

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

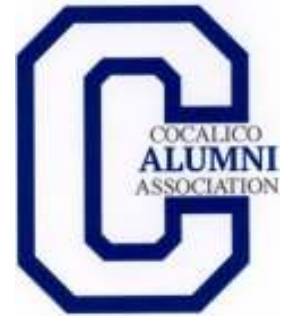
BOARD MEETINGS
3RD WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH



SCHOLARSHIP
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THE CLASS OF 2020
WINNERS



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COCALICO PRIDE



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Q&A with Matthew Arment, Class of 1992, Owner of Arment Concrete.

Q: When did you graduate Cocalico and what did you do after high school?

A: I graduated from Cocalico High school by the skin on my

teeth in 1992. I was not very studious. After high school I joined the work force. I didn't really take life very seriously. I just kind of had jobs and hung out with my friends. I even moved to the beach and played in a band. It was pretty much the greatest time ever. After a few years of that I tried taking some courses but with no real aim. It just seemed like the thing to do.

Q: How did you get into the concrete industry?

A: I was getting entry level position jobs at just about everywhere imaginable and living at home... not really going anywhere in life. Then the temp service landed me an entry level position at High Concrete, right down the road from home. I liked it immediately and 25 years later I can say everyday that "I think concrete is cool". It's interesting. It's an art form. I could talk (sometimes I do) for days about concrete. It's inspirational. It's a lifestyle. I've written two books and keep a blog themed by this concrete culture. <https://midlifeconcrete.wordpress.com/>

Q: How did Arment Concrete begin?

Probably about 10 years into my concrete career I actually wasn't making a whole lot of money. I had bounced around from a few different companies, gaining skills and respect in the industry but I somehow was still spinning. Then, I found out my son was coming soon. This put a different perspective on my life. Suddenly I felt as though I had to improve my career and life. I was going to be a provider.. a father! That's when I quickly started branching out and getting my own jobs, taking on responsibilities. I bought a pick up truck, got business cards made and started the hustle!

Q: Why did you get into building skateparks?

A: Me? Skater. Skateboarder til death. It's a badge I wear very proudly.

I think that from the time you're a kid and learn to build a ramp for your BMX bike, you know that that's what you want to do for the rest of your life. If my aunt asked me when I was 7 what my favorite thing to do was, the answer would be the same at age 45: Build jump ramps.

Being a skater, years of concrete experience... it seemed like a natural progression that I should mix the two passions in life. There were some skate park projects where they needed some help, and me and my bud Ollie Wilson would go and learn and be a part of something truly special. We met traveling professionals, learned trade secrets. Slowly we were able to take those skills and hone them at other concrete skate spots. It took years before we were able to get to throw our hat in the public forum of skate park construction. It's a very niche trade. Someone could do concrete their entire life but couldn't build a proper skate park. You have to have an immense love of skating in order to build them properly.... anyone who knows will tell you that!

Q: What skateparks have you helped design and build?

I've been fortunate to have some projects just land on my plate. We did the expansion at the Reid Menzer park in York... no design work there, we just built it. We've been around the area... Minersville, Bloomsburg, Philadelphia, Steelton, Denver, Urbana MD.

Q: Can you share a little information about the Denver SkatePark? How did the project begin and what are you hoping to accomplish?

The Denver Skate Park has a rather long history. We used to try and get the borough to build a skatepark for us in the late 80's and it was unheard of. It took years and years but eventually the borough put an asphalt pad and some ramps in the park. This facility sufficed for 15ish years. Then, it started to lose its appeal. The ramps were getting run down, the surface was rough and it was gaining a bad reputation for a hang out spot with trash and cigarettes.

Around 2014, I moved back to Denver to marry my high school sweetheart Margaret. Upon moving back, I took notice of the need to

Cocalico Alumni Scholarship Winners



For the 2019-2020 school year, the Cocalico Alumni Association named three graduates as winners of its scholarship program. Winners were chosen based on the basis of scholarship, financial need and exemplary service to their communities as well as toward their fellow students.

The winners of the 2019-2020 scholarship were:

- Leah Mathews (\$1,000)
- Miguel Prysakar (\$1,000)
- Claire Eberly (\$1,000)

Thank you to all who donated to the scholarship program. Due to the pandemic, many Cocalico Alumni Association events have had to be cancelled over the past several months. Thanks to generous donations from the community, we will be able to continue the scholarship program for the class of 2021!

*Cocalico Alum
gifts real estate
to honor his late
wife, support
lifesaving cancer
research*

Cocalico alum J. David Brensinger has made a planned gift to Penn State College of Medicine in memory of his wife and Cocalico Alumna, Glenna, that will help cancer patients for generations to come through the Glenna Watt Brensinger Cancer Research Endowment. Two years after her first diagnosis, Glenna died on Oct. 3, 2014, three days before her 67th birthday and at the beginning of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. David chose to gift the home that he and Glenna built into a charitable remainder trust to help fund research to find a cure.

Glenna and David first met at their church in Denver. After he returned from Vietnam, she asked him out to see the film "Love Story." David was soon stationed at a base in Arizona, and they began a long-distance relationship. He proposed to her on the phone and sent her an engagement ring by mail. She and David have one son, John D. Brensinger Jr., who lives in California. Glenna, a Cocalico Senior High School graduate, also worked for the Cocalico Middle School library.

revamp the skatepark. We formed a coalition. We had fundraisers, chili cook offs, shirt sales. In the last 6 years we've been able to make a great name for the Denver Skate Park. It's now got a good reputation. It gets support from the community and the borough. We've been backed by local businesses and I've personally seen youth gain confidence and life skills.

In fact, a group of parents have formed a non-profit called CASA (Cocalico Alternative Sport Association). Its mission is to provide opportunities, acceptance and encouragement to youth engaged in alternative sports. Being at the skate park nearly everyday and growing up in this culture, I see a need for support for these kids. I had the idea for CASA after spending so much time around these kids, seeing their hard work, their dedication and bravery. And they embrace each others efforts. It's amazing. No one gets good at skateboarding without getting hurt. It's dangerous, and it's fun. It provides a sense of pride and individuality. People can get involved with the skatepark through CASA's website (<https://cocalicoalternativesportassoc.com/>).

Q: Was there anything from your time at Cocalico that helped lead you to where you are today?

A: Absolutely nothing. Ha! Just kidding. I think that being at Cocalico, with it being a small school, helped me to become an individual while forming close relationships. I didn't get caught in a sea of peers. My teachers were cool, and I always felt supported.

Q: Is there anything else to add?

Growing up can be tough and if I can do something to help these kids to do something that they love... and will help them become brave, contributing members of society.. well then that's my purpose here.

Save the Date: Golf Tournament



Extraordinary Give

Don't forget the Cocalico Education Foundation during this year's Extraordinary Give!



When you give EXTRA, Extraordinary things happen!
 Please consider making a donation to CEF that will not only enhance the educational opportunities for Cocalico students but will also invest in our community's future.

Online Auction

An online auction will run from November 4-18. Starting on Wednesday, November 4, go to <https://tinyurl.com/CEFonlineauction> to start bidding on items. Donors can bid on a variety of items and place multiple bids on the same item up until 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 18. Winners will be notified electronically on Thursday, November 19. Auction items will be available for pick up by winners on Friday, November 20 at Bear Mill Estate from 3:00-7:00 pm.

Event in a Box

In lieu of our traditional ExtraGive event at Bear Mill Estate, enjoy the evening with that special someone with a box filled with tasty treats and beverages for two. Donations of \$100 or more made by November 13 are eligible to receive an Event in a Box.

Donate online at <https://tinyurl.com/eventinbox>. Boxes will be distributed to donors on Friday, November 20 at Bear Mill Estate from 3:00-7:00 pm.

ExtraGive

Donate to CEF on Lancaster County's largest day of giving - Friday, November 20. For 24 hours, you can donate at www.extragive.org.



Contact Lesley Stricker at 717-336-1405 or lstricker@cocalico.org with questions about the Online Auction, Event in a Box, or ExtraGive.



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For more information, or to donate to the Cocalico Alumni Association, please visit our website at www.cocalicoalumni.org or find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CocalicoAlumni>




David McFalls

It is with heavy hearts that we share that David McFalls, Cocalico High School art teacher, died Oct. 28 after a long battle with leukemia. This is a loss to his family and the entire Cocalico community.

Information about future memorial services can be found at: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/davidsean/journal>.


Reunion Information

Class of 1970 50th Reunion on Nov. 7, 2020 at Foxchase Golf Course.



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COCALICO CLASS OF 1970 CLASS REUNION



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This is your big 50th
A class reunion is being planned for
November 7, 2020
At Foxchase Golf Course
Please contact Julia Vald at 717-366-7281
if you have any questions or
would like to REGISTER

Did you know?

Senior Citizens, age 65 & over and living within the Cocalico School District, are eligible for special lifetime passes which admit them without charge to all HOME sporting, drama, and musical events. These passes can be obtained by visiting the Administration Office at the front of the senior high school during normal business hours.