Wow! We received an amazing response to our first edition of Pass In Review last October. Hundreds of alumni, current summer families, and former staff members checked in with words of encouragement, meaningful memories, and many good suggestions for future issues. The leading theme for Volume II is Culver Summer Schools & Camps will be operating “in-person” this summer. With that, we highlight camper and staff application opportunities. Two recent graduates of the Aviation School tell us about their interesting career paths that started during their Culver days. We remember two staff members whose enthusiasm and zeal for working with young people made them important figures on campus, whether you were in the Woodcraft Camp sixty years ago or the Upper Schools in the last decade. If two Naval School graduates are talking, it won’t be long before the question is posed, “how many times did your unit earn the E?” We explore one of the great summer traditions, one which every Naval alumnus recalls, the E Competition. Once again, there are stories and features we believe will interest everyone associated with summer at Culver. So, Pass in Review!

Alan Loehr
Director of Alumni Relations

Heike Spahn
Director of Summer Schools & Camps

JOIN THE CULVER FAMILY

The 2021 Summer Schools & Camps staff application is now available on the website! If you know someone who would be a perfect fit as a summer staff member, please pass along the information below:

http://culver.org/summer-positions

Did You Know?

55% of all summer staff hired in 2019 have a Culver experience as either a summer camper or boarding school student.

A Quick Reminder

Graduation will take place on Saturday, July 31 in 2021.

Videos of previous graduation ceremonies are located on the Culver Summer Schools & Camps Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/culversummer

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Remembering Donald Hume and Warren Foersch

It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of both Donald Hume, longtime officer and instructor for Culver Summer Schools & Camps and Col. Warren Foersch, former deputy commandant of Culver Military Academy and commandant of Upper School. Both men had such a longtime impact on many campers, staff members and families and our thoughts go out to their families.

Donald Eugene Hume of Winslow, Indiana passed away on December 31, 2020 after a long, full, and happy life of 94 years. After returning from military service in WW II, Donald served his community, state and country as a public school teacher and principal for 36 years, as a Colonel in the Indiana Guard Reserve, and as an officer and instructor at Culver Summer Schools & Camps for 51 summers. Here, he was dedicated to the process of teaching leadership to children from around the world. Colonel Hume also mentored many staff members and always found ways to provide advice, support, and understanding while also adding a story or two.

If you would like to share a happy memory of Donald or of how Donald impacted your life, please send it to Lakewood Home Attn. Family of Donald Hume 840 North Lakewood Drive Petersburg, IN 47567. These remembrances will be shared and treasured by his wife, Shirley, and his family.

A detailed obituary is available here.

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Col. Warren Foersch, former deputy commandant of Culver Military Academy, commandant of Upper School as well as Scoutmaster. Warren and his wife, Debbie, joined Culver in 2008 after 30 years of service with the U.S. Marine Corps. He was the deputy commandant of cadets for Culver Military Academy from 2008 until 2017. He also worked for Culver Summer Schools & Camps as the commandant of Upper School from 2009 through 2018. He and Debbie have four children, Natalie, Nathan, Peter (CMA ’13), and Paul (CMA ’15). Col.

Warren quickly became a larger-than-life figure on campus through his one-of-a-kind personality, dedication to the Culver Mission and values, and overall decency that made an impact in every aspect of Culver. Our sympathies are with his wife, Debbie, Culver’s former Catholic youth minister, and his children.

Condolences can be sent to Debbie and the family at 428 Jade Drive, Newport, WA 99156.

A detailed obituary is available here.

Both Donald Hume and Warren Foersch will also be remembered in the upcoming issue of the Culver Alumni Magazine.
CSSC Leadership Changes

Dear Culver Summer Schools & Camps Alumni and Families,

I hope your 2021 is off to a great start. We have been fortunate to have students on campus throughout the school year and they are experiencing an “almost full” Culver experience—COVID protocols provide some limitations but they are making the most of it. We have every reason to believe that we will be able to offer a similar experience for our Culver Summer Schools & Camps programming.

In order to assist me with focusing on crucial priorities in key areas, I have added a Deputy Head of Schools role to our Senior Leadership Team. I am excited to announce Andy Seddelmeyer has accepted the position. As part of the organizational restructuring, Heike Spahn has accepted the role of Director of Summer Schools & Camps. Andy and I have built a great working relationship with Heike over the past several years and we are excited about the leadership she is going to provide to Summer Schools and Camps. We are already conducting a search for the next Woodcraft Director so that we can have all of our protocols in place when campers arrive in June.

Kind regards,
Doug Bird
Head of Schools

Update on the Summer Application

We are excited to announce that we have received over 1,200 applications! However, we still have space available in a number of age groups for this upcoming summer.

If you know of a family member or friend who would be a perfect fit for a summer at Culver, please have them reach out to the Summer Admissions office at summer@culver.org.

Culver Connect

We are pleased to announce a new platform for people to strengthen and enhance their Culver bonds. Acting on our promise of your inclusion in an exclusive network, we invite you to join your fellow Culver Academies and Culver Summer Schools & Camps alumni on the all-new Culver Connect.

With more than 18,000 alumni around the world, Culver Connect brings together our extensive community of professionally talented and connected people. By providing a unique and exclusive space for establishing connections and fostering relationships, Culver Connect will assist you in taking your Culver Connections to the next level.

Did you know? In addition to other features, Culver Connect users have full access to the alumni directory, alumni business network, and Culver Connect job board.

Join today to take full advantage of your membership in the Culver Network.

Register in a matter of minutes! Should your registration details match our directory listing, your access will be expedited.

To log-in and create your profile, please visit connect.culver.org

*Must be a recorded alumnus/ae or attendee of Culver's Summer or Winter programs to register.
On Eagles Wings: Aviation Beyond Culver

Over 100 summer school alumni are currently in a career in the aviation industry, applying what they learned on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee in their professional lives. Two summer alumni provide a glimpse of life after Culver, what they have learned, and advice they would give to current campers.

Alan Aguayo

Hometown: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Summers attended (years): 1999 (Division 1), 2003-2005 (Aviation B)
Final Make: Regimental Commander
College: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Degree(s)/Certification(s): Bachelor of science in aeronautical science. Bachelor of science in aerospace & occupational safety. Airline transport pilot, flight instructor
Current job/profession: Pilot at Delta Private Jets

Piece of advice for current campers: Meet people, make friends. Some of the best friendships I've created were from Culver. Stay in touch with your friends after camp is over, you never know what they will be doing later in life.

How you are using what you learned at Culver in “the real world”: I still make my bed every morning, something I learned how to do at Culver. Leadership skills developed at Culver have helped me tremendously in clubs, organizations and overall decision making.

Andrew Valentino

Hometown: Sterling, Illinois
Summers attended (years): 2014-2016 (Aviation)
Final Make: Regimental Adjutant
College: United States Air Force Academy
Degree(s)/Certification(s): Starting my Senior Year to earn a bachelor’s degree in aeronautical engineering

Piece of advice for current campers: It will go by fast, so enjoy every moment and don’t be afraid to challenge yourself.

How you are using what you learned at Culver in “the real world”: For me “the real world” is the military, so I am able to apply a lot of what I learned at Culver. But outside of the military, I think learning how to interact with people with different personalities and diverse backgrounds has benefited me greatly in life.
Aviation at Culver Today

Below are a few updates regarding the current aviation program here at Culver:

- To ensure the highest quality instruction, Culver has contracted with a full-service flight school, AlphaFlight, to provide aircraft and instructors. The Certified Flight Instructors provide classroom ground school lectures, flight training, and flight simulator instruction.

- Culver owns state-of-the-art flight simulators that feature full-vision and motion. These simulators are certified for instruction by the FAA, thereby allowing our students to log official instructed hours in their logbooks. Culver has flight simulator training available both on campus and at our airport hangar facility.

- There were 60 total Upper School Aviation students in 2019: 56 boys and 4 girls. All of these students took Aviation Ground School classes.

- During the summer of 2019, 108 Woodcraft campers took the Basic Aviation class. These campers were given the opportunity to take a “Discovery Flight” with Culver’s affiliate flight school in a Cessna 172.

- When a student earns their Private Pilot License, they are presented with Gold Wings, however, in 2019 none were earned. Five students were presented with Silver Wings for completing a solo flight and three students received Bronze Wings for passing a practice FAA Written Exam during the summer of 2019.

From the Archives: Master List of Naval School “E” Winners

The E Award for the Naval School was created in 1926. The concept came from the U.S. Navy, which had been in the habit of painting a large “E” on the funnel of the ship that was deemed most efficient in its class. The formula used for calculating the winner is complex and encompasses all aspects of individual midshipman and Naval Company objectives each summer. There was no designee in 2020. However, we look forward to the 2021 competition. In the meantime, here are the most recent winners and a link to see all the Companies who have taken the prize since its inception.

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Members of the 1991 Naval Band unit celebrate their win of the coveted “E” with waves of orange soda.

For a list of more past “E” winners, please click here.
Acts of Service in Summer 2020

Many campers found themselves having to come up with alternative plans after programming was cancelled in 2020. Matthew Collins, a current Woodcraft camper, made the most of his summer by giving back to his community.

Matthew Collins
Woodcraft Camp, Division 3

During quarantine, Matthew spent much of his free time on art projects. When he lost his Culver summer, he was inspired to make from-scratch, camp-inspired wine charms, pins, and keychains. This helped make him feel connected to Culver and was a great way for him to divert his disappointment. Matthew spent hours upon hours planning, creating and assembling his charms. He used plain sheets of shrink plastic to draw and color the designs with paint pens, cut them out and baked them into shrinky dinks, and assembled them.

He made several Woodcraft sets as well as some Upper School, Lake Maxinkuckee, and boarding school sets. He even created a name, logo, and handmade the tags. He fulfilled several orders for friends, including two larger custom orders, and The Collective even purchased some to sell in their store in downtown Culver!

Matthew donated 20 percent of his proceeds to the Michigan Humane Society; he made two donations, totaling $185.

Virtual Inaugural Parade

We would like to congratulate the 15 summer alumni and current campers who rode with the Black Horse Troop and Equestriennes in the Virtual Presidential Inaugural Parade.

To re-watch the 2021 inaugural parade and learn more about Culver’s history with invitations to inaugurations, please visit the website below:

Learn more about Culver’s inaugural experiences

A Call to Action

This is for all campers who would have been Gold C Woodcrafters or Upper School First-Classmen in the 2020 summer and therefore eligible to graduate. If you wish to be considered a graduate of your respective program, you may click here to begin the process.

If approved by camp leadership, you receive your diploma, the coveted Silver Star, and other keepsakes provided each graduate.

Thus far, the Summer Schools Alumni Association (CSSAA) has welcomed 42 members of the CSSC Class of 2020 into the alumni ranks.
Save the Date: April 8, 2021

Culver’s 4th annual Day of Giving!

On April 8 we’re asking the worldwide Culver community to join in supporting the Academies and Summer Schools & Camps by making a gift to the Culver Fund! In past years, thanks to the generous gifts — of every size — to the Culver Fund by Culver alumni, parents and friends, this has become one of the most successful ways to support Culver’s students, faculty and staff, and programs.

How to Participate:

- Donations may be mailed to Culver Educational Foundation, 1300 Academy Road #153, Culver, IN 46511. Add “DOG21” in the memo line and mail it early so that it is received by 4/8/21 and counted in the Day of Giving totals.
- If you wish to make a gift online now, you may log in securely to www.culver.org/makeagift and add “DOG21” to the “in honor of” field.
- On April 8, you may also donate online or by calling 505-GIVE-NOW.
- Follow @CulverAcademies on social media and join us for the excitement!

The past is in your hearts, but the future—the future of Culver—is in your hands!

Thank you for your generosity. #Since1894

Thank You!

Thank you to the over 100 summer graduates who provided updated email addresses in the last two months so we can save paper and get Pass In Review to you electronically.

Any summer graduates who are not currently receiving Pass In Review but would like to, please contact the Alumni office at alumni@culver.org to update your information!
Homecoming Weekend 2021

From The Alumni Office:

There are many well-informed opinions offered during the frequent discussions school and summer camp leaders have regarding the Homecoming 2021 Weekend. It is simply too soon to offer a decision about the viability of on-campus events this summer, especially those that involve sizable guest counts.

The Academies has established a bubble that has allowed Culver to offer an in-person experience for our students, that by all measures, has resulted in a productive 2020-2021 school year for our community. It is likely that we will follow many of the same protocols to ensure a successful 2021 summer for our campers.

We want to be respectful with regards to each family and their schedules; therefore, we will notify all relevant constituents – parents, alumni, and friends of the summer program – as soon as a decision is rendered. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and support of Culver in the face of these rapidly evolving scenarios.

Sincerely,
Alan H. Loehr
Director of Alumni Relations

Congratulations to all our Culver couples who celebrated Valentine’s Day!

We would love to hear your stories!
To share your Culver love stories and photos, please visit the Culver Summer Schools & Camps Facebook page.

The 17 directors of the Summer Schools Alumni Association governing board represent the 11,500 summer alumni who reside in all 50 states, 3 U.S. territories, and 78 countries.

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