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## LT Reunion Season is Right Around the Corner!

It's that time of year again—high school reunion season is right around the corner! Alumni across the country are preparing to reconnect with their former classmates this summer and fall to reflect on the life they once shared together. For Lawrence Township alumni, it's a time to rekindle old friendships, see your classmates' accomplishments, and reconnect with the Lawrence Township community as a whole.



The Lawrence Township School Foundation (LTSF) is here to serve as a resource for all LT alumni. If you're planning or preparing to attend a reunion for your Lawrence Central or Lawrence North graduating class, we've got some tips to help you get ready for the big day!

We recently spoke with **Lawrence North** alumni **Jason Hardy (Class of 2003)** and **Danielle Lee (Class of 2013)** about their experiences planning for their upcoming class reunions. They share advice on how to successfully organize a reunion, along with insights into what their fellow classmates can look forward to about the experience.



For the **Lawrence North Class of 2003**, what began as a few Facebook posts from various classmates inquiring if anybody wanted to get together, has now turned into a full-fledged reunion- a huge night out at Daniel's Vineyard on June 17, 2023.

“Initially, the planning process was pretty touch and go,” says Jason Hardy, LN Class of 2003 reunion organizer, “but we made sure to hold regular meetings and eventually we were able to create a crew.”

With the initial details in place, Jason and his crew reached out to LTSF to “register” their class reunion and receive an up-to-date class list. From there, the reunion crew began contacting their fellow classmates, sending out invites and requesting RSVPs. Jason and his crew even worked with LTSF to schedule a group tour of their alma mater for the date of their reunion.

“The root cause of any reunion is to “reunite” and that’s exactly what this will be,” says Jason. “Not only will this be an opportunity to get together with old friends and acquaintances, but it will also be a chance to meet people that we didn’t even know we went to school with since we had such a big class! The music and good food are definitely a plus as well.”



Another group who is looking forward to celebrating their reunion with some music and good food is the **Lawrence North Class of 2013**. Their reunion is scheduled for September 16, 2023, at The Red Room. Danielle Lee, LN Class of 2013 reunion organizer, says she is excited to connect with everyone and be able to enjoy time together once again.

“The reunion planning process has been fun! It makes you realize how much time flies,” says Danielle. “I have enjoyed receiving feedback and suggestions from my classmates to create a fun and successful 10-year reunion for our class.”

If you are planning a high school reunion, Danielle recommends asking your classmates what they would like to experience during their reunion and utilize their feedback to create an excellent time for everyone.

“Find ways to connect with your classmates through social media, email and text messages,” says Danielle. “Learn more about the Lawrence Township School Foundation and how they can help with their reunion planning resources. Most of all, have fun planning!”

If your graduation year ends in 3 or 8, it’s time to start planning your class reunion! “Register” your reunion with LTSF by clicking the button below. We’ll help you get the word out to classmates and provide valuable planning resources! Be sure to visit the [Alumni Reunion & Events](#) page of our website to see upcoming Lawrence Central and Lawrence North reunions as they are added.

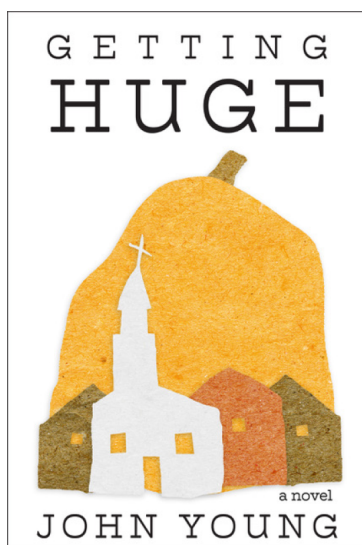
## REGISTER YOUR REUNION

## Keeping Up with LT Alumni



**Literary writer, John Young (LC Class of 1977), has a new novel coming out in April!** John is the author of three books, the novels: *Getting Huge* (coming soon) and *When the Coin is in the Air* as well as *Fire in the Field and Other Stories*.

*Getting Huge*, published by the distinguished Canadian press Guernica Editions, features John Crackstone, a minister who is cracking under the pressures of his job. In an effort to find tangible success somewhere in his life, he becomes obsessed with growing the world's largest pumpkin. And eventually he imagines creating an entire pumpkin enterprise to replace the lowly potato chip and more.



**Nijel Pack (LC Class of 2019) had a big night in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Friday, March 17, 2023!**

Nijel, a University of Miami guard, scored a game-high of 21 points against Drake University on March 17 to help his Hurricanes advance to the second round of the tournament with a 63-56 win. After the game, News 8's Andrew Chernoff talked with Nijel to get his thoughts on his performance. Read the full article [here!](#)



While in high school, Nijel played as a guard on the Lawrence Central basketball team. As a junior, he averaged 16.5 points and 4.1 assists, leading his team to a 22-4 record and a Class 4A sectional title. In his senior season, Nijel averaged 17.7 points, 4.2 assists and four rebounds per game, and helped his team achieve a 22-3 record. He competed for the Indy Heat at the Nike Elite Youth Basketball League.


Yes, it's absurd and comic, but also with a serious side—about the effects of working with the wrong people in the wrong place and the importance of finding your sense of place and belonging. In this respect it reflects the Great Resignation, quiet quitting, and other social trends.

Since attending Lawrence Central, John graduated from Indiana University and earned an MFA in creative writing from Emerson College, Boston. John also taught English at the high school and college levels and spent many years in advertising as a copywriter and creative director mostly in Boston. He and his teams won more than 250 awards for creative excellence. He spent 20 years in Beverly, MA., and now lives with his wife and two kids in Cincinnati, OH. **Congrats on your third novel, John!**



Nijel played college basketball for Kansas State from 2020-2022 over offers from Butler, Loyola (Illinois) and Nevada, among others. As a sophomore, Nijel was named to the First Team All-Big 12, as well as Most Improved Player. Pack averaged 17.4 points, 3.8 rebounds and 2.2 assists per game. Following the season, he declared for the 2022 NBA draft and entered the transfer portal. On April 23, 2022, Nijel transferred to Miami (Florida) where he joined the Miami Hurricanes of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC). **Congrats, Nijel! We're rooting for you!**


### We want to hear from YOU!



**Praise for *Getting Huge*:**

"In *Getting Huge*, John Young explores both existential and moral issues in a way that's humorous, entertaining, and ultimately moving. Bottom line, it's a terrific yarn well told."


—Angelo Pizzo, Screenwriter of *Hoosiers* & *Rudy*



**Praise for *Fire in the Field*:**

"An elegant, wry, wise, and witty collection that deserves a place among the best work being produced today. Young is a writer who knows his craft and deserves the attention of a wide audience."

—Patricia Averbach, author of *Resurrecting Rain* and *Dreams of Drowning* (2024)



**Praise for *When the Coin is in the Air*:**

"I loved John Young's wise and moving novel. Reminiscent of the novels of Pat Conroy, *When the Coin is in the Air* explores the complexities of the pull between duty and self-determination, tempered by love."

—Susan Neville, author of *Invention of Flight* and professor at Butler University



Have news you'd like to share? The MSD of Lawrence Township and Lawrence Township School Foundation want to know what is happening with you!

Maybe you or a fellow alum has recently been recognized for an accomplishment. Maybe you recently got engaged, married, or had a baby. Whatever the news, we want to celebrate with you!

Email [Natalie Thomison](mailto:Natalie.Thomison@ltsf.org), LTSF Marketing and Event Specialist, with your update for a chance to be featured in our Alumni eNewsletter or on our social media!

#### A note from the author:

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Or you can order my books from any local or online bookstore. Yes, including Amazon. Speaking of Amazon, if you could leave an

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-John

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# UPCOMING REUNIONS

## Lawrence North Class of 2003

Saturday, June 17, 2023  
7 pm-midnight at Daniel's Vineyard  
9061 N. 700 W., McCordsville, IN 46055  
For more information, [click here](#) to join the LN Class of 2003 Facebook page.

## Lawrence North Class of 2013

Saturday, September 16, 2023  
6-10 pm at The Red Room  
6335 Guilford Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46220  
[Click here](#) to register. Questions? Email [Danielle Lee](#).



If your graduation year ends in 3 or 8, it's time to start planning your class reunion! Register your reunion with LTSF by [emailing](#) or calling 317-423-8303. We can help:

- Connect you with fellow alumni using our extensive database
- Arrange guided group tours of your alma mater
- Promote your reunion and/or event via website, email, and social media
- And more!

Tell us about your upcoming event by completing our questionnaire.

### EVENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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## Submit Your Nominations for Distinguished Alumni!



The MSD of Lawrence Township is now accepting nominations for **Distinguished Alumni from Lawrence Central AND Lawrence North** for recognition in **Fall of 2023!** With this award, we recognize those 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.

Each spring, a committee representing the district and the Lawrence Township School Foundation submits to the superintendent recommendations for selection. Those selected are then confirmed by the Board of Education and celebrated during school homecoming festivities in the fall. **Once an applicant is submitted, they remain on the list so there is no need to resubmit.**

Nominate a LC graduate

Nominate a LN graduate

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