

December 2019 Alumni Newsletter

2019 Dukes of Distinction

On Thursday, November 7, 2019, six notable York alumni were recognized as Dukes of Distinction at the sixth York Distinguished Alumni program. Congratulations to Thomas Ballent and Alice Jahnke Ballent, Kathleen Harger, Susan Harry, Joel Herter and Laura Orvidas (not pictured).

The six distinguished dukes join a group of more than 30 York alumni who have been recognized since the program began in 2013. To see photos from the celebratory evening, [click here](#).

Couldn't make it in person? The program will air on COMCAST Channel 6 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm & Saturdays at 7:30 pm during the month of December! The program can also be found [online at ElmhurstTV.com](http://ElmhurstTV.com)! A special thanks to Joe Piscitelli ('88), Jonathon Harrison ('88), and Dennis Burgin for taping the program!

For more information on the York Distinguished Alumni program and those who have been recognized in years past, [click here](#).

2020 NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!

Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 encourages you to nominate any York Community High School graduate of 5+ years (2015 or earlier) who has distinguished themselves through significant and/or extraordinary accomplishments, service and/or an outstanding contribution to society.

Anyone over the age of 18 may nominate a distinguished alumnus; *nominator* does not need to be a York graduate. Posthumous nominations will be accepted. Self-nominations will not be accepted. *Note:* In case of multiple nominations for the same person, all will be considered. Please be as specific as possible when submitting the application and include as much biographical information about the nominee as possible.

Nominations must be received by May 1, 2020, to be considered for a Fall 2020 York Distinguished Alumni Award. Those received after May 1, 2020, will be considered for the following year.

[Click here to submit a nomination!](#)

If you would prefer to submit a nomination via a Word document, please [download a copy](#) of the nomination form and email to alumni@elmhurst205.org or mail to:
D205 Communications Department, 162 S York Street, Elmhurst, IL 60126

For more information, call the Communications/Alumni Office at 630-941-4719.

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York Community High School Alumni Association Mission Statement

The mission of the York Community High School Alumni Association (YCHSAA) is to serve and support the school and its alumni by fostering and enhancing communication and camaraderie among alumni; maintaining a strong relationship between the school and its alumni; preserving, promoting, and celebrating the history, traditions, and memories of York; and contributing to the growth and welfare of York and its students.

YCHSAA Celebrates the Dukes of Distinction

YCHSAA wishes to congratulate all of this year's Dukes of Distinction! Members of YCHSAA were on hand at the ceremony providing attendees the opportunity to purchase shirts, clings, and pillows!

During the program, Jay Webb, YCHSAA president, presented York journalism students and Principal Erin DeLuga with a donation from the alumni association. The donation of \$1,000 will help provide necessary funds for the York journalism trip to The National High School Journalism Convention. This is a semiannual gathering of high school journalists and advisers sponsored by the National Scholastic Press Association and its partner, the Journalism Education Association. This year's convention is in Washington DC. The students have fundraised to help pay for portions of this trip and this donation will help offset some of the costs! A link to listen to the opening remarks can be found [here](#).

York Men's Basketball Alumni Night

All Alumni, friends, and family are invited to cheer on the Dukes vs. Oak Park River Forest on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7:30 PM in the Campbell Gym, to celebrate Alumni Night! The theme is 'Green Out' so be sure to sport your green gear for the game! YCHSAA will be selling alumni items plus a basket raffle giveaway. Stop by the alumni table at the game for a ticket to win!

Alumni Spotlight

YCHSAA is proud to highlight two notable alumni. According to the active alumni records, Jim Patterson, a member of the class of 1943, and Jean Schildbac, Class of 1938, are the oldest members of YCHSAA!

Holiday Shopping With YCHSAA

Looking for the perfect thing for the York graduate in your life?

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YHS Alumni shirts make the perfect gift! Visit the [YCHSAA merchandise](#) page and order yours today!

On Wednesday, November 13, 2019, fourteen York High School student-athletes signed Letters of Intent or made a commitment to participate in athletics at the collegiate level next year.

Congratulations to Matthew Buckley (Golf at Rensselaer Polytech Institute), Richard Buehling (Track at Boston University), Catherine Duhig (Lacrosse at Arizona State University), Jay Jensen (Swimming at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), Emma Kern (Cross Country/Track at Canisius College), Ethan Kern (Cross Country/Track at University of Kentucky), Daniel Klysh (Cross Country/Track at University of Iowa), Sydney Krueger (Volleyball at Augustana College), Joshua LaBounty (Golf at Northern Illinois University), Tyler Lawrence (Baseball at Rockhurst University), Joshua Mathiasen (Football at Olivet-Nazarene University), Michael Moriarty (Cross Country/Track at University of Missouri), Kol Rollins (Soccer at Carnegie Mellon University) and Nathan Shockey (Basketball at University of North Dakota).

York Performing Arts Upcoming Winter Events

To see the full 2019-2020 calendar, [click here](#).

Winter Art Show

December 12, 2019, 6:30PM - 8:00PM

York High School Commons

Holiday Choral Concert

December 12, 2019, at 7:30 PM

York High School Auditorium

CLASS OF 1975 (45TH)

Information coming soon in 2020!

CLASS OF 1965 (55TH)

August 1, 2020

Angelo's Elmhurst

Friday night TBD

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CLASS OF 1960 (60TH)

September 18 - 20th, 2020
Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center
3500 Midwest Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523

CLASS OF 1970 (50TH)

Friday, September 18, 2020
TBD

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Saturday, September 19, 2020
Crowne Plaza Lombard/Downers Grove
1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

CLASS OF 1980 (40TH)

Fall 2020
Details to come

CLASS OF 1985 (35TH)

Fall 2020
Details to come
[Facebook page](#)

CLASS OF 1950 (70TH)

Mid-September, Date to come
Wednesday: Luncheon at Mack's Golden Pheasant
Contact Ann Thoele

CLASS OF 1990 (30TH)

Details to come

For Reunion information, visit our [Reunion page](#) on the District 205 website

Questions? Contact alumni@elmhurst205.org or call 630-941-4719