



## York News

### The York Album Project Presents 'The Road Home'

The York Album project is celebrating the release of its 7th album! This winter's album, "The Road Home", features thirteen different artists from York that have written and recorded original songs during the fall semester of this unprecedented school year. The album project is coordinated by York Music Teacher, Chris Gemkow, with audio engineering support by Grant Mitchell of Boulevard Studio in Oak Park. The York Album Project continues to highlight the incredible musical talent and creativity that exists at York High School.

"The Road Home" is available to stream on Spotify, Apple Music, and all other streaming platforms under the artist name York Album Project (cover art by sophomore Alyssa Poli). You can also stream or download the album from Bandcamp here: [yorkalbumproject.bandcamp.com](http://yorkalbumproject.bandcamp.com).

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### York Seniors Awarded Evans Scholarship



### **Jasper Civella, Anthony Lococo, and Padraig Toole, Class of 2021**

Three York High School seniors have been awarded the Evans Scholarship, a full housing and tuition college grant offered to golf caddies, following an initial series of selection interviews held online throughout the months of November and December. Congratulations to Jasper, Anthony, and Padraig!

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## Duke Spotlight

**Chris Fanelli, Class of 2012**

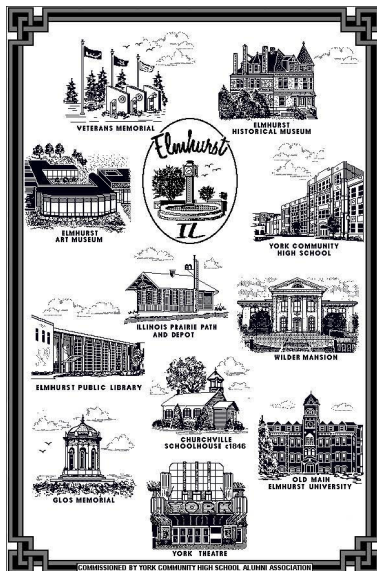
As a Hawthorne elementary student, Chris became intrigued by magic after weekly trips with his grandfather to the Bob James Magic Shop in downtown Elmhurst. By middle school, Chris was helping out at the shop in exchange for instructional CDs, magic tricks, and card decks, and began performing around town at birthday parties and Elmhurst events. In high school, magic took a back seat to new interests, supported by exceptional York teachers, and developed through the time Chris spent in the art department, Y-TV (back then this class and club offered a new and innovative curriculum that gave students the opportunity to create and broadcast video content), and as a cartoonist and graphics editor for the York-Hi newspaper. Chris went on to study graphic design and film in college. All of these experiences lead him to make a short comedy film titled Do You Want to Learn Magic where he portrays an odd but likable magician on a journey to self-discovery. The film was accepted to several film festivals, including the Chicago Comedy Film Festival.

Chris also submitted the film to External Family, a new streaming network defined by originality and experimentation with content that is fresh, edgy, funny, and a unique-a hub for entertainment that the viewer would be hard-pressed to find in volume anywhere else. External Family included Chris' film in their line up and even expanded the concept with a series called Pillars of Magic that Chris is currently writing and producing with new episodes airing monthly. (Access to Eternal Family TV can be found through the website [eternal.tv](http://eternal.tv) and on platforms such as ROKU and Apple TV and requires a small subscription fee)

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### York Community High School Alumni Association Landmark Throw!

YCHSAA's newly redesigned Landmark Elmhurst woven throw is available for local delivery or pickup. The throw is available in Black & Cream or Green & Cream and makes a great gift or keepsake!

[Order your throw today!](#)

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## 2021 Distinguished Alumni

Do you know a York graduate of 5+ years who have distinguished themselves through significant and/or extraordinary accomplishments, service, and/or an outstanding contribution to society? Nominate them today! [Click here for more information!](#)

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## Foundation 205 Virtual Showcase 2021 February 6 at 7:00PM

Support Foundation 205 and York Seniors by attending the [Virtual Showcase: Standing Strong for our Students](#) on February 6th at 7PM. The event is free to watch, but there are multiple opportunities to support BOTH our students and local businesses. Visit the [website](#) to register and get direct access to the online auction OPEN NOW. The evening will feature national comedian Pat McGann, TikTok sensation Sofie Sanfillipo, and performances from York, Sandburg, and Edison. The event will run about 45 minutes and will also highlight teachers and students from across the district implementing grants supported by Foundation 205.

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## 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](mailto:alumni@elmhurst205.org)

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