

# CAT TRACKS

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This special condensed edition of Cat Tracks has been produced to update the Muncie Central Alumni Association membership on items of importance since the last newsletter. We will resume production of a full newsletter with the next edition.

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## Association honors three grads: Stokes, Stone, Winningham as Distinguished Alumni during 2024 annual meeting

Joseph Stokes, '67; Angelia Stone, '88, and Kris Winningham, '89, were named Distinguished Alumni during the Alumni Association's annual meeting last November.

**Joseph Stokes** began a highly successful career in education in Muncie. Obtaining his bachelor's and master's degrees from Ball State University, he spent 17 years in the elementary school classroom before becoming principal at three schools in the Muncie Community Schools system.

Moving to Florida, Stokes became a highly regarded principal and eventual Director of Elementary Education for Manatee County. He retired from that role only to be called to serve as head of the Sarasota Christian School.

According to Stokes, a primary focus of his leadership has always included building morale and trust. His exemplary work in the field of education demonstrates that philosophy.

**Angelia Stone** has juggled a life of working, parenting, and attending school, developing her future a step at a time.

"If you can dream it, do it" is a guiding principle for Stone, who is a magazine publisher, CEO, and single mother of three. She directs a publication called simply, "*Hope*" that began with 100 subscribers and now has a circulation of more than 18,000. A published author, Stone has written a book that chronicles lessons she herself has learned over the course of her career.

For her achievements, Stone has been honored both by her Alma Mater, Ball State, and within the community of Muncie.

**Kris Winningham** is not one to seek attention, but exemplary work in his profession and community speak volumes.

Obtaining undergraduate and MBA degrees from Notre Dame, Winningham currently works as an international tax accountant for Bayer Corporation. Aside from his job, he contributes expertise during tax season, helping prepare individual tax returns for veterans and others who need tax assistance.

Graduating college with student debt, Winningham and his wife Casey established two endowed partial scholarships at their Alma Mater.

Winningham considers one of the great joys in his life is to be actively involved with family. To that end, he coached basketball and soccer teams and assisted with scouting and other activities for his two sons, now both pursuing law degrees.

During the annual business meeting, new officers and board members were selected. Officers for a term expiring in December 2026 are: Steve Cartwright, '66, president; Brad Polk, '83, vice president; Lisa Dalton Doan, '95, secretary; and Joanie Taylor, 81, treasurer, and David Wilson, '66, past president.

New members of the board whose terms began in January are: James Garrett, '11; Teresa Jeter, '75; Conner Polk, '15, and Angelia Stone, '88.

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### Scholarships: Ethan Klinger, Delaney Strange

Graduating senior Ethan Klinger received the 2025 Alumni Association student scholarship and the Harris-Jones endowed scholarship was renewed for Delaney Strange, '23.

Strange, who first received the scholarship for the 2023-24 school year, will be a junior at Purdue University where she is a civil engineering major.

Klinger, ranked third in his class at Central, was a member of National Honor Society, and varsity letterman on the cross country, soccer, and track teams. He also participated in the Delaware County 4-H program, earning grand champion and other awards during his ten-year involvement, and participated with the Delaware County Futbol Club.

Klinger will start Purdue University in the fall, where he plans to major in computer science.

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### In Memoriam: Sherry Harris-Jones, '62

Sherry Harris-Jones, '62, passed away last November. Her life may be best defined by the first sentences of a tribute in the *Belmont Voice*, local newsletter in Belmont, MA. Correspondent Melissa Russell wrote: "By all measures, Sherry Jones was an extraordinary woman. As a community leader, a special education teacher, a confidante, and a consummate hostess, she had a profound impact on those around her."

Her contributions to her community and beyond reached back to Muncie, where she grew up. After graduating high school, Jones obtained her bachelor's degree from DePauw University, master's from Boston University, and a doctorate from Lesley College (now University).

The endowed scholarship she and her husband Ralph Jones established through the Alumni Association brings her legacy home to Muncie. In its seventh year of providing \$5,000 annually, the scholarship is intended to support students who enroll in public or private accredited colleges or universities for baccalaureate degree programs. It is granted on the basis of high school academic achievement and educational promise.

### Keep in touch

Your contributions help us provide scholarships, teacher grants, and other financial assistance for school needs.

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### Upcoming Reunions

**Class of 1965:** The Class of 1965 will host a reunion Saturday, August 23, at the Knights of Columbus in Muncie. For information, contact Sheryl Williams, email: sherwilliams@att.net; or phone: 765.747.0469; 765.744.3742

**Class of 1995:** The Class of 1995 reunion is scheduled for Saturday, July 26, at the Room 5 Piano Bar in Muncie. There is a \$10 entry fee. A cash bar will be available.

If your graduation class is planning a reunion, please send info to:

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### Association Board

If you would like to be considered for an Alumni Association board appointment, or know someone who might be interested, send info to:

**Brad Polk**

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### Distinguished Alumni

Distinguished alumni are honored during our annual dinner and program each fall. To be eligible, the alumnus should have made contributions to his or her community, state, nation, and/or the Muncie Central Alumni Association.

Include the individual's name, class year (if known), and contact information; your name and contact information, and a narrative description of why your nominee deserves this recognition.

Send nominations to:

**Jan Marsh**

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## President highlights past year's activities, programs

Your Alumni Association has concluded another active and successful year. We honored three outstanding alumni at last year's annual meeting.

The Association also continued to award the Harris-Jones endowed scholarship to Delaney Strange, '23. The scholarship was established by Sherry Harris-Jones, '62, and her husband, Ralph Jones, and has provided a \$5,000 stipend each year since 2019. We pay tribute in this edition to Harris-Jones, who passed away November 15, 2024.

Central senior Ethan Klinger was awarded the 2025 Alumni Association scholarship. And through the teacher grant program, we provided monetary assistance for six projects not funded within the school's budget.

A new honor was established this year, the Inspiration Award, acknowledging students who displayed outstanding achievement in some area of their student experience not usually recognized by other means.

In addition to awards programs, we continued to open the Memorabilia Room at all home basketball games, during freshman orientation, and by request to reunion groups.

This is the Association's 30th year in existence. We invite you to consider joining us for our annual dinner program Friday, November 7, as we highlight some of our special achievements over the years. We continue to strive to be true to our mission of serving alumni and keeping an active link with the school. Through your support we can sustain our mission's objectives well into the future.

Steve Cartwright, '66

President, MCHS Alumni Association

## Tribute to board members Mike Dowd, Linda Hollis

Two long-time Alumni Association board members died this spring. Mike Dowd, '63, passed away March 23. Linda Hollis, '64, died April 28.

Dowd joined the board in 2012 and quickly became a valued member. He was on the Memorabilia Room committee when the room moved to a larger space, where it is currently located. Dowd worked with other committee members to build display cases and put up shelving. He also was the lead person who set up the Association's computer and established a database to record Memorabilia Room holdings.

Hollis was a co-founder and charter member of the Alumni Association. Through the years she managed many aspects of the business side, maintaining the Association database, coordinating membership mailings, keeping financial records, assisting with news gathering for *Cat Tracks*, and participating with all events and activities sponsored by the Association.

Both Dowd and Hollis will be sorely missed, but the Association is grateful for their devotion and exceptional work on behalf of Muncie Central alumni.

### Alumni Association Board Members

#### Terms Concluding Dec. 2027

Tom Abrell, '85  
Jason Burkhart, '92  
Lisa Dalton Doan, '95  
Shoka Griffin, '92  
Jan Marsh, '63  
Bruce Munson, '70  
Conner Polk, '15  
Joan Scrivnor, '53  
Sally Wetzel, '63  
David Wilson, '66

#### Terms Concluding Dec. 2026

Dan Gibson, '00  
Brad Polk, '83  
Kay Rankin, '64  
Ken Schuck, '62  
Charlotte Shepperd, '64  
Angie Stone, '88  
Joanie Taylor, '81  
Sheryl Williams, '65

#### Terms Concluding Dec. 2025

Forrest Bowers, '57  
Steve Cartwright, '66  
Tom Foote, '65  
James Garrett, '11  
Teresa Jeter, '75  
Nora Niccum, '63  
Amanda Rammel, '89  
DeWayne Richmond, '82

#### Emeritus

Tom Raisor, '53

#### Ex Officio

Chris Walker, MCHS principal

#### In Memoriam

The Alumni Association pays tribute to those board members who have died, but who served their Alma Mater well.

### Muncie Central High School

#### Alumni Association

#### Mission Statement

We, the alumni of Muncie Central High School, recognize the need to build lasting relationships between the graduates and Muncie Central High School. We, therefore, set forth these ideals: to stimulate the loyalty of all alumni of the school; to encourage their support by uniting them in close bonds of fellowship and mutual assistance; and to acquaint them fully with the progress and needs of their alma mater.

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