

# Cloquet Educational Foundation News

Supporting Cloquet students and their education.



Cloquet "Ripsaw" robotics team at a meet.



The fairies from the Prairie Fire Children's theatre take a break from performing.



# Autumn greetings from the Cloquet Educational Foundation!

I am Jody (Anderson) Acers CHS class of 1986, wife, mother, daughter, sister, volunteer, Lumberjack fan, historian and now executive director of the Cloquet Educational Foundation.

I want to pass along my commitment to the board of directors that I will work hard for the Cloquet Educational Foundation, be a great steward of its resources and keep my involvement a positive experience for everyone.

I look forward to working with the board, the educators, administration and staff of District #94, as well as the greater Cloquet Community!

Yes, there I am in 1986 as a senior high school student and staff member of the school newspaper, The Pine Needle. I remember those days. Working under deadlines and putting together the paper for posterity as Mrs. Shultz and Mr.

Buytaert (JB) guided us through the process of putting out an excellent product. These were days without the ease of digital journalism, and I learned stuff about editing, photography,

art and working with my fellow staff members. We dug through the "news" of high school before there was "snapping", twitter, Insta, and Facebook. We had to think through creative layout and communicate effectively about what our visions for the various pages.

The staff used a dark room for developing photos and wrote copy on a typewriter. We were "Ambassadors of CHS" on paper at least.

And there it was: I knew from that experience that I loved being a Lumberjack and sharing the limitless possibilities and broadness of education at Cloquet with my fellow students for the present and future. I loved writing about it, talking about it and making sure it went out for the world to see. I took pride in being a Lumberjack and still do.

Fast forward 33 years – I am, and have always been, as interested, invested and excited to share with anyone what Cloquet Schools has to offer: dedication to excellence, creative learning opportunities, support for teachers and commitment to growth for Cloquet students of all ages and abilities. I am grateful to those along the way who mentored me in these areas and taught me real skills, including Mrs. Shultz and Mr. Buytaert. I want all Cloquet students – past, present and future – to feel the same excitement about their education as I did.

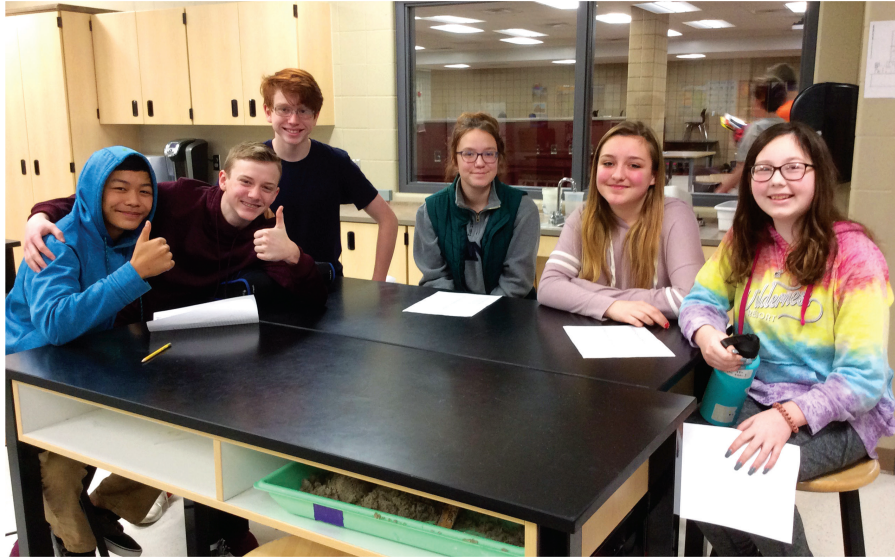
I am eager to build on the many activities and initiatives of the CEF by awarding innovative grants to benefit our students. I am so proud the CEF funds the student activities that generate excitement, real-world skills and lasting memories. I genuinely look forward to fun and festive fund-raising events like the Blue Jean Ball. I am also excited to implement a few new things into an already solid organization, such as creating a larger network of CHS alumni and friends and retooling some of our social media avenues. There is much to do, and with your help, ideas and support I am confident in our shared future together and the future of our students.

**Go Jacks!**

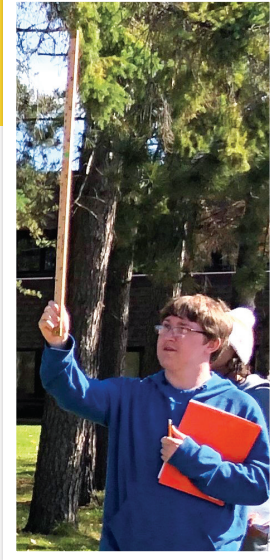
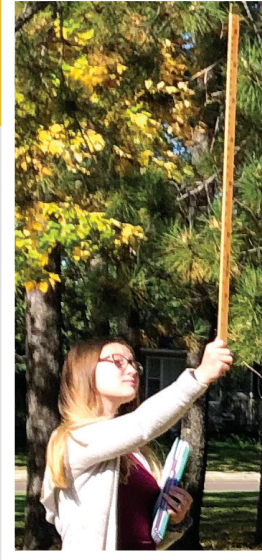




# CEF grant funded learning opportunities



**National Scripps Spelling Bee**



**Forest Management: A study of population and value (Fall 2019)** – “Thank you to CEF! It was an awesome success! Students really liked getting outside and experiencing something authentic to careers in forestry and natural resources.” CHS Biology teacher, Amy Hexum



**WE All Belong Mural** – A mural painted for students and staff created by Churchill School 4th graders class of 2018-19 with funding from the CEF.



**WE All Belong Mural**



**LINK CREW** – “Thank you! This program is such a benefit to our entire school. The program positively affects the entire school climate on a daily basis.” From **Sara Prosen**, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher and Link Crew advisor



# Donors from May 2019

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## THE CLOQUET HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1961 MEMORIAL FUND:

In Memory of Nancy (Wennerlund) Swanson '64 given by Mary (Wennerlund) & Lyle Hallock\* '61  
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'63

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## COLE DRESCHLER FAMILY FUND:

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Cloquet Color Run Silent Auction \*\*



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Thomas M. Walsh IV \*\*\*\*\* '78



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## PREVOST FAMILY FUND:

Neal Lahti  
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## RICARD and BARBARA PUUMALA FAMILY FUND:

Steve '64 & Lorna Mangan



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*In support of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and industrial arts.*  
In Honor of Robert & Eileen Cresap given by Candace (Cresap) '78 & Todd Blomquist\*  
Pete Dziuk\* '76  
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In Memory of Don Schroeder given by  
Barbara Bong  
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Steven J. Johnson\* '70  
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Karen (Matteson) Knox '65  
Greg & Bobbi (Schroeder) Lovgren\*\* '70  
Mary Jane Lundberg  
Amy (Wolf) Mondlock '81  
Carol Perttula '61  
LeAne Rutherford '55  
Peter Szyman\*  
Sue Temple\* '68  
Wendy (Wolf) Yrjanson '72  
In Memory of Bill Singpiel given by Carol Perttula '61





### ALLEN SPAFFORD MEMORIAL FUND:

David Herbert\*  
In Memory of Allen Spafford, Jr. given by  
Mrs. Barbara Spafford\*\*



### SZYMAN FAMILY FUND:

In Honor of the Marriage of Thomas P. Szyman & Terri Corey given by Robert J. & Marie Szyman\*  
In Memory of Brad Bong, Kerri Gaylen, Terri Lundquist, Todd Fish, Todd Anderson, Greg Hage, Mark McCausland, Stewart Smith, Michelle Smith, Paul Wefelmeyer, Dick Meger, Rick Turcotte, Billy Singpiel, Dan Sloan, and Dave Shotley given by Peter Szyman\*\* '80  
In Memory of Don Schroeder given by Mark Szyman\* '79



### TEXTOR FAMILY FUND FOR INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND HARMONY:

In memory of Larry Laveau given by Bob & Louwanna Johnson  
Steve '64 & Lorna Mangan



### HARRY NEWBY SR. FAMILY FUND:



### YETKA FAMILY FUND:

Steve '64 & Lorna Mangan



### JIM YORSTON FAMILY FUND:

Class of 1999 Reunion\*  
In Memory of Dick Yorston given by Steve & Lorna Mangan

### RETIRED/FORMER CLOQUET SCHOOL STAFF:

Elizabeth Anderson  
Charlie & Pat Butcher  
Patricia Luder

### FRIENDS:

Les & Sue Riess\*

### BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS:

AT&T Employee Match – Sheila (Sanda) Depre  
General Mills YourCause Employee Match – Kelly Schwenn

### ALUMNI:

1953	Peter Harris*	1979	In Memory of Our Classmates who have Passed**
1959	Gerald Knickerbocker*	1980	Sheila (Sanda) Depre
1964	Steve '64 & Lorna Mangan		Brent Fester
1972	Kenneth D. McCuskey*		Peter Szyman
1975	Sue (Setterquist) Gonzales*	1983	Tami (Anderson) Rodd
	Paul Wolner		
1978	Karrie (Anderson) Osvold		

## In memory of...

Dave Alaspa given by Cathy (Lewis) Sollom '68  
 Corrine Marie Bottila '83 given by Tami (Anderson) Rodd '83  
 Frank Carter given by American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees & School Area  
 Frank Carter given by Jim, Judy, Todd, Clare & Tom Proulx  
 JoAnna (Olson) Cole given by Morry '61 & Lauren '63 Berg  
 Gerry Cool '62 given by Don & Sue Hanson  
 Roger Davis given by Byron Backus\*  
 Jerry Edman '62 given by Joe Harmala\*  
 Tom Gerard given by Cathy (Lewis) Sollom '68  
 Ken Holmstrand given by Don & Judy Lahti\*  
 Edward A. Jacobson '52 given by Marvin Rintala '52  
 Barb Langenbrunner given by Tom Proulx  
 Peggy Lavick given by her Friends\*  
 Peggy Lavick given by Bennett & Joan Trochilil\*  
 Cary LeBrasseur '74 given by Terry Kirchhoff  
 Fred & Anna Marie Locke given by Deborah Locke '71  
 William J. Luder given by Patricia Luder\*  
 Karl Kaufman given by Joanne Kaufman\*\*  
 Barbara (Kopp) Mangan '42 given by Kathy & Steve Simula\* '66  
 Helen Medich given by Jim, Judy, & Commissioner Thomas Proulx  
 Jim & Pat Nelson given by Don & Eunice Siiter\* '49  
 Jay Newby '65 given by Barb Ross '65  
 Anna May Nummi given by Reino Nummi\* '39  
 Betty, Bill, and Joe Pearson given by Robert G. Pearson\*\*  
 Al Plante given by Marge & David Golen '52  
 Roxann Raihala given by Dr. Carmel Joy Raihala\* '80  
 David Rosen given by Kenneth A. Young  
 JoAnn Rudnicki '61 given by Terry Nydeen '61  
 Marlene (Trettel) Salls given by Robert B. Salls\*  
 David '62 & Peter '79 Sanda given by Sheila (Sanda) Depre\* '80  
 Bette Schilling '43 given by Thomas, Jim, Judy, Jimmy, & Todd Proulx  
 Jordan Tucker given by Robert & Danielle Stevens\*  
 Larry Urbanski given by Dick & Liz Brenner  
 Larry Urbanski given by Bob & Mary Gerlach\*  
 Larry Urbanski given by Tom '78 & Jeannie Kermeen  
 Larry Urbanski given by Mary Jane Lundberg  
 Larry Urbanski given by former student Steve Mangan '64  
 Lawrence Urbanski given by Cathy (Lewis) Sollom '68  
 Tom Young given by Steve '64 & Lorna Mangan

## In honor of... Fred Little's 90th Birthday

### given by:

Dan & Alice Anderson	Dana & Kathleen Malkovich
Lloyd & Jan Backus	Michael & Janet Mead
Barry & Vivian Bergquist*	Helen Medich
Bridget & Paul Brancato	Dave & Pat Meister
Emily Debele	Donna Panger '51
Friends*	Carol Perttula
Bob & Mary Gerlach	Del & Penney Prevost
William & Barbara Gravelle	Roger & Joan Rehkamp
Steve & Linda Jankowski	Phyllis Tan
Sue Kurginski	Terry & Milli Webster

Although every effort is made to ensure donation information is accurately recorded, please let us know if a correction needs to be made.

Donation of \$100 or more\*  
 Donation of \$500 or more\*\*  
 Donation of \$1,500 or more\*\*\*  
 Donation of \$5,000 or more\*\*\*\*  
 Donation of \$10,000 or more\*\*\*\*\*

Each gift we receive is meaningful and appreciated, and memorials are a wonderful expression of support for education in Cloquet. We would like to recognize **Shirley Marquerite (Clark) Oakes** (Shirley and George Oakes Family Fund) and her family for selecting the Cloquet Educational Foundation to receive gifts made in her memory.





# "I came, I saw, I loved"

## *In memory of Cole Drechsler*

These are perfect words of inspiration, and they perfectly inspired Cole Drechsler during his life and until his death in 2015. He was killed at age 20 in a tragic car accident in a head on collision by a drunk driver driving the wrong way on the highway.



**Photo Credit – Alan Johnson**

Many people look for inspiration in life, and yet many people ARE the inspiration in life. Cole Drechsler was the latter. Cole continues to be known around the Cloquet Community for his passion of an authentic self, his sharp intellect and love of the "spice of life," including Chai Tea.

Thinking of Cole reminds us of the sincere respect and kindness he showed every day toward the people around him: family, friends, teachers and people he just met.

"He was a listener," his mom, Dawn, said. "I try to live each day like he would."

Dawn related that much of Cole's life was spent actively cheering on those around him.

"He was determined to make the world a better place," she said. "His determination carried over into doing extraordinary things like Polar Bear Plunges into the icy waters of Lake Superior, or training for grueling marathons. Remarkably, his positive attitude and witty humor always carried him along the way."

It is with the idea of kindness, respect, positive energy and love of life that the Drechsler family has funded the Cole Drechsler Family Fund, in memory of Cole. Dawn, Paul and the Drechsler family hope that Cole's name will remain closely associated with the bright light that still shines in the Cloquet community and inspire many students for years to come.



# Welcome back Class of 1999

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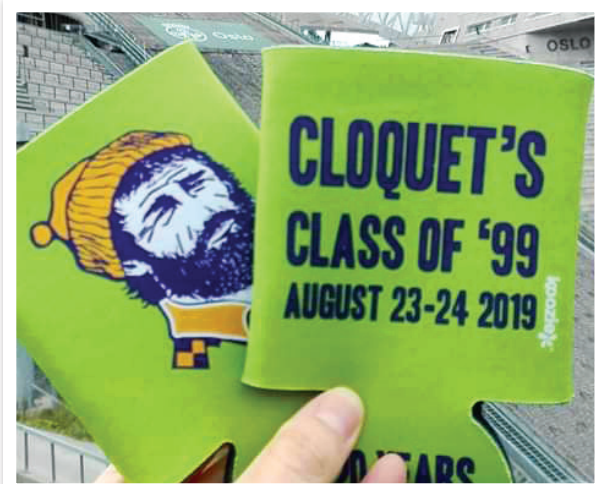
This past August, about 80 alumni of 1999 came together at the Cloquet High School to reconnect, reminisce and have some fun with old friends and new families. Along with organizers, James Pratt, Nicole (Proulx) Olson, Jana (Olson) Nyholm, found having it at the Cloquet High School a "no brainer". They chose the high school for several reasons, according to Jana.

"First, we had a lot of RSVP's coming from out of state and out of town that haven't been back in so long. It was a logical, fun choice with ample parking, space for a bouncy house and touring the building to reminisce! It felt great to walk the halls again and see the place of fond memories."

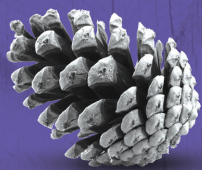
The reunion was full of fun indeed, but also a time to remember those people whose lives remain important to them and have passed on. The class decided to make a gift to CEF's Jim Yorston endowed in memory of Jim Yorston. Jana related that Ann (Yorston) Lindner is a classmate and that her dad Jim was well-liked by many of the students. "We know the benefits of what the foundation does for the CHS students". In addition, an area was set up with pictures and candles in memory of those classmates that have since passed. Both gestures are nice tributes to the kids, past, present, and future of Cloquet Schools.

As if the inflatable bouncy house wasn't enough of fun, the group ordered "1999 Reunion can koozies" as a give-a-way to attendees and to anyone who requested a set. According to Jana, "The farthest koozie is now in Oslo, Norway with Elin Arbin! She sent this pic at a ski jump, just like Pine Valley."

Job well done Class of 1999, you have set the bar high for reunions to come. If you are aware that your reunion is coming up, don't hesitate to contact the CEF office for some ways you might be able to honor and remember your class by giving to the many established and endowed funds, or by starting a class fund. Also, we are always looking for your stories of reunions to feature in our publications. Give us a call—we are here to help.







## White Pine Legacy...

### Leave a lasting legacy of education for Cloquet students and the community.

Be a part of our long-term mission. Join the White Pine Legacy by remembering the Cloquet Educational Foundation in your will or estate plan. Legacy gifts provide future support for education in Cloquet.



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## THE 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BLUE JEAN BALL "SAVE THE DATE" FEBRUARY 1, 2020



Black Bear Casino and Events Center, Otter Creek Ballroom  
Tickets \$40 per person

Call the CEF office to buy a ticket and reserve your table of 8  
A premiere event of the community, the Blue Jean Ball brings together over 450 people in support of Cloquet School funding and FUN. Join us and our major event sponsor, The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa for a great winter evening.

## Cloquet Educational Foundation Annual Golf Tournament

Placing first in the Cloquet Educational Foundation Annual Golf Tournament are Team Goodin Company:

Matt Yorston  
Erik Hanson  
Matt Carlson  
Adam Stowell

— not pictured Tim Battaglia



## ALUMNI HOCKEY GAME

### Cloquet Lumberjacks ALUMNI vs Duluth East ALUMNI



Join the Cloquet Area Chamber of Commerce at the competitive alumni hockey game where the long-time rivals battle for the coveted Alumni Cup!

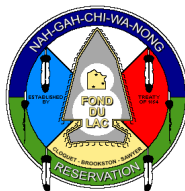
**Saturday, December 7 • 7:00 PM**

Purchase tickets at the door: \$5 Adults / \$2 Students  
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