



# LEGACY LEDGER

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER OF LEGACY NAFC



## Welcome to Our Inaugural Issue

*A Message From NAFC Education Foundation  
Executive Director, Tyler Bliss*

Bulldog and Highlander pride abound in this inaugural issue of our monthly e-newsletter, the Legacy Ledger. We'd like you to meet our newsletter mascot - Willman, the Bullander! He's our barking, bag pipping, Highland Bulldog meant to be a celebration of our two outstanding high schools, New Albany High School and Floyd Central High School. He's named after the inaugural chair family of our 2020 Legacy NAFC membership campaign, the Willman Family!

Here members of Legacy NAFC can stay up to date on NAFC Schools, alumni, and NAFC Education Foundation news and events. We're excited to kick things off with a great first issue.

As a graduate of our excellent schools, I share a great pride for the education I was afforded through my k-12 experience. You and I are part of a one of a kind community of alumni which recognizes just how great a public education can be! We're so appreciative of your membership which invests in the continuation of NAFCS success. Happy reading!



**TYLER AND MEGAN  
BLISS AT THE 2020  
EDUCATION  
CELEBRATION GALA**

*Tyler - NAHS Class of 05'  
Megan - NAHS Class of 01'*

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

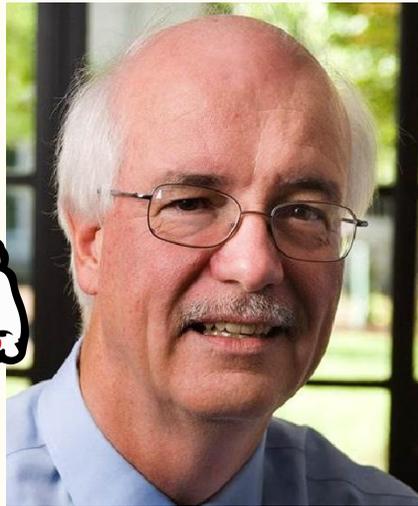
This column is intended to share with you some of the great NAHS and FCHS alumni and their contributions to our community, our nation and the world. Both high schools have honored special graduates in their respective Alumni Halls of Fame. As you read these profiles, you may think of schoolmates, who ought to be nominated for induction into the Hall of Fame at either school. Some have achieved great success in business and industry, some have been educators. There are those who served our nation, others who are healers or entertainers. Some have served in public office; some have created companies. There are some who are no longer with us, and in future issues of this newsletter, we might share some of their stories. Taken altogether, they make up a broad cross section of all the reasons that we are proud to be Bulldogs and Highlanders. In each newsletter, we want you to meet... or let us re-introduce you to... some special people whose education began with the New Albany-Floyd County School system.



## SHERRI ROBERTS - FCHS CLASS OF 1987

Sherri earned her bachelor's degree in Professional Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. She is also licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration in Air Traffic control, as an Airline Dispatcher and a pilot. Her naval career began with active duty as a facility-rated air traffic controller in Alaska, and later in Nevada. In 2003, she served the Amphibious Construction Battalion One at Camp Patriot in Kuwait. Four years later, she was deployed to Forward Operating Base Ripley in Afghanistan, most notably becoming the first female enlisted sailor to fly the UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) Tigershark platform supporting Special Operations Forces in the region. Since her retirement from the U.S. Navy, Sherri has been a leader at UPS Airlines, initially in flight control management, and more recently contributing to innovative uses of small unmanned aircraft (drones) for civilian use.

We asked Sherri, "How did your time at Floyd Central High School help you to pursue your career?" She answered "My years at Floyd Central instilled in me the belief that I could do anything, preparing me for my education in aeronautics and nearly 30 years in the U.S. Navy."



## **JIM BRIGHT - NAHS, CLASS OF 1970**

Jim earned his bachelor's degree in journalism at Indiana University and returned to Kentuckiana, reporting for newspapers in Jeffersonville and Louisville. He transitioned to the corporate world, as a PR professional for the Ford Motor Company and, later, in the shipbuilding industry. Returning to Ford in 1984, he began building a 24-year leadership career in corporate communications, including marketing campaigns for the Mustang and the F-150 pickup truck series. After a one year hiatus at Mazda in Hiroshima (2000-2001), he became global executive director of public affairs at Ford and founded the Ford Volunteer Corps, providing disaster relief efforts throughout Asia and the Americas. In 2006, Jim returned to Bloomington, joining the faculty at the former IU School of Journalism, teaching for four years. In retirement he has been deeply dedicated to Rotary International, including the creation of the Rotary District Global Scholarship. He was recognized as one of the IU Media School's Distinguished Alumni in 2019.

We asked Jim, "How did your time at NAHS prepare you for your career?" He answered "At NAHS I was sports editor of our school newspaper, reporter for WNAS radio, and consul (president) of Junior Classical League (Latin club). Renowned Latin Teacher Alice Ranck was a terrific mentor and helped me realize that we live in an amazing world with unlimited possibilities. She saw in me what I didn't see in myself. If you see a turtle on top of a fence post, you know that turtle didn't get there by itself. Alice Ranck and other NAHS faculty and friends put me on that proverbial fence post."

**Contributor, Rex Bickers, FCHS 1970**



## **\$25,000 in Classroom Resources Funded in NAFCS**

*Over \$800,000.00 has been funded through this program since 2009, thanks to donors like you!*

In August, the NAFC Education Foundation awarded \$25,000 to 100 NAFCS teachers through their Great Classroom Project grant opportunity. Teachers may apply for \$250 towards instructional resources and COVID-19 response resources. The Foundation has committed \$75,000 to Great Classroom Projects this year and will continue to fund classroom needs until all funding is distributed. Great Classroom Projects were started in 2009 to provide additional resources to creative teachers for learning opportunities that enhance the educational and curricular objectives of their classrooms. Since that time, over \$800,000 in classroom resources have been put into the hands of teachers and students in all 16 NAFC schools. For more information, please visit: [https://www.nafcedfoundation.org/initiatives\\_posts/greatclassroomprojects/](https://www.nafcedfoundation.org/initiatives_posts/greatclassroomprojects/)

*Renee Hausz, 1st grade teacher at Slate Run Elementary recieved \$1,500 for her 1st grade team to implement a virtual math program which can be utilized by students at school and in the home.*



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# 2020 Annual Report

A look back at a successful year.



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\*Photo from 2019

## Education Foundation Welcomes New Teachers with \$100 Each

We had a fun morning meeting the 38 new teachers joining NAFCS! The NAFCS Education Foundation awarded each educator with a \$100 gift certificate to Teachers Pay Teachers to help them classroom resources for the year ahead. We appreciate all they do and wish them the best of luck with the rest of the school year!

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