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September 2022

Dear Alumni:

Homecoming at Conant High School offers our students a week full of fun activities including the special tradition of our amazing hallway decorations! The week also offers our alumni the opportunity to learn about what's happening at Conant High School and to attend the Homecoming game!

This year's Homecoming theme is "Out of This World." Activities for the week include an outdoor movie night, a picnic, two student assemblies, a fundraising kickball tournament, and dress up days. Our students especially look forward to "Anything But A Backpack Day" where students can choose (almost) anything to use instead of a backpack. We enjoy seeing their creative ideas!

On Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm the Cougars varsity football team will take on the Palatine Pirates at the Charlie O. Feutz Field. Alumni are welcome to join us for the game and to reminisce!

If you know of any classmates who have not yet joined the Alumni Club, please encourage them to do so. Alumni Club membership and involvement keeps you in touch with classmates and up-to-date on events occurring at your alma mater. Through alumni club, we can arrange building tours for reunions. Those interested in alumni club or scheduling tours can contact John Shoro at [jshoro@d211.org](mailto:jshoro@d211.org).

Our Cougars in Need program continues to help many families by providing food, transportation, clothing, and school supplies. If you are interested in supporting our Cougars in Need, donations are accepted through our [Conant High School Boosters](#).

Finally, we ask our alumni submit nominations for Distinguished Alumni. Distinguished Alumni will be honored as keynote speakers at Conant High School's Honor's Convocation. They will also be commemorated with a plaque in our Distinguished Alumni gallery. Please complete nominations using this [form](#). We are very eager to review your nominations and celebrate our alumni! Nominations are due December 16, 2022.

It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as the principal at Conant High School. Thank you for your interest in our school community. As you know, "Once a Cougar, Always a Cougar."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie C. Nowak".

Julie C. Nowak  
Principal

## CONANT NEWS UPDATE – 2022

- The 2022-2023 enrollment is:

Freshmen	600
Sophomores	646
Juniors	606
Seniors	601
	<u>2,453 Cougars</u>
- Last year we had an enrollment of **2,412**.
- Please continue to let us know of any address changes and/or **exciting news** so that we may include that in next year's issue. Suggestions and comments are always welcome.

Email John Shoro at [jshoro@d211.org](mailto:jshoro@d211.org)

## **REUNIONS!**

- Class of **1972** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> year reunion on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Marriot Hotel and September 10<sup>th</sup> at Villa Olivia.
- Class of **1982** celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> year reunion on September 30<sup>th</sup> at Conant's Homecoming football game followed by an evening at Moretti's. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the alumni relaxed at the Salon and Day Spa for Men and Women followed by a tour of Conant High School and then a trip to the beach.

## **Lost and Found Class Rings**

Great news! We have been very lucky to have returned three class rings to a 1968, 1983 and 2003 alumni. We have two more that we would like to return to their owners. If you are or know the following people please contact Michelle Diaz at [mdiaz@d211.org](mailto:mdiaz@d211.org).

Stephen Evans - class of 1973  
Tamara "Tammy" McDermott - class of 1976  
Thomas Connell – class of 1970



## **Lost and Found Diploma**

A resident of Georgia has found and sent CHS the diploma of:  
Sherry L. Whitehead – class of 1972



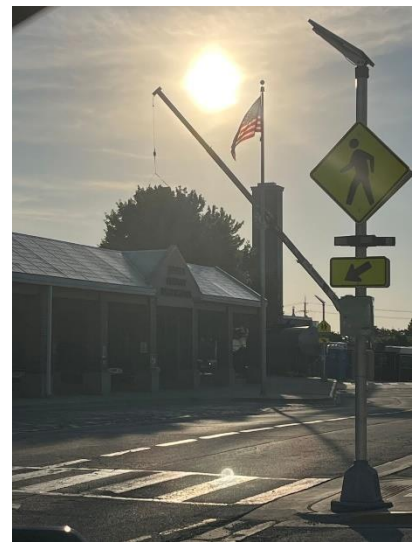
## **Cougar Family Memorial Park**

“Once a Cougar, Always a Cougar”. What a better way to honor a cougar that has passed than to memorialize them in our Memorial Park. Please visit the [Cougar Family Memorial Park](#) site to order a bronze plate. The plates can be ordered for fallen military soldiers, students, support staff, teachers and administrators. Please visit the memorial park in the front of the school between doors 1 and 3 to honor those who have passed.



## Updates at Conant

This past summer, we have been very busy helping make updates to Conant High School. In addition to roof work and air conditioning units, we also had renovations to our east and south parking lots. The bus lanes have been altered to ensure that our students are walking in the designated crosswalks. The parking spots have also been reconfigured to improve flow and safety to our students and visitors. Our main gym floor was refinished just in time to welcome the Class of 2026! Conant's facilities continue to shine and welcome students and the community!





## Welcome Little Cougars!



Griffin James Davies  
**Mark Davies** (Math) & Meggan

Eliza Helene Bacon  
**Ashely Bacon** (Blue Team) & Dan

Josiah Jorge Mendoza  
**Brittany Mendoza** (EL) & Brian

Francesca Marie Best  
**Jamie Best** (Cashier) & Bryan

Patrick "Paddy" Maley  
**Jim Maley** (Wellness) & Katie

Brianna Lynn Klein  
**Joe Klein** (English) & Kimi

Ella Rose Salas  
**Vince Salas** (Math) & Kate

Makenna Grace Mikrut  
**Andrew Mikrut** (Social Studies) & **Jennifer**  
(SPED)

Eleanor Lynn Krueger  
**Vicky Krueger** (Math) & Daniel

Jake Michael Robinson  
**Jeff Robinson** (Applied Tech.) & Laura

Declan Michael Jones  
**Ben Jones** (EL) & Rachel

Brooks Howard Hilgendorf  
**Maren Hilgendorf** (Business) & Ben

Bodin Nedovic  
**Margaurete Nedovic** (EL) & Bosko

Everly Lorraine Roberts  
**Katherine Roberts** (Math) & Kevin

## Congratulations to our Newlyweds!

**Greg Grana** (Business) & Meghan

**Katie Apperson-Skobel** (English) & Tom



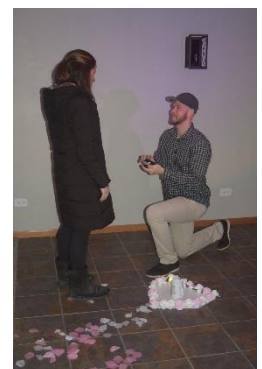
## Congratulations to the Engaged Couples!

**Allie Bauch** (Math) & Tyler

**Kevin Garvey** (Social Studies) & Rachel

**Pam Nehrke** (Student Services) & Vincent

**Drewann Pancratz** (Wellness) & Bradley



*Allie Bauch's proposal.*

## Conant Boosters

Conant Boosters are proud to support the Conant students, staff, activities, and athletics by funding scholarships, mini grants & projects that improve the experiences of the entire Conant community. To help support the Boosters and their efforts, visit their website to find out how you can make a difference. [www.conantboosters.com](http://www.conantboosters.com)

Looking to represent your alma mater? Consider Conant Spirit Wear! Consider short or long sleeve shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, pants and leggings, hats, and so much more! Visit <https://www.conantboosters.com/spirit-store> to browse and purchase. Happy shopping!



## Share Your Career Knowledge with CHS Students!

Conant Career Services is looking for volunteers to assist with career exploration opportunities for students. Help your fellow Conant Cougars make informed decisions about their futures by speaking to them in-person or virtually, offering a job shadow or hosting a field trip at your workplace. We welcome your ideas and any level of participation is greatly appreciated! Email [kfitzgerald@d211.org](mailto:kfitzgerald@d211.org) or click [HERE](#) to complete a Volunteer Interest Form and join the Cougar Career Network. Motivate and inspire CHS students and make a difference in their lives by sharing your career knowledge and expertise!

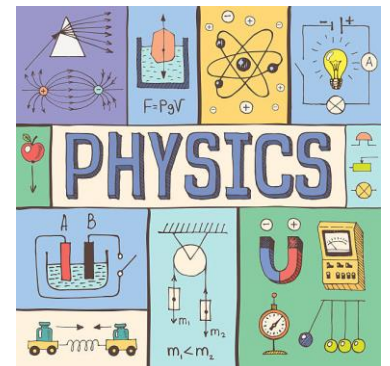


## Science Department

The Science Department plans to continue our popular Cross Cutting Concepts day on October 7<sup>th</sup>. During this event, all science students perform inquiry-based labs on the same topic, regardless of level. Our introductory through AP leveled students will all have a chance to see larger overarching connections through our courses on this day through hands on activity.

The Science Department also welcomes a few new faces to our team this year! Judy Joung is an experienced Biology teacher joining us from the Chicago Public School District, Hannah Kutcek is a new biology teacher joining us from Illinois State University, and Nia Tsoulos (CHS '18) is also a new biology teacher joining us from Illinois State University. Patti Marasco is an experienced traveling teacher who we are sharing with Palatine High School where she is teaching Biology in Spanish, a first for D211. Before teaching, Patti spent 2 years on an ecological study in the Amazon Rainforest. These four will be covering a variety of activities ranging from Intramural Badminton to Science Olympiad.

With this new teaching talent coming into the school, the department looks forward to a bright future with cutting edge science instruction facilitating great student achievement.



## World Language Department

The World Language Department welcomes Jesse Gonzalez to the department. This year he will be teaching 3 of the Spanish 2 classes and working in the EL Department as well. He will also be coaching Girls Soccer in the Spring.

ESPAÑOL



Jesse Gonzalez



## **Business Education Department**

- Maren Hilgendorf welcomed her third child, Brooks Howard, with her husband Ben on August 3, 2022.
- Greg Grana married Meghan Ellis in June 2022.
- Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Leadership Results: 20 students qualified for national competition in 17 different events. In Dallas, Siya Choudhary placed 3rd at Nationals in Graphic Design Promotion. Anshuman Bhamidipati Venkata Satya placed in the Top 10 at Nationals for Advanced Spreadsheet Applications and earned a Microsoft Office Specialist certification.



*Greg Grana with wife Meghan Ellis on their Wedding Day*



## **Art and Media Department**

Things have been changing at the Conant Art Department, like our name! We are officially the Art and Media Department, which is a much more accurate description of courses we are offering students. This year we welcome back our fab-five staff of Erin Garrity-Duffey, Jamie Peterson, Justin Bickus, Luke Jenner, and Brian Schroeck and are thrilled to announce the addition of part-time traveler Sydney Edmunds. Sydney travels between Fremd and Conant teaching Painting, Drawing and Printmaking 1, Digital Media/Video 1 and 3D. We are so excited to have her on our team!

Our team of teachers has had an exciting year. Erin Garrity-Duffey was named the 2022 IAEA Art Administrator of the Year and the 2022 NAEA Western Region Supervision & Administration Art Educator of the Year, and Luke Jenner was recently named the 2023 IAEA High School Art Educator of the Year.

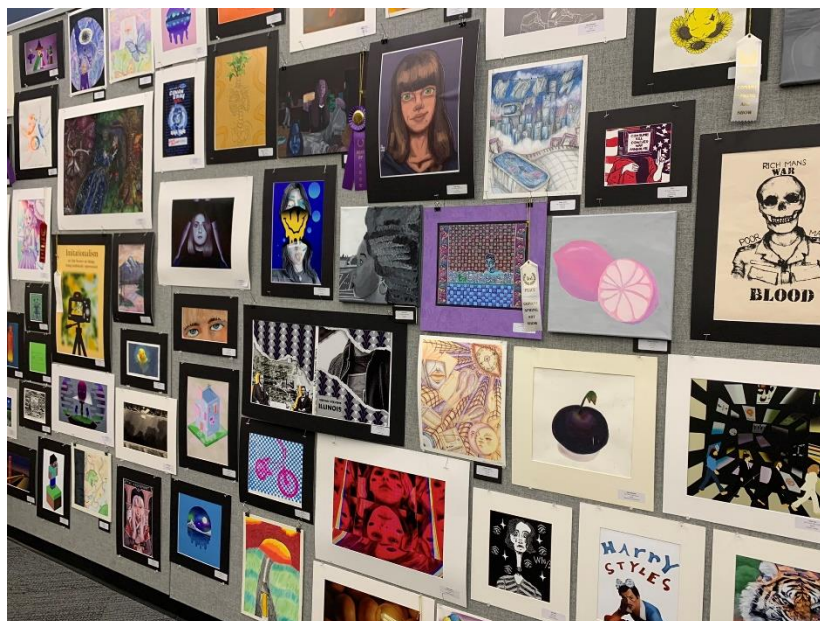
Last year was an eventful one for students as well! CHS Art & Media students were awarded over 3 million dollars in scholarships through ArtConnectED's Illinois High School Art Exhibition, Best of Show in 3D at the Harper Art Show, awards at the 4x5, and Moon Waltz, just to name a few. This year most art shows will be in full swing with in-person exhibits and receptions kicking off with the Harper Area Art Show this November. We are looking forward to a great season!



*Mrs. Erin Garrity-Duffey*

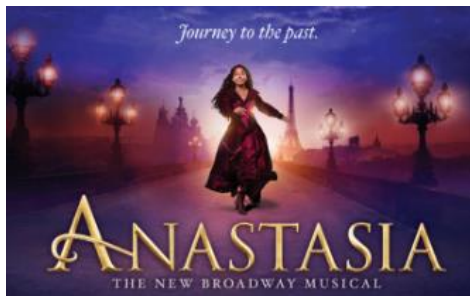


*Mr. Luke Jenner*



## Conant Theatre

**Conant Theatre** is excited to be back for another exciting season! This fall, we will be presenting **Anastasia: The Musical**. This dazzling show, based on the 1997 animated movie, transports



its audience from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s, as a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer determined to silence her, Anya enlists the aid of a dashing con man and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find home, love, and family.

Performances are November 3-5 at 7 pm and a 2 pm performance on the 5th. Tickets will be available beginning in October. Email director Katherine Apperson-Skobel at [kapperson@d211.org](mailto:kapperson@d211.org) if you have any questions.

This winter, **Conant Theatre** will produce **The Play the Goes Wrong**. This comedy is a hilarious hybrid of Monty Python and Sherlock Holmes. Welcome to opening night of *The Murder at Haversham Manor* where things are quickly going from bad to utterly disastrous. With an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can't play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines), it's an exciting way to spend the evening.

THE PLAY THAT GOES  
WRONG

February 3-4 at 7 pm with a 2 pm show on the 4th. Tickets will be available in January. Email director Ben Jones at [bjones@d211.org](mailto:bjones@d211.org) if you have any questions.

In the spring, **Conant Theatre** will produce Sarah Ruhl's **Eurydice**. This play reimagines the classic myth of Orpheus and Eurydice not through Orpheus's infamous pilgrimage to retrieve his bride, but through the eyes of its heroine. Dying too young on her wedding day, Eurydice must journey to the underworld, where she reunites with her father and struggles to remember her lost love. With contemporary characters, plot twists, and a script written to be a playground for designers, the play is a fresh look at a timeless love story.



Performances are April 21-22 at 7 pm and a 2 pm performance on the 22nd. Tickets will be available beginning in March. Email director Katherine Apperson-Skobel at [kapperson@d211.org](mailto:kapperson@d211.org) if you have any questions.

## Chinese Club

“February 1<sup>st</sup> was Chinese New Year and 2022 is the year of the tiger or 虎 (hǔ). The Chinese Club hosted a Chinese New Year celebration in the students’ cafeteria during all lunch periods on the day. We spent weeks planning and preparing for the event and much of our extra-curricular time to create the decoration posts. Additionally, we collaborated with the Wood Club to create the Tiger coins. We decorated the main hallway (door 1) with Chinese New Year posters, Spring Couplets, lanterns, hanging lions, dragon arts, etc. The activities included 1) finding your own zodiac sign, 2) the chopsticks game, 3) writing Chinese calligraphy, and 4) taking pictures with a Chinese backdrop, 5) playing Chinese Yo-Yo. The Chinese Club invited school faculty and students to each of the stations and to check off each one when completed for a special prize (a Tiger coin made by the Wood Club) at the end! Chinese New Year music was played during the passing periods on the day. The event was a success. This celebration helps Conant students experience Chinese culture and have fun. It strengthens students’ understanding of Chinese culture and improves the atmosphere of the Chinese New Year festival and allows students to “think globally and live locally.”



“The students from the Chinese program participated in IFair. They have two shows. Three students performed Chinese Yo-Yo and two students performed a ribbon dance. These performances allow Conant students and parents to better understand and appreciate Chinese culture.”



## HOSA

**HOSA, Health Occupations Students of America**, sponsored by Erik Hauser, competed at the 2022 State Leadership Conference. Conant students made us proud by bringing in the following awards from the State Leadership Conference:

*1<sup>st</sup> Place in Behavioral Health:* Brooke Zhang

*1<sup>st</sup> Place in Physical Therapy:* Alexandra Zaharinov

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Nurse Assisting:* Rishita Ghelda

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Health Informatics:* Sruthi Sundar

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place in EMT:* Avi Shah and Aayush Maniar

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place Public in Service Announcement:* Vinusha Venkatesh, Matt Tsang, Bhoomika Pillai, Pranav Joshi, Ananya Deepak, and Katie Auyeung

The 2022-2023 school year welcomes Vicki Deguia and Monika Aubin as this year's HOSA sponsors.



## Speech Team

Conant Speech is excited to compete at in-person tournaments again after the COVID adjustments. We would like to welcome Mr. Sean Haracz to our team as Coach **Storey '15** moved onward to a college level position. Any former members interested in judging tournaments should contact Vera Bass at [vbass@d211.org](mailto:vbass@d211.org) for more information



## Chess Club

The Conant High School Competitive Chess Team had an eventful 2021-2022 season. Led by senior Aitegin Akmatbekov the team kicked off with a first place finish in the annual "Turkey Tournament." The success didn't end there, coming in at 3rd place for both conference and sectionals they bought themselves a ticket to the state tournament. There the varsity team won five out of seven matches and earned the title of 5a state champions. Aitegin Akmatbekov proved once again to be a role model by scoring six and a half points out of seven and finishing his stay at Conant with a season he'll never forget.



## SAGA

Conant's SAGA (Sexuality and Gender Alliance) club had a great year and moved further toward its goal of promoting equity for CHS's LGBTQIA+ students. Events included making ribbons for Go Purple day, tie-dying shirts and passing out rainbow masks and for the Rainbow Out, decorating the hall for Homecoming celebrating "gay Hollywood", participating in the Day of Silence, and creating a powerful video to educate CHS teachers and staff about issues facing Conant students.

This year, SAGA hopes to create a LGBTQIA+ Distinguished Alumni Honor Wall to highlight the achievements of former Cougars who have worked for equality and human rights. If you know of a graduated Cougar that you feel deserves this honor, please contact Patrick Malloy ([pmalloy@d211.org](mailto:pmalloy@d211.org)) or Al Eschenbrenner ([aeschenbrenner@d211.org](mailto:aeschenbrenner@d211.org)).

## **LGBTQIA+ SAFE ZONE**



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CONANT'S SAGA CLUB**

## Yearbook

Are you looking for a yearbook from a previous year? You're in luck! We have most CHS yearbooks available for purchase. Please reach out to Camille Lutz at [clutz@d211.org](mailto:clutz@d211.org) for more information and pricing.



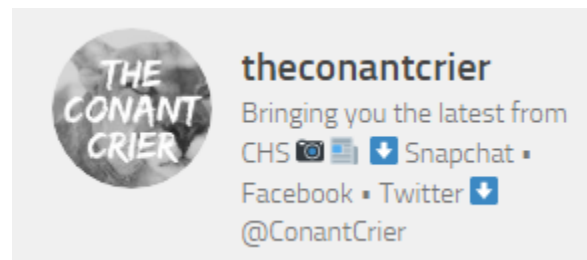
**BUY YOUR  
Yearbook**

## Conant Crier

*The Conant Crier* is led by Co-Editors-in-Chief Ria Patel (sr.) and Ella Saputra (sr.). Together they lead a staff of 20 student journalists covering all things Conant.

Visit Conant's student-run news site at [www.ConantCrier.com](http://www.ConantCrier.com), and follow *The Crier* on Twitter and Instagram @ConantCrier.

English teachers David Gwizdala and Katie Sall advise the newspaper staff.



## Autos Club

Automotive Club sponsored by **Joe Tullo '05** had their annual car show September 17<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm in the main lot at Conant. Students were able to see all different makes and models. The public was invited and everyone enjoyed themselves.



## Conant Debate

Conant Debate is off to a great start for the 2022 - 2023 season! Both teams (Congress and Public Forum) have over thirty students enrolled and are hard at work preparing for their first tournaments in late September and early October. Debate is a high-intensity club with a cadre of very dedicated and hard-working students. It involves a long season, running from August through March, with approximately one tournament a month for each team, culminating in the prestigious state competitions at Illinois State University in late March. Lastly, the club has a proud winning tradition which we certainly plan to extend this year!

Conant Debate also hosts the annual **Debate Against Cancer Fundraiser** to celebrate the life and legacy of Brian Beam, a former Debate Team captain and outstanding student, who put up a tremendous fight against cancer. Since 2018, the team, administration, and larger Conant community have come together to honor Brian and his family, and to raise money for the Brian Beam Memorial Scholarship. Each year, his family awards the scholarship to deserving Conant students who demonstrate resilience and dedication to the school. The 2022 event was a huge success with an impressive turnout of family, friends, current debaters, and former debaters and coaches. Everyone is welcome to attend! This year's event will be on Saturday, May 13, 2023, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm in the CHS Auditorium.



## **Cultural Awareness Club**

Cultural Awareness is a club dedicated to promoting cultural diversity in our school and community. Its goal is to provide individuals an opportunity to explore their own culture and learn to appreciate other cultures through group presentations, showcases, field trips, participation in seminars, and discussions. The club is sponsored by Patrick Malloy and Amy Spizzirri. We would also like to welcome Brittany Potts as a new sponsor replacing the retired Song Kim. The club's main event is the International Fair, a showcase of food, dance, music, and culture of the students in Conant High School.

Another event, known as “An Immigrant’s Story” has caught the eyes of many faculty and staff at Conant. This monthly event aims to tell the story of students and faculty at Conant who have immigrated to the US. It gives them a platform to share their stories and experiences about what it was like to come here, along with how their culture impacted them throughout their journey. *An Immigrant's Story* was founded and is run by students in the Cultural Awareness Club.





## Girls' Badminton

Conant Girl's Badminton won 1st place at our sectional in the 2021-22 season and the entire sectional team competed at the IHSA State Competition! You make us very proud! Cougar Strong!



## Conant Charrelles

The Conant Charrelles JV & Varsity Poms team have been off to an amazing start this season! We were thrilled to accept 13 Varsity dancers and 20 JV dancers for sideline season at tryouts this fall. The Charrelles have enjoyed participating at home games and the freshmen kickoff so far this year. We worked hard all summer long and even got to enjoy volunteering together at Feed My Starving Children. The Charrelles are coached by Arden Panek (CHS Social Studies Teacher) and Pamela Nehrke (CHS College and Career Counselor). If you would like to keep up with the Charrelles, follow us on Instagram @ccharrelles. Go Cougars and Go Charrelles!



## Boys Swimming

The Boys Swim Team went back to competing in a full season schedule this past year and welcomed Conant Grad and new diving coach Pablo Ramirez ('09) to the staff. The season included more than 80 athletes practicing hard and competing extremely well after 2 rough years of COVID. The Varsity team finished the Dual Meet season with a 3-4 record.

The team finished 6<sup>th</sup> at the Varsity Conference Meet held at Elk Grove High School. At the Varsity Conference Meet Bryce Loeger (So.) finish 1<sup>st</sup> in the 50 Free (21.57); Alex Seeman (Fr.) finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100 Free (50.51); Ayden Woo (Fr.) finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the 500 Free (4:57.76); the 200 Free Relay team of Spencer Vecchione (Sr.), Tyler Mitsuyasu (Sr.), Ayden Woo and Alex Seeman finished 6<sup>th</sup> (1:33.50); Bryce Loeger finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100 Back (53.21); and the 400 Free Relay team of Alex Seeman, Ayden Woo, Spencer Vecchione and Bryce Loeger finished 5<sup>th</sup> (3:21.39).

The team finished 6<sup>th</sup> at the IHSA Sectional Meet held at Prospect High School. Bryce Loeger finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50 Free (21.35) and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100 Free (46.72) qualifying for the state meet in both events. KarlHeintz Megger finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the Diving and qualified for the State Meet. Ayden Woo finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the 500 Free (4:53.89). Alex Seeman, Spencer Vecchione, Ayden Woo and Bryce Loeger teamed up in the 200 Free Relay to finish 5<sup>th</sup> (1:29.19) and again in the 400 Free Relay to finish 4<sup>th</sup> (3:16.46).

At the State Meet held (for the first time) at the FMC Natatorium in Westmont, Bryce Loeger finished 16<sup>th</sup> in the 50 Free (21.33) and 17<sup>th</sup> in the 100 Free (46.88). He now holds the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest time in Conant history for both events.

Coach Brian Drenth ('96) is excited to invite alumni back this year for our Alumni Meet held on Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10am.

Until then, please keep up with all Boys Swim Team news, meet information and results on our Twitter page: @ConantSwimming.  
Go Cougars!!



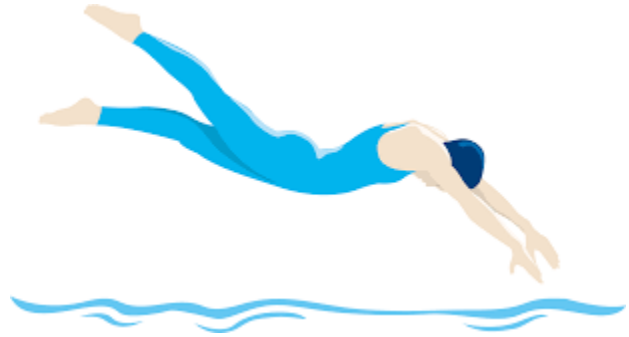
2022 Senior Swimmers after the Conant Cougar Classic



2022 Sectional Swimmers and Divers the day before the IHSA Sectional Meet

## Girls Swimming

The girls swimming and diving team is currently in season! This year's group is a young squad who is improving and developing as competitors. We have a full lineup of divers coached by Victoria Zervos. We will be hosting our Cougar Invite this year on Saturday, October 1st!

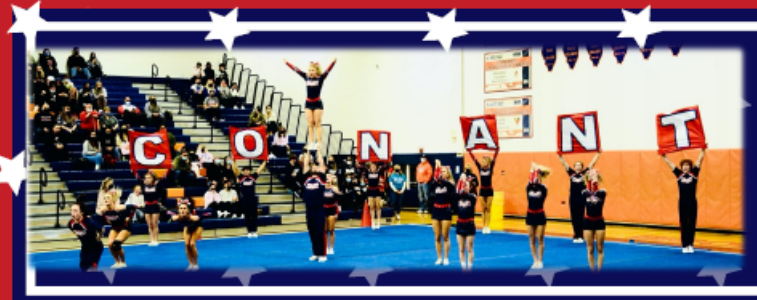


## Girls Water Polo

The girls water polo team wrapped a successful 2022 season in the spring with its 5th MSL conference championship against Hersey. The cougars appeared in their 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive sectional championship coming up short to a talented Hersey team. Grace Wong, Rylee McGee and Jackie Windbiel were selected to the MSL all-conference team. Ananya Deepak, Grace Wong, Rylee McGee and Jackie Windbiel were all selected to the IHSA sectional team. Goalie Rylee McGee was a 3<sup>rd</sup> team all-state selection. In the summer, 3 athletes from Conant (Jackie Windbiel, Allie Bland, and Duncan Whiteside) competed in the USA Water Polo Junior Olympics with our feeder team NWC. This was the NWC girls first time at Junior Olympics. Come stop by a game and see the team play, our spring season begins in March of 2023!



# CONANT COED CHEER



THE CONANT COED CHEERLEADING TEAM FINISHED 4TH IN THE STATE AT THE 2022 IHSA STATE FINALS COMPETITION. THIS IS THE COUGARS 17TH-CONSECUTIVE YEAR STATE APPEARANCE. COUGARS PLACED TOP 3 AT EVERY REGULAR SEASON INVITE AND CLINCHED A 2022 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. THIS WAS AN INCREDIBLE, YET DIFFICULT SEASON COMING BACK FROM THE WORLDWIDE PANDEMIC AND LEARNING HOW TO DEAL WITH CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS WITHIN OUR SEASONS. THE TEAM OVERCAME CHALLENGES AND FOUGHT TO THE END TO FINISH THE SEASON STRONG. THE SCHOOL AND COACHING STAFF COULD NOT BE PROUDER OF THESE YOUNG STUDENT ATHLETES. WE ARE SO THANKFUL TO OUR SENIORS, ATHLETES, PARENTS, ALUMNI, COACHES, AND SCHOOL FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT DURING THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES.

## SENIORS \*CAPTAIN:

\*MAGGIE WHEATLEY, \*KYLIE GOTZ, \*KYLIE MASLANKOWSKI, AKEYLA BAKER, CAITLIN TOTH, ALLISON STANISLAWSKI, ALICIA VELEZ, \*LUCAS OOSTHUIZEN, QAZI ELLAHI, BRIAN SMITH, BRENNEN SOHN



## MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:

MAGGIE WHEATLEY  
KYLIE GOTZ

## MSL ALL CONFERENCE MEMBERS:

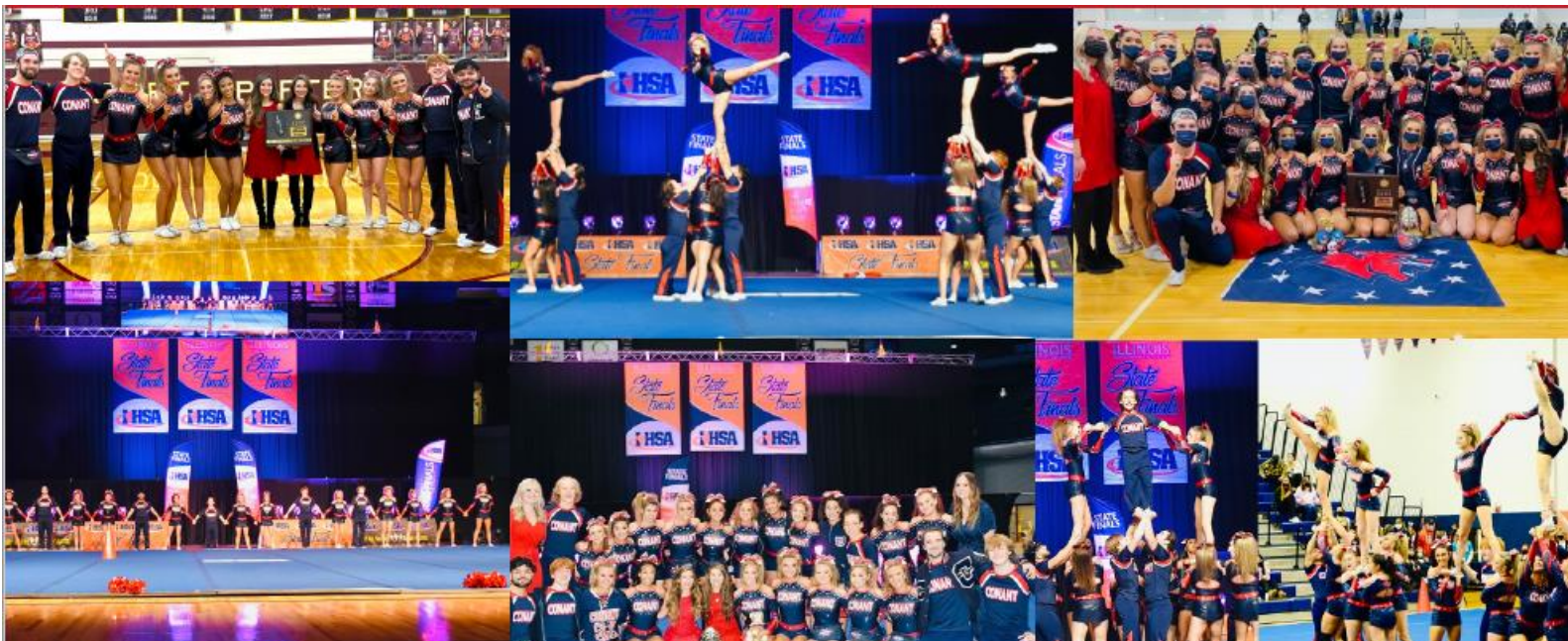
LUCAS OOSTHUIZEN  
JAIDEN DELIMBA  
KYLIE GOTZ  
MAGGIE WHEATLEY



WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON WITH SOME NEW YOUNGER PLAYERS STEPPING UP AND EXPERIENCED PLAYERS TAKING ON NEW LEADERSHIP ROLES. THIS WILL MARK THE 10TH YEAR OF COACHING AND SEASON 20 FOR ALUMNI COACHES AMANDA AND CHRISTINA SCHWEINEBRATEN.

COACH AMANDA AND CHRISTINA SCHWEINEBRATEN (08') INVITE ALL ALUMS BACK TO CONANT HIGH SCHOOL TO SUPPORT THE COUGARS AS WE HOST THE IHSA SECTIONAL, SATURDAY JANUARY 28TH, 2023. BE LOUD AND WEAR YOUR CONANT COED CHEER GEAR!

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## WELCOME TO THE COUGAR FAMILY:

Donna Barnes – Student Supervisor  
John Blonde – Teacher Assistant  
Lucas Brennan – Teacher Assistant  
Corinna Castanon – Social Worker  
Kevin Clark – EL  
Harris Dibek – Math  
Sydney Edmunds – Art  
Donna Ellery – Student Supervisor  
Tracy Fricke – Student Supervisor  
Jesse Gonzalez – World Language  
Sean Haracz – Social Worker  
Carole Hedman – Food Services  
Christian Hortillano – English  
Judy Joung – Science  
Hannah Kutchek – Science  
Tyrsa Lentino – Food Services  
Patricia Marasco – Science  
Dan McNamee – Student Supervisor  
Natalie Nunez – Attendance  
Twinkle Patel – SAT Teacher Assistant  
Brittany Potts – EL  
Alex Rodriguez – Counselor  
Brian Rygielski – Teacher Assistant  
Paola Schlichtmann – Student Supervisor  
Tessa Strzempek – Counselor  
Nia Tsoulos – Science



## GOODBYE RETIRED COUGARS:

Paul Bultnik – Student Supervisor  
Rich Jarecki – Student Supervisor  
Song Kim – Business  
David Naumann – Student Supervisor  
Celso Rivera – Student Supervisor

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Always a Cougar”*



# **Former Cougars Currently Working @ CHS**

## **FACULTY AND STAFF**

### **Applied Technology**

Shayna Adelman (Gerson) '06  
Eric LeBlanc '94  
Joe Tullo '05

### **Art**

Justin Bickus '02  
Jamie Peterson (Aulisa) '99

### **Business Education**

Tony Miller '93

### **Mathematics**

Allison Bauch '12  
Aimee Barkalow (Naatz) '94  
Mark Davies '04  
Harris Dibek '18  
Jeff Melone '01  
Katherine Roberts (Hozian) '09  
Christina Schweinebraten-Melone '08

### **Science**

Lauren Pieper (Obermaier) '08  
Jennifer Stanish (Pettyjohn) '99  
John Shoro '82  
Tracy Thornley (Schader) '96  
David Torpe '03  
Nia Tsoulos '18

### **Social Studies**

Tim Harte '98  
Eric Jacobsen '86  
Denise Mitchell (Coniglio)  
(frosh year only)  
Jennifer Stearns (Meyer) '90

### **Special Education**

Kalli Dalton '09  
Josie Garcia '88  
Danielle Johnson '88  
Kevin Mogge '91  
Jake Schlender '91  
David Spizzirri '91  
Todd Strauch '07  
Matt Walsh '93

### **Student Services**

Scott Altergott '89  
Kelly Anderson '98  
Dawna Smeltzer (Szymczak) '89

### **Wellness**

John Powers '85  
Amanda Schweinebraten '08

### **World Language**

Heather Doan '85  
Brian Drenth '96  
Anthony Spizzirri '94  
Carrie Halter (Werner) '97

### **Support Staff**

John Blonde '16  
Maureen Cairns '71  
Samantha Gadomski '17  
Jeremy Gentry '13  
Lisa Gentry (Rosselli) '83  
Steven Harper '99  
Hugh Lynch '87  
Jordan Mederich '11  
Vivian Nordmeyer (Schwartz) '81  
Twinkle Patel '15  
Karen Senne (Saunders) '74  
Patrick Tyrrell '84  
Will Von Arx '12

### **Out of Building**

#### **Coaches/Assistants**

Donald Dopka '08  
Andee Hebda '71  
Pablo Ramirez '09