



## CHECK OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH REUNIONS AND ALUMNI

This summer and fall, the Fargo Public Schools Foundation & Alumni Network had the honor of supporting a series of incredible reunions, where former classmates came together to celebrate their shared history, achievements, and lasting bonds.

Reunions are more than just gatherings; they represent the enduring connections forged during K-12 education and the bonds that ties us back to Fargo and our schools. From laughter-filled gatherings to heartwarming reconnections, each event had its own unique flair. Don't miss out on future reunions or AlumniNews, go to the [Fargo Public Schools Alumni Network](https://www.fargoalumni.com) website and update your information.



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# CYNTHIA THORESEN SELLAND TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

BART MANSON

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**BART MANSON**  
DAVIES HIGH SCHOOL  
SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER



The Fargo Public Schools Foundation and Alumni Network is proud to congratulate Bart Manson, Fargo Public Schools 2025 Teacher of the Year! In recognition of this prestigious honor, Bart will also receive the Cynthia Thoresen Selland Teacher of the Year Award. This award celebrates outstanding teaching within Fargo Public Schools and honors the legacy of Cynthia Thoresen Selland, who dedicated 31 years of her career to students at Agassiz, Ben Franklin, and Fargo South.

Established by Mrs. Selland's children and grandchildren, the award commemorates her lifelong commitment to education and pays tribute to all teachers who leave a lasting impact on their students. Along with a monetary gift, the award includes a traveling plaque engraved with Bart's name, which will be displayed at Davies High School for the coming year.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Kierscht family for their continued support of this award. We are deeply saddened to share the passing of Dr. Marcia Selland Kierscht, who graciously presented the award on behalf of the family for many years. Marcia was part of the first 7th grade class at Ben Franklin and proudly graduated from Fargo Central in 1957. Her presence, warmth, and generosity will be greatly missed, and we cherish the many memories of her involvement.

We also recognize Cynthia Kierscht, Marcia's daughter and the granddaughter of Cynthia Thoresen Selland. Cynthia, a 1983 Fargo North graduate and member of the Fargo North Hall of Fame, continues the family's legacy of dedication to education.

We are profoundly grateful for the Kierscht family's lasting contributions and commitment to honoring educators in our community

## YOU CAN IMPACT A STUDENT'S LIFE!

DONATE AT THE FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
FOUNDATION WEB-SITE.



### CRITICAL NEEDS PROGRAM

The Critical Needs Program is organized to ensure that each and every student who needs help with basic needs receives support.



### INNOVATIVE EDUCATION, MUSIC & LITERACY GRANTS

Innovative education, music, and literacy grants are available to provide classroom resources for innovative educational and literacy projects.



### SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation administers scholarships on behalf of community businesses, families, and organizations.



### DESIGNATED & PROJECT FUNDS

The Foundation assists with special fundraising and school programs, and collects designated school donations throughout the year.

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## BRANDY LINK, WOODROW WILSON, 1995



### WHAT HAVE YOU DONE SINCE GRADUATING?

I earned an associate's degree in accounting and worked at Wells Fargo for 23 years, with about 10 of those years spent handling customer complaints. In October 2022, I was diagnosed with breast cancer and was laid off a few months later in February 2023, which gave me the chance to focus on my recovery. I was declared cancer-free in

September 2023 and started working at the Fargo Public Schools Federal Credit Union the following month as the Operations Manager. In January 2025, I was promoted to President and have been learning the ropes in that role ever since. I am extremely grateful for being laid off because it allowed me the time to heal and led to me working for an amazing company!

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

I was a young mom, so juggling parenting and school early on really taught me how to manage my time and be patient. Those skills have been incredibly useful in the workplace—especially when dealing with customer complaints and stepping into my current management role.

### TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.

I'm married to my amazing husband, Gary, and we have three kids—Brandon, Zachary, and Karissa. When Brandon was in school, we lived in West Fargo, so he graduated from West Fargo High. We moved to North Fargo in 2010, and Zachary finished up at Ben Franklin and North High. Karissa has attended school in North Fargo and is currently a junior at North—she's an honor student and was invited into the National Honor Society this year, which we're super proud of. Brandon and Zachary are both out on their own now.

### WHAT IS YOUR BEST MEMORY FROM YOUR TIME AT WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL?

One of my favorite high school memories was bringing my son into my Child Development class. The teacher asked if I wanted to do a live presentation about what it's like being a young parent. It really meant a lot because it showed me that some adults weren't judging me—they actually gave me a chance to be real about how tough it is to be a young mom.



### 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.

Go to the Fargo Public Schools Foundation web-site to honor someone today or [click here](#).



### WHO INSPIRED YOU THE MOST AT WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL AND WHY?

I think as a young mom what inspired me the most was how open and accepting Woodrow Wilson was when I made the decision to move schools. Being a young mom and trying to go to school is not easy but everyone there was willing to work with me and made sure I was able to graduate on time. I am very thankful I had this option and it made me realize you never know the struggles others may be facing.

### IS THERE ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US?

Despite whatever you may be going through, please remember you can do it. Without that attitude I would not have made it to where I am today!

## DIGITIZING YEARBOOKS PROJECT

From graduation photos to club snapshots, every page of our yearbooks tells the story of our Fargo schools and the people who made them special.

We're bringing those memories online to create a permanent, searchable archive for alumni everywhere to explore and enjoy. Your gift helps preserve our community's legacy and ensures Fargo's school memories are never forgotten.

Give today and help keep our history alive:  
<https://bit.ly/FargoYearbooks>



## LOOKING FOR YEARBOOKS

The Fargo Public Schools Alumni Network is looking for yearbooks to fill in the gaps in the history. Looking for the following years:

Fargo North: 1967, 1972, 1981, 1987

If you have a yearbook that you would like to donate contact the Alumni Network office at (701) 446-1041 or through email at [alumni@fargoalumni.net](mailto:alumni@fargoalumni.net).

## REMEMBERING THOSE WE HAVE LOST

We will always cherish our alumni, teachers, administrators, and Fargo Public School staff that have been lost. We have provided a space to memorialize those who have passed at the [Alumni Network webpage](#).



Obituaries are listed for those who attended and worked at Fargo Public Schools. Go to the [Alumni Network web-site](#).

[Fargo Central High School](#)

[Fargo Davies High School](#)

[Fargo North High School](#)

[Fargo South High School](#)

[Dakota 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 [alumni@fargoalumni.net](mailto:alumni@fargoalumni.net).*



## 2024-2025 FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS RETIREES CONGRATULATIONS!

Name	Grade/Position	School	Years
Gayle Anderson	Para Educator	Bennett	2018-2024
Dode Bentson	Administrative Assistant	South	1997-2025
Susan Berg	Office Assistant	Ben Franklin	2001-2025
Cheryl Bombenger	Special Education	Virtual Academy	2013-2025
Ann Buerkley	Attendance Clerk	Ben Franklin	2000-2025
Julie Deal	Kindergarten	Lincoln	2006-2025
Jacqueline Donner	Title Math	Jefferson	2004-2025
Rebecca Dura	Para Educator	North	2015-2025
Earl Ehalt	Custodian	Lewis & Clark	2009-2024
Tamara Greff	Grade 3	Bennett	1993-2025
Valerie Gunther	Cook	Carl Ben Eielson	2017-2024
Elizabeth Hamernik	Grade 2	Centennial	1995-2025
Lori Huber	Office Assistant	Lincoln	2013-2025
Gary Jenison	Carpenter	Operations Center	2005-2024
Donna Johnson	Principal	ECSE	2019-2025
Lori Koenig	Creative Dramatics	Discovery	2020-2025
Frances Lee	Grade 5	Lewis & Clark	2000-2025
Jill Linnell	Counselor	McKinley	1998-2025
Lisa Meidlinger	Para Educator	Agassiz ALC	2016-2024
Carol Nelson	Health	Davies	1994-2024
Connie O'Leary	Grade 1	Eagles	2003-2025
Steven Saville	Math	North	1994-2025
Ann Schuler	Orchestra	Carl Ben Eielson	1989-2025
Cathy Selberg	Principal	Washington	1989-2025
Betty Simonson	Nutrition Services Manager	Madison	1996-2025
Lorinda Skaare	Para Educator	Kennedy	2008-2025
Romelle Sperl	Administrative Assistant	McKinley	2006-2025
Cindy Westby	Library Assistant	Discovery	2006-2025
Mary Winkels	Para Educator	Davies	2002-2025



If you would like to celebrate the impactful and dedicated careers of any of the retirees you can honor them with a donation to the Fargo Public Schools Foundation. We will send a card with a meaningful message to the honoree, amount is not noted. Go to the Fargo Public Schools Foundation website, or [click here](#) to make an in honor of or in celebration of donation.

# ALUMNI GIVING BACK

In addition to reconnecting and reminiscing, many classes took the opportunity to give back to their schools. Reunions raised funds to support their alma maters, contributing to initiatives that ensure future generations of students receive the same world-class education that they did. This spirit of giving back reflects the deep appreciation alumni have for their schools and their commitment to sustaining the legacy of excellence.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU TO FARGO SOUTH CLASS OF 1975!



A huge thank you to the Fargo South Class of 1975 for their generous donation of \$365 to support the Bruin Hybrid Food Pantry!

The alumni raised these funds during the registration process for their 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion, held Sept 26-27 during Homecoming Week.

Your kindness helps ensure students and families have access to emergency food and essential items when they need it most. We appreciate your continued Bruin pride and community spirit!

Pictured receiving the donation is Fargo South High School Principal Kristi Brandt.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU TO FARGO NORTH CLASS OF 2005!

The Fargo North Class of 2005 celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> reunion during Homecoming weekend on Sept 26-27 and raised \$680 through their reunion registration for the Open Door Hybrid Food Pantry at Fargo North High School!



The Open Door Hybrid Food Pantry provides students with access to essential items such as food, toiletry products, shoes, clothing, and more.

Their generosity helps ensure Fargo North students have what they need to thrive. Thank you for giving back to your school community!

Pictured receiving the donation is Fargo North High School Principal Travis Christensen.

# FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS REUNIONS

## Hello Alumni!

If you have an upcoming or held a 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

[alumni@fargoalumni.net](mailto:alumni@fargoalumni.net)



**DAKOTA**  
HIGH SCHOOL

## THANK YOU TO THE FARGO NORTH CLASS OF 1985!



The Fargo North Class of 1985 established a Memorial Scholarship in honor of the classmates they have lost. This scholarship reflects the legacy of kindness, respect and Spartan Spirit that continues to define Fargo North High School today.

The Class of 1985 has committed to providing a \$1,000 scholarship to a North High School graduating senior. If you are interested in helping continue to fund this scholarship to support a student's educational journey you can donate at: <https://bit.ly/North1985MemorialScholarship>.

## THANK YOU TO THE FARGO NORTH CLASS OF 1968!



The Fargo North Class of 1968 has made a lasting impact by creating the Fargo North Class of 1968 Scholarship Endowment, providing meaningful opportunities for future Spartans. The inaugural scholarship was proudly awarded to Jayne Yokom, who is pursuing her education at Bismarck State College.

The endowment supports North High graduates who face financial challenges as they continue their education, ensuring that deserving students have the resources and encouragement needed to achieve their goals. This campaign aims to raise \$10,000 to award one or more \$500 annual scholarships in the years ahead. To help reach that goal, a \$3,500 Match Challenge has been launched with the help of a North High Class of 1968 alum. Every donation will be matched dollar for dollar, turning \$3,500 into \$7,000 and doubling the impact of every gift.

Every contribution honors the generosity and spirit of the Class of '68 creating brighter futures for North High graduates and continuing a proud tradition of Spartan support. Make your contributing at:

<https://bit.ly/North1968Scholarship>

# FARGO NORTH REUNION PICTURES & UPDATES

View more pictures from the Fargo North High School Reunions by [clicking here](#).

## CLASS OF 1975 50 YEAR REUNION



Reunion Organizer: “There was a great turnout for both Friday and Saturday night. Quite a few people had not been to any previous reunions, it was great that they made it for the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. There was great comments on the great venue of Sidestreet Four & Four. There was lots of smiles and stories shared. There are many photos from Saturday night to check out. “

## CLASS OF 1985 40 YEAR REUNION



Reunion Organizer: “We had such a great time that we decided to have a 45 year reunion in 2030. Classmates should continue to monitor our Facebook page and keep their email address updated at [fnhclassof1985@gmail.com](mailto:fnhclassof1985@gmail.com).”

## CLASS OF 2005 20 YEAR REUNION



Reunion Organizer: “Our 20 year reunion was a huge success. Classmates traveled from all over the U.S. to attend one, two, or all three events. We enjoyed catching up and reminiscing. We are happy to report our class raised \$680 to North High’s Open Door Food Pantry. Thank you to those who donated and attended the reunion, and also to the planners for making it possible!”

## CLASS OF 2015 10 YEAR REUNION

Reunion Organizer: "We were really pleased with the reunion! We had a nice turnout of about 100 people and the event felt very laid back."

## FARGO SOUTH REUNION PICTURES & UPDATES

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## CLASS OF 1975 50 YEAR REUNION



Reunion Organizer: "The reunion was a big success! The tour was great with Dr. Warner and Mike Beaton (FSH AD) got two 1975 football team members involved in the coin flip at the homecoming game. Several classmates were at Local 701 until closing! the Hilton Garden Inn was great and the Saturday night event had several classmates there until midnight!"

## CLASS OF 1985 40 YEAR REUNION



Reunion Organizer: "We recently celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion with a weekend of events, including a downtown Fargo bar crawl and reunion event at the Fargo Holiday Inn. Just over 100 attendees enjoyed spending time together and entertainment from Road Trip Radio, a local band featuring classmate Mike Navarro. Everyone is looking forward to 50!"

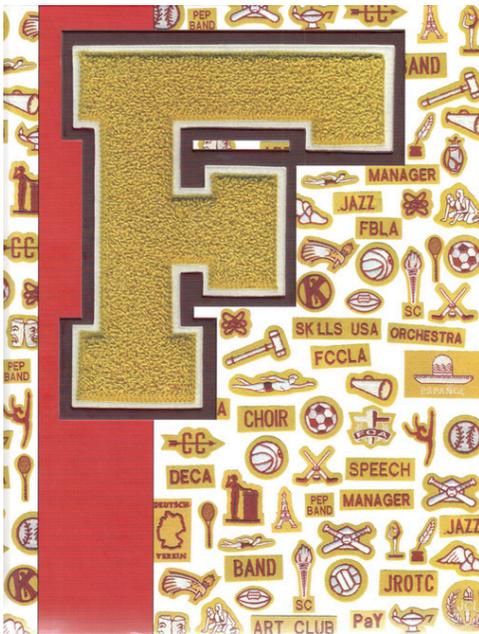
## CLASS OF 2000 25 YEAR REUNION



Reunion Organizer: "We had a great time and 65 attendees! We also set up a tribute table for our nine classmates who have passed away."

## FARGO DAVIES REUNION UPDATE

### CLASS OF 2015 10 YEAR REUNION



Reunion Organizer: "The reunion was great! Someone showed up with a bunch of posters and memorabilia from Davies High School. The turnout was decent, we are hoping more people sign up for the email list for our future 20 year reunion. Update your email at: [fargoalumni.net](http://fargoalumni.net)."



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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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