



**Alumni Association**

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## **A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE**

“A Legacy of Excellence” was the theme of the second annual reunion of the Columbus High School Alumni Association which was held on October 23-24, 2009. The festivities kicked off on Friday morning with the inaugural golf tournament at the Columbus Country Club. All the participants thoroughly enjoyed the event and are interested in repeating this at future gatherings.

On Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> the festivities began with a delicious fried chicken lunch in the school cafeteria. We were warmly entertained by CHS '63 alum, Bob Jones, who serves as President of Columbus Technical College. Bob centered his presentation on what his CHS education has done to prepare him for his life since high school and his current responsibilities as a technical college chief administrator. He also talked about the reasons he sees for the trend among CHS graduates to continue to “come back to CHS” regardless of the various experiences they have undertaken during the ensuing years. Tours of the school were very popular among those who had not had an opportunity to walk the halls of CHS since their graduations.

Some of the alums took advantage of free time on Friday and Saturday to enjoy a tour of the National Infantry Museum, one of Columbus’ newest treasures.

To round off the weekend activities, we gathered Saturday night at the local Shrine Club for a traditional barbecue dinner and dancing to the music of the Chattahoochee Pine Beatles Band, a number of whose members are CHS alums. As always when old friends gather, everyone enjoyed long lost alum conversations and deep story telling.

A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE October 23-24, 2009



***COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP FORM***  
***we are, as always...Columbus High!***

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATION YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME/BUS. PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

IF MARRIED, SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please complete this form and send check made payable to:***  
**COLUMBUS HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**P. O. Box 5353**  
**Columbus, GA 31906**

**Annual Membership Fee: \$10.00**  
**Lifetime Membership Fee: \$100.00**

*(email [chsalum@gmail.com](mailto:chsalum@gmail.com) with any questions)*

## IRS NON-PROFIT STATUS

GOOD NEWS! The CHS Alumni Association has been determined to be a non-profit 501(c)3. This status allows all contributions to us to be considered by the IRS to be tax deductible retro back to March 20, 2009. This will be very important to us as we now move forward with fundraising for projects to benefit our alma mater and its students.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHS

Today, Columbus High Liberal Arts College Preparatory Magnet offers a rigorous academic program for students who are highly motivated and are focused on a challenging curriculum to best prepare themselves for college success.

- State Annual Yearly Progress requirements met
- U. S. News & World Report – Top 3% of 21,000 Public High Schools in US
- Girl's Softball – 1<sup>st</sup> State
- Cheerleading - 2<sup>nd</sup> State
- Girl's Today, Columbus High Liberal Arts College Volleyball – 2<sup>nd</sup> State
- One-Act Play – 2<sup>nd</sup> State

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Columbus High School Alumni Association seeks:

...To serve as a liaison between alumni and Columbus High School

...To promote loyalty, knowledge and support of the school, its programs and its continued educational excellence

...to encourage alumni association growth, camaraderie and spirit through unity of purpose

## SAVE THE DATE APRIL 16-17, 2010

This will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual get together. Flyer with event details is enclosed with this newsletter. Be sure to keep us updated if your contact information changes and help us spread the word! The Classes of 1974, 1975, and 1976 will ALSO be having their reunion during this weekend, so we expect a good attendance.

## IMPORTANT INFO

- **CHS Alumni Association mailing address is:** P. O. Box 5353, Columbus GA 31906 (Please do not use the school's address.)
- **Email address is:** [chsalum@gmail.com](mailto:chsalum@gmail.com)
- **CHS Web site address is:** We have a link on this site. [www.columbushighga.org](http://www.columbushighga.org)
- **Having a reunion** – Let the school's front office know if your class is having a reunion and give them a contact name. Also remember to email the address above to let the Alumni Association know of your plans.
- **Financial Report** - Our financial position has increased thanks to receipt of additional membership dues, giving us a present balance of \$11,775.54.
- **Membership/Dues Reminder** – 2010 Dues are due (\$10 a year or \$100 lifetime). Please use the form in the newsletter and mail in now. Encourage your classmates to join or renew.
- **Alumni Volunteers** – Don't wait to be asked if you would like to help the Association in any capacity. Please email us. The Executive Committee is:  
Cecil Calhoun – [gemsal@aol.com](mailto:gemsal@aol.com)  
Morton Harris – [mah@hatacherstubbs.com](mailto:mah@hatacherstubbs.com)  
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