



RAILSPLITTER

review
2026



PRESIDENT'S INBOX: STEVE SEID '79

Hello Railsplitter family!

The evening of May 13th the Abraham Lincoln High School Alumni Foundation Annual Dinner Celebration was held at the State Historical Building. This

was a tremendous location for this event; outstanding food was provided by the great southside restaurant Baratta's; music by the **ALHS String Quartet – led by teacher Mr. Ryan Rowley**; and a live podcast by the voice of Lincoln High School, **Todd Guessford '80**.

In addition to the great students and their parents/guardians, was principal, **Praveen Bannikatti**; school board member, **Skyler Mayberry-Mays**; City Council member **Joe Gatto**; and Polk County Supervisor, **Matt McCoy**. Thanks to Matt McCoy for awarding the Lincoln High School Alumni Foundation a Polk County grant allowing the Foundation to provide such a wonderful event.



Additionally, we inducted four outstanding, well-deserving alumni to our Alumni Hall of Fame.

They are **Linda Mincks Hendricks '65**; **Mary Ortege Landsberger '65**; **Lisa Anne Whitmarsh Peterson '75**; and **Lisa Dondlinger '92**.

Congratulations to these Railsplitter alumni (and their families)!



Finally, thank you to the Lincoln High School Alumni Foundation. The endless hours dedicated to this annual event do not go unnoticed by Lincoln High School, our families, and the great southside! In closing, I am extremely honored to serve you, the alumni of ALHS, as President. I hope you're having a safe and enjoyable summer.

Best regards,

Steve L. Seid '79



I am proud to share that this year the Alumni Foundation awarded \$124,700 in scholarships to students. When calculating the reoccurring scholarships, this year's total was \$199,950. Since the Foundation's inception in 1990 we have awarded \$3,635,235 in scholarships!

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Check out the ALHS Web site!

www.alhsalumni.com

FOUNDATION NEWS

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

President - Steve Seid '79
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DyAnn Duffy Pfrommer '66, Skip Phillips '68, Marci Caudill Rafdal '71,
Larry Shea '71, Anna Ruperto Williams '63

FINANCIAL REPORTS

(As of May 31, 2026)

ALHS Alumni Operating Accounts

Checking and investment accounts

\$14,994

Your annual dues go to help with operating expenses.

ALHS Alumni Foundation

Checking and investment accounts

\$4,587,429*

** Interest earned from our investment accounts funds Association scholarships.*

ATTENTION STATE OF IOWA EMPLOYEES!

The ALHS Alumni Foundation Dollars for Scholars Chapter is once again participating in the **State of Iowa One Gift Program** where employees may payroll deduct contributions to charitable organizations.

The One Gift campaign takes place during October, however, employees may pledge at any time for the balance of the current year. The ALHS Alumni Foundation/Dollars for Scholars is proud to have been a part of this charitable program since 2009! If you are a State of Iowa employee, please pledge to the Des Moines Lincoln Dollars for Scholars Chapter. Imagine the additional scholarship possibilities this One Gift Program can bring to our ALHS students!

One hundred percent of the One Gift voluntary payroll deduct contributions go to the designated charitable agencies. To learn more, see web site <https://das.iowa.gov/human-resources/one-gift>. Des Moines Lincoln Dollars for Scholars is agency **No. 7665**. ■



CONTACT US

Are you interested in establishing a scholarship? The Foundation can help you establish a scholarship in your name or in memory of a family member or friend.

Are you considering including the ALHS Alumni Foundation in your will? Contact us for the legal language for making a bequest to the Foundation and to specify how your funds should be used by us.

Are you 72 and must take a mandatory withdrawal from retirement with pretax dollars? The ALHS Alumni Foundation is a qualifying 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and you can avoid paying income tax by donating part of your RMD to us.

Contact us at:

alhsalumnifoundation@gmail.com

FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTORS

The **Board of Directors** thanks the following individuals for your kind donations received since our last newsletter went to print:

Shauna Agan Barnaskas	Linda George	Dennis Oneet	Anna Williams
Becky Dewey	Jeannine Glenn	Roger Sayers	Principal Financial Group
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Richard Ortega for the **Charlotte Askland Ortega Memorial Scholarship**

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Donald D. Young for the **Class of 1971 Scholarship**

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Richard Butz for the **Class of 1975 Memorial Scholarship**

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Class of 1963 in memory of **Bob Dillard '63** for the **ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship**

In memory of **Bob Lumsden '61** for the **Robert O. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship**

Sally Fisher	Alice L. Rothfus	Tom & Sheryle Drake
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	Terry Eaton	

Class of 1979 Memorial Scholarship

Tina Maser	Jay Squiers	Marla Hall-Fay
Martha Crist	Douglas Palis	Diane Summers
	Anthony Petosa	

Class of 1984 Memorial Scholarship

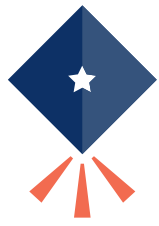
Wendy DeVries	Anita Daghestani	James Alessio
Paul Graziano	Kim Johnston	

Rail Club Contributions (Gifts of \$500 - \$999)

Carl Van Tuyl in memory of **Bob Lumsden** for the **Robert O. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship**

Jeni VanWyk for the **Dan Smoot Memorial Scholarship**

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ALHS Alumni Foundation

Dollars for Scholars®



Thanks to the generosity of many ALHS alumni and friends, the ALHS Alumni Foundation awards scholarships to deserving Lincoln seniors each year. We are pleased to announce new scholarships: **Robert O. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship, Lawrence and Jean Cook Scholarship and the Class of 1986 Memorial Scholarship.** To review the descriptions for all our scholarships, please go to our Dollars for Scholars web site: ALHS Alumni Foundation Scholarships

The following 2026 graduates of Lincoln High School received our Alumni Foundation Scholarships at our Annual Dinner Celebration in May:

Albert H. Graziano Memorial Scholarship

Lili Bartlett, Grand View University

ALHS Alumni Association Scholarship

Somaya Adam, Iowa State University

Aluda Dabi, Des Moines Area Community College

Deacon Evoy, Des Moines Area Community College

Carmen Garth, Des Moines Area Community College

Camila Herrera, Iowa State University

Arianna Marquez-Ledesma, Grinnell College

Camila Torres Roque, Des Moines Area Community College

Cruz Reinders, University of Iowa

Lar Soe, Des Moines Area Community College

Rebecca Thea, Des Moines Area Community College

Charlotte Van Wyk, Luther College

ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship

KaDell Richardson, Iowa Western Community College

ALHS Class of 1970 Scholarship

Cole Eidbo, Simpson College

Baratta's Culinary Arts Scholarship

Samantha Ortiz-Rivera, Iowa State University

BLH Bevington Scholarship

Somaya Adam, Iowa State University

Natalie Ayala, Iowa State University

Dominic Carlino, Iowa State University

Michael Nhan, Iowa State University

Cruz Reinders, University of Iowa

KaDell Richardson, Iowa Western Community College

Arianna Stanton, Fashion Institute of Technology - New York

Lilly Thompson, St. Ambrose University

Daniela Tovar, Des Moines Area Community College

Charlotte Van Wyk, Luther College

Sarah Vrba, William Penn University

Suzanne West, Simpson College

Hudson Wheelock, Luther College

Katherine Yang, Iowa State University

Bob Smith and Monica Rocha-Smith Scholarship

Binda Gurung, Des Moines Area Community College

Carole Jones Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Lilly Thompson, St. Ambrose University

Chad Wessel Honorary Track/Cross Country Scholarship

Hudson Wheelock, Luther College

Charlotte Askland Ortega Memorial Scholarship

Jesi Spivey, Drake University

Class of 1964 in Memory of Anthony Renzo Scholarship

Bellatrix Seely, Loras College

Class of 1964 in Memory of Tom Candler Scholarship

Brigeth Villa, Des Moines Area Community College

Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship

Jesus Cante, Des Moines Area Community College

Class of 1975 Memorial Scholarship

Alec Vannavong, Des Moines Area Community College

Class of 1979 Memorial Scholarship

Tamyka Fleming, Simpson College

Class of 1984 Memorial Scholarship

Arianna Stanton, Fashion Institute of Technology - New York

**The Clayle, Milva, Maxhn, and Janine McCaw
Scholarship Fund**

Joel Flores, Iowa State University
Jaren Jorgenson, Iowa State University
Sarah Vrba, William Penn University
Katherine Yang, Iowa State

Coralie Cherry Memorial Scholarship

Yair Terrazas, Des Moines Area Community College

Dan Smoot Memorial Scholarship

Estefany Alvarado, Des Moines Area Community College

The Dave Mills Memorial Scholarship

Alondra Garcia-Mata, Mercy College of Health Sciences

Dixie L. Jeffries Memorial Scholarship

Hazel Melchor, Des Moines Area Community College
Ashlynn Potter, Drake University

The Erickson Family Foundation Scholarship

Shiloh Camacho Silva, University of Iowa

George “Skip” Timmons Memorial Scholarship

Layla Bailey, Des Moines Area Community College
Selena Luna, Des Moines Area Community College

Highland Family Scholarship

Atzel De Avila-Lopez, Iowa State University
Mackynna Lambert, Iowa State University
Chassidy Laurie, Iowa State University
Tara Phan, Iowa State University
Jayden Rasmussen, Simpson College
Christian Rojas-Gonzalez, Des Moines Area Community College

Howard Wayne Foust Memorial Scholarship

Raquel Echeverria, Des Moines Area Community College

Hugh Kent Memorial Science Scholarship

Daniat Mebrahtu, Des Moines Area Community College

James Michael “Mike” Mayer Memorial Scholarship

Dominic Carlino, Iowa State University

Jim & Ralph Wilson Memorial Scholarship

Presika Rai, Iowa State University

John and Alice Ligouri Teaching Scholarship

Emma Handy, Des Moines Area Community College

**The John and Jean Hollingsworth Family Memorial
Scholarship**

Joel Flores, Iowa State University

John and Maxine McCaw Memorial Scholarship

Paw Dee Moo Lay, Des Moines Area Community College

The Juanita Anna Smith Zeiler ‘47 Memorial Scholarship

Nakyoyo Philip, Des Moines Area Community College

Julie K. Bird Creative Writing Scholarship

Jacob Estes, Simpson, College

Kenneth Sufka Scholarship

Kara Briggs, Iowa State University

Kerry and Terry Enger Trades Scholarship

Eli Hernandez, Des Moines Area Community College

Leo Bridal Memorial Scholarship

Breon Darnall, Des Moines Area Community College

Mike, Doug & Jerry Boothe Scholarship

Brooklyn Hookes, Drake University

The Myrna Newbury Agan Memorial Scholarship

Emma Handy, Des Moines Area Community College

Nancy Benton Kuemmerle Memorial Scholarship

Kayla Boston, Grand View University
Caden Ho, Drake University
Jevon Vote, Des Moines Area Community College

Nevins Family Scholarship

Wah Htoo, Des Moines Area Community College
Bertha Saidi, Des Moines Area Community College
Cassandra McMurray, Des Moines Area Community College
Alec Vannavong, Des Moines Area Community College
Suzanne West, Simpson College

Nicholas J. Mancuso Scholarship

Brendan Freil, Des Moines Area Community College

PrairieFire Scholarship

Shiloh Camacho Silva, University of Iowa

R. Michael Williams, MD, PhD Memorial Scholarship

Alina Barkley, Iowa State University
Alondra Garcia-Mata, Mercy College of Health Sciences

Ralph and Marilyn Satre Wilson Memorial Scholarship

Rosalinda Ramirez, Mercy College of Health Sciences

Ray “Monk” and Erma Wilson Family Scholarship

Lailah Tyler, Drake University College of Pharmacy

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Dollars for Scholars Recipients *(cont)*

Raymond and Shirley Phillips Memorial Scholarship
Caden Ho, Drake University

Richard Hurd Scholarship
Michael Nhan, Iowa State University

Robert O. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship
Brilynn Walls, University of West Florida - Pensacola

Rolland Geil & Ruth Johnson Geil Memorial Scholarship
Sarai Santos-Montiel, Des Moines Area Community College

Studebaker Elementary School Scholarship
Cherlin Cruz, Des Moines Area College

Wolfe Family Scholarship
Hannah Henry, Iowa State University

Zac Bales-Henry Scholarship
Brendan Freel, Des Moines Area Community College

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Praveen Bannikatti



Dear Alumni,

I am excited to unveil and share the story behind the year long process in developing our new banner language for Lincoln High School – **Southside Pride: Belong. Achieve. Inspire.**

This banner language is more than a slogan, it is a reflection of Lincoln High School's identity, aspirations, and unwavering commitment to our students, staff, and community. It captures the essence of our purpose: Creating a school where every Railsplitter feels a sense of belonging, achieves beyond imagined possibilities, and is inspired to pursue their chosen paths with confidence.

What makes this language especially meaningful is that it was shaped by the voices of our community. Throughout the year, students, student leaders, staff, coaches, sponsors, school leaders, and community members were invited to answer a simple question: "What does it look, sound, and feel like to be a Railsplitter?" Their ideas, values, and aspirations were synthesized into a message that authentically represents Lincoln High School and honors our Southside tradition.

Southside Pride: Belong. Achieve. Inspire. is both a celebration of who we are and a promise of who we strive to be. It reflects the values of a community committed to transforming lives and building a legacy that will endure generations.

Thank you for your continued partnership in shaping the future of Lincoln High School and strengthening the legacy of Southside Pride.

Go Rails! ■

Praveen

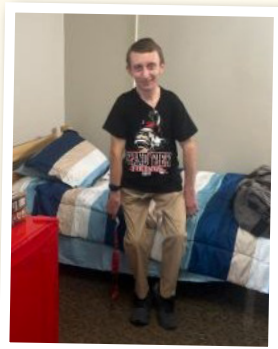
ALUMNI NOTES BY ANNA RUPERTO WILLIAMS '63



Thanks to all the folks who have been sending in information about our ALHS friends and family. Keep it coming! Submit your news to williamsanna@netzero.net.



On March 28th former **Principal Albert H. Graziano** was affectionately honored by naming the commons area in his memory. Principal Graziano passed away in January, 2023.



Lincoln Wheelock '25 received The Erickson Family Foundation Scholarship for advanced education in business. Lincoln is attending Grand View University, and his grandma shared a "moving-in" photo!

February 27th was a fun night at the Casey's Event Center in Des Moines. The Iowa Wolves Basketball Team hosted Metro Alumni. These ALHS folks were pretty happy that the Wolves beat the #1 ranked Mexico City Capitanes 118-117!



Becky Derscheid '96 was pretty excited about gathering first Lincoln Girls Soccer team members together for a 30 year Reunion!

And a special evening it was! Along with May 19th being Senior Night for the current girls soccer team, the first team was also recognized at halftime.



The 2026 Maroon and Gold Gala included the Athletic Hall of Fame inductions. Congrats to new inductees, **Roberta Nigro** and **Josh Powell '02**.

BLH is already looking forward to planning next year's Gala! The 10th Gala theme will celebrate a full decade of traditions by dressing like your graduation decade -- Bell bottoms, tie-dye, neon wind breakers, rolled jeans, flannel shirts, saddle shoes, poodle skirts! (If you need help with your outfit next February, call me -- I save everything!)

This spring, **Mary Mendenhall Core '81**, was one of four finalists for the Inspiring Women of Iowa "Character Award." Mary is the Community Engagement Director of Talent Collective DSM (formerly Avenue Scholars). Congratulations, Mary -- you are an inspiration!



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Alumni Notes *(cont)*

Congratulations to the **Lincoln Vocal Music Solo Ensemble!** In April our group participated in the State Solo Ensemble in Marshalltown, and came away with several individual and group division ratings!



Congrats to the **ALHS Girls Bowling Team** for winning the class 3A Region 1 State Qualifying Bowling Meet at Bowlerama Lanes this summer!

The team qualified for State with a score of 2,631, and several of the bowlers also individually qualified for the tournament.



Happy 80th Birthday, Class of 1964! It was a pleasure for me to present the 1964 *old folks* with six “thank you” cards from 2026 graduates receiving the 1964 class scholarships. Thank you for inviting me to your party at Mac Rae Park!

Who doesn't brag about their grandchildren? My turn! In June I had the special honor to travel with my middle stepdaughter's family to Virginia for my grandson, **Master Sergeant Tyler Davenport**, Air Force retirement celebration. I learned more about Tyler in that 45 minute ceremony than I did in his 20+ years in the Air Force. Of course, the additional parties also held many stories! So proud of him and all our military members. Thank you for your service! ■



Don't miss Todd Guessford '80 and ALHS football games this fall! Subscribe to the voice of Railsplitter Radio Network, on YouTube, <https://youtu.be/6Aum07mfuNE>

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Todd & Janet Kincheloe for the **Carole Jones Memorial Nursing Scholarship**
 Paul Graziano for the **Albert H. Graziano Memorial Scholarship**
 Anthony Petosa for the **Class of 1979 Memorial Scholarship**
 Douglas Palis for the **Class of 1979 Memorial Scholarship**
 Heidi Ogden
 Veridian Credit Union
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Abe Club Contributions (Gifts of \$1,000 - \$4,999)

Marlene Timmons for the **George "Skip" Timmons Memorial Scholarship**
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 Marci Rafdal for the **Class of 1971 Scholarship**
 Wendy McNally DeVries for the **Class of 1984 Scholarship**
 Anita Daghestani for the **Class of 1984 Scholarship**
 Mari Ann Keithahn for the **Juanita Anna Smith Zeller '47 Memorial Scholarship**
 Kenneth Sufka for the **Kenneth Sufka Scholarship**
 Erickson Foundation for the **Erickson Family Foundation Scholarship**
 Alan & Juliana Kincheloe for the **Carole Jones Memorial Nursing Scholarship**
 Lawrence & Jean Cook for the **Lawrence & Jean Cook Scholarship**
 Bob Smith for the **Bob Smith & Monica Rocha-Smith Scholarship**
 Class of 1975 for the **Class of 1975 Memorial Scholarship**
 Class of 1986 for the **Class of 1986 Memorial Scholarship**

Maroon Club Contributions (Gifts of \$5,000 - \$9,999)

Elton Wolfe for the **Elton Wolfe Family Scholarship and Annual Celebration Sponsor**
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 Stephen & Brenda Mahannah for the **Howard Wayne Foust Memorial Scholarship**
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Gold Club Contributions (Gifts of \$10,000 or more)

Polk County Iowa Community Betterment Grant
 Ryan & Gretchen Lumsden for the **Robert O. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship**
 Timothy J. Wilson Trust for the **Jim, Ralph and Marilyn Wilson Memorial Scholarship**

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE AT WWW.ALHSALUMNI.COM

ALHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

() Annual Membership - \$10.00 () Lifetime Membership - \$75.00, *Age 65 or older*

Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zipcode: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

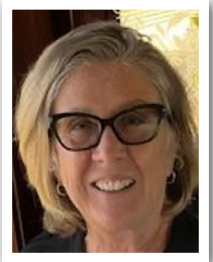
Year of LHS Graduation: _____

Please consider making a *tax deductible* donation to the Alumni Foundation to support scholarships and related activities!
Additional Amount Enclosed: \$ _____.

Make your check payable to: ALHS Alumni Association and Mail to:
 ALHS Alumni Foundation, P. O. Box 36624, Des Moines, Iowa 50315

REUNION NEWS BY SUSAN HELLER KINGSBURY '76

Report Reunion news to **Susan Heller Kingsbury '76** at vicepresidentalhsalumni@gmail.com. Subject line 'Reunion Plans.' If you need the Alumni Foundation to assist you at your reunion, just let us know!



First Girls Soccer Team 30th Reunion (Class of 1996)



Class of 1970



Class of 1986



Class of 1963



Class of 1994

Annual ALHS ALUMNI Celebration featuring Scholarship Award & Alumni Hall of Fame Induction 5:30 PM, May 12, 2027, State Historical Museum of Iowa

Annual RAILS Party - All Class Reunion is September 19 from 2-5 PM at Ingersoll Tap in Des Moines.

Classes of January and June 1953 welcomes everyone for coffee the 2nd Thursday of the month through May. Meet at Hy-Vee Fleur Drive at 10am. Contact Donna Baker (515)285-7787.

Classes of January and June 1957 meet for lunch on the 3rd Thursday each month at Baratta's Restaurant at 11:30 am through December. Contact Jackie Thompson Tinker (515)967-

6232 or TINK967@aol.com

Classes of 1959 meet for breakfast the 1st Tuesday of the month at 8:15am. Locations vary. Contact Dave Thomason (515)422-2723

Classes of June 1961 - 65th Reunion is October 3, 2026. It will be at Theresa Loffredo's home. RSVP theresa.loffredo@icloud.com or check our website.

Classes of January and June 1963 had their usual annual potluck reunion on June 27, 2026. Contact is Anna Williams williamsanna@netzero.net.

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ALUMNI HALL OF FAME BY KARLA V. BOETEL '91

The ALHS Alumni Hall of Fame Committee has been hard at work identifying the next inspirational group of inductees. These outstanding alumni exemplify the values, achievements, and spirit of our Lincoln High community, and we're thrilled to continue honoring their legacies.

At the Alumni Annual Dinner Celebration this spring we were pleased to honor **Linda Mincks Hendricks '65**, **Mary Ortega Landsberger '65**, **Lisa Anne Whitmarsh Peterson '75** and **Lisa Dondlinger '92**.

If you have any notable individuals in mind for 2027, let's brainstorm and ensure their achievements are celebrated! Visit our website www.alhsalumni.com or contact us at the ALHS Alumni Hall of Fame email alhsalumnifoundation.hof@gmail.com.

Stay tuned for the official announcement of next year's honorees and thank you for helping us celebrate the remarkable individuals who make ALHS proud! ■

Karla Boetel

Chair, Alumni Hall of Fame



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

The nomination procedure for the Lincoln Athletic Hall of Fame is an electronic application process. If you are interested in nominating an LHS alum or coach, please use the following link or scan the QR code:



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftX9aaONxoE-j8d1Jr-11KysbcH7n7i-F-aoJqY90U_C84NQ/viewform

Criteria for the Athletic Hall of Fame is listed within the document link.

At the 2026 Maroon & Gold Gala **Roberta Nigro** and **Josh Powell '02** were inducted into the ALHS Athletic Hall of Fame. ■

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HOW TO REACH US

We love to receive your emails. Send us your reunion news, pictures, and stories to share. ALHSAlumniFoundation@gmail.com

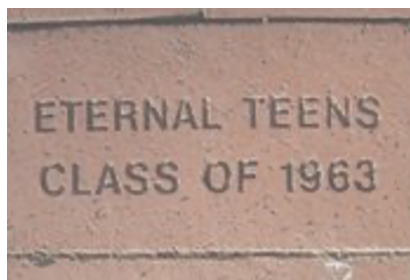
Our alumni website for information and reunion news is www.ALHSAlumni.com ■

THANKS TO ALL OUR FOLLOWERS!

With all the information and news so readily available online, beginning in 2026, the *Railsplitter Review* will be published annually in July.

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL PRIDE!

Don't miss the RAILS Party and other **Upcoming ALHS Events** where you can purchase our alumni merchandise and pay/renew your Alumni Membership. Purchases also available on our website: www.alhsalumni.com. ■



\$75.00 -
Commemorative Brick
Installed at Lincoln High School



\$5.00 - Lincoln Rails Window Stickers
(for your car) (3 1/2 x 5)



\$10.00 - ALHS 100th Anniversary Cherry Wood Ornament with gold tone Hook
(3 1/4 x 3 1/4)



\$17.00 - Garden Flag
(13 x 18)



\$5.00 - Absorbing Stone Car Coaster



\$7.00 - Cork Coaster Set of 4



\$10.00 - All Access Backpack
(12x12)



\$10.00 - Jump-a-Tee

Thank you for your support! Go RAILS!

TWELFTH ANNUAL ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION

AUCTION & SALE BY LISA WHITMARSH PETERSON '75

As we looked at new fundraising goals, it was not in our plans to do another auction after 2024, but we rallied both support of our individual and business donors to provide one more opportunity for our ALHS Family to obtain fabulous items for all gifting occasions, while supporting the Alumni Foundation. The 2025 Silent Auction and Sale was held at the Winter Sports Kickoff in November. Through fabulous donors' ingenious gifts and our conscientious business contact volunteers, the auction and sale netted \$3,776.00. Since 2014, we have realized \$40,437.54 to assist in our ongoing Foundation activities.

We thank everyone who supported twelve auctions. It's been a good ride meeting strong community benefactors, with strong ties to ALHS! Southside Pride is alive and well! ■

Please continue to patronize our 2025 Auction Business Donors:

A.H. Blank Park Golf Courses, (Chris Tillinghast '04 and The Chiodo Family)
Beth Baker Albright '83
Anonymous Business Donor
Applebee's Restaurant
Baratta's Restaurant (Joe Gatto '85 & Lisa Wing Quilty '86)
Mary Smith Bertogli '73
Blank Park Zoo
Bolton & Hay Food Service Equipment
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Casey's General Stores
COLOURBAR Salon & Spa (Tenna Channen '98)
Confluence Brewery Company
Kris '86 & Job '85 Cooper
Dawn Davis, '77 (*in memoriam*)
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Des Moines Buccaneers
Des Moines Menace Soccer
Becky Clinton Dewey '83
Exile Brewing Co.
Firestone Tire on Fleur
Flowers By Anthony, Inc.
Francie's Bar & Grill
G Migs
Gloria Gray '66
Graziano Brothers
Greater Des Moines Botanical Gardens
Hello, Marjorie (Nick Tillinghast '07)
Linda Minks Hendricks '65
Joe Henry '75
Henry J's Taco House (Cody Rivas '03)
Amy Whisler Hutchens '83
Iowa Cubs
Iowa Culinary Institute

Iowa Wild
Jethro's BBQ/Splash Seafood Grill
John's Barber Shop (*John Scavo '51, in memoriam*)
Rick and Nancy Helm Kaili '76
Alan Kincheloe '80
Kerry & Terry Real Estate Team (Kerry Burrows Enger '91)
Kinley's Golf (Chris Smith Lamberson '71)
Livingston's Automotive (Chad Raymond '93)
Margie Sheehy Salon
Marie Bakes Co. (Rocky '77 & Marie Sposato)
Maxie's Restaurant
Mister Car Wash Corporation
Noah's Ark Ristorante (*Noah Lacona '59, in memoriam*)
Palmer's Deli
Park Avenue Pub (Dick Horton, '71)
Perkin's Restaurant
Olive Garden Italian Kitchen
Oriental Trading Company
Brendan Peterson '06
Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson '75
DyAnn Duffy Pfrommer '66
Raymond "Skip" Phillips '68
Kelsi Crivaro Pope '07 (Plato's Closet & Style Encore)
Powell's Outdoor Service (Harold Powell '80)
Putts and Pins
OuikTrip Corporation
Dawn Manley Scavo '80
Katherine Scott '77
Yvonne Smith Scott '56 (*in memoriam*)

Scornovacca's Ristorante
Scornovacca's Bakery
Signature Lawn & Landscape (Brian Whitlatch '93)
Smitty's Tenderloin (Greg Smith '68, Cheri Wentzel Smith '74)
Rayanne Little Solis '07
Steve '79 & Carol Seid
Tasty Tacos
Texas Roadhouse
The Club Car Restaurant & Lounge (Rob Peterson '92)
The Finishing Shop
The Playhouse of Greater Des Moines
Thia's Nails
Trostel's Greenbriar Restaurant (Suzanne Summy '65)
Truman's K.C. Pizza Tavern
Tsing Tsao-South
University of Northern Iowa-Athletics
Anna Ruperto Williams '63

2025 Silent Auction Task Force:

Becky Clinton Dewey '83, Roger Dewey, Vickie Ruperto Halfwassen '65, Linda Mincks Hendricks '65, Susan Heller Kingsbury '76, Dan Peterson, DyAnn Duffy Pfrommer '66, Raymond "Skip" Phillips '68, Katherine Scott '77, Carol Seid, Steve Seid '79, Larry Shea '71 and Anna Ruperto Williams '63.

Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson '75
Rayanne Little Solis '07
Fundraising Co-Chairs



TRIBUTES

The following is a list of deceased ALHS Alumni, by graduating class, reported to us since our last newsletter went to print. If you would like to report the death of a classmate or loved one to the Alumni Foundation, please contact **Anna Williams** at williamsanna@netzero.net.

Class Lincoln Alumni

1941	Grace Cariglino Russo Keith Deaver	1964	James C. Noland Ronnie Fuller	1979	Michelle D. Robb Kirk Green
1946	Rhea Dooley Dennis	1965	Mitzi Calvert Bittner Frank Greco	1980	Craig Mettille Kristie Bettis Liddle
1948	Doris Terry Roth		Marcia Sneller Ohde Catherine Reynolds Stevenson	1981	Janette Stevens Kozeliski Ronald D. Hutchins
1949	Qacquelyn Zeiner Joann Winegardner Sweet	1966	Ronald Foreman Eva Denise Rice Stout		William Albright, Jr. Donald A. Anthony
1952	Mary K. Mason Stines		William Tamasi	1982	Clark Lathrum, Jr. Brian Foust
1955	Beverly Howlett Woods Ila M. Queener Guggino Lois Wright Gregoire	1967	Bonnie R. Fillman Boothroyd Rhonda Brightman Methfessel		Casey Pinegar Bradley "Joe" Burgett
1956	John Haydon, Jr. Grace A. Fillman Byrd		Leslie D. Miller Carey Jury	1991	Cory Maine Mark J. Knapp
1958	Jacqueline Baker Shea	1969	Patricia Schoonover Hagenkord	1996	Megan Ann Taylor Samantha Short Vasquez
1959	John Brodie Judy Woods Crees Robert Seery	1970	Rita Crane Denhart Debra J. Pangburn Wallukait	2002	Jacob T. Anderson Jordan Wineland
1960	Dominic "Mickey" J. Ellis Beverly Woods Duysen Rebecca VanLaw Ogden-Hein Carol Knudson Matthews	1971	Mary Clark Hall Michael Stocker		
1961	Bonnie J. Burgett Cogley Robert Lumsden Carl Crees Dan B. Mitchell	1973	Michael D. Marvin	Faculty: Gary Gabel, History Coach Coady, Swim John Badger Coach Bob Walker, Baseball	
1963	Robert R. Dillard	1974	Dale Allen Carter		
		1975	Donna Wells Sherman		
		1976	Michael P. Sarnecki		
		1977	Juanita R. Garcia		
		1978	John A. Martindale, Jr. Frank Greco		

BUILD LINCOLN HIGHER BOOSTER CLUB, INC. PRESIDENT: LUCY MILLER

Greetings from BLH! We had a successful year of fundraising for clubs and activities at Lincoln High School.

We had our first Bowling Bash in August 2025, a just-for-fun tournament that featured near-perfect games by our talented (and state champion!) student bowlers.

The **Chicken Bowl** in August and the **Chili Cook-Off** in November were also great community events. At the Cook-Off, over 200 people sampled chili and cast their votes.

The **9th Annual Maroon & Gold Gala** included the Athletics Hall of Fame induction of two LHS legends: basketball star

Josh Powell and coach **Roberta Nigro**. Over 420 guests attended the event and we raised nearly \$44,000! These funds granted the wishes of 26 groups at LHS.

The **Pancake Breakfast** in March offered a chance for our community to come together for food and fundraising. LHS dedicated the



Commons to former principal **Al Graziano** and alumni were able to see the impact of their donations with a tour of the new Roundhouse locker room space.

The **Bob VanderLinden Golf Outing** in June rounded out the year. We had beautiful weather and raised much-needed funds for LHS Activities.

Thank you to all who have attended our fundraising events. If you'd like to impact the experience of current students, here's how you can make a difference:

- Attend our fundraising events, or any event at LHS.
- Visit buildlincolnhigher.square.site to purchase a membership, sponsorship, yard sign, or make an online donation.
- Mail a check to Build Lincoln Higher, c/o LHS, 2600 SW 9th St, Des Moines, IA 50315.
- Include Build Lincoln Higher in your planned giving! BLH can provide you with further information.

For more information, visit our website (www.buildlincolnhigher.com), and follow us on Instagram (@blh_lhs) or Facebook (Build Lincoln Higher Booster Club and Maroon and Gold Gala). ■

Thank you and Go, Rails!

Lucy



UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Bowling Bash – August 2, 2026, Noon – Bowlerama Lanes

Chicken Bowl – August 21, 2026

Annual RAILS Party – All Class Reunion – September 19, 2026 – Ingersoll Tap

DSM SW 9th Open Street Festival – September 20, 2026 – Noon to 4:00PM – Park Avenue to Watrous

Winter Kickoff/Chili Cook-Off – November 19, 2026 - Bowen Round House

Winter Break – December 21, 2026 – January 1, 2027

Annual Maroon and Gold Gala – February 27, 2027 – Airport Holiday Inn

Spring Break – March 15 - 19, 2027

BLH Pancake Breakfast – April 3, 2027, 7:00 - 11:00 AM – Albert H. Graziano Commons

Prom – April, 2027, date to be determined

Annual ALHS Alumni Celebration featuring Scholarship Awards & Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies – tentative date: May 12, 2027 -- 5:30 PM -- State Historical Building, 600 E. Locust St, Des Moines

Senior Class Day Awards Ceremony – May, 2027, date to be determined, Bowen Round House

Commencement – May, 2027, to be determined

Annual Bob VanderLinden Golf Outing – June 11, 2027 -- Blank Golf Course -- Contact **Phil Chia** at (515) 242-7525 for details.



For up-to-date school activities, check out the online calendar at:

[DMPS District Calendar](#)



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REUNION NEWS *(cont)*

Class of 1964 meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday at Hy-Vee Fleur Dr at 12:00 pm. Contact Laddie Jobe by email or text, laddiej@msn.com or (515)249-7081 or Mike Flaherty at (515)971-4605 or mikmax70@gmail.com

Class of 1966 - 60th Reunion is at Ingersoll Tap, 7:30 pm, August 21. Blank Park Golf Course Clubhouse at 6:00pm August 22, for dinner. Ginger Leo leinleo24@msn.com or Gloria Gray fif3667@gmail.com for more information.

Class of 1970 has lunch at various venues. Contact Deb Gulled Ostrem ostrem88@gmail.com or follow them on Facebook DM Lincoln HS Class of 1970.

Class of 1971 - 55th Reunion is August 7 & 8th. Event details are at <https://myevent.com/1971classreunion> or contact the committee at alhs71dsm@gmail.com

Class of 1972 - 72nd Birthday Party, August 13, at PAL Joey's that starts at 4pm. Contact Ken Allen 515-250-0573 or Trudy Hastie 515-988-1783 for information.

Class of 1976 - 50th Reunion is August 14 & 15th with golf, baseball, and dinner venue. Follow them on Facebook: Lincoln High School class of 1976 in Des Moines.

Class of 1981 - 45th Reunion is August 15th at Pal Joey's. For more information join the Facebook page ALHS Class of 1981 or message alhs.1981.dsm@gmail.com

Class of 1986 - 40th Reunion was July 10-11 at Confluence Brewing Company and Pal Joey's from 5pm to 10pm

Class of 1991 - 35th Reunion is October 17, 2026, at Columbus Park Shelter. Still working out times.

Class of 2006 - 20th Reunion is August 22, 2026, at Confluence Brewery from 6pm to 10pm. Follow FB page Lincoln Class of 2006.

Class of 2016 - 10th Reunion is September 26th at Ceviche Bar in the East Village from 2:00pm to 5:00pm with possible Bar Crawl after 5:00pm ■

Visit the Alumni Social Media sites for the latest information on Alumni activities.