



# Hartford High School Alumni Association Newsletter

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**Due to the ongoing pandemic restrictions we have cancelled this years alumni day events.**



### Our newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Luna Ricker

It would be difficult, if not impossible to find a more perfect example of Hurricane Pride than Luna Ricker. Luna dedicated her entire life, including 48 years as an educator at HHS to inspire those she met to be the best they could be. There are very few alumni over the past 50 years who have not been personally touched by Luna's compassion and generosity. Though she would be embarrassed by the attention we are proud to dedicate the newsletter in her memory.

Greetings Alumnus,

2020 has proven to be an unprecedented year to date. Having to cancel the 2020 Alumni Day events as a whole was a very hard decision, but a decision made by the committee with all of you and your classmates , families and the community in mind.

**In 2021 we will have a combined reunion year for 0's and 5's and 1's and 6's. The theme will be 80's Bands and 80's TV shows.** Those reunion years now have plenty of time to start communicating and collaborating with all your classmates to create the winning floats!!!

We will look forward to hearing from you , telling us what your class decided to submit as a float , when the committee starts meeting again in the fall.

We welcome all Alumnus who would like to be involved in the planning and legwork of getting Alumni Day underway. It doesn't have to be your reunion year to get involved. We are a nonprofit organization who depends on volunteers to get the jobs done. We appreciate all those who have been or are still involved in keeping Hartford graduates together to celebrate the pride we have in our hometown High School.

If you have questions for me you can reach me at [lamtess1964@gmail.com](mailto:lamtess1964@gmail.com).

If you would like to update your email or mailing address with us , email the information to [URHARTFORDALUM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:URHARTFORDALUM@GMAIL.COM) ( please include your graduating year and your maiden name where necessary).

Due to the Covid-19 virus we are unable to have a raffle this year to generate needed funds. If you are able to pay your annual dues of \$10 or you would like to make a generous donation to the Hartford Alumni Association please mail that to:

Hartford Alumni Association PO Box 891 White River Jct. , VT. 05001

Please stay safe and stay well, we are all in this together. **GO HARTFORD !!!**

Thank You,  
Theresa (Tess) Wood, President  
Hartford High School Alumni Association  
Class of 1982



2019 First Place Float Winner- Star Trek Class of 1974

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There is much pride associated with being a Hurricane . The athletic department is installing an **Alumni Arch** as a grand entrance to the newly named Alumni Sports Complex on the HHS campus. Donations have been coming in all year with funds going towards the Arch and the creation of **Legacy Park**, a place where the events, icons and legends of Hartford's past are recognized and celebrated. This will be located on the green space just inside the Arch near the fitness center and the pool fence. With pool renovation slated for this summer this area will soon be a focal point for visitors to our campus and we are excited to share our proud history with everyone.

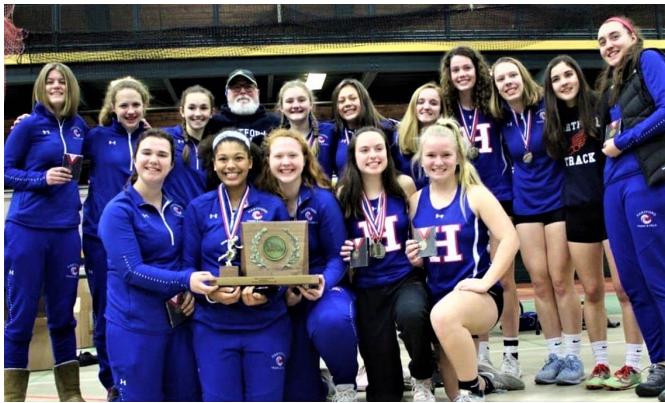
The first installment will be for our longtime athletic trainer and supporter of all things Hurricane, **Luna Ricker**. The retiring and then passing of Luna created a significant void in operations at the high school , specifically in the athletic department. Along with her incredible ability to tend to all student's needs Luna was a tremendous collector and curator of Hartford's past. She had a houseful of memorabilia of sports, theater, graduation and all things in between.

During the quarantine the athletic department has taken on the task of organizing and digitizing much of her collection to create as complete a history of Hartford athletics as there has ever been. Luna's collection along with the work of the late John P. Gates has led to the beginning of this important project and numerous conversations with teachers, coaches and alumni have filled in gaps and will hopefully result in something we can all enjoy as we look back through the proud history of our beloved school.

Thanks to Luna the high school now has every HHS yearbook ever produced with the exception of 1948 ( if anyone has a copy they'd like to donate please let the school know.)

Thus far we have found 15 league championships that are not noted anywhere in the school. These teams will be added to the banners in the gym this summer to more accurately reflect our school's history. We welcome the addition of any stories, memories, pictures or other information you might have to add to this project. We anticipate a robust website as well as a printed book when the project is finished. Please contact the athletic department to see how you can help. ( [morenoj@hartfordschools.net](mailto:morenoj@hartfordschools.net) )

The Hartford athletics teams enjoyed a banner year in 2020 before the year was cut short. The class of 2020 had already earned 5 league championships and 2 state championships and were well on their way to breaking the 25 year record of 10 banners in 1 school year. (held by 1994). The boys golf team captured the D-11 state title in October and the girls track team blew the doors off the competition in February to win the first indoor track title in school history.



The newly formed bass fishing team won the twin state Championship and qualified for the national tournament to be held in LaCrosse, Wisconsin this summer. This is the first Hartford team to be invited to a national tournament since the boys basketball team took the train to Chicago in 1929. The class of 2020 is also one of only 4 classes to win a boys and girls title in the same year. (1997,2003,2012) have also accomplished this.

There is no doubt that the winning ways would have continued with girls lacrosse and girls track and field favored to win state titles in their respective sports this spring. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with these fine student-athletes and their hard-working coaches and we look forward to getting back to work as soon as possible. We wish to thank the community for their unwavering support and incomparable Hurricane spirit at our games and events.

Jeff Moreno  
Assistant Principal  
Athletic Director, CAA  
Hartford High School  
Class of 1994







2019 2nd Place Float Winner Cheers-Class of 1994

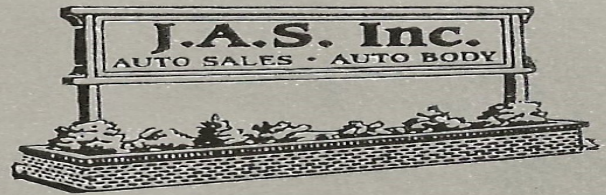


2019 3rd Place Float Winner -Saturday Night Live Class of 1979



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*\*A few alumni on the list passed away more than a year ago. We apologize for any names omitted. Please contact us if you know of any errors at [Hartford Alumni Association, PO Box 891, White River Jct., VT 05001.](mailto:urhartfordalum@gmail.com) or [urhartfordalum@gmail.com](mailto:urhartfordalum@gmail.com)*

### NOTHING CAN STOP A HURRICANE!

For generations, Hartford High School students, families, faculty, staff, and administration have gathered around our fields to support and cheer on our friends and classmates. And as thousands of faithful alumni and fans know, once you've caught the Hurricane spirit, it lives deep inside of you.

To commemorate and honor the generations of scholars, athletes, artists, and community members who've passed through Hartford High School, we have started a fundraising campaign to build Legacy Park at the Alumni Athletic Complex. Our plan is to give the Hurricane faithful a focal point on campus; a place to meet up and reconnect with friends from the past; a place to meet new friends; and a place to support the Hurricanes to come!

Every donation - large or small - will go toward improving our athletic campus, starting with the construction of the Alumni Arch as the grand entrance to Legacy Park. Plus, every class that reaches the target gift level of \$2,500 will have its year of graduation proudly added to a brick on the Alumni Arch.

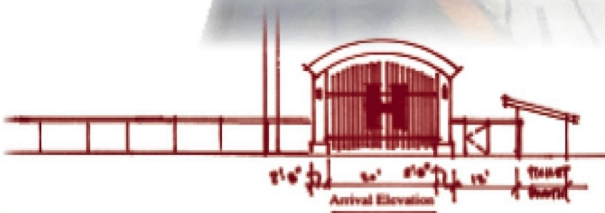


#### Rank Class Donations Raised thus far

1	2018	1	\$3000.00
2	1986	1	\$834.00
2	1987	1	\$834.00
2	1989	1	\$834.00
5	1994	8	\$665.00
6	1979	3	\$650.00
7	1992	4	\$350.00
8	1991	3	\$150.00
9	1993	2	\$100.00
9	1976	1	\$100.00
9	1978	1	\$100.00
9	1998	1	\$100.00
13	1970	2	\$75.00
14	1952	1	\$50.00
14	1955	1	\$50.00
14	1975	1	\$50.00
14	2003	1	\$50.00
14	2006	1	\$50.00
19	1961	1	\$25.00
19	1968	1	\$25.00
19	1997	1	\$25.00

### WILL YOU HELP US?

As a family of scholars and athletes, parents and students, teachers and staff, fans and alumni, let's build Legacy Park, and let's show the world what Hurricane Pride is all about.



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 Please Write **Alumni Arch/Legacy Park** in the memo line and include your year of graduation .  
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The Alumni Association wishes to congratulate Scholarship winners for 2019 and 2020.  
 Last year's Scholarship winner was Dawson Nalette. Dawson is attending Castleton University, majoring in Business Management. This year's Alumni Scholarship goes to Ann Marie Schneller. Ann Marie will be attending the University of Vermont with a major in Psychology.



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