

KEEP UP TO DATE ON REUNIONS AND ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

Reunions are starting to be scheduled for 2021! If your class is planning their reunion let us know at the Alumni Network. You can reach us at fpsfound@fargo.k12.nd.us or by phone at (701)446-1041.

Update your contact information so you don't miss out on any AlumniNews or future reunions. Check out the Alumni Network at: <https://fargoschoolsfoundation.org/fps-alumni-network/>.



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WAYS TO GIVE BACK

Check out ways you can give back.

Giving Hearts Day is almost here! You can schedule your Giving Hearts Day gift by [clicking here](#) or by going to GivingHeartsDay.org and search for the Fargo Public Schools Foundation. Just make sure the "Pay on Giving Hearts Day, February 11th, 2021" box remains checked and your gift will automatically process on February 11th!



Help someone.



On February 11, 2021 support the **Fargo Public Schools Foundation Critical Needs Program.**

Help ensure that each and every student who needs help with basic needs receives support.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Kari Lugo, Fargo North, 1992



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE SINCE GRADUATING?

I attended NDSU for a few years majoring in Theatre before I ultimately moved to Los Angeles. I pursued acting for 7 years and enjoyed working in movies and television for a while. Then, for the next 8 years, I worked for national radio stations and film/tv industry media.

My last career experience in Los Angeles was with The Wall Street Journal in global advertising. I lived in L.A. for 15 years before coming home to Fargo where I work as the Advertising Sales Director for Midwest Nest Magazine and am also a Co-Founder of Lunch Aid North Dakota, an organization working on our charitable status to help aid those suffering from food insecurity.

Lunch Aid North Dakota's mission is to aid those suffering from food insecurity in our community through music. It started in 2019 when discovering that there was past due lunch debt at Fargo Public Schools of \$26,000. We were able to bring together 10 local bands and ultimately raised \$19,482. In 2020 we were able to hold a virtual event and raised \$20,196 for Heart-n-Soul Community Cafe. To keep up on our latest efforts and news you can follow us on Facebook at: [@lunchaidnorthdakota](https://www.facebook.com/lunchaidnorthdakota).

HOW DO YOU FEEL YOUR EDUCATION AT FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS HELPED PREPARE YOU FOR YOUR CURRENT CAREER?

Fargo North gave me the opportunity to absorb and identify with many different personalities and interests, through my classmates and teachers.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.

I currently live in my childhood home with both my parents and my brother. My brother and I moved back home several years ago to help care for my Mother who has had ALS for nearly 10 years. I am her main caregiver. It's actually a very wonderful thing to live with my family during this time, although it can get very challenging, it has also been a great blessing.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST MEMORY FROM YOUR TIME AT FARGO NORTH HIGH SCHOOL?

My most vivid memories surround the unique opportunities to grow, learn and form my own interests through experiences. I tried many clubs and activities and had so much fun broadening my horizons.

WHO INSPIRED YOU THE MOST AT FARGO NORTH HIGH SCHOOL AND WHY?

Ed Raymond, my poetry teacher, and the Principal while I attended North High School. The way he allowed me to open up to my own creativity and feel confident about it was a great gift. My time at Fargo North High School allowed me to receive excellent life experiences and learning opportunities to take with me on my life journey.

UPCOMING REUNIONS

Fargo South Class of 1981 July 9 & 10, 2021



Fargo South Class of 1981 plans to hold their 40th Class Reunion on July 9 & 10, 2021.

Yes, we are that old. Our 40th Class Reunion will be a blast and we want YOU to attend. Plans are for a golf outing and Friday and Saturday night socials. The committees are hard at work to make this a special weekend.

For more information, contact Tom “Gabby” Gravel at tmgravel@gmail.com or click on the Facebook link for more info!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/112820748757346/events>.

UPDATES FROM ALUMNI

Jean Quam, Fargo North 1966

Graduated from Moorhead State University in 1970 and earned a PhD in Social Welfare from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1980. Professor of Social Work at the University of Minnesota since 1980. Recently retired after 10 years as the Dean of the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota. Still teaching part-time.

SUBMIT AN UPDATE

Fargo Public School graduates open new worlds for themselves after high school. If you have a story to suggest, contact us at fpsfound@fargo.k12.nd.us. You can also send us your own alumni update to be featured in the AlumniNews at this link:

<https://fargoschoolsfoundation.org/fps-alumni-network/stay-in-touch.html>.



FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS REUNIONS

Hello Alumni!

If you have an upcoming reunion let us know. We will make sure it is in the AlumniNews and shared on our social media.

Contact us at :

701.446.1041

or

fpsfound@fargo.k12.nd.us



STAY IN TOUCH!

Please update your name, address and e-mail at:

fargoschoolsfoundation.org/fps-alumni-network/stay-in-touch.html

ALUMNI BRIEFS

Following are alumni, past and present educators, and future alumni who have submitted information or made the news. If you would like to be included in the alumni briefs please contact us at fpsfound@fargo.k12.nd.us or update your information and send us an alumni brief through the web at fargoschoolsfoundation.org, select the Alumni Network and click on Stay in Touch.

Jonathan Judd ~ Fargo North, 1991



The Forum

Jonathan Judd was elected Mayor of Moorhead and began his term in 2019. He is currently the Director of Equity and Inclusion at Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Moorhead and an adjunct instructor at Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Judd, a former Fargo resident, also served on the North Dakota Federal District Court Criminal Justice Act Panel where he represented indigent federal clients. He was a public defender in the Seventh District, a prosecutor for Clay County and a private attorney for his own firm.

It was announced on Jan. 25th by Governor Tim Walz that Mayor Jonathan Judd was appointed as judge in the Seventh Judicial District. The Seventh Judicial District covers Becker, Benton, Clay, Douglas, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Otter Tail, Stearns, Todd, and Wadena Counties. Judd will resign as mayor in February to take on this new role. *The Forum*

Madison Bell ~ Fargo Davies, 2020

Madison Bell is currently attending school at Minnesota State University Moorhead where she is on the Women's Tennis team. She is majoring in Exercise Science and plans to go to graduate school for Occupational Therapy.

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REMEMBERING THOSE WE HAVE LOST

We will always cherish our alumni, teachers, administrators, and FPS staff that have been lost. We have provided a space to memorialize those who have passed at the Alumni Network webpage.

<https://fargoschoolsfoundation.org/fps-alumni-network/remembering/>



Obituaries are listed for those who attended and worked at Fargo Public Schools. Click on the links below.

[Fargo Central High School](#)

[Fargo Davies High School](#)

[Fargo North High School](#)

[Fargo South High School](#)

[Woodrow Wilson High School](#)

[Fargo Public Schools Staff](#)

Please note that the Alumni Network website list includes updates reported by family, friends, newspapers and other sources. It may not be all inclusive of all those that have been lost.

If you have a remembrance you would like us to post please contact us at fpsfound@fargo.k12.nd.us.

ALUMNI BRIEFS (CONTINUED)



The Forum

Bryan Hanson ~ Fargo North, 1991

Bryan helped establish Fargo North's Baseball Program in the late 90's, when it was still a club sport. In 2000 it was moved under the North Dakota High School Association Class A umbrella. Bryan currently works at West Central Regional Juvenile Center, an entity of Clay County, MN, as the supervisor for the Independent Living Program.

In November 2019 Bryan started having health issues. This led to a diagnosis of Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency. This is a genetic condition that represents severe scarring of the liver. After a visit with the Mayo Clinic he found out the best-case scenario would be getting a liver transplant.

There is an online fundraiser through **Lend A Hand Up** for Bryan with a benefit planned on March 20, 2021 at El Zagal Shrine. For more information go to Lend A Hand Up website [Bryan Hanson Fundraiser](#). *The Forum*

Leah Juelke ~ Fargo South, 2001

Leah Juelke was one of the top 10 finalists for the Global Teacher Prize. The Varkey Foundation presents the Global Teacher Prize on an annual basis. This award provides a \$1 million dollar award to an exceptional teacher who has made an outstanding contribution to their profession.

Leah works at South High School where the majority of her students are refugees who come from camps and war-torn countries. One of Leah's biggest successes is the establishment of the Journey to America project.

Students write about their difficult journeys from dangerous places to the relative safety of North Dakota. These works have been put into books that have helped students work on their traumas. Leah's classes have now published six different volumes of the book over the last six years. If you would like to see more information and work of Journey to America it can be found at this link: <https://ellfargosouth.weebly.com/>.

The winner of the 2020 Global Teacher Prize was Indian village teacher Ranjitsinh Disale, who transformed the life chances of young girls at the Zilla Parishad Primary School, Paritewadi, Solapur, Maharashtra, India,

Varkey Foundation, Global Teacher Prize



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GIFTS IN HONOR, CELEBRATION, OR MEMORY OF SOMEONE SPECIAL

HONOR A MEMORY

A memorial donation provides the opportunity to make a donation in memory of a loved one or friend. When an "in memory" gift is received, the Fargo Public Schools Foundation will send a card to the family letting them know that you have honored their loved one's memory with a meaningful gift, amount is not noted.

GIVE A GIFT BY GIVING

Instead of presents or flowers, honor someone special with a donation to the Fargo Public Schools Foundation. Honor alumni, loved ones or anyone special with a donation. Recognize birthdays, anniversaries, promotions, retirement, achievements, or any special occasion. We will send a card with a meaningful message to the honoree, amount is not noted.



WAYS TO GIVE BACK



Fargo Area Dollars for Scholars is our community's way of showing our high school graduates they are important to us.



Through this local program, graduating seniors from Fargo Davies, Fargo North, Fargo South, Oak Grove, Shanley and Woodrow Wilson high schools receive \$1,000 scholarships to help them reach their goals and move forward with their education.

Scholarship funding comes from endowed funds and annual fundraising. If you would like to help provide a scholarship to a graduating senior in our community you can make a donation at:

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=a7a7e5>.



Funds are being raised to privately fund artificial turf at Davies High School to provide a safe, consistent playing surface for all seasons.

A turf field at Davies will provide more opportunities for physical education classes, will increase practice space for soccer, football, track, cross-country, softball and baseball, and will also support community youth programs that require competitive green space.

The goal is to raise \$1.3 million dollars nearly 87% of that goal has been met. If you you would like to help meet this goal you can donate at: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=UJhcgu>.



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“Partnering with Fargo Public Schools, their alumni, and the greater community to enrich and enhance learning experiences to maximize student potential.”



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