

1995



"I've always wanted to come back to coach softball and teach at the best high school in St. Charles."

Jenelle Louis, Phys. Ed/Health

1997



"The best part of working at North is getting a sense of community. This is where I went to school, and being a teacher is a continuation of that tradition."

Sean Fowler, Social Studies

2000



"I've always loved North. I have great memories from being a student and had great teachers. When the opportunity came to teach here, I jumped at it."

Joanna Hall, Special Education

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The event gave over 3000 alumni the chance to visit FHN before the new building was completed. Assistant Principal Shelly Parks brought the idea to teachers who were alumni and has planned the event since summer of 2022. NHS, Mentors and other departments helped the event run smoothly.

Oct. 6 Alumni event brings opportunity for final tour of building



1. **Host with the most:** Photojournalism teacher Jordyn Kiel welcomes the guests (Bri Dunham). 2. **Cookie time:** Senior Jonica Schmidt volunteers with DECA handouts cookies (Alayna Clement).



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"I came back for the sense of giving back what was given to me. I had really good experiences and teachers here, which was one of the reasons I got into teaching."

Brett Bevill, Physical Education



"I had a lot of teachers that really helped me. I think high school is a time where you're very malleable and really benefit from positive influences in your life, so I wanted to come back and be that for other students."

Rachel Pirrone, Math



"Before I came here I was working as a behavioral therapist, but I wanted to jump up to older kids. I came back to North because I thought it would be a good environment to come back to."

Madison Brewer, Para Special Education

LEADING LEGACIES Sophomore follows in alumni parent's footsteps

3. Star speaker: Junior Gavin Swart speaks during the event (Bri Dunham). **4. Back to the bonds:** English teacher Kristen Johnson hugs a friend at the event (Payton Johnston). **5. Sweet surprises:** Junior Logan Upchurch and senior Taylor Saale serve cotton candy with the Drama department (Alayna Clement). **6. Helping hands:** Juniors Grace Fromme and Rachel Bruemmer hand out maps with NHS (Alayna Clement).

Since 1986, FHN has been the gate to generations of students' first days, Homecomings, finals weeks and the start of countless educational journeys. The Oct. 6 Alumni event brought the chance for current and former students alike to walk the halls and revisit these memories. Sophomore Katy Schmitt took this opportunity to open up the legacy her mom, Shannon Schmitt, left behind.

"There's a new addition of science classes that

wasn't there when I went there," Shannon said. "It was really great to see my old teachers and my old classmates. I'm up at the school a lot because I have kids who go there, but seeing all the people I haven't seen in so long was really neat."

Having a child go to your Alma Mater is a special experience, especially for Shannon Schmitt, a graduate of 2001. Schmitt was able to live vicariously through her three kids as she led and will continue to lead them through the

trials and tribulations of high school.

"Going to my mom's old high school has helped me know where everything is and how to navigate the hallways without getting pushed and shoved," Katy said. "She also did guard when she was here so I can rely on her for that."

Katy was heavily influenced by her mom when choosing her extracurriculars. She saw how rewarding the color guard was and decided to follow in her footsteps. Joining the team gave her

insight into special core memories from her mom's years.

"There's a lot of things that she did back in her day in guard, like saying something special," Katy said. "There was a tradition where they said 'Nail that puppy!' and she would always yell that to me at competitions from the stands."

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