



President's Message

If you haven't done so recently, take a drive east along Constitution Road, past MacAlester Road, and look to the north. Long gone are the familiar sports fields where many of us spent long hours at practice (yes, this includes cheer squads and Marching Band), and gave up a bit of sweat or blood, in our personal or team efforts to represent East High School. Now as you drive by, you'll be treated to the newest "wonder of the world" – the nearly completed "new" East High! A relatively short eighteen months have passed since groundbreaking for the new building. In that time, foundations were prepared, walls have been erected, utilities have been installed, new curbs and (some) parking lots are in place, and exterior trim is up. That's just on the outside! Inside the building, classrooms are being finished, flooring is being laid down, and scoreboards are being put up. The contractor estimates the building will be completed by the end of December or very early in the new year.

A "soft" move of furnishings, equipment, and some artwork and memorabilia will take place during the first half of 2023. Building tours are expected to occur later in the spring and the school will fully open to its students at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year. Once the existing building has been vacated next summer, demolition will begin. Following demolition, the grounds will be prepared for the new sports fields. A wonderful feature of the new sports fields will be a stand-alone concession/restroom facility.

Just as you can see the new building growing, so is student and staff excitement for the new school. At a recent event at East, I had the opportunity to speak with several middle school Year 8 students who will be in the new building's first Freshmen class. They are excited to be coming to East and REALLY excited to be coming to a brand new school. You, too, can share in the excitement, and help contribute to the legacy of the new school, by becoming an active member of the Alumni Foundation. Join us at one of our monthly meetings, become involved with our Hall of Fame and Scholarship Committees, or help plan for the new school opening. We meet at East High on the first Wednesday of every month during the school year at 7 pm.

We will share plans for building tours and a formal "grand opening" once we have that information.

A Special Donation Request

What do you do with more than 60 years of accumulated memories and treasures when you down-size? You have several options: you can throw everything away, have a yard sale, donate to a charity, or consolidate and store – possibly to bring out with changing seasons. This is a challenge the Alumni Foundation and the school faces as we prepare to move into the new building at the start of the 2023 school year.

East, sized at 230,000 square feet, currently has nearly 900 linear feet of display cabinets, wall mounted artwork, photographs, sculptures, and bulletin boards lining the hallways, Media Center, Cafeteria, and Alumni Heritage Hall alone. The new 185,000 square foot building has approximately 200 linear feet of dedicated display space. No matter if we use the math we

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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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Principal's Message

It is once again an honor to address our Eagle Alumni and families. I am hoping this newsletter finds you and yours well. Here at East, we have had a strong opening to the 2022-2023 school year and are looking forward to a year filled with students' successes, both academically and in our activities and athletics.



For the first time in a very long time, we have opened fully with no public health restrictions and The Eagle Empire is taking full advantage of the high school experience.

The year began with a noticeable sense of excitement and optimism. To start with a true feeling of normalcy and the ability to continue through the months has made a difference for the school. This has translated into some spirited, well attended assemblies and events, along with success in a variety of arenas.

We continue to enjoy a return to tradition. Our Homecoming Dance was held outdoors at Mr. Tandoori's downtown with a large contingent of joyous teenagers enjoying a time-honored and enjoyable piece of what makes East's heritage so special. Our staff has continued to focus on building meaningful relationships with the over 970 students walking our halls as enrollment numbers have steadily grown over the last few years. Speaking of traditions and cultivation of a winning culture, it has been remarkable to witness our school community brim with pride as they pass by a newly-painted gold cannon in the commons area. Once again, the cannon BOOMS GOLD!

Just days ago, the signage of the brand new East High School was put on what will be the outside of the auditorium of our new building. To see the magnificent and speedy erection of what is to be a new beacon of our part of town has been nothing short of inspiring. Tours have begun for staff and some community members, and though not complete, the excitement of the imminent move into our new home is certainly palpable.

The Pride of The East Side is alive and well. With the unbridled respect and admiration for what has come before, the Eagles are prepared for the bright future of East High School, and we are primed to continue to make The Eagle Empire proud in all that we do. The best is yet to come, and it is always a great day to be an Eagle!

Andy Clementi
East HS Principal

were taught years ago or even “the new math”, there is just no way everything that is currently displayed can fit into the new building. Coupled with 60 plus years of old stuff, we must keep in mind that there will be new stuff to add during an expected 50 years in the new building.

Part of the problem will be solved through the use of new technology. Multiple video display panels will be mounted throughout the new building. Many of the currently displayed photographs, artwork, posters, etc., will be converted to digital media and shown on the display panels. Some items could become part of a permanent display while other items might be shown to coincide with special events or seasons.

However, not everything can or should be digitized. Many trophies, sculptures and other artwork, or other memorabilia needs to be retained as is. Therein lies a problem. Where do we put those items we want to keep? Art galleries and museums have dedicated storage space. We, unfortunately, do not.

Can you help? Do you have a fully enclosed, and secured with limited access, storage space within Pueblo that you would be willing to donate to the Alumni Foundation for at least temporary (12 months) storage of our treasures beginning in the Spring of 2023? A guess is that we would need a space measuring 25' x 25' and ideally have shelving. We expect to begin relocating memorabilia at that time in preparation for the new school opening in the Fall of 2023. Everything that we wish to keep will need to be removed from the existing building by early next summer in preparation for building demolition.

If you have donatable space, please contact the Alumni Foundation by email at info@puebloeastfoundation.org or through East High at 719-549-7222.

Gene Wilcoxson

Class of 1969 – Foundation President

2022 Senior Scholarships

For the 19th consecutive year, the Alumni Foundation recognized excellence in academics, school and community sponsored activities, and athletic endeavors by awarding scholarships totaling \$13,000 to three graduating seniors from the Class of 2022.

The family of Tom Sorensen, who attended East High School in the early 1960s, provided \$4000 for scholarships in memory of Tom. 2022 was the 7th consecutive year Tom's family has recognized student achievement. Two \$2000 scholarships were provided by the East High School Class of 1978 and the family and friends of John Caligaris, Class of 1977, in John's memory. Through a donation from an East alum who wishes to remain anonymous, a Foundation Legacy Scholarship (FLS) in the amount of \$5000 was established this year. A feature of this new scholarship is that it is renewable for an additional three years, increasing its total value to \$20,000. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior each year and is being funded by an ongoing commitment from this alum. Thank you to these donors and the many other East alumni, family, and friends who contributed to help make these scholarships available to graduating East seniors.

This year's recipient of the first renewable Alumni Foundation Legacy Scholarship is **Divina Walter** who plans to study music production & performance at the Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design.

The Sorensen Scholarship was awarded to **Seungwon (Collin) Han**. With dreams of becoming an aerospace engineer, Collin will begin his studies at CSU-Pueblo.

Kaydence Sandoval received the John Caligaris Memorial Scholarship and the Class of 1978 Scholarship. Kaydence is studying psychology at Hawaii Pacific University.

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The scholarships awarded this year increases the amount donated through the Alumni Foundation to the college education of East High graduates to more than \$113,000. Through future generous donations of alumni and friends of East to the Alumni Foundation, the Foundation plans to increase both the number and the amount of scholarships awarded to graduating seniors. Your donation to the Alumni Foundation will make a difference in the lives of our fellow Eagles and to community they will serve in the future.

The number of Alumni scholarship applications has declined over the past few years and some scholarship dollars are waiting for eligible recipients. Please encourage East High seniors you know to apply for the Alumni Foundation scholarships. The 2023 scholarship applications will be in the Counselor's Office mid-January and must be returned by March 28.

WHERE IS HE NOW?
Jack Pecoraro

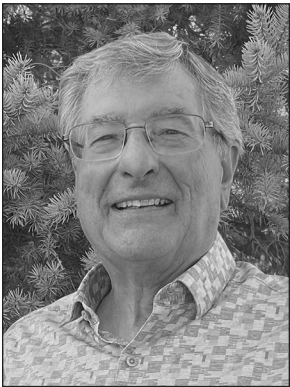
Mr. Jack Pecoraro retired from District 60 in 1997. He had 34 years of service and finished his career as the principal of East High School. He continues to support East as an active Board Member Emeritus of the Alumni Foundation. Jack was also on the board of directors for SunWest Credit Union for 16 years.

The youngest of four children of a CF&I Mill worker, Jack graduated from Centennial High School in 1959 and the University of Northern Colorado in 1963. He is very close to his siblings and sees his oldest brother, almost daily. Being the youngest, he is always quick to help in any way he can if one of his siblings needs something done.

He has been married to Sally for 58 years. They have 3 children, Carrie, Missy, and Jack, who are grown and married, 6 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild on the way. Jack and Sally are very involved helping their children and grandchildren whether it is babysitting, watching activities, celebrating special events or just making sure their dinner is taken care of a couple of times a week.

Jack and Sally have both been faithful volunteers at Pueblo's elementary schools. They began volunteering at South Park where their daughter Missy, or Mrs. Koonce, taught. Mrs. Koonce was also at Franklin and is currently at Minnequa. Jack has been helping students sharpen their reading skills at South Park for about 13 years.

Mr. Pecoraro is a fabulous leader by example. He has a great smile and is very personable. He cares about others and helps for the sake of their benefit not expecting anything in return. Because of Jack Pecoraro the world is definitely a better place. Where is he now? He remains in his hometown of Pueblo, volunteering and taking care of others. He truly has a heart of gold, and we are proud he is an Eagle.



Activities Spotlight: Instrumental Music and the Marching Band

For more than 60 years, instrumental music classes have been taught in Room 40. Taught by **Mr. Christopher Herron**, classes are offered for piano, jazz band, symphonic band, concert band, marching band, and orchestra.

Marching Band, which began practice in the summer months long before this school year started, has ended the season. Mr. Herron writes of their last competition, “We had a very successful day today! The band was able to improve in every single category compared to last year and had our highest score in nearly 10 years.”

This fall 2022 is the first time that East High School’s Marching Band had their own trailer (pictured above with members of the Marching Band) in which to cart instruments for football half-time shows as well as for Pep Band. No longer does East High have to rent a U-Haul to move instruments to Dutch Clark Stadium or to different Marching Band competitions and showcases. Purchase of the trailer happened through the vision and hard work of Mr. Herron along with generous donations he was able to collect from family, friends, and East’s Alumni Foundation which had funds from Parents Promoting Music. The District 60 School Board accepted the donation of the trailer from the East Alumni Foundation for use by East’s Instrumental Music Program.

Donations to the East Instrumental Music Program may be made using the donation form at the end of this news flyer. Please specify you would like your gift to be used for the Instrumental Music program and include your year of graduation, if applicable. Lastly, you may contact Mr. Herron at christopher.herron@pueblod60.org.



Are you on the move?

Twice a year, the East Alumni Foundation publishes and mails to nearly 1,100 interested alumni and friends of East a copy of the “Golden Eagle Flyer” newsletter. If you are moving to a new address, please let us know so that we can update our alumni database. There are two easy ways to share your change of address. You can update us by completing and returning our donation form (hopefully with a donation to the Foundation) or by sending a short message with your name, new address, and (if applicable) your year of graduation to our email address: info@puebloeastfoundation.org. If you have a family member or friend of East that does not receive our newsletter and would like a copy, please share our email address with them and we’ll add their names to our database and include them in our next newsletter mailing. Finally, because it happens in life, if one of your classmates or friends that received the newsletter previously has passed away, and there is no one with ties to East at their address, please let us know so that we can take their contact information off mailing database.



Fall Activities and Athletics Update

As fall semester got underway, the marching band under the direction of **Mr. Chris Herron** were able to show off all of the hard work they have been doing over the summer at the state competition. The marching band continues to improve and still have their sights set on state! They work extremely hard and the future looks promising. Vocal music just completed their first concert of the year with their Fall concert on October 20, 2022. **Mr. Andrew Watson** continues to have outstanding vocal music groups. The Golden Feather has completed their soft re-opening, and the menu from **Ms. Janae Passalacqua's** students provides creativity, variety, and flavors that blend perfectly to match the time of year. DECA is working on projects that will support their State Competition this Spring. **Ms. Jacqueline Armenta** is very excited about the entries, so stay tuned!

The Eagles took flight this fall in Co-Ed Cross Country, Boys' Golf, Boys' Soccer, Boys' Tennis, Football, Softball, Girls' Volleyball, Unified Bowling, and eSports. With the arrival of one of the largest freshmen classes we have had in many years, the future looks very bright! We fell short of regionals in Cross Country, Soccer and Tennis but the student athletes gave it their all and represented the Empire with class and respect. Be on the lookout for **Cade Markert** and **Ava Andrada** in Cross Country, **Bryce Cason** and **Carstin Page** in Soccer and **Landon Martinez** in Tennis. Every year, they continue to improve and hopefully next year, make some waves in the postseason! Boys Golf had a state qualifying golfer in Sophomore **Jayden Padilla**, who continues to lower his scores. Softball competed at Regionals and had a season-ending difficult loss to Palmer Ridge 4-0. Pitcher **Mariah Gonzales** led the way with her pitching and earned an All-State recognition for her work. Football is currently 7-2 and sitting in 9th place in the RPI rankings. They have completed one goal of the 2022 season by bringing the Cannon back to the Eastside. They are working on completing the regular season with a league championship and then a playoff run to the state championship game. Led by a strong group of Seniors in **Tatum Rivera**, **Greg Guerra**, **Daniel Badillo**, and a talented group of Sophomores in **Zayden Stevens**, **Isaiah Trujillo**, and **Isaiah Garcia**, the Eagles will be ready for November football! Volleyball is heading into their tournament and with a solid performance, they will also punch their ticket into the postseason. The Senior girls have been led by **Grace Helzer**, **Marli Terry**, and **Amanda Reyes**. Like all of our teams, the future is bright with young Eagle leaders, **Nina Cowan**, **Myah Abeyta**, and **Ashlynn Koch**. Unified Bowling is hoping to make another run at State led by **Ebony Andrews-Padilla** and **Eliazar Maldonado**. eSports is just opening their season and will continue through the Winter. It has been nice having our Alumni and fans back in the stands to support our teams and look forward to seeing everyone out to support in the future. For an updated schedule, you can visit southcentralco.org. Go Eagles!

Alumni Out and About

Two Rivers

The Alumni Foundation partnered with the Booster Club at the July 30 showing of the “Two Rivers” football documentary at Memorial Hall. The documentary told the story of the Bell and Cannon football games.

Alumni Foundation and Booster Club members shared with members of the public the good things happening at East, displayed conceptual diagrams of the new building as well as memorabilia from years gone by, and sold wearables as a fundraiser.



Homecoming Tailgate

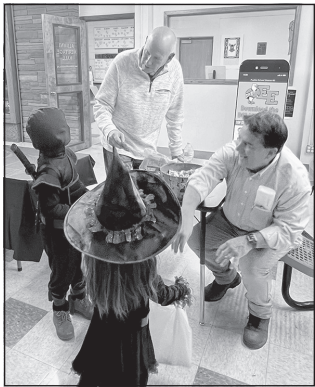
For many years, the Alumni Foundation has hosted a hot dog tailgate party at the Homecoming Football game. Nearly 200 hotdogs were shared with East stu-



dent's, families, and football supporters. East was victorious in their Homecoming game, defeating La Junta 38 – 13. The food and beverages were kindly donated by individual donations from members of the Alumni Foundation Board of Directors.

Tuffy's Trick or Treat

Helping to support the FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leader of America) programs at East, the Alumni Foundation participated in the annual Tuffy's Trick or Treat at East where well over 500 neighborhood children, and their family and friends, received treats and played games sponsored by various East activities, sports teams, and departments. Tuffy's Trick or Treat is part of the FCCLA Event Management competition where students apply learned skills, including budgeting, marketing, sponsorship, and recruitment, to plan an event for an educational institution, community or non-profit organization, business, or government institution.



PUEBLO EAST HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI 2022 DONATION DRIVE

New Building Equipment and Artwork Fundraiser

East graduates, families, and friends now is your opportunity to make a difference in the Eastside community and generations of East Eagles who are yet to walk through the halls of East High School. Our new building, due to open in the fall of 2023, will support 21st Century student learning and Pueblo's future. The nearly \$76 million preliminary budget for replacing the existing building includes new furnishings, fixtures, and equipment, but does not provide for what is currently used daily in classrooms, for after-school activities, or in the gyms and sports fields. The budget also does not include funds for some of the iconic artwork and symbols at the current East that can be easily replicated and replaced at East. A partial list of requested items includes:

- Equipment for science and technology classes including vinyl & laser cutters, 3-D printers, robotics equipment, power and hand tools, CNC machines
- SLR detachable lens camera kits, 5-inch reflector telescope and graphics computer, digital microscope, aquaponics/hydroponics kits
- Exceptional Student Services (ESS), which supports the needs of disabled students, with exercise equipment, learning games, and specialized furniture
- Computing equipment and gaming projectors for e-Sports
- Athletics scoring tables, courtside runners
- Restoration of the wall-mounted Tuffy Eagle on the exterior of the auditorium
- Restoration, as needed, of the state championship wall medallions currently mounted on the exterior of the gym
- Tuffy Eagle floor overlay located in the student lobby, other replicable interior artwork
- Exterior E-H-S landscape letters at the entrance to the school

In addition to our appeal to you, the East High School Alumni Foundation is challenging **each previous graduating class** to donate a minimum of \$1000 to support the purchase of new equipment for academic, after-school activities, and athletic programs as well as maintain the symbols of the Eagle Empire. On behalf of your or a family member's graduating class, please contribute as you are able. Our progress to date follows.

Through the first ten months of 2022, generous donors have contributed more than \$55,000 towards East High and its students. Of this amount, more than \$16,550 was identified for student scholarships with \$13,000 specifically designated for graduating seniors this past spring. Nearly \$9,400 was contributed specifically for the Alumni Foundation to purchase, for the instrumental music program, an enclosed trailer which will be used to transport instruments, equipment, and props to sporting events and band competitions. For insurance, maintenance, and registration purposes, the trailer was donated to East through Pueblo School District No. 60.

Other donations have been received for the programs and projects listed below:

- Science, Math, and Technology - \$1,600
- Exceptional Student Services - \$5,250
- Career and Technical Education - \$750
- Activities such as DECA, FBLA, Speech & Debate, FCCLA, Drama - \$1,000
- Instrumental and Vocal Music, Art - \$200
- Athletics - \$250
- JROTC - \$350
- Artwork and East Icons - \$1,100
- New Heritage Hall - \$200
- Not Designated - \$19,100

The graduation year \$1000 challenge has yielded the following results through October 2022:

Graduation		Graduation		Graduation	
Year	Amount	Year	Amount	Year	Amount
1962	\$100.00	1972	\$5,000.00	1988	\$1,600.00
1964	\$100.00	1973	\$333.33	1996	\$550.00
1965	\$200.00	1976	\$680.00	2003	\$500.00
1966	\$1,350.00	1977	\$1,977.00	2012	\$1,666.66
1967	\$9,265.00	1978	\$3,000.00	2014	\$1,666.67
1968	\$650.00	1979	\$1,000.00	2019	\$1,666.67
1969	\$4573.33	1981	\$1,102.54	2023	\$65.00
1970	\$1,333.34	1982	\$2,559.15		

As we approach the end of the year, please consider a donation on behalf of a graduating class to a program or project of your choice.

Please mail your donation (payable to the Pueblo East High Alumni Foundation) using the following form and include your **name, address, phone number, email address and graduating class**, to the East High Alumni Foundation, 9 MacNeil Rd., Pueblo, CO 81001. Donations can also be made using the PayPal account on the Foundation website at www.puebloeastfoundation.org where you can click on the Donate tab and follow the provided directions. Donations are tax deductible!

Hall of Fame Updates

Golden Eagle Hall of Fame

If you plan to nominate a classmate for the 2023 Golden Eagle Hall of Fame or a contributor of Service to the School, the nominations are due in the Principal’s Office at East no later than Wednesday, December 14, 2022. Nomination forms can be found under the Hall of Fame tab on the Alumni Foundation website (www.puebloeastfoundation.org). Nominations submitted previously will be considered for the Class of 2023.

Nominees for the Golden Eagle Hall of Fame must be a graduate of Pueblo East High School and have demonstrated positive contributions in professional and service areas. Nominees for Service to the School recognition are not required to be graduates of East and have demonstrated positive contributions in service to the school.

The Golden Eagle Hall of Fame induction ceremony and an informal celebration dinner have been scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2023. The induction ceremony will take place at 10:13 a.m. in the East auditorium and the celebration dinner will be held at the Pueblo County Club.

Activities and Athletics Hall of Fame

Eight recent student athletes and two state championship teams were recognized during the May 12 Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony. An additional thirteen East High graduates were inducted into the Activities Hall of Fame ceremony on October 13. The graduates offered insights into the impact of Athletics and Activities in their high school, college and university, and personal and professional lives.

Nominations for the 2023 Athletics Hall of Fame are being accepted through January 1, 2023. At this time, the induction ceremony is planned for a date still to be determined in October 2023. The next Activities Hall of Fame ceremony will be held in 2024 with nominations due in early 2024.

For the Activities and Athletics Halls of Fame, nominees must have graduated, or retired as coach/sponsor, from East High School five years prior to nomination. An exception occurs for State Championship athletic teams which are inducted as soon as possible following their competition. Nominees should have received state or national recognition in a CHSAA sponsored event. Nomination forms are found on the Activities or Athletics Hall of Fame sections the Alumni Foundation website.

Donation Form

**I want to help my East High School with
new equipment and saving our art and icons!**

Enclosed is my gift of: ☐ \$1000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$25
☐ Other \$ _____

Please ensure my donation is used to support:

<input type="radio"/> Math, Science, and Technology	<input type="radio"/> Exceptional Student Services (ESS)	<input type="radio"/> Career and Technical Education
<input type="radio"/> Activities such as DECA, FBLA, Speech & Debate, FCCLA, Drama	<input type="radio"/> Instrumental and Vocal Music, Art	<input type="radio"/> Academic programs including Language Arts and Social Studies
<input type="radio"/> Athletics	<input type="radio"/> JROTC	<input type="radio"/> Artwork and East Icons
<input type="radio"/> Other (please identify) _____		

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

PayPal is on the Foundation website at www.puebloeastfoundation.org.
Click on the PayPal tab and follow directions.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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I AM SUPPORTING THE GRADUATION CLASS OF _____ WITH MY DONATION!

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



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