

President's Message

It is with great sadness that I relay to the Eagle community the passing of two of East's most passionate supporters and original members of the Alumni Foundation. In June, **John Caligaris**, Class of 1977, passed away after a lengthy illness. John, a member of the Golden Eagle Hall of Fame for Service to East, was Foundation treasurer for many years, and he helped establish the Athletic Hall of Fame and was instrumental in raising funds for the construction of our Heritage Hall. In August, President of the Alumni Foundation, **Sandy Harbert**, Class of 1965, passed away following a valiant fight against cancer. Sandy, a past Eagle student, teacher, and administrator, was Foundation president for more than 10 years. She was tireless in her efforts to guide the Foundation, promote the Foundation Halls' of Fame, raise funds for student scholarships, and establish the Heritage Hall. For her many contributions to East, Sandy was also inducted into the Golden Eagle Hall of Fame. Both John and Sandy will be greatly missed at Foundation meetings, Homecoming hot dog tailgate gatherings, East assemblies, and whenever East classmates gather. Although they no longer walk the halls of East, their spirit will always be with us.

In August, District 60 recognized the contributions and qualifications of past East Eagle **Andy Clementi** by naming him East's new principal, replacing **Robert Caricato** who was named the District's Director of Secondary Education. Mr. Clementi is one who bleeds Eagle gold having been an East student, teacher, Activities Director, and Assistant Principal. Certainly there is no one who knows East better than Mr. Clementi. We welcome him in his new role with open wings.

Yes on 4A: Yes for Kids

By now, many of you are aware that District 60's Board of Directors has placed a \$218 million bond proposal (4A) on the November ballot. The bond proposal is in response to the District's Facility Master Plan and identified capital maintenance needs, stakeholder meetings during the first half of 2019, numerous town hall meetings, and community surveys. The Master Plan identified significant structural issues at East and Centennial High Schools that would require extensive and costly repairs – repairs that far exceed the cost of a new school construction. The public, through their input, clearly indicated a preference for a four high school district rather than moving to a two high school district. By keeping four high schools, Pueblo's students will be better served, and we will protect the heritage, tradition, and history of Pueblo and

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**Mission
Statement**

Provide a means for East High School Alumni to assure the school continues to be a vital force in the community!

Goals

- Perpetuate the EHS traditions of pride and excellence
- Recognize excellence in student extracurricular activities and alumni achievement
- Provide scholarship support for graduating seniors
- Enhance the image of EHS in the community
- Maintain and preserve a collection of EHS memorabilia in the Heritage Hall
- Raise funds to support the school's programs and activities

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East's New Principal

Greetings Eagle Empire,

On behalf of East High School, Alumni, Students, Staff and Families, we want to give a warm welcome to one of our own, taking the helm as Principal of East High School, **Andy Clementi**! We could not be more thrilled, nor is there anyone more deserving to take us into the school year, which begins the new decade of 2020! Welcome, Mr. Clementi!



Mr. Clementi not only graduated from East High School but began teaching at East in 2003. He was a beloved Vocal Music Educator who led his music scholars to excel in choirs, ensembles and as individual performers. Many an audience experienced the talent Mr. Clementi was able to showcase from his East High Vocal Music Students. Many a Vocal Music Student was inspired by his leadership to grow their love for music performance. Mr. Clementi leads by example as a lifetime musician. He is the lead vocalist and guitarist in the ever popular band, The Martini Shot.

After 12 years in his Vocal Music Educator role, Mr. Clementi, earned his Masters' Degree in Educational Leadership. This led him to positions as East High School's Activities and Athletic Director, and Assistant Principal. Under his leadership, East's scholars have excelled both academically and athletically. His performance expertise helped him lead as emcee in spirited assemblies celebrating many East High School State titles!

East High School's history and building is known by Mr. Clementi like no other! He volunteers as tour guide for Class Reunion Groups, and he is fun and interesting as he leads others, many his senior, in their interest and love for East.

Mr. Clementi praises Robert Caricato, East's previous principal, as a strong leader and mentor. "One of the biggest things he's always said is that anytime you have to have a conversation, whether it be a good one or a tough one, you always try and come from a caring place." Mr. Caricato has accepted a position in the Administration Building. We thank him for his years of service at East and wish him well in his new role. Although, Mr. Caricato will be sorely missed, we couldn't be happier to have Mr. Clementi lead East High.

Mr. Andy Clementi, we know your blood runs gold. We wish you well as Principal. May you continue to inspire our community of East to mount up with wings of eagles!

past investments in our neighborhoods. My personal reason for supporting the bond is that it will provide more students the opportunity to participate in activities and athletics. As I told the School Board and the media, there can only be one student council president, lead in a play, or one varsity basketball team at a high school. If there are only two high schools in Pueblo, we significantly reduce those leadership and development opportunities for our students.

The bond, if passed, will therefore result in new high schools at East and Centennial and will be built on the existing school sites. Other capital maintenance needs have been identified at Central and South High Schools as well as numerous elementary and middle schools, and priority infrastructure and code related projects are included in the bond proposal. Passage of the bond will give students throughout the district access to safer schools and updated classrooms, instructional technology, STEM/A programming, and workforce readiness so that students are ready, willing and able to enter the workforce and/or go to college. Career and technical education programming will be expanded. In short, our schools will become better places to learn and improve educational outcomes thus preparing our next generation for success.

Strong oversight of the bond will be in place. To ensure transparency of all bond fund spending, the District will establish a citizens' bond advisory committee, and all expenditures and project updates will be publicly disclosed on the District's website.

For those of you living within the District's boundaries, I strongly urge you to vote for the District's bond proposal. If you live outside of the District, encourage your Pueblo family and friends to support the bond. More information concerning the bond proposal "Yes on 4A: Yes for Kids" visit <http://www.4aforpueblokids.com/> .

Gene Wilcoxson

Class of 1969 – Foundation President

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Calendar of Events

Cannon Game

Kick-off for the 2019 edition of the East vs. South Cannon Game is scheduled to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 11. This will be the 44th game in Cannon history and the 61st game between the two schools. Although South leads the series, 30-13, East won the Cannon Game in 2018 by a score of 41-14.

Hall of Fame Nominations and Induction Ceremonies

The **Golden Eagle Hall of Fame** recognizes alumni for outstanding endeavors in their professional careers, community involvement, philanthropic giving, or service to East High School. We are always looking for worthy inductees into the Golden Eagle Hall of Fame. If you know of someone that you believe meets the listed criteria, please see the Hall of Fame and Service to East High nomination forms for information. The nomination forms can be found on the East Alumni Foundation website (<http://www.puebloeastfoundation.org/fame.html>).

Nominations for the Golden Eagle Hall of Fame are due at East High School no later than December 12, 2019 and the induction ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2020.

The **Activities Hall of Fame** was created as a way to preserve the extra-curricular activity history of East, and recognizes students who have achieved all-state status in band or choir, or placed at the state level or higher in CHSAA sponsored activities such as DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, MESA, or speech and debate.

If you have a friend or relative, perhaps from 40 or 50 years ago, that received this recognition, we'd like to know so that we may consider them for inclusion in the Activities Hall of Fame. Nomination forms can be found on the East Alumni Foundation website (<http://www.puebloeastfoundation.org/activities.html>).

Nominations for the Activities Hall of Fame are due at East High School no later than January 15, 2020 and the induction ceremony is scheduled on Thursday, May 7, 2020.

Alumni Foundation Board Meetings

With the exception of July, the Foundation Board meets monthly at 7:00 p.m. in the East High School Heritage Hall. Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month. (Due to the New Year's Day Holiday, the January 2020 meeting will be held on January 8.) Graduates, faculty, parents and friends of East are welcome to join **the Alumni Foundation and attend our meetings. There is no membership fee to join the Foundation**





WHERE IS HE NOW? Jim Bean – Class of 1969

Go to East High – See the World. These words aptly describe what has happened in Jim’s life following his graduation from East. The Class of 1969 Salutatorian, time spent in Germany while a student at Denver University helped Jim focus his sights on foreign service.

With a law degree and a M.S. in National Security Strategy, Jim began his foreign service as a Consular Officer in Mexico City in the early 1980s. His career path took him to future postings in Germany and Israel, as well as time spent in various State Department positions in Washington, DC. He was in Germany when the Berlin Wall came down, he witnessed negotiations between Palestine and Israel leaders at Camp David, and he was part of a 24/7 task force helping to coordinate the US response to the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear accident. Over the years, Jim was involved in pre-planning numerous trips for four US presidents and their Secretaries of State.

Other career highlights include Jim’s work helping to promote democracy, educational reform, women’s empowerment, and economic development, while eliminating social unrest or civil war in many regions and/or countries around the world including Nepal, Sri Lanka, Cuba, the Middle East, Europe, and Africa. In his last full-time position, Jim was Director of the Office of Civilian Police and Rule of Law Programs that provided policy and program direction for \$250 million Foreign Assistance programs promoting the rule of law in Haiti, Kosovo, Liberia, Sudan and the West Bank. Prior to this position, Jim was Deputy Director and Division Chief of the Office of Analysis for Europe where he directed the preparation of all-source analyses on US foreign policy priorities involving Germany, France, the UK, Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic for senior US policymakers.

Jim is semi-retired and continues to work on special projects assigned by the State Department. Currently, he is working on refugee and immigration issues for citizens of Venezuela seeking assistance in other Central and South American countries. Jim is married to Diane and is the father to two children.

Reunion Happenings

What a blast! The Class of 1969 recently held its 50th anniversary reunion with a mixer on the patio of Brues Alehouse, a memorial service for fallen Eagles, tour of East, and dinner at The Waterfront. Approximately 120 Eagles, spouses, and friends gathered for a weekend sharing memories, tall tales, and perhaps a few loose interpretations of events. What’s next for this class? A 55 year reunion or perhaps a birthday party for those turning 70 in two years. We’ve already assigned coordinators for our 100 and 150 year reunions.

What’s happening with your class reunion? Send us a message (info@puebloeastfoundation.org) and we’ll post your events in our Alumni newsletter.

Spring Sports Athletics and Activities Roundup

The Eagles continued their athletic success during the Spring season. Boys swimming had two state qualifiers in **Dominic Simony** and **Jett Chong**. Girls soccer and tennis showed tremendous growth from the start of the season. Baseball fought through injuries, but their young team will be ready to go in the Spring of 2020.

Track had a very strong finish for both the boys and girls. The boys team walked away with 3 individual state titles (**Luc Andrada** won the 100 Meters and 200 Meters, and **Kain Medrano** won the Discus) and two state titles in the 4 X 100 (**Luc Andrada, Kain Medrano, Marvin London Jr., and Joe Padula**) and 4 X 200 relays (**Luc Andrada, Kain Medrano, Joe Padula and Oscar Michel-Flores**). They made us proud with a 2nd place overall team finish, the best finish in Eagles history!

Spring Activities Spotlight

DECA Success

DECA (formerly Distributive Education Clubs of America), with more than 215,000 members around the world prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools and colleges.

Last year, 90% of East's 100 members participated in DECA district competitions at CSU-P. Thirty students moved on to compete at DECA State, hosted at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. **Caitlin Johnston** placed second in Professional Selling – Hospitality and Tourism and **Holly Trujillo** placed first in Professional Selling – Financial Consulting. Caitlin Johnston earned the title as the new DECA District 9 Regional Vice President. **Tori Pacheco** and **Alexis Valdez** earned medals in the Learn and Earn Fashion Show project and **Sam Miller** placed 7th in Entrepreneurship. **Caitlin, Holly, Sam, Tori** and **Alexia** all traveled to Orlando, Florida for DECA Internationals, where Caitlin earned a top performer medal for her role play.

The DECA Fashion show was a success as we celebrated the 60th anniversary of East, highlighting EHS uniforms from the past. Tuffy's Trick or Treat sponsored by CTE was a night of fun for all. Approximately 300 children celebrated Halloween by trick-or-treating in the halls and playing games in the cafeteria.

DECA officers spent the summer getting ready for the upcoming school year by participating in team building activities at the CSU-P Ropes Course.

Executive officers this year are:

Caitlin Johnston- DECA District 9 Regional VP

Hannah Saylor - President

Ryan Bayer - VP of Leadership

AJ Arellano - VP of Career Development

Malaya Pendon - VP of Marketing

Dominick Rivera - VP of Finance

Sam Miller - VP of Hospitality

As our chapter is growing, we are looking forward to another successful year.

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FCCLA



FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) is a non-profit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education. There are 175,000 members nationwide and 8,700 members in Colorado.

FCCLA saw many successes during the past school year. Receiving a 1st place gold medal at state for their Chapter Service Project were **Arlett Adame** and **Krystal Chavez** (pictured at left). **Hadley Perry** was a 2nd place silver medal winner in Culinary Math. These three students were designated national qualifiers for their state awards. Also receiving 2nd place medals in state events were **Tori Pacheco** for Cake Design and **Alejandra DeHerrera-Vega** in the Front of the House category.

2019 Scholarship Winners

For the 16th consecutive year, the Alumni Foundation recognized excellence in academics, school and community sponsored activities, and athletic endeavors by awarding scholarships totaling \$10,000 to six graduating seniors from the Class of 2019.

The family of **Tom Sorensen**, who attended East High School in the early 1960s, provided a \$3000 scholarship in memory of **Tom** for the fourth consecutive year. Other donations specifically directed to student scholarships were provided by the **East High School Class of 1978** in the amount of \$2000 for two scholarships of \$1000 each and **Jeff** and **Paula Chostner** who funded the Tuffy Eagle/Alumni Foundation \$1000 scholarship.

Thank you to the **Sorensen family**, the **Class of 1978**, **Jeff and Paula Chostner**, and all of the other East High Alumni, friends, and families who contributed financially to help make these scholarships available to graduating East High seniors.

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This year's Sorensen Scholarship was awarded to **Zek Kelly**. Zek plans to study chemistry at the Colorado School of Mines and then, as a graduate student, study chemical engineering and analytic chemistry, and enter a career in the energy sector. Once working in the energy sector, Zek hopes to examine ways of improving the production and consumption of current and newly emerging energy sources, help reduce or remove pollution from energy sources, and reduce energy costs.

The Tuffy Eagle scholarship was awarded to **Tori Pacheco**. Tori will begin pre-law studies at Metropolitan State University at Denver. With a goal of eventually becoming an attorney, Tori will help the people that have helped her and will contribute to the community that has always supported her.

Two Alumni Foundation Scholarships in the amount of \$2000 each were awarded to **Elena Gifford** and **Mable Hagans**. Elena plans to study biomedical sciences at Drake University where she has aspirations of becoming an oncologist. Mable will attend Western Colorado University and major in environmental sustainability and geology with hopes to find new sources of renewable energy.

The Class of 1978 scholarships were awarded to **Hailee Langowski** and **Ashley Madrid-Trujillo**. Hailee plans to attend Colorado State University – Pueblo where she will pursue a career in teaching or counseling, and serve children or people who have experienced traumatic home experiences. Ashley will begin her post-secondary education at the Pueblo Community College where she will study education with an ultimate goal of becoming an elementary school teacher.

The scholarships awarded this year increases the amount donated through the Alumni Foundation to the college education of East High graduates to more than \$86,000. Through future generous donations of Alumni and Friends of East to the Alumni Foundation, the Foundation plans to increase both the number and amount of scholarships awarded to graduating seniors. Your donation to the Alumni Foundation will make a difference in the lives of your fellow Eagles and the community they will serve in the future.



The Eagles' Cry

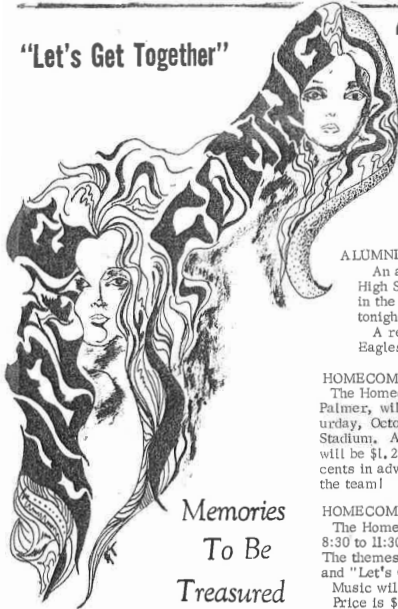


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October 3, 1969

"Let's Get Together"



Memories
To Be
Treasured

Is Homecoming a success? One may ask this question but will eventually realize that to make anything a success takes total cooperation and spirit among all students.

The vast majority of students back East wholeheartedly find and enjoy all the benefits as well. Long and grueling hours are spent practicing skits, routines, tunes and cheers to help make this activity a success. All of East's rooting section seems to thunder a more melancholy tune. Homecoming means something special, a state of utter joy and cheer seems to prevail over the entire autumn event. Because of the many trivial as well as major roles involved in Homecoming, there is no way a student could remain apathetic toward his role as an East High School Eagle.

East should be commended for its fabulous spirit of unity which makes Homecoming a glittering memory in the school's treasure chest.

"Crystal Blue Persuasion"

Is The Theme For The Week That Is

BONFIRE

The traditional Bonfire will be held at 9 p.m. Friday. All students are invited to attend. The sophomore class is responsible for the wood for the fire.

ALUMNI PARTICIPATE

An assembly for the East High School alumni will be held in the school auditorium at 7 p.m. tonight.

A reception for the former Eagles will follow the assembly.

HOMECOMING GAME

The Homecoming game, East vs. Palmer, will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 4, at Public School Stadium. Admission to the game will be \$1.25 at the gate and 50 cents in advance. Come and support the team!

HOMECOMING DANCE

The Homecoming dance will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The themes are "Crystal Blue Persuasion" and "Let's Get Together."

Music will be provided by the "Class Actio." Price is \$3.00 per couple and the dance is semi-formal.

Aquillas Do Routine

The East High School Golden "Aquillas" will also have an active part in the homecoming festivities. They will perform in the half-time program at the game Saturday. They plan to perform to a novelty Russian dance, a charleston to "Wall Street Rag", a march routine to "Cinco De Mayo" and numerous other songs.

Band to Perform At Halftime

Our Homecoming game will be set off with our marching band of ninety-seven students. Jacques Elledge, Band Sweetheart, and David Donato, drum major, will lead the band. The main theme will be "The Wide World of Herb Albert." Their selections include, Tijuana Brass Parade Marches and the traditional tunes.

POWDER PUFF GAME

The junior and senior girls played the powder puff football game on Monday, September 29th. This is a new addition to the Homecoming activities.

POSTER PARTY

A poster party for Homecoming was held on Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The poster making activities took place in the school cafeteria.

SUNRISE DANCE

Wednesday, Oct. 1, many students rose before the sun to attend the traditional sunrise dance. The early risers got their morning exercise by dancing from 5:30 to 7 a.m. A pancake breakfast concluded the morning activities.

GOLD AND WHITE DAY

Gold and White day was next on the agenda. Thursday, Oct. 2, was the date that honored the school colors. Students participated by wearing the Eagle colors.

THE HOMECOMING ASSEMBLY

The Homecoming assembly was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday October 3. A wide variety of acts made the assembly an enjoyable one.



PUEBLO EAST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI 2019 DONATION DRIVE

The Pueblo East High Alumni Foundation was founded in 2003 for the purposes of:

- Perpetuating the East High traditions of pride and excellence;
- Recognizing excellence in student extracurricular activities and alumni achievement;
- Providing scholarship support for graduating seniors;
- Maintaining and preserving a collection of East High memorabilia; and
- Raising funds to support the school's programs and activities.

The Alumni Association needs your generous financial support. The Foundation has four areas of emphasis that it uses to facilitate its mission of "Assuring East Continues to be a Vital Force in the Community"!

Community and School Support

Six senior scholarships awarded in 2019 - \$10,000
Activities Hall of Fame
Athletic Hall of Fame
Fine Arts/Music Nights
East High sporting events
Computers for Media Center
New "Tuffy Eagle" mascot costume
D60 facility master plan and 2019 bond campaign

Fundraising

Donations
Personal and Class Tiles
Fine Arts/Music Night Auction

Heritage Hall

Construction (2009)
Improvements (ongoing)
Additions to memorabilia collection
Water Wise landscaping –
completed 2012

Alumni Support

Golden Eagle Hall of Fame
Alumni website
Golden Eagle Flyer
(semi-annual newsletter)
Facebook
Class Reunion Tours

During 2018 we had 77 donors contributing \$17,454.02. For 2019, our goal remains 100 donors and \$20,000. Would you consider making your 2019 donation now? As you may know, all donor names will be displayed in the Heritage Hall for one year, since we believe you should be recognized for your contribution (unless you prefer to remain anonymous). ***Donors at the \$1,000 level will have their names permanently displayed in the Hall. During 2018, we had eight donors at this \$1,000 or above level.***

Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Respectfully,
East High School Alumni Foundation Board of Directors

Donation Form

I would like to donate to the East High School Alumni Foundation

Suggested Donation: \$25; \$50; \$100; \$500; \$1000

Your Contribution: \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email address _____

Questions/comments: info@puebloeastfoundation.org or (719) 549-7224, or provide in the space below.

All donations are tax deductible!

If you would like to restrict your donation, please let us know (e.g., scholarships).

Please mail this form and your check or money order payable to:

East High School Alumni Foundation, 9 MacNeil Rd, Pueblo, CO 81001

or use PayPal

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