

Fern Creek High School Alumni Association
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ALL ALUMNI PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ADDRESS BELOW
SO WE MAY UPDATE OUR RECORDS

Name _____ Class _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
____ number attending dinner on Friday, Sept 27 at \$15 each \$ ____
____ number attending breakfast on Sat., Sept 28 at \$10 each \$ ____
____ number attending Hall of Fame Lunch on Sept 29 at \$25 each \$ ____
Total \$ ____

Please mail this form and your check for the above total amount by 9/1
so we can order the food and have the right number of places set for everyone.

Or, you may sign up and pay on our website www.ferncreekalumni.com

Paying at the event will be subject to availability.



Tiger Tracks

FCHS - "Proficient, progressing, and proud"

August 2019

I am very excited to make the following announcement. Our Fern Creek Alumni Association's website has just had a major upgrade. We have added a much easier user interface for members, nonmembers, and class agents.

We have made signing up simple, made it possible for members and class agents to reach out to others, and to recover lost passwords - automatically!

New features include:

- 🐾 A clean new profile section that quickly allows you to update your information at any time.
- 🐾 Group pages that will allow class agents to post photographs, links to videos, and information about class events (yes, that includes reunions).
- 🐾 Group leaders (class agents and others) will have the ability to add members and send a group email to group members through the site.
- 🐾 Members will be able to email others through the site (if the other person has not marked their information as private) and be able to post memory photos of their own for all to see.
- 🐾 Signing up and paying online for your membership and for Alumni sponsored events will also be available.
- 🐾 Same web address www.FernCreekAlumni.com as before, but much more user friendly!

To make the site as secure as possible, we will be sending an email asking you to choose a new password to go with your email address.

Please go on and look at your profile and (if you are a member) post some memories.

If you are not a member? Join today!

Joey Bailey
Executive Director
and Treasurer



FERN CREEK HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Alumni and Friends,

We are excited to begin the 2019-2020 school at Fern Creek. This year, we will host one of the largest freshmen classes in school history as we approach an enrollment of almost 1800 students. Additionally, we will welcome 26 new teachers, many of who were added as a result of our increased enrollment and our move to a seven-period day. We are so proud of all the hard work our students, faculty, and staff have done to make Fern Creek such an incredible place to teach and to learn.

We had a successful 2018-2019 school year and we are very proud of a number of accomplishments. They include:

- 2018 Football District Champs
- 2018 Boys Soccer District Champs
- 2019 KHSAA Boys Track 3rd place in State tournament (school history)
- 2019 MCJROTC Drill Team National Champions
- Skills USA State Champion in Ad Design
- Distinguished score KMEA- Fern Creek String Orchestra
- Distinguished score KMEA- Fern Creek Chamber Orchestra
- KMEA All-state participant
- DECA State Champion in KY Job Interview

We know that our success as a school is dependent on so many people who care deeply about this place. The Fern Creek High School Alumni Association has been essential in providing unique and caring experiences for our students and faculty. In addition to funding a new Athletic practice facility, the Alumni Association was able to support the Arts at the Creek by sponsoring activities and events for Band, Choir, and Theater programs. Additionally, Alumni was able to fund trips and experiences for MCJROTC, Robotics, KMEA, DECA, and Computer Science.

As always, the Fern Creek High School Alumni Association was the primary funding source for our Ivy Plus Program which is a program that matches traditionally "under-matched" students with highly selective colleges and universities. This year, our graduating class of 2019 included 32 Ivy Plus Seniors accepted into 22 of the top 100 colleges, totaling \$18 Million in Scholarships.

At Fern Creek, we believe that the mission of our school must be learning for all, and that for us "all means all." This means that we must meet the needs of all our students, from our highest achieving students to our most vulnerable

students. To that end, the Alumni Association sponsored the grand opening of our Laundry and Loot program, providing funding, resources and materials to provide laundry, pantry (food items provided at no cost by Dare to Care), and essential home items to our students who need additional home and health services. We have been so proud of the positive feedback we have received from our community and from the media and we were excited to see our program and Alumni Association featured in the New York Times in March!

Finally, we closed our year on a wonderful note with our Alumni-sponsored How-to-Adult 101 program for our graduating Seniors. Sara Wilson-Abell, our College Access Resource teacher designed the program to help Seniors navigate life after high school and included sessions in everything from setting a budget, to cooking in a dorm room, to changing a tire. It was a great success and also captured the media's attention, eventually being featured on a national segment aired on Fox and Friends in June.

None of this incredible work can be done without the unending support and dedication of Fern Creek Alumni. We look forward to our new school year which will bring exciting opportunities and our continued partnership with our Alumni Association

Our Homecoming dinner will begin at 6 PM in the Arnold Gym. It will be catered by Mark's Feed Store. The meal and a ticket to the football game against Eastern at 7:30 PM is only \$15. On Saturday morning, we will serve breakfast in the cafeteria at 9 AM prepared by our Food Literature students for \$10. Coffee and juice will be ready by 8:30 AM. A tour of the school and our outdoor classroom will follow. On Sunday, we will have our annual Hall of Fame induction lunch and ceremony at Wildwood Country Club with a gathering at 12:30 PM and lunch served at 1 PM. The cost is \$25. Reservations are necessary for these events so we can prepare space and food for all that are attending. Use our new reservation option on our website www.ferncreekalumni.com to make sure that you are signed up to attend and to pay for your reservation. Or, if you prefer, there is a reservation form on the back page. Please make your reservation and payment by 9/1/19.

HALL OF FAME 2019

Your Hall of Fame Committee has chosen six alums for induction on September 29. They are Joy Williams Bell '50 (deceased); Jo Ann Clark Jenkins '66 (deceased); Janet Hatfield Lowman '68; Ken Leffew '68; Rob Robinson '78 and Brent Guess '88. Joy, Jo Ann and Janet are all former Miss Kentucky winners.

Their permanent Hall of Fame plaques will be installed in the rotunda of the Alumni Auditorium alongside our previous inductees dating back to our first class that was inducted in 1998.

Please consider nominating a deserving member of your class for next year's induction. The nomination form can be found on our website (www.ferncreekalumni.com) under the Hall of Fame tab.

REUNIONS

FERN CREEK FOOTBALL'S 90TH SEASON

Plans are being made to honor those teams and players of the past. This should be a fun event each week and we want those who participated to make reservations by sending emails to either Joey Bailey at joeybaileycpa@gmail.com or Sara Wilson-Abell at Sara.wilson-abell@jefferson.kyschools.us

Teams and players will be honored in groups each home game. All games start at 7:30 PM. August 30 1929-89; September 27 1990-99; October 4 2000-11 and October 18 2012-19.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We presented a record number of scholarships this year. There were 10 deserving seniors that were given \$2,000 each. Teachers are eligible for 5 \$2,000 awards toward their advanced degrees and certifications. These scholarships represent the highest total we have given and we hope to continue this trend in the future.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

We have General Membership meetings at school in the Ramsey Room at 7 PM on the 3rd Mondays of February, April, August, September and November. Come and volunteer with us to see first hand the exciting ways your Alumni Assn. is making our beloved school a better place for all.

As you have read in this newsletter your Alumni Assn. funds many valuable projects and scholarships. You can help us do even more by sending your tax-deductible contribution. Simply mail your check payable to FCHS Alumni Assn. to P O Box 91266 Louisville, KY 40291.

