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“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.”

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“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.”

STUDENT LIFE

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LEADING LEGACIES

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.”

Story by Hannah Anderson