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Thank you for helping us have our most
successful annual campaign to date!



SAVE THE DATE!

October 6th, 2017
Homecoming
Tailgate!



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118th Graduation Ceremony Held

One hundred and seventy-two students donned the traditional scarlet and gray gowns to participate in the 118th West Lafayette High School graduation on Friday, May 26, 2017, in the Berberian Gymnasium joined by a capacity crowd of family and friends.

A record number twenty-seven valedictorians gave brief comments, - some sentimental, some inspirational, some humorous. Those honored were **Aditi Acharya** (Purdue), **Sabriya Alam** (Purdue), **Rachel Brummet** (Purdue), **John Bullock** (Purdue), **Samuel Craig** (Oberlin College and Conservatory), Sarah Folkers (Purdue), **Corrin Fosmire** (Rice), **Lakshmi Galla** (Purdue), **Gabriela Gambirazio** (Purdue), **Hannah Han** (University of California-LA), **Yi Fei Heng** (Purdue), **Younghua Hu** (Purdue), **Jooyoung Lee** (University of California-Berkeley), **Linus Lee** (University of California-Berkeley), **Lucia Li** (University of California-Berkeley), **Matthew Marley** (North Central College), **Grace McDougall** (Indiana), **Monica Mesecar** (Univeristy of Notre Dame), **Brian Mi** (University of California-Berkeley), **Abigail Mills** (Purdue), **Sandunya Obeyesekera** (Purdue), **Carson Ohland** (Purdue), **Arjun Ramani** (Stanford), **Abhinav Saravanan** (Georgetown), **Jenny Shao** (University of Chicago), **Michael Will** (Purdue), and **Joshua Yeung** (University of California-Berkeley). The salutatorian was **Cherin Kim** (Stanford).

The program included remarks by Board of Trustees President Alan Karpick and faculty member, Mrs. Jane Schott. Principal Ronald Shriner presented the diplomas.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation, a privately funded, not-for-profit organization, has been awarding scholarships since 1955. Out of the 1.5 million students who take the PSAT, 15,000 become Finalists (top 1%). The Class of 2017 was well-represented with 14 Finalists: **Aditi Acharya, Sabriya Alam, John Bullock, Corrin Fosmire, Yi Fei Heng, Allie Jin, Cerin Kim, Randy Kuang, Linus Lee, Claudia Li, Lucia Li, Arjun Ramani, Abhinav Saravanan, and Jenny Shao.**

The majority of graduates are choosing to extend their education beyond high school. About 85% will be attending either a 4 or 2 year institution, while others are choosing a military or trade school option.

Congratulations to these young men and women and thank you to the many adults – teachers, family, and friends – who played a role in the lives of these young people.

Good luck to our graduates as they pursue higher education!

Purdue University / Indiana University / Vincennes University / Indiana State University / Smith College / University of Kentucky / Virginia Tech University / Purdue Northwest / Rice University / Syracuse University / Anderson University / UCLA / US Air Force Academy / Southern Nazarene University / Belmont University / Arizona Western University / Vanderbilt University / University of Dayton / University of Washington / Stanford University / IUPUI / John Hopkins University / University of California, Berkeley / Florida State University / North Central College / University of Notre Dame / University of Alabama / Augustana College / Trine University / Penn State University / University of Chicago / University of Illinois / University of Kansas / Loyola University / Manchester University / North Central University / University of Colorado, Boulder / School of the Art Institute of Chicago / Brandeis University / Ball State University / University of Cincinnati / Ivy Tech Community College / University of Miami, Ohio / Creighton University / Oberlin College / Georgetown University / Christina & Co. Education Center



SPORTS

SPRING SPORTS

The West Lafayette Red Devils had another busy spring on the field, track, and course.

BASEBALL: The baseball team finished the season 15-9.

SOFTBALL: The young softball team finished 3-22.

BOYS TRACK: The boys track team had another record year. George Karlaftis won the State Shot Put Championship with a throw of 59'5 1/2". He was the first sophomore in Indiana to win a state championship since 1946.

GIRLS TRACK: The girls team won the Hoosier Conference and Sectional Championships. Senior Kaia Harris finished as the runner-up in the discus at the State Track Meet with a throw of 139'7".

GOLF: The boys golf team finished with a 7-7 season. Matt Krause (father Dave, '74 WLHS grad) was low medalist for the Hoosier Conference with a 78.

GIRLS TENNIS: The girl's tennis team went 16-3 and won the Hoosier Conference and Sectional Championships.



UPDATE ON WINTER SPORTS

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Girls basketball went 20-4, giving them back to back 20-win seasons and back to back Hoosier Conference Championships. Junior Kylie Martin was named the J&C Big School Player of the Year. Coach Jane Schott got her 200th coaching win.

BOYS BASKETBALL: The boys basketball team finished with a 16-10 record and won the sectional!

WRESTLING: The wrestling squad finished the season with a 23-4 record. The Red Devil grapplers won their fourth consecutive Hoosier Conference Championships and finished 3rd in the sectional championship and 3rd in the regional championship.

GIRLS SWIMMING: The girls were 7-1-1 in duals, 3rd at the Carmel Invite, 4th at the Terre Haute invite, 2nd at conference, and 4th at sectionals. Maddie Sheiss qualified for state.

BOYS SWIMMING: The boys were 6-3 in duals, 3rd at the Carmel Invite, 4th at the Terre Haute Invite, 1st at conference, and 4th at sectionals.

The Hoosier Conference has an All-Sports Award that is determined by the number of points a school earns for each sport. The West Lafayette Boys teams have now won the Hoosier Conference All-Sports Award for 19 consecutive years! The West Lafayette girls teams have won the Hoosier Conference All-Sports Award for 17 consecutive years!



A LETTER FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. Rocky Killion

What Does It Take To Be A World-Class School System?

Beginning in 2007, I was fortunate to be able to join the West Lafayette Community School Corporation's (WLCSC) Board of School Trustees (Board), staff and administration as we embarked on a journey to not only maintain the academic reputation of WLCSC, but to build on that reputation and become aligned with the world's best education systems. This has been no easy feat in light of constantly changing legislative mandates that have weakened public school systems across Indiana and the defunding of public schools in favor of a so-called "school choice" system, where parents receive public school dollars to send their children, if they so choose, to a private or parochial school. Despite these seemingly insurmountable obstacles, the WLCSC continues to provide all students with a public education system rated at the very top of all educational metrics. So what does it take to be a world-class education system and how has WLCSC been able to work to achieve this goal?

Strategic Planning

In 2010 the Board approved moving forward with a five-year strategic planning process. Facilitated by one of the best superintendents in the state, Dr. Janet Emerick guided approximately 50 WLCSC stakeholders in developing WLCSC's mission, belief statements, improvement goals, and action steps. The strategic plan included short and long-range goals that addressed academics, facilities and funding. Above all, it garnered the input and support of WLCSC stakeholders that included parents, staff members, administrators, business leaders, Purdue University representatives, and Board members.

The strategic plan guided the WLCSC Board and administrators with implementing three global strategies:

- 1) Redesigning academic programs;
- 2) Submitting a general fund referendum question to the community; and
- 3) Developing a long-term facilities plan.

By the spring of 2017, these three global strategies were realized. WLCSC academics continue to be recognized statewide and nationally. The WLCSC community supported two referendum questions, one in 2010 at a 66% approval and another one in 2017 at a 94.28% approval, which set a state record. The long-term facilities plan has started. However, there is much work to do to finish these projects while at the same time not increasing the overall 2016 school district's tax rate.

Finishing the Plan

Various construction projects are underway, including a new intermediate school at the former Burtfield elementary site. Very soon Cumberland Elementary School and West Lafayette Jr/Sr High School facility improvements will begin. Renderings of some the projects are shown on pages 4-5. For more information about the construction projects, visit www.theRDPproject.com.

WLCSC is fortunate to have strong community support for these initiatives. To become and maintain a world-class education system it takes 1) creating a vision for the future, 2) providing the proper funding to execute the vision, and 3) receiving community involvement and support. The future is bright for WLCSC. With continued support from community and alumni, our students, present and future, will continue receiving a world-class education.

Respectfully,

Dr. Rocky Killion
Superintendent of Schools
The West Lafayette Community School Corporation





Class Notes



40's

Don Cooley ('42), former WL cheerleader, is still full of spunk and energy enjoying life with his wife Diane. After his freshman year at Purdue he spent two years fighting in Germany during WWII and was a "Battle of the Bulge" POW. He returned to Purdue and received his BSME in '48 and his MBA from Stanford in '50. He then had a 37-year career with IBM Corporation, spent about 30 years doing community service and volunteering, and has been managing the family farm and ranching properties. "Buy Driscoll's strawberries and raspberries grown on our soil." Don and his wife haven't visited West Lafayette for several years.

Karl Kettelhut ('48) went to Northwestern University after high school on a full tuition scholarship and now delights in his three grandchildren who all graduated from the University of Michigan, "the top ranked big ten public university."

50'S

Jim Smith ('51) currently lives in the Lafayette area with his wife Mary. He continues to do construction drawings and designs for local builders and owners. He has two children and six grandchildren and enjoys volunteering for the veterans at the Indiana Veterans Home.

60'S

Members of the Class of '60, Jack Brake, John Dienhart, Joe and Jan Wettschurack, and Rick Haug get together once every month to either play golf or visit the local Pubs of Indy, Franklin, or Zionsville and would like to invite any other class members to join!

Don't forget to show your "RDP" and stay informed. Submit your class note to wlfef@wl.k12.in.us!

Douglas Britt ('64) serves as the President and Chief Operating Officer of Dynamac International, Incorporated, which provides facilities support services, including scientific testing, monitoring, implementation, and management of environmental programs for National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Department of Defense (DoD), and the European Space Agency. Mr. Britt is responsible for day-to-day operations and strategic planning for the combined CSS-Dynamac enterprise. Britt has twice received NASA's Public Service Medal, the highest honor NASA can bestow on a non-civil servant.

Stephen Oesterle ('69) currently serves as a consultant to a variety of private equity and venture capital firms. Until 2015 he was Medtronic's Senior Vice President for Medicine and Technology and a member of the Medtronic Executive Committee for 14 years. During his tenure at Medtronic Steve served on more than 20 boards as a director or observer and built a strong and enduring profile for Medtronic in the global venture capital and private equity communities.

1970'S

Tim Roberts ('73) is due to retire from the Santa Barbara District Attorney's office. He has been in enforcement for 38 years in California and to quote Wyatt Earp in Tombstone, says, "I did my duty, now I'd like to get on with my life." His future plans are to be determined, but he says he knows it will involve fishing!

Mary Alice Arthur ('76) Mary Alice Arthur is a Story Activist who travels the world sharing stories and encouraging others to find team alignment and committed action through shared stories. She has

given TED Talks, is an "Art of Hosting" steward, and founder of SOAR (Significant Orientations, Amazing Results). She works with leaders around the world in both the private and public sector to learn how to design extraordinary meetings that get results. A thought leader who considers herself a citizen of the world, she is based in Columbus, Ohio.

Stephen A. McGaw ('79) iSteve McGaw is the Chief Marketing Officer for AT&T's Business Solutions. Prior to his current role, Steve served as Senior Vice President of Corporate Strategy, responsible for driving AT&T's overall long-term planning activities and strategic initiatives. During his 27-year career in telecommunications, he has held key leadership positions in corporate development, business marketing, sales, international and technology planning roles at SBC and AT&T Bell Labs. Steve currently serves on the Advisory Committee to the University of Texas at Austin McCombs School of Business; the Advisory Committee to the Purdue University School of Industrial Engineering; the Board of Trustees for LaunchAbility, a non-profit company serving Dallas-area families; and the World Economic Forum Steering Committee in support of 'Delivering the Digital Infrastructure'.

1980'S

Viki Veenker ('80) has been working for over 25 years as a leading patent attorney in Palo Alto representing many of the Valley's top innovators in matters involving new technologies and breakthrough. Her clients have included everyone from a Nobel laureate and Fortune 500 companies to a low-income custodian whom she represented pro bono in an ADA and employment case. She also serves on the Alzheimer's Association Fund Development Committee for the Northern California and Northern Nevada chapter of the Alzheimer's

Association. She recently ran for California's State Assembly District 24, and though the outcome was not a victory, Vicki continues to inspire all to keep working toward excellence.

Curtis Matthews ('85) has lived in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex since 1993 and has had the good fortune of working on 6 continents for extended periods of time. He has had "way too many jobs" and has landed back at his first (boomerang) with PricewaterhouseCoopers. His daughter is in Costa Rica teaching English; one son is a junior at Michigan State University in pre-med; and his other son is a senior in high school hopes to attend Berkeley and become a vet. Curtis is on a mulligan marriage, playing golf every weekend, and when he is not losing golf balls, he is hunting deer on his family's cotton farm near Amarillo, TX. He loves to read, and has authored a couple of young reader adventure novels. Gaye, his mom, still lives in West Lafayette. He would like to say, "RDP to all, GO IU, an Fear the FROG!"

1990'S

Josh Theil ('96) Major Josh Thiel currently resides in DuPont, Washington, just outside of the Joint Base Lewis- McChord where he is a major in 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne). He is responsible for the training of 3,000 soldiers and deployment Special Operations in Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, and South Asia.



Remembering West Side alumni who have passed.

Pauline Lucille Kauffman '40

William "Bill" W. Heath '41

Beulah Wuestenfeld '41

Robert E. Scanlon '43

Robert L. Mangus '43

Julia Trost Yake '46

James Russell "Jim" Weigand '56

Judi Ross '60

Ted Richard Kuntz '65

Larry Hartman '66

Karen K. Williams '66

Mark S. Davis '71

Thomas Kevin Orr '73

Michael John Dalby '75

Ingrid Marianne Saile '76

Christy Lynn Baker Mun '88

J. Robert Schlatter (band director, music coordinator, assistant principal)

Russell Lewis Arthur (teacher)

Wallace Dolan (teacher)

(PICTURED LEFT) The WLHS Alumni Association was proud to present the WLHS Alumni Scholarship to Arjun Ramni ('17) and Sarah Cohen ('17).