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***Mission Statement:*** The Cohoes High School Alumni Association is dedicated to fostering lifelong fellowship and pride among alumni while supporting the next generation of graduates. Through scholarships and awards, we provide financial assistance to Cohoes High School seniors, encouraging them to pursue their personal aspirations and achieve success beyond the classroom.

#### **President's Message – 2026**

It has been a good year, and our alumni are amazing! The mail reaching our mailbox remains steady, and I am always amazed at how far our alumni have gone. We have seen a slight increase in dues and donations, along with a growing number of younger alumni contributing. We are doing well and can truly count on our fellow alumni to help fund the awards we sponsor and the newsletter we send out each year.

We would still like to see more younger alumni participating in the organization so it can continue supporting future generations here in Cohoes. One suggestion we received was to include our Venmo QR code to make donating easier. You will find the QR code on the back of this newsletter.

The number of awards has increased as alumni continue honoring loved ones through scholarships and memorial awards. On Awards Night, everyone is always amazed at how much our alumni contribute to the senior class. Thank you to everyone whose generosity makes these awards possible.

We are continually updating our mailing list and appreciate everyone who has sent notes and corrections to help keep it current. If you know someone who would like to receive the newsletter, please let us know. The Contact tab on our website is the best way to share information with us.

To help raise additional funds, we began participating in Tech Valley Office Interiors' "Parking for Charity" program. TVOI invites charitable organizations in Cohoes to park cars in their lot during events at the Cohoes Music Hall, and participating groups receive a percentage of the parking fees. It turned out to be both enjoyable and rewarding, and we met many wonderful people in the process.

We hope you enjoy the "Did You Know?" article. Steve Lackman's knowledge is truly amazing, and he shares fascinating details about the Middle School Center staircase. Cohoes has such a rich history, filled with stories and treasures many of us never knew existed.

The profile on Mr. Lipka was one our current board was especially eager to include. Mr. Lipka holds a special place in many of our hearts. While we may each have different memories of him, they all remind us what a truly special person he was and the lasting impact he had on so many students.

We are looking forward to another year of continued growth and support. Thank you for helping keep our alumni association strong and thriving for future generations.

#### **Treasurer's Report- 2026**

As we reflect on another year for our Alumni Association, I am pleased to report that, with the continued generosity of our alumni and supporters, we were able to award scholarships that strengthen the connection between past and present graduates.

Careful financial stewardship, along with your contributions and the dedication of our board members through efforts such as volunteering at the Cohoes Music Hall event parking, continue to play an important role in sustaining the mission of our association.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication.