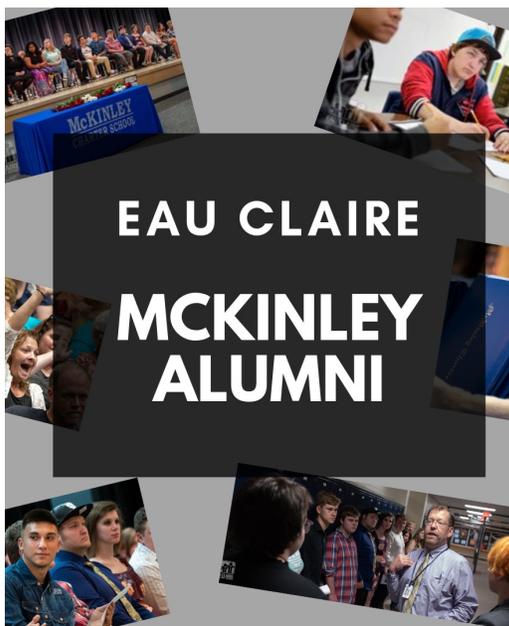




# ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS



## *Let Us Introduce You to Superintendent Mike Johnson*



The Eau Claire Area School District was delighted to hire Mike Johnson as our new superintendent last summer. Mr. Johnson previously served as an Assistant Superintendent in the South Washington County School District located southeast of St. Paul, MN, since 2014. Prior to that role, he served the School District of River Falls as a high school assistant principal, middle school principal and district-level administrator. Earlier, he spent 10 years as a teacher of middle and high school English, including here at Memorial High School. Mr. Johnson's educational experience includes degrees from the University of St. Thomas (Ed.S.) and UW-Eau Claire (M.A. and B.A.). He is currently a doctoral student at Bethel University.

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# North Staff Alumni

BY JANELLE PATENAUDE  
NORTH PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR

It's so fun to talk with North staff members who are also alumni, and we're very fortunate to have so many in our building today!

Who were their favorite teachers? What were their favorite memories? [Read the story and see the familiar faces!](#)



## Once a Husky, Always a Husky





# *Memorial High School*

COMPILED BY VAL LOGAN  
MEMORIAL PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR

Thank You to ALL the Old Abe Alumni who donated time, materials and funds to help make Solar on Eau Claire Schools Happen. Click [HERE](#) to read the story!



## *1962 Graduate, Russell Boggess*

Thank you to the family of Russell Boggess who donated Russell's recorded albums from the annual Pop Concerts from 1960, 1961 and 1962. Check out the spotlight on Russell [HERE](#).



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

# McKinley Charter Welcomes Alums Anytime

BY PETE RILEY, MCKINLEY PRINCIPAL



McKinley Charter School is looking forward to a 25th reunion in the summer of 2023. We are looking for any interested graduates to help plan an event for that summer. Please reach out to Pete Riley at [priley@ecasd.us](mailto:priley@ecasd.us) or 715-852-6907 if you'd like to get involved in that planning. But you don't have to wait until then to come back to visit! McKinley invites alumni to reach out any time to come for a tour and see all the updates made to the building over the past few years. We are also always interested in having McKinley students come back as guest speakers to share what they are up to with our current students. Just give Pete a call or send him an email to set up a date and time.



## EAU CLAIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION UPDATE

BY SARAH FRENCH, ECPSF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ECPSF has announced a unique milestone: it's MILLIONTH dollar granted in support of Eau Claire Area School District schools and students. Established in 2011, Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation (ECPSF) is the charitable giving partner of Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD). Since its inception, ECPSF has provided over \$1 million to supplement the tax-based funding of ECASD schools. The support comes in the form of classroom grants, special projects, annual teacher and staff Golden Apple Awards, college scholarships for district graduates, greatest needs of the schools, and more.

ECPSF's Solar on Eau Claire Schools has reached completion, having raised \$291,000+ to support the engineering, installation, and maintenance of the 360-panel solar arrays atop North and Memorial High Schools. The panels were generously donated by Midwest Renewable Energy Association in partnership with Couillard Solar Foundation (founded by Memorial alum, Cal Couillard '73). The project was a community effort to bring solar to our schools, and thanks to donors, resulted in no cost to ECASD, while incorporating into the high school STEM curriculum, AND saving the district \$20,000/year in utility costs. The project, now operational, culminated with a ribbon cutting in October 2020 (Photo by Jeff Thompson Photography. L-R: North science teacher Jake Behrens, Memorial alum 19' Kiersten Wille, Memorial science teacher Erin Layde).

