

VISIT THE NEW FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALUMNI NETWORK PAGE

We are proud of alumni who have called Fargo Public Schools home, and know FPS graduates look back on their school days with fond memories.

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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FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION IS PARTICIPATING IN THE FM AREA FOUNDATION CARING CATALOG

The FM Area Foundation, our local community foundation, is hosting the Caring Catalog, an online, giving platform to support nonprofit work in Cass-Clay this holiday season.

From November 24 to December 14, you can donate online at: areafoundation.org/caringcatalog and donate to the Fargo Public Schools Foundation.

Funds are being raised for Innovative Education Grants for teachers at Fargo Public Schools. These grants allow for innovative and cutting-edge educational programs and projects, the kind of programs and projects that challenge teachers to take their students to the next level of learning and encourage students to push themselves to higher academic achievements.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Leola Daul, Fargo South, 1980



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE SINCE GRADUATING?

I graduated from NDSU in 1984 with a degree in Home Economics and Child Development. I then worked in various child development settings in the Twin Cities before returning to Fargo and starting my own home childcare business from 1991-1999.

In 1999 I started at the SouthEastern ND Community Action Agency (SENDCAA) Early Childhood Center as a teacher. I then transitioned to SENDCAA Head Start and was a Family and Community Partnerships Coordinator for 16 years. Now I am an Early Childhood Licensing Specialist at Cass County Social Services.

My work and life experiences have led me to realize we have a giving community and also a community where some people are in need of nutritious meals. Growing up with my mom's good cooking and always having dinner guests at the table, I noticed how food would bring people together. Our guests may have come from different circumstances and backgrounds, but we had much in common. These dinner time experiences inspired me to start the non-profit, Heart-n-Soul Community Cafe. Heart-n-Soul Community Cafe is a social entrepreneurship that serves locally-grown, fresh food and operates under a pay-what-you-can model. We value a place where everyone is welcome and provide creative payment solutions for all.

The Cafe used to do pop-up events at various locations in the FM Area, including churches, local restaurants and event spaces, but due to the pandemic our volunteers are putting together lunches at Square One Kitchen and delivering the lunches on Fridays. We are also offering some to-go evening meals. If you are interested in a meal, volunteering or finding out more checkout our Facebook page [@HeartnSoulCommunityCafe](#) or website <https://www.heartnsoulcafe.com/>.

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

I was very fortunate to have had a lot of positive experiences at South High School. I was on the swim team, involved in orchestra, and was able to take a child development class that introduced me to the Early Childhood Development field. I participated in the JET (Junior Education of Tomorrow) program. All of this helped give me the confidence to go to NDSU and further my education.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.

I have two sisters and a brother that all graduated from Fargo South. I have 9 nieces and nephews, three of which graduated from Fargo South. I spend a lot of time helping out my Dad, who still lives in the same house we grew up in, half a block from South.

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

My favorite Fargo South memory is playing the Viola in orchestra and going on an orchestra trip to Chicago. It was my first time seeing a Broadway Musical, an opera, and of course was a fun adventure exploring Chicago with my friends.

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

My swim coach Jan Cossette and Tim Running my orchestra teacher. Both of these educators help to instill confidence in me, which in turn gave me the tools to get ready for the next steps in my life.

WHAT IS SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I have run 9 marathons spanning the United States including Hawaii, New York and Minnesota. I have also completed 2 Ironman races and just signed up for my 4th race. An Ironman consists of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bicycle ride, and a 26.22 mile run.

UPDATES FROM ALUMNI

Randy Evert, Fargo North 1971

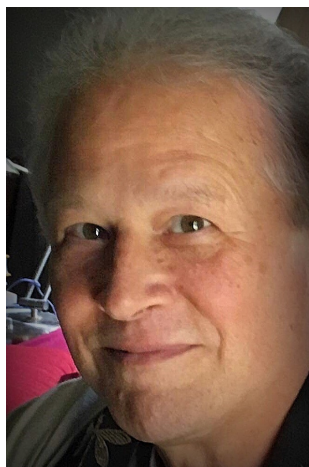
Life is great in Minnesota, where I have lived since 1978. My wife, Cindy, and I moved from Eden Prairie in 2017 to Minnetrista. We have two sons, Avery (31) and Alex (26).

Gary Ulland, Fargo North 1971

Retired nurse from Mayo Clinic Rochester. Happily married to Connie Ulland. We have four children and 10 beautiful grandchildren.

Michael Kocke, Fargo North 1971

Just working with my eye on retirement in the future. I am a doggy dad to a sweet Australian Shepperd named Cooper.



Daniel Cozort, Fargo South 1971

After graduation, Dan attended Concordia for a year, then transferred to Brown University, graduating in 1976. He earned a PhD at the University of Virginia in Buddhist Studies, focusing on Tibetan Buddhism and doing fieldwork in India. He taught at UVA, James Madison, and Bates College (Maine) before settling at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, where he has been since 1988. He is married, has two children from a previous marriage and three stepchildren, and five grandchildren.

Have you seen the new Spruins logo? It's a combination of the current North High School Spartans mascot and South High School Bruins mascot. This new mascot nickname and logo was debuted in October to represent the Fargo North-South Girls' hockey program.



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.



The Forum

Mathias Vorachek~ Fargo North, 1996

In July of 2018 Cmdr. Mathias Vorachek assumed the command of the USS Albany. As the commanding officer of a nuclear-powered, fast attack submarine, Vorachek's primary duty was to create a strong team for sustained combat operations at sea. He is taking on a new role with the U.S. Navy at U.S. 2nd Fleet in Norfolk. Vorachek has received personal awards including the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal. *The Forum*



David Samson / The Forum

Cole Hage~ Fargo Davies, 2020

Cole played baseball for the Fargo Post 2. He signed to play baseball at Columbia in New York. Columbia is a member of The Ivy League. Due to the current pandemic fall baseball will likely look different. Baseball players in the program get to work on conditioning and decisions on what the program will look like in the fall will depend on what happens during this pandemic

The Forum

REMEMBERING THOSE WE HAVE LOST

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

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



Obituaries can be found for those that attended:

[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.

ALUMNI BRIEFS (CONTINUED)



City of Moorhead Photo

Dan Mahli~ Fargo South, 1991

Dan has been working for the City of Moorhead for three years, as Assistant City Manager for more than two years and then June 2020 was serving as acting City Manager. He has been offered the position of City Manager in November 2020.

Tatiana Hamilton~ Fargo North, 2013

Tatiana is the Editor in Chief on the North Dakota Law Review Board and will serve until the Spring of 2021. The North Dakota Law Review serves as the journal of the State Bar Association of North Dakota. The journal is a triannual publication that features articles written by professors, lawyers, UND law students, and nationally recognized legal scholars. The North Dakota Law Review Board of Editors are working on publishing Volume 96. The goal for this year is for every author of an article to have a tie to North Dakota.

Julie Gilbertson~ Fargo South, 1983

Julie was inducted into the North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame on October 20th, 2020. She won the North Dakota state high singles titles in 1982 and 1983. Julie played at Concordia, where she compiled a 76-2 record, was a four-time MIAC singles champion and qualified for four NCAA Division III national tournaments.

Julie now lives in Wayzata, MN. She currently works as a consultant staff member in the Diagnostic Radiology Department at Mayo Clinic.

Alex Woken~ Fargo Davies, 2016

Alex was drafted fifth overall by the Minnesota Whitecaps, National Women's Hockey League, in April 2020. Three months later she signed a one-year contract with the Mad Dogs Mannheim, which plays in the Bundesliga, the top women's pro league in Germany.



Minnesota Gopher photo



The Fargo Public Schools Development Foundation works to secure a variety of resources to enrich and enhance the quality of education provided by Fargo Public Schools that would otherwise not be possible through regular education funding.

The Foundation is supported with tax-deductible annual and endowment gifts from alumni, businesses, service clubs, parents, current and former school district staff, and the Fargo community.

They manage assets in excess of \$3.3 million and annually distribute more than \$500,000 to support Fargo Public Schools students, programs, and teachers.

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2019.20 DONATION DISTRIBUTIONS

7% INNOVATIVE ED, MUSIC & LITERACY GRANTS

\$50,098

25% CRITICAL NEEDS PROGRAM

\$173,597

15% SCHOLARSHIPS

\$100,600

53% DONOR DESIGNATED PROJECT FUNDS

\$358,372

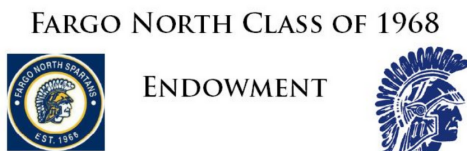
WAYS TO GIVE BACK

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Endowed funds are being established to support Fargo South and Fargo North High School students, teachers, and staff in their endeavors to provide one of the best educations in the upper Midwest.

These funds will be used to provide teachers an opportunity to pilot a new innovative idea the classroom, help students with critical needs, or provide needed items for the greater good of Fargo South and Fargo North High Schools.

- To contribute to the **Fargo North Class of 1968** Endowment go to: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=rJxCwv>
- To contribute to the **Fargo South Class of 1968** Endowment go to: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=asDVN2>



The impact of the Davies High School Scholarship goes far beyond the monetary support for continuing education. This scholarship lets students know that we have confidence in their ability to succeed at the next level of their education. The involvement of other caring adults in students' lives gives us the chance to guide, assist and mentor young people toward bright futures.

To contribute to this scholarship go to:
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=de4d8d>

Davies High School Scholarship



Mission~

“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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