



The official newsletter of York High School Alumni

2021 York High School Dukes of Distinction Nominations Now Open!

Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 encourages you to nominate any York Community High School graduate of 5+ years (2016 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 31, 2021, to be considered for a Fall 2021 York Distinguished Alumni Award. Those received after May 31, 2021, 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.

York News

Nine York Student Athletes Commit to College Athletics on National Signing Day

On Wednesday, November 11, 2020, nine York Community High School student-athletes signed Letters of Intent or made a commitment to participate in athletics at the collegiate level next year.

Congratulations to Tyler Arista (baseball at Calvin University), Gigi Barr (volleyball at Yale University), Ellie Bernard (Lacrosse at Grand Valley State), Lauren Derkowski (softball at the University of Michigan), Emily Fleckenstein (volleyball at the University of Maryland-Baltimore), Grace Meadows (volleyball at William Jewell College), Maya Rebic (soccer at Eastern Illinois University), Amaya Rufus (basketball at Indiana University- South Bend) and Emma Stec (water polo at Wagner University).

York Girls Cross Country

The girls' were WSC Conference Champions, IHSA Regional Champions and IHSA Sectional Champions! While there was no IHSA State competition this year, the girls' competed at a high level in every competition and had an exceptional season!

Congratulations to Brooke Berger, Michaela Quinn, Bria Bennis, Katelyn Winton, Katherine Klimek, Maggie Owens, Erin Powers, Bella Swanson, and coaches Lauren DeAngelis, Jimmy Kolb, and Ashley Tucker!

Duke Spotlight

Erica Hildebrand, Class of 2006

The U.S. Department of State announced the selection of Erica Hildebrand, York High School graduate, for an English Language Specialist project focusing on remote teacher training in Honduras. Hildebrand is part of a select group, as her project is one of 150 that the English Language Specialist Program supports each year.

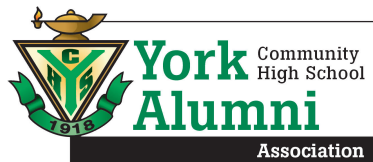
Erica Hildebrand graduated from York High School in 2006, and she has since been teaching and teacher training all around the world. Most recently, she served as a United States Department of State English Language Fellow in Sri Lanka, where she trained local teachers. In her upcoming assignment, she will support teachers in Honduras, as they transition their classrooms to remote settings.

[Click here for more information about the Prestigious English Language Specialist Project](#)

Harold McGhee, Class of 1969

Food science writer, Harold McGhee, was interviewed on NPR's Fresh Air radio show on November 11, 2020. Harold spoke to Terry Gross about Science Of Smell.

[Click here to listen!](#)



Order Your Landmark Throw Today!

As the seasons change, now is the perfect time to order your Landmark Elmhurst throw! YCHSAA's newly commissioned and redesigned Landmark Elmhurst woven throw is now available for local delivery or pickup. The throw is available in Black & Cream or Green & Cream and makes a great gift or keepsake! All proceeds will be used to fund our non-traditional scholarship plus our continued effort to archive York memorabilia!

[Click here to order your throw!](#)

Reunions

During these uncertain times, we will be maintaining updated information on the [Reunion page](#), located on the District 205 website.

If your reunion has been postponed or canceled due to COVID-19, please email your updates to alumni@elmhurst205.org