with an Excellence in Teaching Award.

2007 EHS grad Yuri Doolan was hired as an Assistant Professor of History and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Brandeis University and will also be starting the new Asian Pacific American

Studies Program at Brandeis.

2009 EHS grad Zachary Sweet was recognized for his work to introduce an AP computer science class to his school in Detroit. As a teacher, he has supported his students to take the AP exam, more than doubling the number of African American students who took the exam nationwide.

2018 EHS grad Caisja Chandler was named female freshman of the year at the 2019 American Indoor Track and Field Championships. Chandler attends the University of Cincinnati.

2018 EHS grad Noah Mitchell was named starting quarterback as a freshman at California University of Pennsylvania.

Do you have news about an alumnus that we should share? A new job? An award? A death? Send us a note to let us know! Visit EuclidAlumni.org/Communication or e-mail alumni@euclidschools.org.

For information about upcoming class reunions, visit EuclidAlumni.org/Reunions

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Memorial Memberships

Total Memorial Members: 514

Roger W. Brown '60
Arlene Carter, Faculty
Thomas Constantine '59
Richard Contenza '49 Shore
Irving Carlisle Diemer, Jr. '45 Shore
Chuck Hill '47 Shore
Karen Linsz Mausser '59
Dave Lawrence '68
Audrey Mast Dalton '49 Shore
Joe Mayer Shore '47
Fred Nevar Shore '42
Marilyn O'Dell Ely '47 Shore
Bettie VonHof Dippo '44 Central

Lifetime Memberships

Total Lifetime Members: 1,034

Alex Boyes '11
Karen Connavino '06
Michelle Connavino '04
Patricia Connavino '73
Perry Edelbergs '77
Diane Fellman '68
Karen Fensch Waltermire '65
Dominick Ferlito '10
Jodi Ferlito '12

John Ricky Ferlito '16
Patrick McLaughlin '86
Jessica Oslund Walters '04
Susan Pultorak-Camponaro '72
Deborah Taylor Bour '82
James Tusoch '04
Diane Vulich Davis '74
Jennifer Waltermire Banasik '89
Thomas Wandersleben '77

Total 2018 Annual Members: 48

To join EPSAA, visit EuclidAlumni.org/Membership

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