



RAILSPLITTER

review
FALL 2025

PRESIDENT'S INBOX: STEVE SEID '79



My name is Steve Seid (side) and I am excited to be your President of the Lincoln High School Alumni Foundation Board of Directors. My dad, **Lawrence Seid** was a 1948 Lincoln graduate. My daughters **Nicole Seid '05** and **Katie Seid '07** are Lincoln graduates! While my wife **Carol** is not a Lincoln graduate, she is a tremendous supporter of ALHS. It is such an honor for me to serve you, the students, staff, and community of Lincoln High School.

The Lincoln High School band recently played our fight song at an ALHS event I attended. It took me back to running out on to the court to a packed Bowen Round House before a basketball game. I can still feel the excitement. I'm sure each one of us can go back in time and recall such wonderful memories of our time at ALHS. Nothing can beat Southside Pride!

The mission and purpose of the ALHS Alumni Foundation ("Foundation"), a Dollars for Scholars Chapter, is to mobilize ALHS alumni to make post-secondary success possible for Abraham Lincoln High School (Des Moines) ("Lincoln High School") students through scholarships and educational support.

A secondary purpose of the Foundation is to foster Alumni relations with the school. The Foundation may engage in fundraising activities to develop and enhance the educational programs and activities at Lincoln High School. Such funds may be used for curricular activities, extracurricular activities, programs or facilities at the school.

The Lincoln High School Alumni Foundation thrives on providing pathways for our future alumni by organizing

scholarships for graduating seniors. As a retired school superintendent, I have personally witnessed the increasing cost for students pursuing the trades or college/university.

Your support is vital to our graduating seniors. I ask that you and/or your family consider creating a scholarship to assist our future alumni in meeting their goals and dreams. A scholarship could be in your name, or in the name of a loved one. If you are interested in creating a scholarship, please send an email message to alhsalumnifoundation@gmail.com. For those already funding a scholarship(s), your continued support of our Lincoln students is greatly appreciated!

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Check out the ALHS Web site!
www.alhsalumni.com

FOUNDATION NEWS

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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**. ■

FINANCIAL REPORTS

(As of July 31, 2025)

ALHS Alumni Operating Accounts
Checking and investment accounts
\$12,713
Your annual dues go to help with operating expenses.

ALHS Alumni Foundation
Checking and investment accounts
\$3,305,833*
** Interest earned from our investment accounts funds Association scholarships.*

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. Avoid paying taxes on your RMD payments by donating to the Foundation.

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:

David Alexander	Fund via Benevity	Bruce Croll	Principal Financial Group
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Elizabeth Mettille Owens Gassaway in memory of **Carol Mettille Easley '58**, for the **Coralie Cherry Memorial Scholarship**
Class of 1963 in memory of **Judy Horner Yule '63**, **Mary Cordaro Frederick '63** for the **ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship**
Anna Williams in memory of **Dolores Beardsley Horton '52**
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In memory of **Mary Cordaro Frederick '63** for the **Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship**

Mary Taylor	Delana & Dale Hutchison	Marcia Stradley
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In memory of **Vivian Wilson Haag '44** for the **Ray “Monk” and Erma Wilson Family Scholarship**

Joyann Benoit	Melinda Haag	Steve & Lisa Wickes
Carol Eisenhut	Margaret & Anthony Puls	

In memory of **Phyllis Knouf Stegman '43** for the **Annual Celebration Dinner**

Anna Williams	Becky Dewey
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Rail Club Contributions (*Gifts of \$500 - \$999*)
Todd & Janet Kincheloe for the **Carole Jones Memorial Nursing Scholarship**
West Bank
Bob & Monica Rocha Smith for the **Bob Smith and Monica Rocha-Smith Scholarship**
Rochelle Turner
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Joe Gatto for the **Baratta’s Culinary Arts Scholarship**
Lisa Wing Quilty for the **Baratta’s Culinary Arts Scholarship**
U.P.T., Inc (dba Baratta’s) for the **Baratta’s Culinary Arts Scholarship**

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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 for next spring: **Kerry and Terry Enger Trades Scholarship, Mike, Doug & Jerry Boothe Scholarship, Nancy Benton Kuemmerle Memorial Scholarship, John and Alice Ligouri Teaching Scholarship, Nevins Family Scholarship, and Baratta’s Culinary Arts Scholarship.**

The following 2025 graduates of Lincoln High School received our Alumni Foundation Scholarships at our Annual Dinner Celebration in May:

- Albert H. Graziano Memorial Scholarship**
Emma Mundel, University of Northern Iowa
- ALHS Alumni Association Scholarship**
Lilly Batterson, Simpson College
Aaron Boston, University of Iowa
Malia Cuevas, Drake University
Gabriela DeLeon, Iowa state University
Phoebe Markey, Des Moines Area Community College
Sullivan Suarez Quilty, University of Iowa
Leslie Saenz, Des Moines Area Community College
Nathaniel Warmack, University of Hawaii at Manoa-Honolulu
- ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship**
Kylie Lo, Drake University
- ALHS Class of 1970 Scholarship**
Anna Williams, University of Northern Iowa
- BLH Bevington Scholarship**
Anden Blake, Des Moines Area Community College
Blake Butters, Simpson College
Amaria Daye, Grand View University
Cassidy Dickey, University of Iowa
Tessa Faris, Theater Arts Preparatory School-Las Vegas
Charles Fry, Grand View University
Sadie Gray, St. Catherine University-St. Paul
Abigail Helm, Iowa State University
Jackson Lamb, Simpson College
Denver Longden, Iowa Central Community College-Fort Dodge
Marcus Methfessel, University of Dubuque
Adam Schmith, Kansas City Art Institute
Jackson Senecaut, Des Moines Area Community College
- Bob Smith and Monica Rocha-Smith Scholarship**
Saidi Matwi, St. Ambrose University-Davenport, Iowa

- Brody Middle School PTO Scholarship**
Lilly Smith, University of Iowa
- Carole Jones Memorial Nursing Scholarship**
Simran Budathoki, Grand View University
- Chad Wessel Honorary Track/Cross Country Scholarship**
Trinity Vansylalom, University of Iowa
- Charlotte Askland Ortega Memorial Scholarship**
Ariel Gracey, Des Moines Area Community College
- Class of 1964 in Memory of Anthony Renzo Scholarship**
Leslie Cervantes-Martinez, Iowa State University
- Class of 1964 in Memory of Tom Candler Scholarship**
Deborah Tumusifu, Simpson College
- Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship**
Edwin Dejesus Arista, Iowa State University
- Class of 1975 Memorial Scholarship**
Elian Robles-Revuelto, Iowa Central Community College-Fort Dodge
- Class of 1984 Memorial Scholarship**
Rios Rivas, Ellsworth Community College-Iowa Falls
- The Clayle, Milva, Maxhn, and Janine McCaw Scholarship Fund**
Naw Ku, Mercy College of Health Sciences
Khusbu Sunar, Iowa State University
Madison Taylor, University of Iowa
Audrey Wear, University of Iowa

- Coralie Cherry Memorial Scholarship**
Angela Escobedo-Alvarado, University of Iowa
- Dan Smoot Memorial Scholarship**
Jared Bernal, Des Moines Area Community College
- The Dave Mills Memorial Scholarship**
Aaniece Owens, Ohio State University-Columbus
- Dixie L. Jeffries Memorial Scholarship**
Destiny Onofre, Drake University
Jacob Thomas, Simpson College
- The Erickson Family Foundation Scholarship**
Lincoln Wheelock, Grand View University
- George “Skip” Timmons Memorial Scholarship**
Lizminely Lopez, Des Moines Area Community College
Avrianna Sayasane, Des Moines Area Community College
- Highland Family Scholarship**
Alyssa Bird, Iowa State University
Margaret Brooks, Colorado State University-Fort Collins
Jocelynn Cruz-Escobar, Iowa State University
Cindy He, Princeton University-Princeton
William Miller, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Nathaniel Worthington, University of Iowa
- Howard Wayne Foust Memorial Scholarship**
Hayley Thompson, Augustana College-Rock Island
- Hugh Kent Memorial Science Scholarship**
Trinity Garland, Des Moines Area Community College
- James Michael “Mike” Mayer Memorial Scholarship**
Aaniece Owens, Ohio State University-Columbus
- The Jerry Crawford Family Scholarship**
Maximillian Roach, Yale University-New Haven
- Jim & Ralph Wilson Memorial Scholarship**
Kaylee Vance, Des Moines Area Community College
- The John and Jean Hollingsworth Family Memorial Scholarship**
Yadira Silva Corona, Simpson College
- John and Maxine McCaw Memorial Scholarship**
Dylan Klier, Iowa State University
- The Juanita Anna Smith Zeiler ’47 Memorial Scholarship**
D’Ajiah Lenhart-Wright, Illinois Wesleyan University-Bloomington

- Julie K. Bird Creative Writing Scholarship**
Vanissa Cortez, University of Iowa
- Kenneth Sufka Scholarship**
Makya Thompson, Iowa State University
- Leo Bridal Memorial Scholarship**
Benjamin Benjamin, Grand View University
- The Myrna Newbury Agan Memorial Scholarship**
Jaretzi Montero-Pule, Des Moines Area Community College
- Neff Family Scholarship**
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- Nicholas J. Mancuso Scholarship**
Elian Funes, Simpson College
- PrairieFire Scholarship**
Andres Herrera, Iowa State University
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Valeria Diaz-Ruiz, University of Iowa
Savanna Dulay, Drake University, College of Pharmacy
- Ralph and Marilyn Satre Wilson Memorial Scholarship**
Jaquelyn Ceballos, Drake University
- Ray “Monk” and Erma Wilson Family Scholarship**
Kyra Achebe, Des Moines Area Community College
- Raymond and Shirley Phillips Memorial Scholarship**
Jaydin Perez, Moody Bible Institute-Chicago
- Richard Hurd Scholarship**
Keaton Hurt, Simpson College
- Rolland Geil & Ruth Johnson Geil Memorial Scholarship**
Priya Khadka, Des Moines Area Community College
- Studebaker Elementary School Scholarship**
Jennifer Reyes, Simpson College
- Wolfe Family Scholarship**
Ximena Deras, Simpson College

President’s Inbox *(cont)*

On behalf of the Alumni Foundation board of directors, I welcome **Larry Shea ’71** and **Rayanne Little Solis ’07** as our newest board members; and **Praveen Bannikatti** (Hoover graduate) as you serve as the new principal of the greatest high school in the state. Once a Railsplitter, always a Railsplitter!

Also, on behalf of the Alumni Foundation board of directors, I welcome **Lucy Miller** as the new president of the Build Lincoln Higher Club. Your leadership of such a fine organization is much appreciated!

Thank you to the Alumni board of directors for entrusting me to serve in this capacity. It is truly a privilege. ■

Go Rails!

Best regards,
Steve

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Praveen Bannikatti



Greetings Railsplitters!

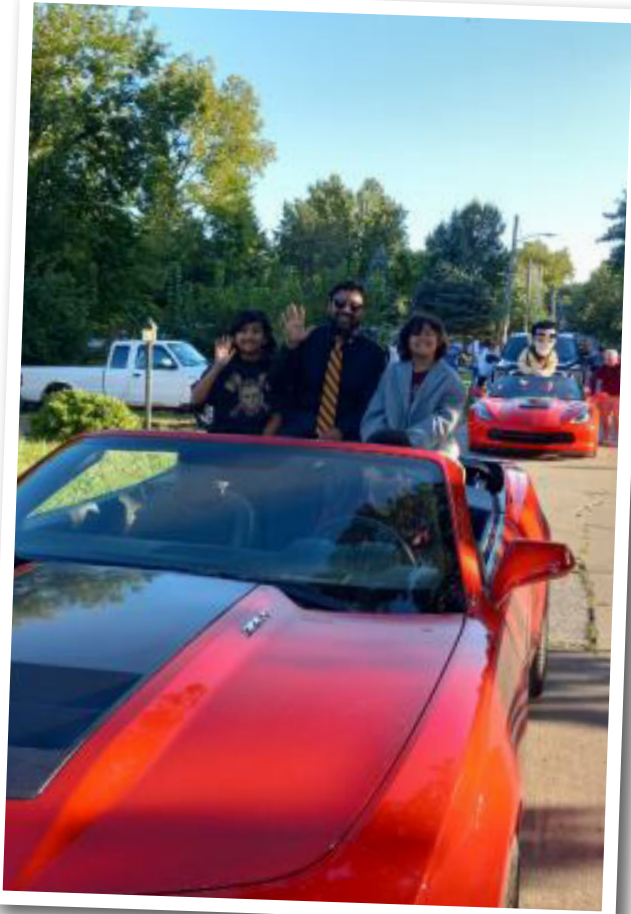
It is an honor and privilege to serve the students, staff and community of Lincoln High School. I am committed to extending and improving the legacy of excellence in academics and activities that have helped shape Lincoln High School’s purpose and identity over the past 100 years.

This is my 18th year in education and with DMPS. I served the North High School community for eleven years as a teacher and administrator, moving on to become the Associate Principal at East and Roosevelt High School for two years each, and finally serving the Virtual Campus community as principal the past two years.

I graduated from Hoover High School (Class of ’97), earned my BA from Iowa State University, MAT from Drake University, and M.Ed in administration from Iowa State University. I currently live in the Westwood Neighborhood of Des Moines and have two daughters who attend Des Moines Public Schools.

The Southside community has been extremely welcoming and together we will raise the roof with Southside Pride! ■

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.



Last spring was a special time for the **Agan Family!** **Earl** was inducted into the ALHS Alumni Hall of Fame, another **Myrna Newbury Agan Memorial Scholarship** was awarded, and the family traveled to Des Moines to be together. Earl’s sister, **Barb Timmins ’86**, shared a great photo of **Earl ’76, Shelby ’98, Shane ’02, and Shauna ’07**.



DyAnn Duffy Pfrommer ’66 and her sisters – **Cindy Duffy Sposato ’69** and **Sheryl Duffy Ponce ’74**, enjoyed getting together at the BLH Pancake Breakfast. The Duffy sisters’ families are also Lincoln grads and avid supporters! Like **Rocky Sposato ’92**, who donated **Terrace Hills** golf passes to last year’s Alumni Auction; and **Tony Sposato ’88**, who treated his Aunt DyAnn and her alumni friends to a table at the **Maroon and Gold Gala!** **Cindy** is a pretty proud mom!

Will the real Anna Williams please stand! **Anna Williams ’63** and **Anna Williams 2025** caused a bit of confusion at the Alumni Celebration/ Dinner this spring. Anna, graduating in 2025, not only received an ALHS Alumni Association Scholarship, but also performed with the Lincoln String Quartet during the Celebration.



This spring, **Ramona Ortega Liston ’60** received the Outstanding Graduate Award from Scottsdale Community College. Friends and family – ALHS sister, **Lilly Ortega Moore ’62** – were on hand to enjoy the ceremony! Talk about modest, our own Alumni Hall of Famer, Ramona, said she may have received it “....for still being alive!” Not! Congrats, Ramona!



Carol Mathews Seid, Honorary Railsplitter, and wife of our ALHS Alumni Foundation President, **Steve Seid ’79**, was totally surprised when she stepped into the Valley Church Community Center to find many friends, family and ALHS alumni there for her **60th Birthday Party**. Good job, Steve. It’s not easy to surprise our Carol!

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Alumni Notes (cont)



Paul Graziano '84 recently celebrated his Silver Anniversary (25 years) with Kroger Corporation. He's received 61 Job Excellence Honors over the years with positions of new hire trainer and mentor, top tier journeyman, to frontline manager. Congrats, Paul!

In August, the **Iowa Letterwinners Club** and the **University of Iowa Athletics Department** inducted its eight-member **2025 Hall of Fame Class**. The 36th Hall of Fame class includes our very own **Lisa Birocci Banse '01**. Lisa was recognized for her ton of softball stuff! I didn't know how to determine what you, the reader, would find most impressive, so sharing the link to the website article: <https://hawkeyesports.com/news/2025/06/5/2025-iowa-athletics-hall-of-fame-class-announced>

The **ALHS Alumni Foundation and BLH Club** board members had a great time sharing a table at the **SW 9th St. Block Party** in September. For more photos, see our ALHS Alumni Foundation facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ALHSalumni/reels/>



We're so sorry to report that one of our beloved alumni members passed away in early October – **Phyllis Knouf Stegman '43** – at age 102 years. If you've been reading "Alumni Notes" for many years, you may recall articles about Phyllis going to the Iowa State Fair since age two weeks, and riding the giant slide until she was 94! She served on the ALHS Alumni Board and on the Annual Meeting Committee for many years. She always dressed for Sunday Tea, though I think leopard was her favorite pattern, and she had a smile for everyone. Rest in peace, our dear friend.



Everyone loves a parade! The ALHS Homecoming Parade was October 8th. Our new Principal, **Praveen Bannikatti**, and his two children served as Parade Marshalls this year. Thanks again to **Kris '88** and **Job Cooper '86** for sponsoring (and running) the parade! Many, many pictures on our facebook page!



We can always count on **Dave Thomason '59** attending the RAILS Party! And here he is, once again, representing the mature end of the class-year range! At the other end we have **1989 grads, Ethan Johnston** and **Melissa Campero Bentley**. Go to our alumni facebook page for many more photos. ■

Foundation Contributors (cont)

Abe Club Contributions (*Gifts of \$1,000 - \$4,999*)
Richard Hurd for the **Richard Hurd Scholarship**
Paul Graziano for the **Albert H. Graziano Memorial Scholarship**
Jerry Crawford for the **Jerry Crawford Family Scholarship**
Kerry & Terry Enger for the **Kerry & Terry Enger Trades Scholarship**
Tim Wilson for the **Ralph & Marilyn Satre Wilson Memorial Scholarship**
Mike & Doug Boothe for the **Mike, Doug & Jerry Boothe Scholarship**
Judy Lewis for the **Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship**
Skip & Lin Phillips for the **Phillips Engineering Scholarship**
American Online Giving Foundation via the Benevity Giving Platform

Maroon Club Contributions (*Gifts of \$5,000 - \$9,999*)
Dixie Lee Jeffries Estate for the **Dixie L. Jeffries Memorial Scholarship**
John Ligouri for the **John and Alice Ligouri Teaching Scholarship**
John Nevins for the **Nevins Family Scholarship**

Gold Club Contributions (*Gifts of \$10,000 or more*)
Nancy Kuemmerle Estate for the **Nancy Kuemmerle 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 college and trade school scholarships for deserving ALHS graduates! 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** at susankingsbury@gmail.com. If you would like the Alumni Foundation to assist you at your class reunion (registration table, etc.) just let Susan know!



ALUMNI HALL OF FAME BY KARLA V. BOETEL '91

The ALHS Alumni Hall of Fame Committee – Skip Phillips '68, Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson '75, and John Thielke '80 – 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.

This spring we were pleased to honor **Rochelle Toner '58, Earl R. Agan Jr. '76, Tricia Fogue Rivas '95 and Raymond (Joel) Phillips III '95.**

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:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftX9aaONxoE-j8d1Jr-11KysbcH7n7i-F-aoJqY90U_C84NQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

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

At the 2025 Maroon & Gold Gala **Keisha Cox '94 and Andrew Hill '95** were inducted into the ALHS Athletic Hall of Fame. ■

ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION SOCIAL MEDIA

- @ALHSAlumni
- @ALHS Alumni Foundation
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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 ■

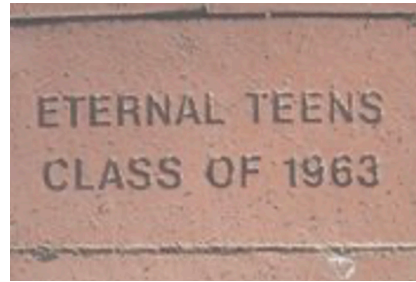
THANKS TO ALL OUR FOLLOWERS!

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

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SHOW YOUR SCHOOL PRIDE!

Don't miss the **12th Annual Silent Auction and Sale** to be held at the **Winter Kickoff** on **November 20, 2025** in the Bowen Round House! In addition to the Auction items, you'll also be able to support the ALHS Alumni Association and Foundation scholarships by purchasing our alumni merchandise and paying/renewing your Alumni Membership. ■



\$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



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**

1943	Phyllis Knouf Stegman	1965	Charles Campbell	1981	Jim Cunningham
1947	Benny M. Genovese		Barb Dickes Halgren	1982	Doug Bixler
1949	Patricia Beck Ridenour		Lynda Howard McNulty		Richard Cross
	Duane Gideon		Ed Koons	1983	Randy J. Thomas
	John W. Johnson		Gary Munyon	1984	Richard Keeling, Jr.
1950	Ruthie Dondlinger Lane	1966	William C. Mills, Jr.	1985	John C. Quijano
	Patricia Bird Sirfus		Jerry Shepherd		Christine Smith Kubik
1951	Norma Berry Kenworthy		Thomas J. Biddle	1986	Kevin V. Langlinais
	Bruce Ellis		Rosemary DeFino Brady	1989	Merianne "Mimi" Fucaloro
1952	Dolores Beardsley Horton	1967	Scyler Cherry		Amber Wegner Cooper
	Josephinne Byrnes Baldon		Michael Caligiuri	1992	Matt Clifton
	James Lee Claman		Gary Roach		Robert L. Storm
1953	Beverly Herker Lair	1968	Nancy Turner Johnson	1993	Matthew Clifton
1954	Mary Jo Thompson Denman		Gerald Wallace, II	1994	Brandyn Nutter-Gracey
1955	Richard L. Crane		Judy Cleveland Knipfel	2002	Nick Robinson
	Dante Romeo		Jerry Weldon		Christopher Boone
1956	Kay Ramus		Cynthia Stanley Steward	2008	Jacob Tyler Anderson
1957	Bob Tomlinson	1970	Christopher P. Marasco, Sr.	2009	Brock Persinger
	Beverly Hill Carper		Nancy Roland Luby	2011	Jordan Wineland
1958	Carol Mettelle Easley		Rick Snyder		
	Barry McKibben	1972	Duane Conrey, Jr.		
1960	JoAnne Ruble Rieman		Alan Kinsey	Faculty:	
	George R. Shepherd	1972	Lourdez Medina Rincon	David K. Killinger, Band	
1961	Jeannette "Sally" Smith Porter	1973	Ray C. Hines		
	Ann Woods Phillips		Steven Nation		
	Ann Huglin Dew		Albert Knight		
1962	Judith Fedro Simpson	1974	Daniel E. Payne		
	Steve Mortimore	1975	Valerie Meek Mills		
1963	Judy Horner Yule	1976	Jeff Conner		
	Mary Cordaro Frederick		Rodger D. Weikum		
	Mary Anne Stinson Bougher	1977	Joni Penland		
	Rosalee Caligiuri DiMaio		Frank Rizzuti		
1964	Edward "Pepper" Burt		Audrey Rivera Garrison		
	Carol Fegley Hayworth	1978	Bill Mendenhall		
	Janet McRoberts		Gregory A. Brown		
	Bill Mills		Daniel Merrifield		
	Mike Crivaro	1979	Brian King		
	Ron Young		Tony Renda, Jr.		
	Doug Rafdal	1980	Michael A. Miller		
	John A. McNulty		Dianna McConkey Dare		

Faculty:
David K. Killinger, Band

Thank you for your support! Go RAILS!

BUILD LINCOLN HIGHER BOOSTER CLUB, INC.

PRESIDENT: LUCY MILLER

Greetings from BLH! We are excited to begin another school year and look forward to partnering with the Alumni Foundation to support all students at Lincoln High School. In our current climate, community support of our public schools is more critical than ever. Our students deserve all the advantages we can give them, from quality uniforms to updated facilities, and that requires significant funding.

We have been fortunate to receive support from both Prairie Meadows and Polk County, as well as from several Southside businesses, current families, and alumni. Thanks to these contributions, BLH was recently able to assist with new uniforms for our marching band (debuting this season!), pompoms for the cheerleading squad, headgear for the wrestling team, folders for chamber choir, and entry fees for speech and debate competitions, among many other needs of our activity groups.

While we celebrate what we’ve been able to accomplish, there are always more needs to fill. We offer many opportunities for the community to support our Railsplitters. Here are ways you can make a difference:

- Purchase a BLH membership or sponsorship (varying levels, beginning at \$15)
- Purchase a Yard Sign (\$15). Show off your Southside Pride and help us recognize other Railsplitters in the neighborhood.
- Attend a school sporting event, concert, or activity. Admission fees and concessions sales directly support our activity groups.
- Attend a BLH event. Join the LHS community in celebrating our students and meet up with friends to make new memories.

For more information, please visit our website (www.buildlincolnhigher.com). You can also find us on Instagram (@blh_lhs) or Facebook (“Build Lincoln Higher Booster Club” and “Maroon and Gold Gala”).

In the meantime, please save the date for the remaining BLH events of the 25-26 school year:

- Chili Cook-Off – November 20, 2025
- Maroon & Gold Gala – February 28, 2026
- Pancake Breakfast – March 28, 2026
- Annual Bob Vanderlinden Golf Outing – June 12, 2026 ■

Thank you,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Winter Kickoff** – November 20, 2025 – Bowen Round House
- **Winter Band Concert** – December 8, 2025
- **Winter Orchestra Concert** – December 10, 2025 – Auditorium
- **Winter Choir Concert** – December 15, 2025 – Auditorium
- **Winter Break** – December 22, 2025 – January 2, 2026
- **Fine Arts Night** – February 2, 2026 – Albert H. Graziano Commons and Auditorium
- **Alumni Night With the Iowa Wolves, recognizing the 1975 ALHS Men’s Basketball Team** – February 27, 2026, 6:30 PM, Casey’s Center, Des Moines
- **Annual Maroon and Gold Gala** – February 28, 2026 – Airport Holiday Inn
- **Band Concert** – February 23, 2026
- **Orchestra Concert** – March 3, 2026 – Auditorium
- **Spring Break** – March 16 - 20, 2026
- **BLH Pancake Breakfast** – March 28, 2026, 7:00 - 11:00 AM – Albert H. Graziano Commons
- **Spring Show** – April 16, 17 and 18, 2026, Auditorium
- **Prom** – April 25, 2026, Blank Park Zoo
- **Orchestra Concert** – May 4, 2026
- **Band Concert** – May 5, 2026
- **Annual ALHS Alumni Celebration featuring Scholarship Awards & Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies** – May 13, 2026, 5:30 PM, State Historical Building, 600 E. Locust St, Des Moines
- **Drama Banquet** – May 13, 2026
- **Senior Class Day Awards Ceremony** – May 20, 2026, 2:15 PM, Bowen Round House
- **Commencement** – May, 2026, to be determined.
- **34th Annual Bob VanderLinden Golf Outing** – June 12, 2026 (Blank Golf Course) Contact Phil Chia at (515) 242-7525 for details.
- **Annual RAILS Party - All Class Reunion** (Homecoming Weekend)





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REUNION NEWS *(cont)*

- **Annual ALHS ALUMNI Celebration featuring Scholarship Award & Alumni Hall of Fame Induction** 5:30 PM, May 13, 2026, State Historical Building, 600 E Locust St, Des Moines
 - **Annual RAILS Party - All Class Reunion** was October 11, 2025 at Ingersoll Tap. Check our facebook page for pictures.
 - **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. **January/June '53** classes welcome. Contact **Donna Balzer** (515)285-7787.
 - **Classes of January and June 1957** meet for lunch on the 3rd Thursday each month. Meet at Baratta's Restaurant at 11:30 AM through December. After that contact **Jackie Thompson Tinker** (515)967-6232 or TINK967@aol.com
 - **Classes of 1959** meet for breakfast the 1st Tuesday of the month at 8:15 AM. Locations vary – Contact **Dave Thomason** (515)422-2723
 - **Class of June 1961** met twice for lunches in 2025. They met at Baratta's in June and then October 2nd.
 - **Classes of January and June 1963** are planning their usual annual potluck reunion for June 26-27, 2026. Other plans for that weekend will be emailed from **Anna Williams**, williamsanna@netzero.net.
 - **Classes of 1963** celebrated their 80th birthdays this year.
 - **Class of 1964** meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at Hy-Vee Fleur Dr at 12 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 1968** celebrated their 75th birthdays September 20, 2025
 - **Class of 1973** celebrated their 70th birthdays July 19, 2025
 - **Class of 1985** celebrated their 40th Reunion October 11th at PalJoey's.
- Please send an email or PM, on our Facebook page, if your information or events have changed. You don't want to miss your next reunion! Thank you for sharing your pictures. Everyone enjoys seeing them! ■

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