



# THS Alumni News

## 2023 Distinguished Alumni

### Scholarships Awarded

The THS Alumni Association awarded two scholarships this year in the amount of \$1,000 per semester. Recipients were Savana Neighbors, daughter of Randell and Anna Neighbors, and Karlee Jacobs, daughter of Joe and Shelli Jacobs. Both Karlee and Savana were two of the six valedictorians this year. Karlee will be playing basketball at Sterling College on a scholarship. Savana was an outstanding FFA member and will be attending NOC to become a Vet Tech. Emma Owen, daughter of Jeremy and Annie Owen, received a second year THS Alumni Scholarship of \$500 per semester. Emma is attending OSU.



Dr. Cyndi Allen-O'Connor graduated from Tonkawa High School in 1973. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Oklahoma, her Master of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Texas, and her Doctorate degree in Nursing Research from UT, as well. She served as a military Nurse Researcher at the Army Futures Command, Medical Capabilities Development Directorate at Joint Base San Antonio, Fort Sam Houston Texas for 18 years. She retired from the Army Nurse Corps at the rank of Colonel after 27 years of active duty.

### Alumni Website

Please update your contact information on our website [tonkawaalumni.com](http://tonkawaalumni.com). Purchase your luncheon tickets and lifetime memberships online today!



Joe R. Kreger is a 1957 graduate of Tonkawa High School. He graduated from Northern Oklahoma College in 1959 with an Associate of Science degree and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University in 1961. He taught at NOC for a few years, but eventually purchased the land now known as Kreger Ranch. Later in life, Joe began writing poetry. His poems have been published in two books and on 3 audio CDs. He has been appointed as "Poet Laureate of Oklahoma" twice, in 1998 and 2021.

## All-Star Showcase/Military Wall of Honor

Cameron Jackson, son of Randy Jackson and stepmother, Sheila Jackson, and his mother, Yolanda Jackson, was named to the Oklahoma Coaches Association 2022 All-State Football team and qualified for the THS All-Star Showcase. During his Senior year, Cam was selected as a running back on the East offense. Cam was selected to All-District his Junior year at THS. His Senior year, Cam was selected as the offensive MVP in Class A-5, team captain, and selected to the OCA 2023 All Star by Class in Class A and the OCA All-State football team as a running back. In 2022, Cam was also the recipient of the Tonkawa News Chris Lucas award. Cam also won fourth place, as a Junior, at the State Wrestling Tournament and was a State Qualifier in the long jump as a Junior. Donnie Noles is preparing Career Histories for all qualifiers for the THS All-Star Showcase that will be added to the website later. The website for THS All-Star Athletes and Military is: <http://www.tonkawaalumni.com>. Anyone who served in the military and lives in Tonkawa or attended 9th through 12th grade at THS is eligible to be on the Military Wall of Honor on the website. Those who served and are eligible to join the VFW are honored on panels in the Event Center at THS. Contact Mike Schatz at [mschatz3@yahoo.com](mailto:mschatz3@yahoo.com) or [donnoles@aol.com](mailto:donnoles@aol.com) for more information.

## 2023 THS Homecoming Schedule of Events

Alumni Coffee	THS Event Center	Friday, Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM
All Class Alumni Meeting	THS Event Center	Friday, Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 AM
Assembly	THS Event Center	Friday, Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 PM
Parade (Lineup at the THS Parking Lot)	Grand Avenue	Friday, Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 PM
The Hub (No Scheduled Activities)	Tonkawa Casino	Friday, Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	After Parade
Football Game	Buccaneer Field	Friday, Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM
All Class Reunion	THS Event Center Foyer	Saturday, Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 AM
Distinguished Alumni Luncheon Buffet	THS Event Center	Saturday, Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 AM

**Tonkawa Alumni Association P.O. Box 12, Tonkawa, Oklahoma 74653**

Luncheon \_\_\_ Tickets, \$25 each      Lifetime Membership \_\_\_ \$100      Scholarships \$\_\_\_

*Please purchase tickets online at [tonkawaalumni.com](http://tonkawaalumni.com) or return completed form and check/money order by 9/29/23.*

*Luncheon tickets can be picked up Friday 10/6 or Saturday 10/7 at "will call."*

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