



THS Alumni News

Scholarships Awarded

The THS Alumni Association awarded two \$1,000 per semester (\$2,000 per year) THS Alumni scholarships this year. The recipients were Ashtyn Crowder, daughter of Tawnya & Kurt Crowder, who will be attending Northern Oklahoma College and plans to study speech pathology, and Kylie Freeman, daughter of Cayla & Shawn Freeman, who will be attending Rose State College and plans to major in sports medicine and coaching with the goal of becoming an athletic trainer and coach.

Two second-year scholarships, \$500 per semester (\$1,000 per year), were also awarded to Noelani Combrink, daughter of Mary & Jeremy Combrink, and Shelby Dysart, daughter of Sarah & Jared Dysart. Noelani is attending Northern Oklahoma College, and Shelby is attending the University of Central Oklahoma.

2026 Award Recipients

Recipients will receive their awards Homecoming weekend in the THS Event Center and New THS Cafeteria.



Evelyn Coyle graduated from Tonkawa High School in 1949. She went on to graduate from Northern Oklahoma Junior College, now NOC, and Oklahoma A&M College, now OSU. She has served our community, county and state in many ways. She was elected to the Tonkawa City Council in 1987, serving for 12 years – four as Mayor. She has contributed many hours to the Tonkawa Historical Society, the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross. She will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award on Saturday at 11:30 in the New THS Cafeteria.



Melinda Glasgow is a graduate of the Tonkawa High School Class of 1959. She graduated from Oklahoma State University with degrees in Education and Speech Therapy. Melinda became involved with Tonkawa Schools through the activities of her children and her involvement expanded from there. She currently serves on the Alumni Board as Vice-President, after having served as President from 2013 to 2019. She is very active in the community with the Chamber of Commerce, Heart in the Park, the Tonkawa Historical Society, Blinn Park, the Art Center of Tonkawa and the North Central Arts Council. She will receive the Alumni Pride award on Friday at 10:30 in the Event Center.

Alumni Website & Special Projects

Please take a moment to update your contact information on our website, tonkawaalumni.com, if your address, email, phone number, or other information has changed recently. While you're there, you can also purchase your Homecoming Luncheon tickets and Lifetime Alumni Membership online.

New in Tonkawa is the updated Buccaneer Field! Recent improvements include the installation of artificial turf, a new south end zone video jumbotron, an upgraded sound system, a new scoreboard with play clocks, and new LED field lighting. These enhancements have transformed Buccaneer Field into a first-class facility for our students, athletes, and community.

Our football field improvement project is also well underway. The THS Alumni Association proudly donated the new black steel and stone column fence surrounding Buccaneer Field. We are continuing our fundraising efforts to complete this project and invite alumni and friends to participate. You can sponsor a personalized 8×8 engraved paver for \$300. Each paver includes up to six lines of custom text and is a wonderful way to honor your family, classmates, or loved ones while leaving a lasting legacy at THS.

In addition, a limited number of fence pillars are available for sponsorship at \$8,000 each. For more information about pillar sponsorship opportunities, please contact THS Alumni Association President David Fruits at 580-628-7540.

All-Star Showcase/Military Wall of Honor

The THS All-Star Showcase honors outstanding Tonkawa High School alumni and students for their achievements in academics, athletics, fine arts, military service, and professional careers. The Military Wall of Honor recognizes individuals who attended THS or lived in Tonkawa and served our country in the military.

For information about the THS All-Star Showcase or Military Wall of Honor, please contact John Legg at jlegg@tonkawa.k12.ok.us. Additional information and nomination forms are available at tonkawaalumni.com.

Anyone who served in the military and either attended THS or lived in Tonkawa is eligible to be included on the Military Wall of Honor on the website. Veterans who are eligible for VFW membership are also honored on panels displayed in the THS Event Center.

The Veteran Committee is seeking 45th Division memorabilia and historical items for display in the THS Event Center.

Lodging Options

The Tonkawa Casino & Hotel is offering a discounted price of \$74.00 (including tax) for a King Room or \$86.00 (including tax) for a Double Queen Room, per room, per night, on Thursday, 9/24/26. On Friday, 9/25/26 and Saturday, 9/26/26, the discounted rate is \$97.00 per room, per night for a King Room or \$86.00 per room, per night for a Double Queen Room. Book by 9/18/26 to receive these special rates. Mention Tonkawa Homecoming to receive the discount.

2025 THS Homecoming Schedule of Events

Alumni Coffee	THS Event Center	Friday, Sept. 25th	9:00 AM
All-Class Alumni Meeting	THS Event Center	Friday, Sept. 25th	10:30 AM
Assembly	THS Event Center	Friday, Sept. 25th	1:00 PM
Parade (Lineup at the THS Parking Lot)	Grand Avenue	Friday, Sept. 25th	After Assembly
The Hub (No Scheduled Activities)	Tonkawa Casino	Friday, Sept. 25th	After Parade
Football Game	Buccaneer Field	Friday, Sept. 25th	7:00 PM
All Class Reunion	NEW THS Cafeteria	Saturday, Sept. 26th	10:30 AM
Distinguished Alumni Luncheon Buffet	NEW THS Cafeteria	Saturday, Sept. 26th	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 or return completed form and check/cash by 9/14/2025.

Luncheon tickets can be picked up Friday 9/25 and Saturday 9/26 at "will call" at the Alumni table.

Name _____ Class _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

For more information contact David Fruits @ 580-628-7540 THS Alumni Association is a 501 (c)(3) Organization

Other Events/Eateries

- Full Moon concert at Heart in the Park Saturday September 26th at 6:30 featuring the Hayes Brothers Band. See more at heartinthepark.org
- McCarter Museum — Friday-Sunday 1-3pm or by appointment (phone number on the door at museum) | Located at Grand & 6th
- Back Alley Burger — Fri 10:30 AM–8 PM | Sat 7 AM–8 PM | Sun 7 AM–2 PM | Located at Grand & Main
- China Restaurant — Fri & Sun, 11 AM–2:30 PM & 4:30–9 PM | Sat closed | Located at Grand & 7th
- Hideaway Bar & Grill — Thu 4–10 PM | Fri 4 PM–2 AM | Sat 11 AM–2 AM | Sun 11 AM–9 PM | Located 1 mile SE of I-35 and Highway 60
- Kat's Steakhouse — Thu–Sat, 5–9 PM | Located in Lamont
- Mary's Grill — Fri & Sat, 7 AM–8 PM | Located at Grand & Main
- Methodist Church Family Life Center — Fri, 11 AM–2 PM | Baked potato or Frito chili pie, cobbler & drink — \$15 | Located at Grand & 4th
- Los Potros Mexican Grill — Sun–Thu, 11 AM–9:30 PM | Fri–Sat, 11 AM–10 PM | Located at Highway 60 & I-35
- Rock & Brews Casino — Fri–Sat, 10 AM–3 AM | Sun, 10 AM–2 AM | Located in Braman
- Simple Simon's Pizza — Fri–Sun, 11 AM–9 PM | Fri & Sun buffets | Located at Grand & Main
- The Baker's Table & Coffee House — Fri 6:30 AM–5:30 PM | Sat 6:30 AM–1 PM | Located at Grand & Main
- The Hub at Tonkawa Indian Casino — Fri–Sat, 10 AM–2 AM | Sun, 10 AM–midnight | Located at Highway 60 & I-35
- Tonkawa Buffalo Grill — Fri–Sat, 11 AM–10 PM | Sun–Thu, 11 AM–8 PM | Located inside Tonkawa Casino
- Tonkawa Casino Lounge Bar — Daily, 10:30 AM–2 AM
- Tonkawa Megaburger — Fri 10:30 AM–6 PM | Sat–Sun 10:30 AM–3 PM | Located across from THS
- TS Fork — Fri & Sat, 6:30–9 PM | Reservations required 1-800-928-1840 | Located at Grand & Main