



## TRI JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

<https://trihighalumni.org>

*Our mission: To serve the constituents of South Henry School Corporation, including current and former students, parents, faculty, staff and the greater community.*

### Tri High Athletic Hall of Fame Updates

by: Rex Crabtree



The Tri High Alumni Association Board continues its ongoing commitment to celebrating excellence and enhancing the athletic experience for all Titans—past and present. This year, several exciting updates are underway to strengthen the impact and visibility of the Tri High Athletic Hall of Fame.

One meaningful new tradition ensures that all Hall of Fame inductees will receive a lifetime pass to Tri High athletic events. It's a small but heartfelt way to honor those whose dedication and achievements have left a lasting mark on our school. Inductees can contact Athletic Director Austin Stroud to receive more details and activate their passes.

Plans are also in motion to modernize the Hall of Fame display. A new large-screen digital display will soon

showcase Hall of Fame memories in a continuous loop, allowing visitors to enjoy highlights from across generations of Tri High athletes. This change will also free up valuable wall space in the gymnasium to proudly feature current senior banners.

Looking ahead, the Alumni Association Board is considering forming a Veterans Committee to ensure that deserving athletes from earlier decades are not overlooked in future selections. Additionally, proposed revisions to the bylaws would make coaches—whose leadership and commitment have shaped Titan athletics for years—eligible for enshrinement.

These efforts reflect our shared mission: to honor the legacy of Tri High athletics while continuing to build a strong future for generations of Titans to come.

# Spotlight on Alumni Association Board Member

by: John Witt



Meet Barbara Jo Ann Alder, 1973 graduate of Tri Jr Sr High School, 1972 National Honor Society Inductee and a member of many other school activities and clubs including; Torch Editor, Thespians Treasurer and Science Club. She attended and graduated from Hanover College in 1977 with a B.A. in Business Administration and a M.S.B.A. in Business Administration from Indiana University Fort Wayne, 1987.

Barbara was a main driving force behind the very successful 50th Homecoming event held on September 19th, 2019. She was also instrumental in establishing the Tri Jr.-Sr.

High School Alumni Association, by donating her time and money in developing the By Laws and other documentation to secure our 501(c3) certification.

When asked why she chooses to support the Alumni Association through monetary donations she says; "Volunteering is a great way to get involved with the organization's initiatives and something everyone can do, especially local residents. I choose to support financially because it is another way I can give back to the place that helped me get my start."

What is your vision for the future of the Tri High Alumni Association? "Expanding scholarship and academic recognition is important to me. Watch here for more details!"

Do you have a message for other Tri Alumni on why they should support the Alumni Association? "You can determine the kind and level of support that works for you. Current Titans will benefit from knowing that those who went before them want them to be successful."

Is there a special memory or event you would like to share about your time at Tri High? "My class was the first to go through all four years of high school after the consolidation. It was great to expand my circle of friends, many of whom I am still in touch with."

Barbara is a member of our Board of Directors and continues to support the Alumni Association through monetary donations to our scholarship fund and other ongoing projects supported by the association. She is the epitome of our mission; **To serve the constituents of South Henry School Corporation including current and former students, parents, faculty, staff and the greater community.**

Thank you, Barbara, for everything you have done to make the Tri Jr.-Sr. High School Alumni Association successful for the past six years.

## RECENT CLASS REUNIONS



Class of 2000 25th Reunion Sep. 27th 2025



Class of 1975 50th Reunion July 19th 2025



Class of 1979 45th Reunion July 13th 2024



Straughn High School Class of 1965  
60th Reunion June 26 2025



Class of 1985 40th Reunion Sep. 13th 2025

### Reunions Scheduled for 2026

Class of 1976, 50th Reunion, September 19th, 2026 at The Gathering in Lewisville If your class is planning a reunion in 2026 please let us know: [trialumni@shenry.k12.in.us](mailto:trialumni@shenry.k12.in.us)

## Join the Tri High Alumni Association Database

We're looking for passionate individuals to join the Tri High Alumni Association and help us continue our mission of supporting current students, fostering community connections, and preserving the rich history of Tri Jr.-Sr. High School. Whether you're interested in volunteering, donating, or simply staying connected, your involvement makes a difference. Join us today and be part of something special—together, we can make a lasting impact for future generations of Titans!

Scan this QR code to  
register with our official  
THS database and stay  
connected with future  
mailings and events!

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## 2025 Tri Alumni Scholarship Recipients Announced

by: Kathy Allhands-Searcy

Since 2020 you have helped make the Tri Alumni Scholarships an exciting reality for Tri Junior Senior High School graduating seniors. We have been fortunate to award 2 - \$1000.00 scholarships each year to the following recipients.



**Kenley Dalton**

Past Scholarship Recipients

2020 - Lindsey Blake, Kyle Falck  
2021 - Holden Thomas, Daryl Fith  
2022 - Makena Mathews, Gracin Jessup  
2023 - Annabelle Searcy, Parker Burke  
2024 - Kennadi Knepley, Trinity Mettert  
2025 - Dalton Key, Kenley Cornelius

Scholarship funding has been raised through Kroger Community Awards, 50/50 drawings at athletic events and 1000 Degree Pizza fundraisers. Also direct donations of interested and generous community and business members, school faculty and staff members. We are looking forward to growing our scholarships and starting a growth fund for future awards. We cannot do this without your help. We thank each of you for your time, efforts and funds donated over the past years. We ask for your continued support as any monetary contribution will be greatly appreciated. You may send contributions to:

Tri Jr. Sr. High School Alumni Association  
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## Honor the Legacy of Debbie Hall Cates

by: Nesa Clark



Debbie Hall Cates (Class of 1972) passed away on March 26, 2025. She was a passionate and dedicated member of the Alumni Board, whose tireless efforts in volunteering and fundraising helped shape our community.

As a founding member of the Tri Jr.-Sr. High School Alumni Association, Debbie brought her rich experience with the Wayne County 4-H organization to

strengthen and grow the Association. Her contributions and commitment to fostering connections among alumni continue to inspire us. In her memory, we invite you to support the Alumni Association—through donations, volunteering, or active involvement as a way to honor Debbie's lasting legacy and ensure that her vision for the Association endures.

Let's celebrate Debbie's life by continuing the work she cared so deeply about.

## Did You Know?

### The Tri High Alumni Association Supports Our Community in Many Ways

The Tri High Alumni Association has a long history of giving back to its community. Over the years, the association has provided vital support to students and families in need. Among their efforts, they have contributed funds and donations to the Tri High Closet, helping ensure that no student goes hungry. Additionally, the association has paid off lunch balances for students who were unable to cover their back balances, easing financial burdens for families.

These acts of kindness and generosity highlight the ongoing commitment of the Tri High Alumni Association to making a positive impact on the school and its community.

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