2018-2019
Enhanced Expenditures

Student Activities
- African Dance and Drumming Troupe
- Camp Pathfinder (8th grade trip to Algonquin Provincial Park)
- Chemistry Club
- Chess Club
- Colombian Sister School Exchange Program
- Fun with Food Program
- Keeping the Dream Alive Assembly
- Masterminds Team
- Model UN
- National Federation of Just Communities
- Purposeful Acts of Love Program
- School Musical
- Sound/Stage Crew
- Speech and Debate Team
- CHS STARS Program (Students with Autism Rising to Success)

Athletics
- JV and Varsity Baseball
- Middle School Baseball
- Boys Varsity Basketball
- JV and Varsity Girls Basketball
- Cheer Team
- Boys and Girls Modified/JV/Varsity Cross Country
- Boys and Girls Crew
- Boys and Girls Golf
- Modified/JV/Varsity Hockey
- Girls JV and Varsity Rugby
- Boys and Girls Modified/JV/Varsity Soccer
- Squash
- Boys and Girls Varsity Swim Teams
- Girls Varsity Track

Student Support
- New Student Orientation Program
- CHS Science Research Program
- Student planner for every CHS student
- Yale Gospel Choir Performance

School/Campus Enhancements
- CHS note cards
- Larynx model for music class
- New iPod for hallway jazz and classical music
- New printer for Foundation
- Summer Institute @ Smithsonian for ELA Dept

Restricted Revenue Disbursement
- Faculty and Student Crisis Support Fund
- Fosdick Field Fund
- Fruit Belt Coalition
- Hofstadter Fund
- International Baccalaureate Program
- Pelion Garden at CHS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – SAVE THE DATE!

19th Annual Party in the Hall
Friday, May 1, 2020

Ticket information will be communicated soon or visit: cityhonors.org

City Honors Alumni Reunion Weekend 2020 (July 17-19)
The Largest Gathering of Centaurs on Earth!


In its 10th year, Alumni Reunion Weekend has grown into a great tradition that reconnects alums with each other and their alma mater. Visit: cityhonors.org to learn more!
My 13 years as a board member has certainly provided me with insight as to the impact your gifts make to our entire student body, yet I have a unique vantage point that most CH/FMP board directors do not. As a faculty member for 15 years and a parent for 11, I’ve been able to witness first-hand:

- the relief when a parent or student is told they CAN attend a school trip or club competition when their personal finances made them think they wouldn’t be able to attend.
- the difference the student planners make in helping students to organize their assignments.
- the impact a teacher has made when they incorporate the skills learned through a professional development opportunity made possible by the Foundation.

Getting to see, up close, the good the CH/FMP Foundation does for our school is a rare opportunity that I have counted myself very fortunate to experience. As you consider your philanthropic giving for this year, I hope you see a gift to the CH/FMP Foundation as a smart investment. Your commitment to our faculty and students is greatly appreciated.

Elissa Banas, Esq.
President

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

If you are reading this from outside of Buffalo, hopefully the news has hit you that Buffalo is booming once again and an exciting place to be these days! There is a pronounced difference in how our CHS students talk about our city these days compared to when I began my work as principal in 2005. In addition, our graduates are contributing to this renaissance. In July, I had the privilege of attending the 9th Annual CHS Alumni Reunion Weekend where I caught up with local alumni engaged in a wide range of professions including engineers, teachers, social workers, medical professionals, college professors, community activists, scientists, bank economists and much more. In August, the University at Buffalo’s Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, recently constructed and just blocks from CHS, presented white coats to its newest class of medical students. Six of those coats went to City Honors graduates.

The common thread that I see over and over with City Honors alumni in our community is that they are providing leadership and working to improve the lot of others. Your generosity to the CH/FMP Annual Fund has been a big part of this momentum. With these funds, we have increasingly been able to ensure that none of our 1100 students is left behind when it comes to a fully supportive and enriched educational experience. You believed in the dream of a stronger City Honors and Buffalo - it is happening right before our eyes. Thank you for this!

William A. Kresse Ph.D.
Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

Elissa Banas, Esq.
President

Online: Using our secure online form makes giving easy. Simply visit cityhonors.org and click on the “Support CHS” tab.

U.S. Post: You may mail your donation to:
City Honors/Fosdick-Masten Park Foundation
186 East North Street
Buffalo, NY 14204

Updates: Please send us your updated contact information, news or contact information of additional alumni and friends of CHS who would like to receive our mailings!
E-mail your updates to:
foundation@cityhonors.org
or send correspondence to the school’s mailing address: 186 East North Street, Buffalo, NY 14204

PLEASE CONSIDER THESE WAYS TO GIVE:

CH/FMP ANNUAL APPEAL
100% Behind CHS!

YOUR Generosity and Support Make City Honors Stronger

- with the level of quality of musicals that the school is able to put on each year through our funding of lighting and sound equipment.
- the growth of our students into global citizens through the unique and distinct offerings of our International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

Challenges:
- How do we fund our students’ educational experiences and keep them connected to the school community?

Supporting the CH/FMP Annual Fund allows us to:
- Fund scholarships for families who are committed to a CHS education but have limited financial means.
- Provide our students with the latest technology in the classroom.
- Expand opportunities for CHS students to participate in extracurricular activities and school trips.
- Support our faculty in their professional development.
- Support our students in their global and local community service projects.

For more information about the CH/FMP Annual Fund, please visit cityhonors.org/annual-fund.
Thanks to the generous support of the CHS FMP Foundation, the CHS musical, “Mamma Mia” was the most successful show yet! The club was able to purchase and utilize current technology used by working Broadway design professionals. In addition, we rented state-of-the-art lighting and used special effects, such as projection mapping. The support from the Foundation also helped immensely in renting microphones and hiring a sound engineer to work with the sound crew students on how to effectively design and execute a show. – James Moses, Musical Director

The CHS Speech and Debate team greatly benefits from the generosity of the Foundation to fund the team as a whole, providing not only the stipend for the coach, but also paying the regional and state dues required to compete at both levels. This helps to ease the financial burden on the students. Students who qualify for the state tournament, held at Hofstra University every April, must also pay for their travel and lodging, so the funding they receive that pays for the regional and state dues definitely helps out! – Dallas Belge, Speech and Debate Advisor

During the annual 8th-grade class trip to Camp Pathfinder, a four-day wilderness retreat to Algonquin Provincial Park, Ontario, students participate in a number of structured, guided activities including hiking, canoeing, confidence course, art and forestry skills. Many of the activities of the trip fulfill parts of the City Honors International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program. The expected outcome is that the students graduate with a sense of the world in relation to personal identity, environmental stewardship, and cultural awareness. Contributions from the CHS/FMP Foundation help to ensure all students can attend Pathfinder regardless of whether or not it is within a family’s budget to afford the cost. Last year, 25 students received full or partial scholarships. – James Sharratt; 8th Grade Class Advisor

Sixty-five students – from eighth graders to high school seniors – participate in the City Honors Crew varsity and novice programs. As the only public-school rowing program in WNY, Crew is a club program, which means all financial support comes from dues, fundraising and charitable contributions, like those from the CH/FMP Foundation. For many years, the club has used monies raised to help cover the cost of uniforms for rowers. In recent years, the club has also set aside a portion of each grant to fund its rower assistance program. It is the policy of City Honors Crew that no rower should be prevented from participating for financial reasons, so the club provides financial assistance to families whose circumstances may prevent the payment of full dues. The crew program has grown in numbers in recent years and has also enjoyed terrific success on the water, with a women’s team winning a state title in 2019 and both the women’s and men’s boats qualifying for nationals in recent years. – Patrick Lakamp, Crew Coach

City Honors School at Fosdick -Masten Park

FAST FACTS:
Student Enrollment for 2019-2020: 1085
Faculty: 88
Minority Enrollment: 45%*
Languages Other Than English Spoken in Students’ Households: 23
Students Qualifying for Free and Reduced Lunch: 35%
Students With Special Needs: 13%
World Language Instruction: French, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish
Graduates Earning Advanced Regents Diplomas: 88%
Equity and Excellence Percentage: 96%
(Graduates meeting college credit threshold in one or more AP/IB course)
*does not include students of Middle Eastern decent

FOUNDING DATE:
(Fosdick) Masten Park High School, 1897
City Honors School, 1975

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP:
William A. Kresse, Ph.D. — Principal since 2005
Tandy J. Hamilton – Assistant Principal since 2009
Angela R. Hannah – Assistant Principal since 2004
Carla L. McDow – Assistant Principal since 2018

ACCREDITATION AND AUTHORIZATION:
• New York State Regents
• International Baccalaureate World School

DISTINCTIONS:
• Gold medal school by US News and World Report
• Ranked #1 high school and middle school in WNY by Business First

SPECIAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS:
• Confucius Classroom School (Handan Grant)
• International Baccalaureate Diploma Program since 1989
• International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program since 2008
• Pelion Community Garden at City Honors School
• Science Research Program at Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus
• STARS (Students with Autism Rising to Success)
• Bloomberg Global Scholars Program

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

CAMP PATHFINDER

SPEECH AND DEBATE

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