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Alumni in Action!

For over a year, the **LC Class of 1972** reunion planning committee has been working on their golden celebration, and it was worth it! Their theme was “Come Together” which was appropriate after 50 years! The reunion kicked off with a gathering at Jockamo’s Pizza. Hugs, stories, and laughter were abundant. The merriment continued on Friday evening with 142 guests for dinner and dancing at the Garrison, where they presented a class check to LTSF for \$1,972! Committee member Joyce (DeBaun) Eggleston shared, “We are so proud to gift LTSF funds to support the LC historical wall which will be completed in the final phase of the building renovation.”



The reunion concluded with a group breakfast and tour of the “new in appearance”, “old in spirit and tradition” LC! They loved walking the halls and seeing the renovated classrooms and common areas. LC pride was plentiful!



“We love welcoming LT alumni back and are ever so grateful for your involvement! There is so much to celebrate as we begin another year of excellence in Lawrence Township Schools. We encourage you to stay connected! If you would like to explore opportunities, tour your school, or just say hello, reach out to us anytime!” added Jen Gibbs, LTSF Executive Director.

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LN and LC Distinguished Alumni 2022

To commemorate Homecoming, we recognize outstanding alumni who have displayed extraordinary gifts of leadership, achieved recognition for their professional expertise, attained success in their field of endeavor, and provided service to their community and/or LT Schools. A committee representing the MSD of Lawrence Township and the Lawrence Township School Foundation reviewed the nominations and submitted to the superintendent recommendations for selection. Those selected were then confirmed by the Board of Education.

Congratulations to this year's Distinguished Alumni: **Chris Hill**, LN 2001, **Ashley Spencer**, LN 2011, and **James Duke**, LC 1986!

Chris Hill was an outstanding two-sport student-athlete. Coaches referenced Chris when describing how actions in the classroom transfer to greatness on the field/court. He was a three-year starter at quarterback, finishing as the all-time leader in passing yards and touchdowns. In basketball, he led the Wildcats to a sectional and regional championship during his senior year and was named an Indiana All-Star.

Chris continued with basketball at Michigan State and took the Spartans to the NCAA Final Four. He was named the 2005 Academic All-American of the Year by ESPN. After graduating from MSU, he played 10 years of professional basketball in Europe, not only winning three championships, but also meeting his wife! Since retiring from basketball, Chris has worked in the mortgage industry where he has achieved great success.



Chris Hill
Lawrence North Class of 2001



Ashley Spencer
Lawrence North Class of 2011

Ashley Spencer is an elite track and field athlete who won a bronze medal in the 400m sprint in the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. Her running career began at LN where she led the Wildcats to IHSAA track & field championships in 2009 and 2011. During her high school career, she won 12 IHSAA individual and relay state titles. She won two NCAA championships in the 400m for the University of Illinois and ran for the University of Texas.

Ashely has been on the national/international racing circuit for the last decade. In addition to her Olympic bronze medal from 2016, at the 2013 World Championships, she was a silver medalist on the 4 x 400m relay. She won a silver medal in the 400m and a gold

medal in the 4 x 400m relay at the 2016 World Indoors. She won gold at the 2017 World Relays in the 4 x 400m relay. In 2019, she made the USA World Team in the 400m hurdles, where she finished 6th at the IAAF World Championships. She was a finalist in the 400m hurdles at the 2020 US Olympic Trials and the 2022 US Nationals. Ashley plans to compete for a spot on the 2024 U.S. team for the Olympics in Paris. In the meantime, she is a professional runner for Nike.

At LC, **James Duke** took on a variety of leadership roles for various organizations as well as participating in competitions with Lawrence Central's show choir, Central Sound. After graduating from Morehouse College with a degree in business analytics and marketing, he returned to Indiana and started working with the Family Social Services, where he developed a passion for working with youth and promoting diversity. He is committed to providing our young folks and entrepreneurs with the tools to help them navigate to be successful so they can have sustainable futures for years to come.



James Duke,
Lawrence Central Class of 1986

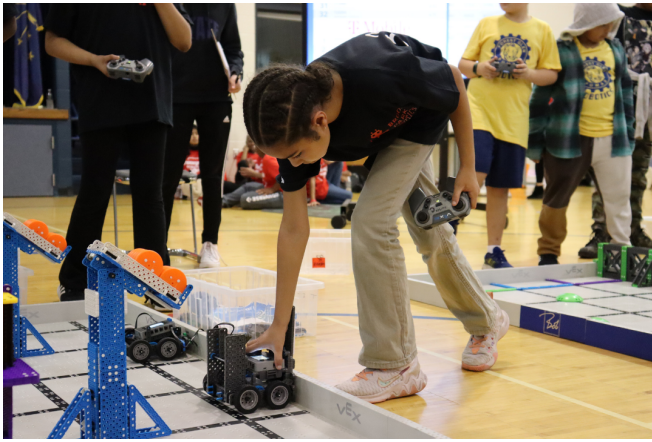
Today, James is the director of diversity for Indiana University Health and works to ensure the hospital is partnering with women-, Black- and minority-owned businesses. He also spends time working with 100 Black Men of America Inc., where he serves as Moses Gray Midwest District representative and is the immediate past president and CEO of the 100 Black Men of Indianapolis. He also continues with his musical roots as a member of Eastern Star Church's music ministry.

New School Year, New Buildings!

After living through a couple of years of disruption, the students and staff at **Lawrence Central** were thankful to move into their brand new academic wing with classrooms and common areas outfitted with new furniture and technology! While still not completely done, it is more than functional, and the Bears are settling in as they learn new classroom locations and maneuvering through the halls during the passing periods.



Walking through the building, well thought out touches like branded cafeteria tables and chairs scream "We are the Bears"! One notable improvement is how light and cheerful the learning environment is with lots of natural light. One student commented, "It's so beautiful. I'm proud to be a Bear!"



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Lawrence North students and staff will move into their new academic building, second semester. They will have an identical new academic wing with all new furniture and technology. Get ready for the Wildcats to overflow with excitement and pride! Go Cats!

LC Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2022

It was our pleasure to host the 3 inductees into the LC Athletic Hall of Fame at the LC vs. Pike High School football game on September 16. Before being recognized and presented with their awards at halftime, **Randy Reeser**, **Ken Carpenter**, and **Chris Read**, all from the Class of 1971, enjoyed Bear hospitality and participated in the ceremonial coin toss before kick-off.



Left to right:
Ken Carpenter, Chris Read, Randy Reeser

Halfback, **Randy Reeser**, was an All-State running back for 1970-1971. He rushed for 1,087 yards, averaged 7.9 yards per carry, and was named Indianapolis All-City and County in 1969 and 1970.

1970-1971 All-State Quarterback, **Ken Carpenter**, led Marion County in touchdown passes with 14 passes and 1,085 passing yards. He was also the punter for the Bears, averaging 35 yards per kick. He was named Indianapolis All-City, All-County and All-State in 1970. Ken and Randy provided a strong one-two punch for the Bears during the 1970 season.

The 1970 440m State Champion, **Chris Read**, received 1st place in City/County, 1st place in Sectional, Regional, and State. He lost only one race all year in 1970. At the time he was only 1/10th of a second off the all-time city/county record.

“These 3 outstanding student-athletes represented LC with determination, integrity, and respect. We are pleased to honor them with this award,” shared Mosi Barnes, LC Athletic Director.

Cue the Homecoming Celebrations!

Lawrence North played their Homecoming football game on September 9, 2022, against North Central High School. The final score was 44-6. Great win, Wildcats!



Ashley Spencer, 2022 LN Distinguished Alum, joined the all-neon student section to

Lawrence Central played their Homecoming football game on September 30, 2022. They beat North Central High School with a final score of 32-0. Way to go, Bears!



James Duke, 2022 LC Distinguished Alum,

cheer on the Cats during the big game!

and his family with LC and MSDLT administration at the homecoming game.

Introducing Our Future LT Alumni

Meet the **LT Class of 2034!** We welcomed over 1,158 first grade students in LT Schools in August. We know they will carry on the achievement, pride, and traditions that make our schools so special! We can't wait to hear about all their accomplishments over the next 12 years!



Music for All: Marching Pride of Lawrence Township



What's your favorite high school memory? Chances are it's not an assignment or a big test! Memories come from the people you spend time with; doing the things that made you laugh, cry, and grow as a person. For many, it's Friday Night Lights, whether you are cheering in the stands, scoring touchdowns, or playing in the marching band.

The **Marching Pride of Lawrence Township (MPLT)** comprised of LC and LN musicians and performers learn and rehearse countless hours together to create an 8-minute musical journey to entertain and compete at local and national competitions. All are welcome to participate, regardless of skill level. Following the cancellation of the 2020 season, there were fewer than 140 marchers. This year there are 175 members. In their opening local competition at

Northwestern High School (Kokomo), the Marching Pride captured first place in Class A. Their next national competition takes the band to Louisville to compete in the Bands of America Regional Competition. Head Director, DiaShamar Marshall, is focused on growing the program and is preparing for when MPLT is 250 strong.



MPLT directors are committed to students who show interest and a willingness to work hard. They do not want students to be left out because of ability to pay the annual participation fees.

In order to meet the student participation scholarship requests, MPLT is engaging in an effort to raise \$1,000 from 100 local organizations. "The \$100,000 raised in this campaign will address the financial barrier to participation for our students and their families," explained Erin Leraris, volunteer for MPLT Strategic Partnerships.

LTSF is assisting with the MPLT designated fund. We encourage all of the LT Marching Band alumni to consider contributing so that today's students can create the same memories that you enjoy! Every donation will assist as we march toward the goal!

DONATE TO MPLT

Keeping Up with LT Alumni



If you're a resident of the Geist area, you may have seen the face of **Russ Greene, Lawrence North Class of 1994**, come through your mailbox recently. He was featured in the [September 2022 issue of Geist Magazine](#) for some exciting news... Russ has been chosen to install the artificial turf for the new Back 9 Golf & Entertainment facility in downtown Indianapolis opening later this year! He's now the largest installer for synthetic grass in the state with four different crews under his leadership. Congrats, Russ!



Congratulations **Ryan Lynch, Lawrence North Class of 2002!** This month, Ryan's aviation-themed ice cream shop, LiftOff Creamery, in Indianapolis won the first ever [Vendor of the Month award](#) from the Office of Minority and Women Business Development. Ryan has experience as a commercial airline pilot and founded the National Aviation Youth Resources Foundation, a nonprofit that teaches youth about the aviation industry. Now he has an award-winning ice cream shop. How cool!



We want to hear from YOU!

Have news you'd like to share? We want to include you in our Alumni spotlight!

Email [Natalie Thomison](#), LTSF Marketing and Event Specialist, to be featured in future

John Kendrick, Lawrence Central Class of 2022, was this year's recipient of the Powers & Sons Scholarship. He recently reached out to LTSF to give us a life update! John is currently enjoying college life at Howard University where he studies political science with a pre-law concentration. Since starting school in August, John has joined [The Hilltop](#), the nation's oldest Black collegiate newspaper, and the Howard University NAACP. Go, John!

publications of our Alumni eNewsletter or on our social media.

By making a gift to LTSF, today's students will have the opportunity to create the same memories that you enjoy!

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UPCOMING REUNIONS




**Lawrence Central Class of 1980
60th Birthday Bash**
Saturday, October 8, 2022
The Foxhole at Hotel Tango Distillery
670 Virginia Avenue, Indianapolis, IN, 46203
Click [here](#) for more information.

**Lawrence North Class of 1992
30th Class Reunion**
Saturday, October 8, 2022
Grand Junction Brewing Co.
1189 East 181st Street, Westfield, IN 46074
Click [here](#) for more information.

Please register your class reunion with us by emailing [Natalie Thomison](#) or calling 317-423-8303! LTSF will help you get the word out to classmates and provide valuable planning resources!



The **LC Class of 1987** enjoy Friday Night Lights while supporting friend and 2022 Distinguished Alum, **James Duke, LC Class of 1986**.

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Save the Date: LTSF Celebration on March 10, 2023

You won't want to miss this year's Celebration as we kick-off LTSF's 40th year of impacting MSDLT students and staff. It's going to be a mega celebration worthy of reaching the 40-year milestone, while looking to the next 40 years! Stay tuned for more details.

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- Boys Tennis - **Lawrence North**
- Girls Soccer - **Lawrence North**
- Boys Soccer - Lawrence Central
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- Boys Cross Country - **Lawrence North**
- Girls Cross Country - **Lawrence North**

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