

TIME(X)LINE



Enrolled at Columbus Academy as the Freshman Alumni Scholar

1960



Played on Academy's baseball and football teams, served as circulation manager for the student newspaper and played the lead role in the school musical with CSG

1963



Earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Notre Dame and returned to Academy to teach middle school US history, PE and public speaking in addition to coaching freshman football and JV baseball

1968



Supplemented his teaching salary by bartending at the Varsity Club in addition to working at Academy's summer programs and mowing the grass on campus

1970



Guided the school's trivia team to a Central Ohio championship, and Academy's yearbook was dedicated to him

1973



Earned his master's degree in education from Ohio State University and began an eight-year tenure as the middle school head

1980



Celebrated the school's 75th anniversary by dressing in historical garb with his oldest child Adam, who had enrolled at Academy two years earlier

1986



Began a 15-year run as director of Academy's summer program

1991



His youngest child Andrew graduated from Academy

2004



His daughter Elizabeth joined him on Academy's faculty

2011



Culminated his 50th year of teaching by delivering the keynote address at Academy's 105th Commencement

2018



Earned his 400th career win coaching basketball

2024

1962

Elected to be vice president of the junior class



1964

Graduated from Columbus Academy and started at the University of Notre Dame as a math major



1969

Started teaching economics and coaching basketball at Academy



1972

Started a four-year tenure as Varsity athletic director

1977

Married his wife Ann, with whom he would have four children: Adam, Elizabeth, Katherine and Andrew



1983

Became the summer school director for four years



1988

His daughter Elizabeth finished a year of kindergarten at Columbus Academy (the only grade available to girls at the time)



2002

Finished four seasons as varsity boys basketball head coach with a 37-48 overall record



2008

Began a four-year stretch of coaching middle school girls in basketball



2013

Featured on an HOMAGE shirt, delivered the Cum Laude Address at Honors Assembly and was named the Rainey S. Taylor History Chair



2019

His first grandchild enrolled in PreK at Academy



2026

Academy's fieldhouse in January 2020 – was renamed the John Exline '64 Fieldhouse, served as guest speaker for CA's annual Currier Lecture Series, celebrated his 80th birthday in May and retired in June after his 58th year of teaching and coaching at Columbus Academy



A tribute to the unprecedented career of John Exline '64