



Crossroads *Express*
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Letter from the Alumni Association President

Dear Fellow Cougars,

When I began my first term as Alumni Association President in the fall of 2018, I never could have imagined such a strange end to the year for our students, and such an unfortunate end to high school for our graduating seniors. I know we all sympathize with the Class of 2020, their parents, and their families, as our 65th Commencement Exercises will have to be quite different from any other graduation ceremony in our history.

At the same time, I can't remember a time when I've been more proud to be a Cougar. Our administration and our IT department were able to assemble and deploy a distance learning plan over a single weekend in March. Our teachers immediately pivoted from traditional classroom teaching to full online instruction. Our students responded with dedication and continued academic excellence.

And if that weren't enough, our CCHS community has come together during the pandemic in new and different ways to serve others. In particular, our **Cougars Care** effort has produced more than ___ PPE face shields and masks for medical professionals in Charlotte and Cougar healthcare heroes all around our nation. Our engineering teacher, Dr. Leo Maganares, teamed up with Joann Keane, our photography and digital media instructor, and put our 3-D printers to work making masks and face shields. Click [here](#) to read more about their efforts to keep healthcare workers safe from the coronavirus, and our goal to make 1,000 masks and shields.

I sincerely hope this issue of *Crossroads Express* finds you and your loved ones well. I hope you will join me in praying for and thanking our Cougar Healthcare Heroes listed below. As we look forward to resuming some of our normal activities soon, I hope we also reflect happily on the extra time we had with our families this spring, and feel proud to be alumni of Charlotte Catholic High School. My very best wishes to the Class of 2020, and to all Cougars!

Garett Trumpower '91
CCHS Alumni Association President



Casey McCormick '08



Emily Ecuyer '12 and Erinn Rusak '14



Morgan Gruender '15

Thank You to Our Cougar Healthcare Heroes!

The CCHS Alumni Association is proud to thank all of our alumni who work in healthcare fields. Last month, we asked all doctors, nurses, lab technicians, EMTs, researchers, pharmacists, and all types of medical professionals to let us know where you are and what you do. Thank you to all who responded! We are so proud to call you Cougars, and thank you for the work you do:

Heidi Hogan Bell '99 - Women's Oncology RN, Charlotte, NC

Colleen McLaughlin Gove '87 - Nurse Manager, Charlotte, NC

Melissa Tuttle '15 - Pediatric Nurse, Charlotte, NC

Caitlyn Dest '14 - Pediatric ICU Nurse, Durham, NC

Catherine Ellis '10 - Family Medicine Resident Physician, Greenville, NC

Tara Monahan Schoenauer '77 - Registered Nurse, Baltimore, MD

Rachel Burke '09 - Registered Nurse, Charlotte, NC

Karen McGuire Whittaker '80 - Registered Nurse, Waxhaw, NC

Melissa Spegal Duffy '04 - Physician Assistant, Chicago, IL

Gabrielle Stavropoulos '13 - Certified Nursing Assistant, Denver, CO

Kathy Neal Hartwell '87 - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist - Charlotte, NC

Lauren Ducey '13 - Occupational Therapist, Concord, NC

Christopher Ruth '04 - Orthodontist, Raleigh, NC

Nicholas Ruth '09 - Physician, Tuscaloosa, AL

Lauren Ruth '10 - ICU Nurse, Augusta, GA

Kara Hedvig Evans '99 - Registered Nurse, Cornelius, NC

Zane Basrawala '90 - Urology Physician, Charlotte, NC

Steven Sciame '93 - Chiropractor, Chicago, IL

Erica Hugo Lin '99 - Clinical Pharmacist, Chicago, IL

Dawn Bingham '88 - OB/GYN Physician, Spartanburg, SC

Amber Deschenes Hobbs '10 - OR Nurse, Charleston, SC

Frank Newlands '88 - Physician and CEO of Physicians Services Group, Charleston, SC

Linda Wingert Edgerton '78 - Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Dallas, TX

Steve Bush '82 - Medical Sales, Charlotte, NC

Julianna Littrell Jones '00 - Traveling Nurse, Bridgeport, CT

Laura Mihalenko Ebneith '89 - Pharmacy Technician, Lancaster, SC

Erin Larkin '12 - Registered Nurse, Charlotte, NC

Kelsey Werner-Abrams '12 - Pharmacist, Greensboro, NC

Brian Scannell '98 - Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon, Charlotte, NC

Kimberly Bell O'Day '97 - Pharmacist, Apex, NC

Kathleen Jardina Kirkland '99 - Pharmacist, Kernersville, NC

Charlotte Presley Roseman '53 - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (Retired)

Jim Bazluki '86 - Athletic Trainer and EMT, Charlotte, NC

Caitlin Pratt Beste '07 - Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Charlotte, NC

Lindsey DelCasino Plair '09 - Nurse Practitioner, Charlotte, NC

Breanne Patterson '99 - Occupational Therapist, Atlanta, GA

Julie Pierpont Stahl '79 - Registered Nurse, Nursing Supervisor, Lillington, NC

Elizabeth Acitelli Roberts '89 - Registered Nurse, Waxhaw, NC

Nelson Mercado '07 - ICU Nurse, Rock Hill, SC

Linda Kelley Huddleston '79 - Registered Nurse, Charlotte, NC

Aaron Blackshaw '08 - Emergency Room Physician, Charlotte, NC

Devan Murphy '11 - Physician Assistant, Emergency Department, Spartanburg, SC

Shannon Wilfong '01 - Certified Child Life Specialist, Pediatric Emergency Department, Charlotte, NC

Janice McGowan Dean '84 - Speech Language Pathologist, Southbury, CT

Christine Ivey Choe '07 - ICU Nurse, Beaufort, SC

Christina Vu '17 - EMT, Chapel Hill, NC

Kathi Katko '85 - Physical Therapist, Greenville, SC

Emy Holst Shepard '91 - Veterinarian, Charlotte, NC

Danielle Shearer '04 - Veterinarian, Fairfax, VA

Veronica Kenny-Macpherson '87 - Clinical Social Worker, Charlotte, NC

Colleen Rodite Wessler '90 - Registered Nurse, Matthews, NC

Lindsay Kunik '13 - Registered Nurse, Washington, DC

Jenny Goggin Heddleson '96 - Registered Nurse, Charlotte, NC

Courtney Tighe Moynihan '03 - Physician, Charlotte, NC

Craig Chepke '97 - Psychiatrist, Huntersville, NC

Christopher Prall '73 - CT Technician, Charleston, SC

Steven Getz '95 - Anesthesiologist, Greenville, SC

Dan-Thanh Nguyen '08 - Pediatric Resident, Rochester, NY

Keep the Cougar Healthcare Heroes information coming! Photos are welcome, too. We'll thank more of you in the next edition. Please email your full name, graduation year, occupation, and city to CCHSAlumni@charlottecatholic.com as soon as possible!



Kathy Neal Hartwell '87,
third from left

Dawn Bingham '88



We Need Your Help to Celebrate the Class of 2020!

To show our support for the Class of 2020 as they close out their time at Charlotte Catholic High School remotely, the CCHS Alumni Association invites you to share a note or video of encouragement, piece of advice, or warm welcome for the Class of 2020 into our alumni family. We want to collect video clips of as many alumni as possible congratulating the Class of 2020 to compile and send to the seniors. Submission guidelines are outlined below.

In your note or recording, please respond to the following prompts:

- Tell us your name as well as your class year, college/university attended, and current/former career (optional)
- Tell the graduating class why you're so proud of them

- Share advice on life after CCHS and what you love about being a CCHS alumnus

*Please avoid mentioning COVID-19, and remember to keep your message positive and uplifting

When taking your video, please:

- Record your video horizontally.
- Keep your congratulations to 15 seconds or less.
- Record somewhere with limited background noise, so we can hear you clearly. Listen back to your video to check for background noise.
- If possible, or helpful, ask someone to hold the camera for you.
- Wear red to show your Cougar pride!
- Submit your note or video by clicking this link: [ALUMNI MESSAGE to Class of 2020](#)

Videos are due by Monday, May 11.

Thank you for helping support our newest Alumni!

Cougar Alumni Updates

Christopher Shallal '17, a junior at Johns Hopkins University, is part of a team that developed a 3-D printed ventilator splitter in response to the need for more ventilators for critically ill COVID-19 patients. The splitter allows multiple patients to share a ventilator without transferring germs or compromising effectiveness. Click [here](#) to learn more.







Jack Denton '17 became engaged to his girlfriend, Emily Lynch, on March 16th at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville. Jack and Emily met through the Catholic Student Union at Florida State University. Emily, a native of Davie, FL, is studying International Affairs. Jack is studying Political Science. They will plan a 2021 wedding, possibly at St. Ann's.



Emma Caponigro '16 is graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in Health Policy and Management. Emma recently was named the 2020 Chancellor's Awards recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. Established in 1928, this award is bestowed annually upon a graduating senior who has best demonstrated unselfish interest in human welfare, with an emphasis on humanitarian contributions. Emma also was awarded the James P. Dixon Award for Excellence in Education from the Gillings School of Global Public Health. This award is given to an undergraduate with an exemplary academic and service record.

William "Jack" Crosby '66 has lived in Hot Springs, AR for 26 years. He owns and operates Superior Business Brokerage, managing business sales that convey real estate as part of the offering. He served in the Marine Corps, earned an MBA from California Coast University, and worked in the pharmaceutical industry for many years. Outside his professional life, Jack has been a member of many civic organizations including Rotary and Master Gardeners. He plays tennis, owns and flies aircraft, plays banjo in a bluegrass band, and is on amateur radio. He and his wife, Alice, live on Lake Hamilton with their French Bulldog, Yadi.





During the state-wide stay-at-home order this spring, the Ruesch family thought of others and how they could help care for them. At left, **Bill Reusch '84**, **Emma Reusch '15**, **Charlotte Reusch '17**, and **Grace Reusch '20** spent time together making sandwiches for the homeless.

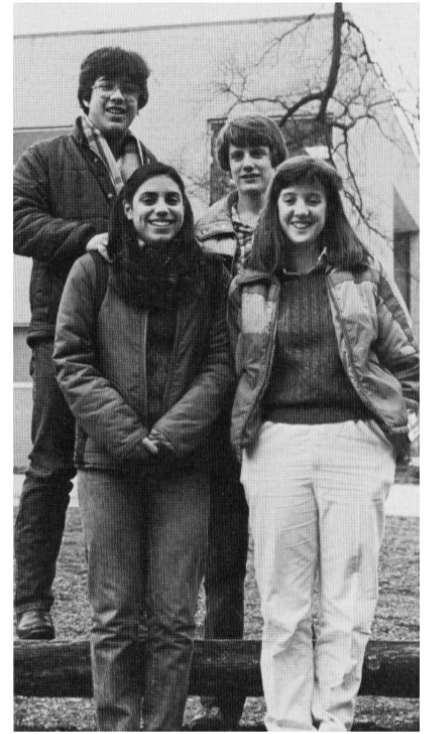
The Macuga family welcomed home **Brian Macuga '17** from Butler University to a sibling pickleball tournament. Brian is shown teaming up with Joe '26 and against Tate '20 and Molly '24 during the stay-at-home order.





**Dan Sullivan '82,
pictured at
Notre Dame**

**1982 Junior
Class Officers:
Paul Carpenter
Dan Sullivan
Sue Oddo Redmond
Nancy Joyce Callahan**



Friends and family have created a scholarship for Charlotte Catholic students headed to the University of Notre Dame in the name of **Dan Sullivan '83** who died in 2008 at age 43 after an 11-year fight with brain cancer.

While at Catholic, Dan was a four-year Cougar Award winner and earned the William C. Ward Prize for Excellence in Algebra. He played varsity soccer and served as a class officer. Dan graduated as co-valedictorian in 1983. In his commencement address, he reminded classmates they can do anything they can imagine.

Dan graduated from Notre Dame in 1987 and received a master's degree in business from Northwestern University. He enjoyed a career in marketing and a wonderful family with three children in Cincinnati, Ohio with Andrea, his wife of 16 years. His battle with cancer was inspirational to many around him. He never asked "why me?" and he never lost his deeply-felt religious faith.

Funds will be awarded by Notre Dame to CCHS graduates based on financial need, academics, extra-curricular activities, and character. Organizers plan to announce the new scholarship at the Class of 1983 40-year reunion in 2023. To learn more, visit <https://sullivanscholarship.wixsite.com/mysite>.

Send Us Your Updates!

Get Married?
Have a Future Cougar?
Great News to Share?

Share it with us! Email your news to CCHSAlumni@charlottecatholic.com.



In Memoriam

Please join us in praying for the families of recently deceased alumni and members of our extended Charlotte Catholic family.

Robert Lewis Bambauer, father of Tim Bambauer '85 and Tina Bambauer '89

Logan Christopher Boon '15, brother of Maddie Boon '13

Sarah Creegan Coggins '62 passed away in June 2019

Clarence Richard Cox, father of Diane Cox Lichtenberg '86

Irene Drummond Cunningham, grandmother of Briana Walsh '14, Michael Walsh Jr. '16, and Eleanor Walsh '19

William James DeAdder, father of Jack DeAdder '14 and Abigail DeAdder '16; uncle of Bridget Dougherty '19, Griffin Dougherty '19, and Connor Dougherty '21

Mary Virginia Buckley Federal, mother of Kathleen Federal Finnegan '71 and Marian Federal Phillips '73; grandmother of Keegan Federal '01, Michael Phillips '97, Seth Phillips '03, Matthew Phillips '13, Brendan Keane '77, Ellen Keane Graham '99, Mary Suzanne Keane Nunn '03, and Kristen Keane '08

Margaret Creegan Glover '61 passed away in April 2020

Karl Hummer, grandfather of Jessica Green Perkal '07, Carly Green Mattus '10, Mariel Green '16, Cameron Green '21, Maria Sheridan '14, Jake Sheridan '17, and Julia Sheridan '17

Mary Fowlkes Joyner, mother of Will Joyner '18

Helen Walsh Redmond, mother of Kathy Redmond Arthur '73, Brian Redmond Jr. '74, Eileen Redmond Miller '76, Colleen Redmond Intrieri '78, Patty Redmond Mills '80, John Redmond '82, and Jim Redmond '83, and mother-in-law of Sue Oddo Redmond '83

Thomas Martin Ross, grandfather of Michayla Ross '20

Brian Patrick Sienkiewicz '95, brother of Jerry Sienkiewicz '91

Brigido Torres, father-in-law of CCHS teacher Joanne Torres

Carol Anne VanDoorne, grandmother of Kelly Mead Sherron '08

Lee Chaverin White, grandmother of Lauren Chaverin '18 and Julia Chaverin '20

Rebecca Bradner Workman, grandmother of Zachary Dymock '15 and Carson Dymock '18

It's Not Too Late to Make Your Annual Donation

The CCHS Alumni Association depends upon donations from our alumni to continue its mission: to support and promote CCHS, to give alumni a way to stay in touch with the school and each other, and to bring alumni together to celebrate CCHS.

There is still time to make your annual gift to the Alumni Association and be recognized in the 2019-2020 Year in Review publication! Please remember your CCHS Alumni Association each year in your charitable giving. Thank you for your generosity!

[Click Here to Donate Now](#)

2020 Reunions ...

Calling the classes of 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 1995, 2000, and 2010!

Is your class planning a reunion for Fall 2020?

Homecoming Weekend is scheduled for **October 9th and 10th, 2020**. The Alumni Tailgate and Homecoming Game will be on Friday, October 9th, and reunions traditionally would be held on Saturday, October 10th. If you're planning a reunion for your class, please email us at CCHSAlumni@charlottecatholic.com so we can help you spread the word through Crossroads Express, on the Alumni pages of the CCHS website, and through social media. We also have a Reunion Guide for you, and can provide you with contact information for your classmates. Happy Planning!

Keep Up With the Cougars!

For news from CCHS, visit us at www.charlottecatholic.org.

Click the social media icons below to follow the Alumni Association on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Watch for more school news in the monthly Cougar News!

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