

SUMMER  
2023



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Congratulations, Class of 2023!



1973



GRADUATION 2023  
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2023

Linking the Past, Present and Future

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Past, Present, Future

**On The Cover: (1973)** A member of the class of 1973 readies to go on stage during Columbus High School commencement. The class is celebrating its 50 anniversary with a reunion scheduled for Septemer. Find more reunion information on page 4. **(2022)** Two Columbus High seniors pose before commencement. Members of the 2023 class walk in front of a full house at CHS on May 21.

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Columbus Public School's Discoverers of Distinction display was installed in the entrance of Columbus High School in May of 2022.

## Foundation accepting Discoverers of Distinction applications, nominations

The CPS Foundation will honor both graduates and supporters of Columbus Public Schools (CPS) as Discoverers of Distinction.

Individuals may be nominated by a CPS graduate or current/retired staff member. Selections will be made

by a committee of the Columbus Public Schools Foundation.

Up to 5 inductees will be honored annually in March beginning in 2024.

Inductees will have photo plaques with biographical information displayed in the Discoverers of Distinction

Academic Hall of Fame located in the entrance of Columbus High School.

Legacy inductees will be denoted by graduation year and anchor logo next to their name.

Nomination for post-humous awards will be accepted.



### NOMINATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE

You may also request a form by contacting Nicole Anderson at [andersonn@discoverers.org](mailto:andersonn@discoverers.org) or 402-563-7000 x 12847.

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## DISCOVERERS SPORTS BOOSTER CLUB

### 28TH ANNUAL

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## TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023

Elks Country Club - Noon - Shotgun



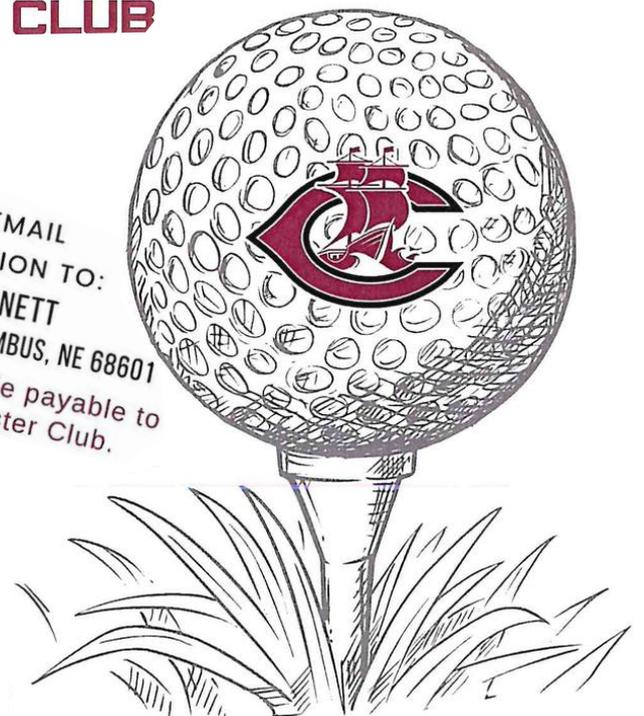
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**C** Time to mark you calendars!  
**Reunion Information**

**1956** – Meets at 10 a.m. the first Wed. of every month at Stack & Steak for morning coffee. All classmates welcome.

**1958** – Class lunch the first Wednesday of every month at noon at Maximus. All classmates and spouses welcome.

**1959** – Meets the second Thursday quarterly (January, April, July and October) at Stack n’ Steak at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and conversation. Classmates and spouses are welcome.

**1966** - Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every other month (always on odd months) at the Pizza Ranch at 11:30 a.m.

**1968 - 55 Year Reunion**

August 25th - Izaak Walton; August 26th - Tour of High School & Dinner at VFW. Questions: Diane Schwank at 402-910-1539 or Steve Anderson at 402-563-1347.

**1998 - 25 Year Reunion**

August 25-26th, 2023. For more information, please contact Lynae Kudron Morales at lynae79@gmail.com.

**1963 - 60th Class Reunion**

September 23, 2023 begin @ VFW. To provide any contact information or for event information please contact Kay Sinclair Ferris: 402-564-5847; rferris@neb.rr.com

**1973 - 50th Class Reunion**

Friday, September 29, 2023 at the Eagles and Saturday, September 30, 2023 at Friedhof Building. Invitations will be sent in June 2023. Questions? Please contact Ardis Bruckner at 402-276-3689.

**1983 - 40th Class Reunion**

Friday, July 14th and Saturday July 15th. More information is coming soon! Please contact Dan Aerni at 402-942-1130 with questions.

**Class of 1993**

Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Maximus. There is a Facebook page with information (Columbus High School Class of 1993) or any class of 1993 graduate can email Bryan Munson at bryanmunson97@gmail.com or call/text at 214-405-2084.

**2003 - 20th Class Reunion**

August 12th. More information coming soon! Questions? Contact Jacqueline DeBuse at jacqueline.debuse@gmail.com.

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**Outstanding New Educator**  
**Jenny Young**  
English Learners Teacher at CHS

Pictured with our winners are superintendent Dr. Troy Loeffelholz (left in all) and presenters Brian Christensen ('76), CEO of One United Federal Credit Union (top and bottom photos) and Bob Markham ('76) (center photo).

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## The 2023 CPS Foundation Scholarship Winners

The CPS Foundation awarded \$32,461 in scholarships at the May 3, 2023 CHS Honors Night. This year's recipients are:

### Nielsen Family Scholarship

Rafael Azpeitia - \$5000

### Anton Micek/Vincent Mausbach Memorial Scholarship

Sarah Lasso - \$2500  
Alyvia Williams - \$1500  
Jessica Larson - \$1000

### The Ron Callan Scholarship

Eden Jackson - \$2500

### Class of 1940 War Memorial Scholarship

Liam Blaser - \$2,000

### Christopher Saalfeld Memorial Scholarship

Alyvia Williams - \$1800

### Sara Rae Claborn Memorial Scholarship

Charlee Salinas - \$1200  
Grace Hoffart - \$1200

### Columbus United Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Hannah Kwapnioski - \$1000

### Speice Scholarship

Rebecca Anderson - \$1000

### Lisa Bock Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Williams - \$500

### Edward A Babka Foundation Scholarship

Bryan Alvarado-\$1000

### Wilson-Covert Centennial Scholarship

Jenna Taylor-\$1000  
Abby Wurdeman - \$1000

### Robert "Bob" Johnson Scholarship

Jenna Taylor - \$500

### Discoverers Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarship - Female

Sarah Lasso - \$500

### Discoverers Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarship- Male

Liam Blaser - \$500

### Other scholarships awarded this year were:

### Lanny Neese/Doug Rice Memorial Scholarship

Liam Blaser - \$1000

### David Bennett Memorial Scholarship

Jorge Tovar - Lemus - \$511



### The Trevor Luckey Memorial Scholarships

Ellie Thompson - \$500

◀ Alyvia Williams - \$500

### Future Educator Class of 1969 Scholarship

Charlee Salinas - \$500

### The Discoverer Way Spirit Award

Ashton LaPointe - \$500

### Joyce Dohmen Education Scholarship

Anna Massman - \$500

### Joyce Malena Memorial Scholarship for Female Students

Karyme Arcos - \$500

### Pinnacle Bank Scholarship

Eden Jackson - \$250

### Pinnacle Bank CCC Scholarship

Abby Wurdeman - \$250

### The Todd Schlender Memorial Scholarship

Carter Badstieber - \$1000  
Christian Gautier - \$1000

### Vocal Music Boosters' Scholarship

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Sarah Lasso - \$250

### Andy J Neuhaus Scholarship

Blake Ramaekers - \$250

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Members of the Columbus High School Class of 2023 toss their caps following the May 21 commencement ceremony at CHS. The full house of family and friends watched the 251 graduates become the newest members of the Anchor Alumni network.

## Welcome graduates to the CPS Alumni Family



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