



CRATER FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



★ ALUMNI FEATURE ★

KEITH FROST MAKES HIS MARK AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL

Our spring 2023 issue of the Crater Foundation Newsletter features 1991 Crater graduate, Keith Frost. While at Crater, Keith was a mainstay of the Crater FFA chapter but also was a strong student who enjoyed attending athletic events and supporting his school. He was an FFA Chapter officer for three years, a District officer for one, and a nationally recognized livestock judge. (Continued on page 2).

27TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

The 27th annual Crater Foundation Scholarship Auction was held Saturday, December 3, 2022. To celebrate this 27th-year event many changes were made to the delight of a crowd of more than 475 people! The event was held at the Jackson County EXPO in the Seven Feathers Event Center. Table and chairs were rented, and table decorations and dinner were provided with partial costs offset by Sponsors. The 2022 sponsors included Del Rio Vineyard Estates, BlackRock Coffee Bar, Lithia 4 Kids, Ubhill One Concession, The Expo, Knife River Materials, Boise Cascade, S&B James Construction, DA Davidson, and Hutchins Wealth Management. It was a party atmosphere with people competing for many silent auction items and there was spirited bidding for more than 40 oral auction items.



People attending had a great and enjoyable time while having the opportunity to support a great cause, "furthering education for our young people". In addition to scholarships for graduating seniors, people raised paddles to contribute to scholarships for Crater graduates who have completed at least 1 year of college. More than \$152,000 was raised at this year's gala event. Our graduates say, "Thank You!" As always, every penny helps enable dreams to become reality. Everyone who attended can walk away and know that they helped make a difference in a young person's life.

This year's auction will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023.

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Upon graduation from Crater, Keith started college at Lassen Community College in California before transferring to Chico State. There he eventually received his associate degree but after facing, as he called it, “an existential crisis” and moving his young family back to Oregon to regroup. Unfortunately, shortly after moving back to Oregon, he became very ill which resulted in emergency surgery. One of his first hospital visitors was his former FFA and agricultural teacher, the legendary John Dimick. As Keith remembers, “This hospital meeting with John Dimick convinced me that I needed to go back to school and pursue my original plan towards becoming an agricultural educator.”

After a long recovery and healing process, Keith returned to college, this time to Oregon State University where he eventually received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education, followed by a master’s degree in the same. With degrees in hand, Keith started his teaching career at Eagle Point High School, teaching Agricultural Science and serving as an FFA advisor. After nine years at Eagle Point, an opportunity came for him to take a Presidential Fellowship at Texas Tech to work on a Ph. D in Agricultural Communications and Education. He seized the moment and moved his family to Lubbock, Texas where for three years he worked as a graduate assistant and researcher while completing his doctorate.

Currently, Dr. Frost is an Assistant Professor of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications at Texas A&M University. He also serves as the program coordinator for the Teacher Certification Program in Agricultural Sciences and Family and Consumer Sciences. As Keith relates, “Essentially, I have transitioned from serving as an agricultural educator to serving as someone who trains and mentors new and current agricultural educators.”

Keith Frost’s memories of Crater High School are strong and positive. His teaching and mentoring philosophy focuses on what he calls the Three Rs of

Education-Rigor, Relevance, and Relationship. He goes on to write, “Over time, I came to recognize the impetus for these three things started at Crater with three outstanding educators, Ed Zobel (Physics), John Dimick (Agriculture) and Vince Wixon (English), all three similar and yet wildly different. The commonality ties were in the respect they afforded their students. Mr. Wixon and Mr. Dimick always utilized the titles Mr. or Ms. In front of their students’ names while Mr. Zobel referred to us all as Physicists. For example, I was Physicist Frost.”

“Mr. Zobel pushed us into levels of cognition which were very challenging for, as I recall, all but one student in the class. Mr. Wixon allowed and expected you to back up your thoughts and feelings with accuracy. He didn’t care what you thought, he just wanted it to be genuine, and he refused to allow the non-acceptance of others’ opinions based only on feelings. Disagree? Surely! But present facts and thoughts and be open. Mr. Dimick embodied experiential learning and provided opportunities to apply knowledge in real-world situations or scenarios. Knowledge was never enough-action, performance, reflection, and improvement were the expectations.”

Dr. Frost does have a life beyond the classroom. He is married and has an adult son and two grandchildren. He is involved in a variety of entrepreneurial activities including fields of manufacturing, and foods (gourmet sauces), and finds time to do some consulting.

Keith Frost is another Crater graduate who has established himself in his professional and personal life with aplomb. The Crater Foundation salutes him.



5A-3 MIDWESTERN LEAGUE

WINTER SPORTS SUMMARY

Crater is now playing in the 5A-3 Midwestern League. The league is comprised of Ashland, Churchill, Crater, Eagle Point, North Eugene, Springfield and Thurston.

WRESTLING

Comets wrestling team was second at the Midwestern League district qualifying 16 wrestlers for the state tourney. At the State Tournament, the Comets finished third in the 5A State Tournament. They had two State Champions, senior Hayden Walters at 220 lbs. and sophomore Elijah Bayne at 113 lbs. In addition, they had four 3rd place finishers, one 4th place finisher, one 5th place finisher, and one 6th place finisher.

BASKETBALL

The Comets girls basketball team finished 2nd in the Midwestern League and earned a state play-in game, hosting Wilsonville. They defeated Wilsonville 81 – 45. At the State Tournament, the Comets defeated Putnam 81 to 60 and advanced to the semi-finals to play Springfield. They were defeated by Springfield 70 – 55. They then lost to LaSalle 55 – 50 to finish 5th in the state tournament.

The Comets boys' basketball team finished 5th in the Midwestern League and failed to earn a state playoff game.

SWIMMING

The Crater girls swim team did not place swimmers into the state meet.

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CRATER HIGH SPRING SPORTS HOME SCHEDULES

BASEBALL

March 13	Crater Jamboree
March 27	Spring Tourney
March 28	Spring Tourney
March 29	Spring Tourney
April 15	Springfield
April 18	Churchill
April 28	Eagle Point
May 2	North Eugene
May 12	Thurston
May 16	Ashland

SOFTBALL

March 18	Mountain View
April 15	Springfield
April 28	Churchill
April 28	Eagle Point
May 2	North Eugene
May 12	Thurston
May 16	Ashland
<u>TRACK</u>	
March 16	Crater Twilight
May 3	Thurston
May 18	District – Springfield
May 20	District – Springfield

GIRLS GOLF

March 13	@ Laurel Hills
April 13	@ Eagle Point
April 24	@ Centennial
April 27	@ Eagle Point
May 1	@ District – Running Y
May 2	@ District -- Running Y

BOYS GOLF

March 13	@ Centennial Invitational GC
April 13	@ Eagle Point
April 24	@ Centennial
April 27	@ Eagle Point
May 1	@ District – Running Y
May 2	@ District -- Running Y

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

2023

The annual **Crater High School Hall of Fame** induction was held on March 18th, with approximately 200 people attending. The following are some of the highlights that each person has achieved. For the complete bios, please visit the Crater Foundation website at: www.craterfoundation.district6.org.

ATHLETICS

NEIL RIVENBURG- (1963 graduate): Neil participated in football for two years and baseball and basketball for all four years, Neil attended Southern Oregon University where he played basketball for two years and played varsity baseball from 1963 to 1967. Neil earned Oregon Collegiate Conference honors all four years and NAIA District II honors as a sophomore and senior. Neil was drafted and played in the Boston Red Sox organization. Neil was inducted into the Southern Oregon University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009.



LISA KIRK- (1975 graduate): Lisa was 1st Team All-Conference in volleyball. She was state champion at the Oregon State Track and Field meet in the javelin and the discus, breaking the state record in the javelin. She set a national high school record in the javelin with a mark of 157' 5". Lisa competed in the National AAU Track Meet in 1975 and placed 4th in the javelin and 10th in the discus. And placed 8th in the javelin at the Olympic trials in 1976.

NICK DANIKEN- (1997 graduate): Nick was a Crater High three-sport athlete competing in football, basketball, and baseball. Nick was named to the Southern Oregon Conference's first team as a defensive back. During his four years at Southern Oregon University, Nick was a two-time NAIA All-American defensive back. Nick was elected to the NAIA All-Decade Team as a Defensive Back in 2012 and elected into the Southern Oregon Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013.



HALEY HEVERN WRIGHT- (2007 graduate): Haley played volleyball, basketball, and softball, lettering in all three sports. She was the shortstop on the Crater High 2007 State Championship team and was voted 1st Team All-Conference and 1st Team All-State that year. Haley played softball and volleyball for four years at Northwest Nazarene University. She was the libero for the women's volleyball team for three years. Haley earned an All-Conference selection each of the four years she competed at NNU, and in her senior year was chosen as Woman's Athlete of the Year.

TEAMS

1998 CRATER HIGH STATE CHAMPION WRESTLING TEAM- This state championship team accomplishment was a surprise to everyone except themselves and their coaches. With the coaching and guidance from head coach Greg Haga, his assistants, and the leadership from senior Tony Overstake, they were determined to become a great wrestling team. This was a total underdog team that ultimately finished with gold. Some individual highlights from the 1998 State Championships include Tony Overstake becoming a state champion and Justin Godley and Ezra Morse becoming 2nd placers.

ACHIEVEMENT

DAN SPEASL- Dan was a teacher, coach, Career Counselor and Athletic Director at Crater High School retiring in 2004. He was the head wrestling coach at Crater High from 1974 to 1985, assistant coach in football and baseball from 1975 to 1979, girls cross country coach in 1979 and the head boys cross country coach from 1988 to 1992. Dan was appointed Crater's Athletic Director from 1997 until retiring in 2004. He was instrumental in the construction of the field house/wrestling project for Hanby Middle School and the development of the soccer fields and baseball fields on Upton road. Following his retirement, he was Athletic Director at Southern Oregon University for one year. Dan has been inducted into the Southern Oregon University Athletic Hall of Fame, the Oregon Athletic Directors Hall of Fame, the National Wrestling Hall of Fame's "Lifetime Service to Wrestling" award, and the Crater High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

DEBBIE SAXBURY- (1974 graduate): Debbie was a rally squad member for four years at Crater. She has been involved for the past 40 years in helping the community and businesses and has been labeled with the title of "Community Advocate". Debbie has been honored as Central Point Citizen of the Year, Central Point 4th of July Grand Marshal, and the Mail Tribune selected her for a "Heroes of our Valley" award.



CARI CUNNINGHAM MOSHER- (1995 graduate): Cari was very active and involved during her high school years. She played junior varsity soccer, was a Yearbook editor, started a dance team, was as a member of the National Honor Society, received the top 5% honors award, and was named an Oregon Scholar. Cari received a Bachelor of Arts in Dance in 1999, graduating magna cum laude from the University of Oregon. This led to three years in New York City, working for the Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation. She then entered the University of Colorado Master of Fine Arts Dance program. Upon receiving her master's degree from the University of Colorado, Cari was hired to a teaching position in dance at the University of Nevada in Reno. Subsequently, she has become the first faculty member in Dance at the University to be tenured.

ZACH RAMBO- (2003 graduate): Zach was in the academic top 5% of his graduating class and very involved in the Crater High Agriculture program. Zach began his college career attending Delta Community College in Stockton, then transferred to Texas A&M University where he earned a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science Degree in Animal Science. He then entered Purdue University where he earned a Doctorate of Philosophy in Swine Nutrition in 2013. Zach began his first career job with Zinpro Corporation, a privately held Minnesota-based company that pioneered the organic trace mineral space in livestock feed globally. His current role is North American swine sales manager for Zinpro and has traveled to 18 different countries across N. America, Europe, and Asia.



NEWSLETTER TRANSITION COMING



We are currently making a transition with our Newsletter focusing on a way to reach a greater number of Crater High School graduates and help alumni become more connected with Crater High School today. This includes more knowledge of the Crater Foundation and what it does for young people in addition to other functions of the Foundation, specifically for Alumni. This transition may change the look and delivery of this Newsletter in the future. If you would like to go digital, please scan the QR code to the left with the camera on your smartphone.



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Contact: Michelle Ortiz michelle.ortiz@district6.org

2003 - 20th Class Reunion June 10th -
Del Rio Vineyards
Contact: Perry Dickson 435-503-7037

1973 - 50th Class Reunion September 9, 2023
Sam's Creek Cellars
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