Cloquet Educational Foundation News



CHS Students in Washington DC: A learning laboratory of civics, government and history





Cloquet seniors enjoy a day in DC with the Washington Monument in the background.

CHS students pose for a photo before boarding a boat on the Potomac River.

In this election year our thoughts turn to our Capitol City, Washington DC. This special city is the hub of political power, metropolitan activity and wide-ranging history, but each spring Washington DC turns into a learning laboratory for more than 50 Cloquet High School students, chaperones and their teacher, Chris Swanson. Swanson, CHS alumnus (class of 1995), historian, engaged citizen and CHS Social Studies teacher leads this group of seniors on a journey of more than text book lessons, but also class bonding, multi-cultural exposure and reflection of National treasures.

What started in 1985 with Social Studies teacher Paul Arnovich, the "Close-up" program evolved as Swanson found that he could cover the same educational groundwork and experiences without the cost of a national program. "As prices rose and I discovered the program was duplicating what we were already doing in the classroom. I took on the planning and guiding role, so we could explore the city as Capital, museum showcase, collection of distinct neighborhoods, and as a case-study in the conversation about who we are as Americans."

In the five days or so that the group of students are in Washington DC they see, do and experience a great deal, much of it very different from their hometown of Cloquet. From the riding of mass transit-The Metro to sharing a room with fellow travelers, Swanson has planned and packed each day with a careful collection of things to do. The students experience the usual sites of DC from monuments to museums, but he also makes arrangements to meet with elected officials or take in more "off the cuff" activities such as playing kick ball on the National Mall. According to Swanson, a trip like this is beneficial by providing experiences that "open a student's eyes in a way that reading all the books and seeing it on film just couldn't. Several students have gone on to be social studies teachers in their own right, but more have expressed a deep gratefulness for our country's rich history, the tensions of civic life, and the importance of doing our best to truly engage as citizens."

The CEF is pleased to support the annual trip to Washington DC and thanks Chris Swanson for offering a thoughtful, educational, memorable trip for CHS seniors.

The annual trip will return after the Covid 19 virus is no longer a risk to the students.

COVER PHOTO - Friends use Makers Space for "FUN-damentals" of learning.

Lumberjack lessons



Bryan Anderson shares some insights about living and working in DC with fellow Lumberjacks.

You never know where you'll find a Lumberjack.

While showing his parents (Greg -CHS Class of 1979 and Lorrie Anderson) around Mount Vernon near Washington DC, CHS alumus (Class of 2008) Bryan Anderson noticed the unmistakable "Cloquet Lumberjack" mascot on a T-shirt worn by a student on a tour. A conversation began, and in short time Bryan was talking with Chris Swanson and a crew of seniors visiting Washington DC on their annual trip. Bryan, who lives and works in DC as a Consulting Software Engineer at Cobec Consulting, has since connected with Swanson and the classes he brings out to the nation's capital, and is often invited to join the kids on a museum tour or a kickball game on the National Mall.

During the CHS trips to DC, Anderson enjoys connecting with the next crop of Lumberjacks and is quick to point out, "What you learn in Cloquet can take you to the most unexpected and amazing places." He likes to emphasize, "Far or near, a Cloquet Lumberjack is always a positive force who is willing to help out, and hopefully inspire the next cohort of leaders in the world."

Many thanks to our outstanding alumni, from generation to generation, who take time for other Lumberjacks! If you have a "Lumberjack lesson" to share, please contact our office.

CEF Supported Activities

"The CEF grants have made teaching and learning so much more enriched for Cloquet kids and we are so grateful for all you do to help kids!"

JESSICA GAGNE, CHURCHILL ELEMENTARY TEACHER





CEF funded "Makers Space" is a great place for friends to build, explore and have fun.



Middle School reading challenge winners, spring 2020.



Sixth graders use Collaborative Printmaking for Change, a CEF funded project, to examine social justice issues by using typography designs that speak to their collective ideas.



CEF was able to help fund each CAAEP senior a yearbook produced and designed by the students.

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Many hands make light work.

As we prepare for the onset of more snow, I can't help but think of clearing the driveway of all the white stuff. It sure makes it easier if the whole family kicks in, grabs a shovel and makes what seems like an insurmountable, time-consuming task a little easier.

I think I know why: It's because we are all in it together and clearing the driveway of wet-heavy snow affects us all in a positive way.

I think the same about the Cloquet Educational Foundation. We are all in it together; the success of our children relies on the quality education they receive. Our teachers, staff and administration are working very hard during these strange times to get our kids what they need to excel. The CEF works to support our district staff and their bright ideas for enhancing student learning and success. It is a fantastic feeling when we all work together to keep pace with the innovative education Cloquet is known for.

As the snow flies and we reflect on these unprecedented times, please consider a gift to the CEF as part of your Year-End Giving. And now, until the end of the year, an anonymous donor has started the process by offering to match funds of up to \$2,000 for each gift given between now and December 31. With all of us involved, we can make a real difference.

There are several ways to make your gift count in 2020:

- 1) Online: go to www.cloquetedfoundation.org and click the DONATE button
- 2) Center Envelope: Mail your gift into the CEF office with the envelope provided, please check the box, "Matching Gifts"

Each gift we receive is meaningful and appreciated, and memorials are a wonderful expression of support for education in Cloquet.



Randy Backe



Carol Bromme





Lynn (Johnson) Rinks



Theodore (Ted) L. Skare

We would like to recognize Randy Backe, Carol Bromme, Lynn (Johnson) Rinks, Theodore (Ted) L. Skare and their families for selecting the Cloquet Educational Foundation to receive gifts made in their memory.

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The '60s still rock!

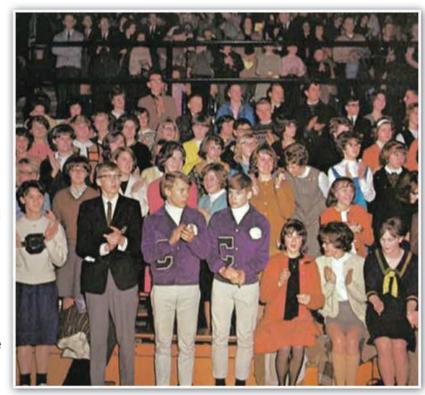
They say no one rocks and rolls like those who grew up during the decade of the '60s; we couldn't agree more!

We are pleased to announce our newest "Class Fund" honoring the class of 1965 who join the classes of 1961, 1963, and 1964 in support of the CEF! These very special funds honor and memorialize students of a graduating class by their friends and classmates. Earlier this year, the Class of 1965 contacted the Cloquet Educational Foundation office to set up the fund.

"I hope it inspires other classes to do the same by honoring the memory of special people and classmates from their graduating class, "said Kay (Bruley) Johnson, along with Biz (Allen) Peterson and others from '65 who started the class fund earlier this year.

Join the decade of the '60s - the only decade to do so - in starting a class fund for your graduating class. By creating and contributing to a class fund, your generosity comes full-circle in helping current students of Cloquet Schools participate in educational experiences that help increase their educational and personal growth. Interested? We hope so. Please contact the Cloquet Educational Foundation office for more information.

ROCK ON!



Blast from the Past: Coach Kennedy Takes CHS Team to Nationals



Coach Kennedy and Mock Trial lawyers.

Ask any student of CHS from 1967 to 1997 about social studies teacher Bill Kennedy, and you will get a variety of remarkable answers. Dedicated, passionate, plainspoken and often funny, Mr. Kennedy mastered the subjects of social studies, civics, government and law, passing down to generations the love of these basic American concepts and principles.

After a hiatus of many years, in the 1980's Coach Kennedy acted as advisor to dozens of students whose mission was to compete in realistic legal cases called

"Mock Trials," often studying for months about the nuances of each case. Students were given a role or part of the trial including prosecution/defense lawyer, witness and jury. Part drama, part classroom, the participants learned the inner-workings of the judicial system. With the help of Harry Newby Jr., Coach Kennedy was able to sharpen the Mock Trial team and in 1984 the CHS Team worked

MOCK TRIAL: ON TO NATIONALS

Objections ... practices ... Newby ... Jean Klosowski lawyers judges witnesses opponents Bloomington-Jefferson Minnesota State Champions Black's Law Dictionary ... objections ... facts ... van rides ... bailiffs ... judges ... Supreme Court Chambers of Iowa Ogallala, Nebraska ... tional Championships ... second

Mock Trial Team at Nationals in Des Moines: Steve Meister (seated), Lisa Gold-smith, Mary Swierceski, Brends Denton, Jane Mattson, Ahnna Setterquist, Todd Wendling, Michelle Liimatainen (seated), Mark Bodin, Eugene Meisner, Scott Zim-mermann, Adviser Jean Klosowski, Dave Wright, Keni Anderson, Liz Plambeck.





Bill Kennedy

its way up to Nationals. One member of that historic team that took second place in Iowa that year, Dr. Steve Meister, class of 1984, remembers the time and Mr. Kennedy this way:

"As the opening and closing attorney of the 1984 National Mock Trial Runner-up, my memories of Mr. Kennedy are awesome. He coached the Mock Trial team like he coached his hockey teams - hard work and a lot of preparation. He guided us with a stern hand, but demanded that we give 100% to our effort - he would tolerate nothing less. In his eyes there was no failure; only learning how to do things better so that at the next round of competition we improved our performance!

He taught as he coached. He was amazing and if you had the opportunity to have Mr. Kennedy for an instructor you were guaranteed to be pushed to learn and to achieve your potential whether you thought you wanted to or not!"

According to Barb Kennedy, Bill's wife of 64 years:

"He loved teaching, and he loved his students." The Cloquet Educational Foundation thanks the Kennedy family for their generosity in memory of Bill Kennedy: educator, mentor, coach, friend and teacher of more than just social studies.

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for a virtual event you'll **NEVER forget!**

Join us on-line to support education in Cloquet and celebrate the Blue Jean Ball's 20th year! More information about how to join us for this special party will be coming soon!

Cloquet Educational Foundation Annual Golf Tournament

The 16th Annual Ameriprise Sponsored Golf Tournament was held on August 3, 2020. The Cloquet Educational Foundation is especially thankful for the friendship that Ameriprise has shown us these many years as the host to an



Team Carmen's

event that supports education in Cloquet. Adding to fun and providing the food and beverages for the pre-tasting are our friends Dean and Alison Crotteau of COLD ONE Liquors and Papa Murphy's Pizza. It was a fantastic day to get out in the sunshine, play golf in the clean air and enjoy some time -socially distanced, together. Highlights of the day were the back-to-back winners of the traveling trophy: Team Goodin Company. The combined efforts of our friends, alumni and supporters raised more than \$10,000 for education in Cloquet.



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