



RAILSPLITTER

review
FALL 2024

PRESIDENT'S INBOX: JOE HENRY '75



Dear ALHS Alumni,

I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the ALHS Alumni Foundation president and celebrate the incredible legacy of Abraham Lincoln High School.

Abraham Lincoln High School has the largest population of students in the Des Moines school district and ranks in the top four in statewide population, serving nearly 2,400 students. It is a place where dreams are nurtured, and futures are shaped.

Our alumni foundation scholarships have opened doors and created opportunities for students who may not have had the means to further their education. In 1990 we began with two modest \$500 scholarships, but as our foundation grew, so did our commitment to supporting our students, increasing the amount and length of scholarships.

In 2003, we took a significant step forward by partnering with the national nonprofit Scholarship America, allowing us to expand our reach and effectiveness as a local "Dollars for Scholars" chapter. In recent years, we have awarded over \$100,000 annually, leading to a remarkable total of \$1.5 million in scholarships to date, with our current accounts reflecting a robust balance of \$3,072,440.

This spring alone, we proudly awarded 85 scholarships, totaling \$123,200, at our Annual Celebration Dinner at the Holiday Inn - Airport. With 468 seniors in the 2024 graduating class, we have successfully reached almost 20% of those students. This achievement underscores our foundation's commitment to ensuring that financial barriers do not hinder our students' academic aspirations.

Moreover, at our Annual Celebration we inducted three distinguished alumni into our Alumni Hall of Fame: **Dr. Andrew Pruitt '68, Craig Matzke '77, and Alan Kincheloe '80.** Their dedication, achievements, and hard work are a testament to the values instilled at ALHS, and we are proud to honor their contributions to our community.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the future as we anticipate an influx of scholarship applications from seniors.



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www.alhsalumni.com

FOUNDATION NEWS

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

(As of July 31, 2024)

ALHS Alumni Operating Accounts

Checking and investment accounts

\$22,173

Your annual dues go to help with operating expenses.

ALHS Alumni Foundation

Checking and investment accounts

\$3,072,440*

** 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. 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:

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Becky Dewey, Anna Williams in memory of **Dee Baker Duff '50**

Job & Kris Cooper in memory of **Sara Jones Collier '19, Mary Spencer Blaylock '58**

Anna Williams in memory of **Zach Daly '10, Sarah Tursi '48, Pat Hollingsworth Hall '61**

Carolyn Chase, Janet Zeaske for the **Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship**

Brenda Friedrich, Frank Kissel, Connie & Eric Hockett, Jack Mayer for the **James Michael "Mike" Mayer Memorial Scholarship**

Becky Dewey in memory of **Jeff Barber '63** for the **ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship**

Heidi Ogden and Deb Gies Klinger for the **Class of 1984 Memorial Scholarship**

Stephen & Brenda Mahannah, Janet Selinger for the **Howard Wayne Foust Memorial Scholarship**

Class of 1963, in memory of **Jeff Barber '63, Craig Wallace '63, Clark Wallace '63** for the **ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship**

In memory of **Dixie Jeffries '61** for the **Dixie Jeffries Memorial Scholarship**

Betty Kindhart
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 John & Connie Carle

Lois Skinner
 Kathy Bowen
 Anita Garrison

Lois Gray
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In memory of **Dave Mills '50** for the **Dave Mills Memorial Scholarship**

Shirley Mills Coggins
 Becky Dewey
 David & Karen Crouch

Linda Godwin
 Anna Williams
 ALHS Alumni Association

Dianne Barkley & Mac McCloskey

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

Raymond & Lin Phillips
 Bruce Walker

Robert Smith for the **Bob Smith and Monica Rocha-Smith Scholarship**

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

John Hall for the **John and Jean Hollingsworth Family Memorial 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: **Class of 1964 in Memory of Tom Candler, Class of 1964 in Memory of Anthony Renzo, Class of 1984 Memorial Scholarship, Dixie L. Jeffries Memorial Scholarship, R. Michael Williams, MD, PhD Memorial Scholarship and Zac Bales-Henry Track Scholarship.**

The following 2024 graduates of Lincoln High School received our Alumni Foundation Scholarships at our Annual Dinner Celebration in May:

ALHS Alumni Association Scholarship

Atiana Anderson, Iowa State University
Bodhi Brent, Drake University
Keegan Clark, Iowa State University
Abrianna Coleman, Simpson College
Luigi Guzman, Simpson College
Melanie Haltom, Drake University
Ella Harper, Des Moines Area Community College
Aleksandra Henderson, Des Moines Area Community College
Alexis Jefferson, Simpson College
Emilio Jones, Grand View University
Wai Lwin,
Reymundo Ortiz, Des Moines Area Community College
Thomas Post, Iowa State University
Litzzy Rodriguez Martinez, Grand View University
Jasmine Sheriff, Iowa State University
Jamiah Wiggins, Drake University
Tsim Yang, Des Moines Area Community College

ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship

Jalayah Manderson, Des Moines Area Community College

ALHS Class of 1970 Scholarship

Rojina Biswa, Kirkwood Community College

Albert H. Graziano Memorial Scholarship

Hser Paw, Des Area Community College

BLH Bevington Scholarship

Andy Chen, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina
Kaitlyn Combs, Simpson College
Adrianna Corsbie, Wartburg College
Jack De Meyer, North Iowa Area Community College
Amelia Goldsberry, Iowa State University
Logan Hammer, Iowa State University
Eva Handy, Iowa State University

Shravani Jackson, University of Iowa
Taylor Kunkel, Des Moines Area Community College
Joseph Benedict Matchinsky, Iowa State University
Isabella Moyer, Iowa State University
Zoe Onnen, Grand View University
Sydney Parker, University of Iowa
Colin Rifley, Coe College
Rachel Searcy, Des Moines Area Community College
Zackary Stoermer, Des Moines Area Community College
Shelby Thomas, Des Moines Area Community College
Alexa VanDeBoe, University of Northern Iowa
Minhuyen Vo, University of Iowa
Carman Wise, University of Northern Iowa

Bob Smith and Monica Rocha-Smith Scholarship

Aaron Millado, Des Moines Area Community College

Brody Middle School PTO Scholarship

Ava Manning, Des Moines Area Community College

Carole Jones Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Tristan Hupp, Mercy College of Health Sciences

Charlotte Askland Ortega Memorial Scholarship

Rebecca Garza, Des Moines Area Community College

Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship

Alayna Guschin, Iowa State University
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Class of 1975 Scholarship

Caedence Risius, Iowa Western Community College

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

Fernanda Chamu-Delgado, Simpson College
Lily Nguyen, Iowa State University

Ruby Padilla, Des Moines Area Community College
Olivia Piper, Des Moines Area Community College

Coralie Cherry Memorial Scholarship

Miguel Sanchez-Archila, Simpson College

Dan Smoot Memorial Scholarship

Sol Salas, Des Moines Area Community College

The Erickson Family Foundation Scholarship

Alanna Tokheim, Iowa State University

George "Skip" Timmons Memorial Scholarship

Lilliana Briones, Des Moines Area Community College
Kasawa Kizabi, Des Moines Area Community College

The Gloria Gray Scholarship

Emily Johansen, Des Moines Area Community College

The Hews Family Scholarship

Sean Blaskovich, Iowa State University

Highland Family Scholarship

Jaime Barajas Arias, Iowa State University
Lexie Bingham, University of Iowa
Hope Fuller, Iowa State University
Joey He, Harvard University
Adaliz Rios, Coe College
Nataly Solis, Iowa State University

Howard Wayne Foust Memorial Scholarship

Sophia DeFino, Mercy College of Health Science

Hugh Kent Memorial Science Scholarship

Anna Wardyn, Oregon State University

James Michael "Mike" Mayer Memorial Scholarship

Duyen Luong, Des Moines Area Community College

Jim & Ralph Wilson Memorial Scholarship

Magally Ramirez, Iowa State University

The John and Jean Hollingsworth Family Memorial Scholarship

Way Paw, Des Moines Area Community College

The Juanita Anna Smith Zeiler '47 Memorial Scholarship

Aiden Rinker, Luther College

Julie K. Bird Creative Writing Scholarship

Amalia Arellano, Des Moines Area Community College

Kenneth Sufka Scholarship

Aaron Ho, Iowa State University

Leo Bridal Memorial Scholarship

Ulises Ramirez-Carranza, Des Moines Area Community College

The Meline Family Swimming Scholarship

Paola Santiago, Iowa State University

The Myrna Newbury Agan Memorial Scholarship

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Miguel Moreno, Des Moines Area Community College

Ray "Monk" and Erma Wilson Family Scholarship

Kaylee Ung, Iowa State University

Raymond and Shirley Phillips Memorial Scholarship

Aiden Rinker, Luther College

Richard Hurd Scholarship

Joyce Mashol, Drake University

Rolland Geil & Ruth Johnson Geil Memorial Scholarship

Delaney Heiser, Iowa State University

Studebaker Elementary School Scholarship

Amanda Seifert, Iowa State University

Wolfe Family Scholarship

Marisol DeJesus-Ramos, Simpson College

Zac Bales-Henry Scholarship

Jack De Meyer, North Iowa Area Community College

President's Inbox (cont)



We also hope to welcome many more alumni onto our growing list of donors. Every contribution, regardless of size, makes a meaningful difference. Your support not only invests in the futures of our students but also strengthens the fabric of our community.

It is through the collective efforts of our alumni and friends that we can truly make a difference. Together, we ensure that ALHS remains a symbol of hope and opportunity for generations to come. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the mission of the ALHS Alumni Foundation! ■

Go Rails!

Joe

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Paul Williamson



Greetings,

This school year is off to a good start. We are serving over 2350 students from a variety of cultures and backgrounds.

Our largest group of students are Latino students (38%), followed by white (30%), black (17%) and Asian (8%). This year we have 510 students identified as ELL students who represent 51 different countries and speak 41 different languages.

Our new all-purpose practice facility is ahead of schedule. The new facility is being built below Hutchens stadium and will serve football, soccer, track, marching band, as our every-day PE classes. This new facility will have artificial grass with an 8-lane track and lights. As soon as this project is completed, our district will begin building a new eight court tennis facility at Brody Middle School for our boys and girls tennis programs. Progress is being made Railsplitters!

In September



In November



Last year we made a big push with our students and staff to be intentional about developing a community where everyone felt like they belong. Each year students and staff are asked to complete the Panorama Survey which measures exactly this. At the end of last year, the survey revealed significant growth as a result of the efforts we put in during the year. Students increased their overall self-efficacy by 11 points. Within this category: *When complicated ideas are

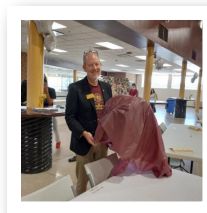
presented in class, how confident are you that you can understand them? and *How confident are you that you can learn all the material presented to you in classes? Both increased by double digits. For the staff: *How supportive are students in their interactions with each other? and *How respectful are the relationships between teachers and students? Both saw double digit increases.

As a school, we will continue to build genuine relationships with our students while helping them build confidence. These two items can't be done separately, and thanks for a dedicated staff, we are able to make a difference. We invite you to come and see our progress anytime at Abraham Lincoln High School. You are always welcome to drop by. ■

Take Care,

Paul Williamson

Editor's note: could not resist sharing this photo of Principal Williamson "cleaning up" after Lincoln's Welcome Evening, August 23rd!



ALUMNI NOTES BY ANNA RUPERTO WILLIAMS '63



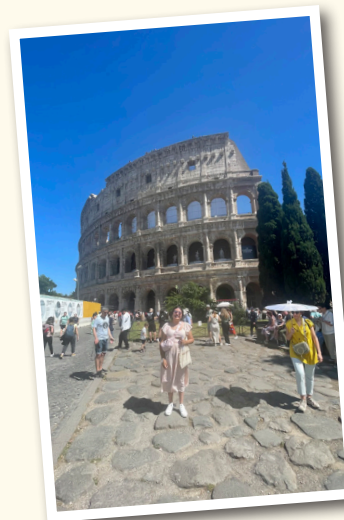
Thanks to all the folks who have been sending in information about our ALHS friends and family. Keep it coming! Submit your news to williamsanna@netzero.net.

Ever thought about just how special Lincoln graduates are? This summer, the "Business Record" included two ALHS grads in the ten 2024 Women of Influence! **Miriam Erickson Brown '80**, chair and CEO, Anderson Erickson Dairy, was named 2024 Women of Influence Honoree, and **Jenna Jo Croft Knox '02**, the 2024 Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines Emerging Woman of Influence.

Moving along to another special Lincoln grad, we have **Nick Tillinghast '07**, founder and owner of Hello, Marjorie! Nick's retro cocktail lounge was named one of 27 bars included on the 2024 USA TODAY Bars of the Year list!

Two of our favorite and most supportive Southside establishment owners, **Eric Frangos '90** and **Tonya Poortinga Frangos '10**, have retired. **Jim's Coney Island** on S.W. 9th closed its doors in August. **Ron Choate '81** affectionately set up a "Retirement Bucket" for Eric and Tonya, in hopes that customers might fill the bucket to show appreciation for the over 50 years this family has served us! Good luck Eric and Tonya!

We're always happy to hear from our scholarship recipients. **Gisele Galan '22** recently wrote to us: **Highland**



Scholarship Donors: I am deeply grateful for your generous support, which has made it possible for me to continue my studies at Iowa State University. This past summer, I had the incredible opportunity to study abroad in Florence, Italy, an experience that truly surpassed anything I could have imagined. It was a once-in-a-lifetime chance that has enriched both my academic journey and personal growth. Looking ahead, my goal is to pursue a career as a Physician Assistant (PA), with aspirations

to continue my international studies and gain further experience through an internship abroad. None of this would be possible without the strong support and encouragement I receive from individuals like you. Thank you again for your kindness and belief in my potential. I am truly appreciative of your role in making these opportunities a reality.



ALHS

Valley

It ain't just the Lincoln **Class of '59** getting together first Tuesday of the month! **Elton Wolff** (our **Wolff Family Scholarship** donor) meets his **Valley High School** buddies every Tuesday for coffee! And several of them also graduated in 1959. I almost joined the "wrong" group in August!

Received a nice letter and scholarship donation from **Larry '59** and **Jean Parker Cook**. Larry and Jean went all through Lincoln together but Jean took summer classes so she could graduate in August, 1958, instead of January, 1959, with Larry. They mentioned what a wonderful experience Lincoln was for them and how proud they are that Lincoln is now on the National Register of Historic Buildings. Larry and Jean keep in touch with their classmates, but residing in Minnesota makes it hard to get back for reunions.

Barb Agan Timmins '86 ran across a leaflet of recipes held together by yarn, and offered it for our Alumni Room memorabilia. "Favorite Recipes of Teachers and Pupils at Lincoln High" January, 1954 was previously owned by Barb's mom, **Myrna Newbury Agan '55**.



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Alumni Notes *(cont)*

(You may recall Barb's family established a scholarship in her mom's memory in 2017.) In the recipe booklet are names like **Miss Holmes, Miss Selby, Joan Rogers, Mrs. Robbins, Miss Sutter, Miss Anderson, Mary Lou Vance, Mrs. Shiffer**. Do you remember any of these names? I surely do! I got carried away looking at the recipes and had trouble getting back to writing this article!



Linda Rose Brown Sartin '64 attended her **60th Class Reunion** this summer. Her cousin, **Randy McVey '67**, shared that Linda writes under the name, **Rose Sartin**, and has published several books – *Bound By Honor*, *Bound By Earth and Heartstone*. *Bound by the Ancients* is almost complete. Linda has received the National 2020 Golden Quill top

award for science fiction and fantasy for *Bound By Earth*. All of the books can be found online at Amazon, Good Reads, Barnes and Noble, and Walmart.

We're sorry to report the passing of former Alumni Board members, **Dee Baker Duff** and **Dave Mills, 1950 Classmates**.

Special request: **Lindsay Wilcox** is doing research in preparation for a book she is writing about her mother, **Gail Y. Butzbach**, who was a student at Lincoln for her ninth and tenth years – 1947-1949. She then moved back to California. Had she stayed at Lincoln, her graduation year would probably have been 1951. If anyone has memories concerning Gail during those years, please send to alhsalumnifoundation@gmail.com. ■

Foundation Contributors *(cont)***Abe Club Contributions** *(Gifts of \$1,000 - \$4,999)*

Tim Wilson for the **Ralph and Marilyn Satre Wilson Scholarship**

Wendy DeVries for the **Class of 1984 Memorial Scholarship**

Judy Lewis for the **Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship**

Class of 1964 for the **Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship**

Larry and Jean Cook for the **ALHS Scholarship Endowment Fund**

Matt Meline for the **PrairieFire Scholarship**

Erickson Foundation for the **Erickson Family Foundation Scholarship**

Steve Hews for the **Hews Family Scholarship**

Tom & Sheryle Drake for the **Dixie L. Jeffries Memorial Scholarship**

Richard Hurd for the **Richard Hurd Scholarship**

William Hippee, Sr. for the **Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship**

Daryl Rupp for the **Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship**

Douglas & Jan Barakat for the **Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship**

Stephen & Mari Ann Keithahn for the **Juanita Anna Smith Zeller '47 Memorial Scholarship**

Gold Club Contributions *(Gifts of \$10,000 or more)*

Dr. Mike Williams for the **Class of 1964 Scholarship in Memory of Tony Renzo**

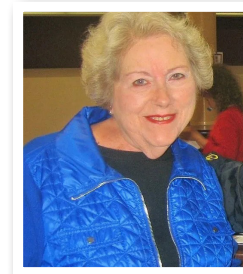
Dr. Mike Williams for the **Class of 1964 Scholarship in Memory of Tom Candler**

Dr. Mike Williams for the **R. Michael Williams, MD, PhD Memorial Scholarship**

WILL REMAIN IN OUR HEARTS

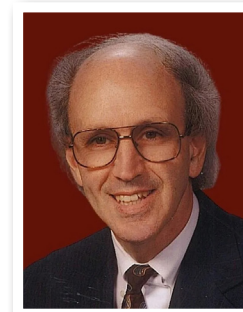
As in any year, we lose some of our dear Alumni friends. This year is no different as you'll see on page 13. They all remain in our hearts.

Many of our RAILS family choose to remember us into the future! And, just as in the past, several alumni have included us in their Wills or made arrangements for our Lincoln students' futures. For example:



Dixie Jeffries '61 established a scholarship for students pursuing a career in any legal area.

Dr. Mike Williams '64, prior to passing away this summer, not only donated funds to the Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship, but donated additional funds in remembrance of two classmates.



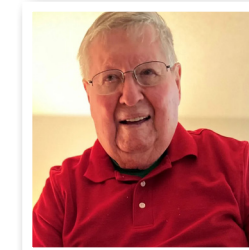
The family of **Principal Al Graziano '60** established a memorial scholarship for students pursuing a career in teaching.

Nicholas Mancuso '48 awarded a percentage of his estate to his named scholarship for a student who will major in business.



Margaret Highland Lockwood '38 included the ALHS Alumni Foundation and her estate provides for six four-year scholarships each year.

Dr. Nancy Stevens Kuemmerle '66 designated funds for students pursuing secondary education in the Arts.



The family of **Dave Mills '50** is continuing his scholarship for a student who has been active in community service.



The **Classes of 1963, 1964, 1970, 1975, 1979, and 1984** have all established scholarships in memory of their classmates!

On page 3 of this newsletter you will see the recipients for scholarships awarded this spring. For the scholarship descriptions, see our website, <https://alhsalumni.dollarsforscholars.org>.

If you, or your family or friends, or classmates would like to be sure and remain in ALHS hearts, please send a message to alhsalumnifoundation@gmail.com to request more information.

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!

Annual ALHS Alumni Celebration featuring Scholarship Awards & Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies, 5:30 PM, May 7, 2025 at Holiday Inn - Airport.



The **Annual RAILS Party** took place June 22nd at Ingersoll Tap. The All Class Reunion date for 2025 has not yet been announced.

Classes of January and June 1953 welcomes everyone for coffee the Second Thursday of the month Sept through May, 10:00 AM at the Hy-Vee on Fleur Drive. Contact **Donna Balzer** at (515) 285-7787

Classes of January and June 1957 are meeting for lunch the Third Thursday of every month 11:30 a.m. at Baratta's Restaurant. Contact **Jackie Thompson Tinker** at (515) 967-6232 or email TINK967@aol.com if you're interested in joining.

Classes of 1959 meet for breakfast the First Tuesday of the month, 8:15 AM. Contact **Dave Thomason** (515) 422-2723. Location varies from month to month. Friends and family welcome!

Class of June 1961 has plans to meet for lunches in 2025. Check our website for more information, as we receive it

The **61st Class Reunion** for the **Classes of 1963** took place the weekend of June 21-22, 2024. An informal gathering was held at The Eagles Lodge Friday night, where 1964 classmates joined them. Saturday morning folks met for breakfast at HyVee on Fleur Drive. Potluck and wonderful home-made desserts at MacRae Park, wound up the evening.

The annual gatherings take place the weekend following Father's Day. Mark your calendars for next year - June 20-21, 2025! Send your email address to williamsanna@netzero.net to receive information on activities and classmates. A big thank you to all those who continue to support our ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship!

The **Class of 1964** held its **60th Class Reunion** on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at the P.A.R.C. Recreation Center in Pleasant Hill, Iowa. On June 21st, the 1964 and 1963 classes got together for an informal visit at the Eagles Lodge.

During the Saturday evening program, the Class of 1964 presented a \$100,000 check from **Dr. Mike Williams '64** to ALHS Alumni Foundation President, **Joe Henry**, to establish a scholarship. Dr. Mike was unable to attend his class reunion and passed away shortly after.

The **Class of 1964** has a private facebook page: DES MOINES, Ia. - Lincoln High School Class of '64. Check their website for more class details. They also hold monthly lunches - Third Thursday of the month at Hy-Vee on Fleur Drive, at Noon. Emails and/or phone messages will be sent and Facebook posts. Contacts: **Laddie Jobe** laddiej@msn.com or (515) 249-7081, or **Mike Flaherty** mikmax70@gmail.com or (515) 971-4605. Both phone numbers accept text messages.

Class of 1965 will have its **60th Reunion** August 9, 2025 at Blank Golf Course, 7 p.m.

Class of 1969 held its **55th Reunion** at Pal Joey's on September 15, 2024.

The **Class of 1974** held the **50th Class Reunion** on June 7-8 with a tour of Lincoln, a casual gathering at Big Grove Brewery (including a fun Photo Booth) on Friday night and a relaxed dinner catered by Baratta's at West End Salvage on Saturday. We had record attendance and high praise for the events! Former ALHS teacher, **Carol Harms White** stopped by on Saturday night for a quick visit!

Class of 1975 will be holding its **50th Reunion** August 8-9, 2025. Friday evening will be at Blank Golf Course, and Saturday evening will be at Echo Valley Country Club. Details will be posted to the Alumni website as they become available.



Class of 1979 celebrated its **45th Reunion** at Confluence Brewery and Blank Golf Course September 27-28, 2024.



ALUMNI HALL OF FAME BY KARLA V. BOETEL '91

With the leadership of our past chair **Tony Bellegante '04**, **Skip Phillips '68**, **Joe Henry '75** and **Anna Williams '63**, plus your generous contributions, we made progress on the Alumni Hall of Fame Wall Project! We're thrilled to announce the finished project showcasing our alumni by recognizing exceptional individuals who have made remarkable contributions to their fields.

The stories of these remarkable alumni could serve as a beacon for current and future students, showcasing the diverse paths they can take and the profound impact they can make.

We were pleased to induct **Dr. Andrew Pruitt '68**, **Craig Matzke '77** and **Alan Kincheloe '80** into our Alumni Hall of Fame this spring. Congratulations to these outstanding alumni! Their achievements inspire us all.

If you have any notable individuals in mind, let's brainstorm and ensure their achievements are celebrated!

Visit our website www.alhsalumni.com or contact us at our email alhsalumnifoundation@gmail.com ■

Karla Boetel

Chair, Hall of Fame Committee



Nominations are due November 30, 2024.

ALHS Alumni Foundation Annual Dinner Celebration, featuring Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees and Scholarship Recipients, May 7, 2025, Holiday Inn Airport.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

The nomination procedure for the Lincoln Athletic Hall of Fame has gone to an electronic application process. If you are interested in nominating an LHS alum or coach, please use the following link. Criteria for the athletic hall of fame is listed within the document link.

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

At the 2024 Maroon & Gold Gala **Head Wrestling Coach Mike McGivern**, **Dustin Roland '99** and **Scott "Skeeter" McClelland '81** were inducted into the ALHS Athletic Hall of Fame. ■

ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION SOCIAL MEDIA

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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

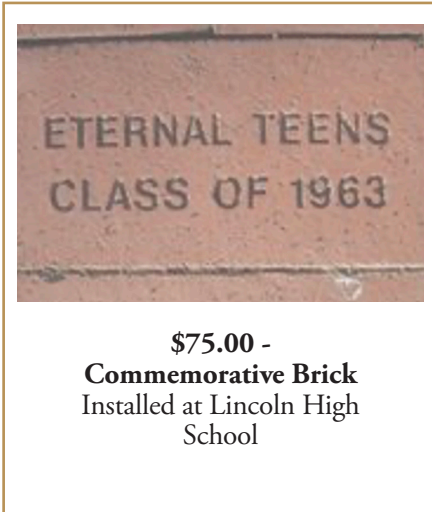
THANKS TO ALL OUR FOLLOWERS!

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SHOW YOUR SCHOOL PRIDE!

You have the option of supporting the ALHS Alumni Association and Foundation Scholarships, and helping grow our endowment in a variety of ways using this website to purchase merchandise, memberships, or make a donation: visit https://www.trailblz.info/buildlincolnhigher/eventcomplete.aspx?eventid=3&fbclid=IwAR1XGypBxejIQo_YOsIZ6f8lOfziVqZuwQJMRICo3rLScUBHlsn7Wn5wzA8.

Please note some items may not be available if you live outside the Des Moines area.



\$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)



\$25.00 - Garden Flag with Pole
\$15.00 - Garden Flag only (13 x 18)

Thank you for your support! Go RAILS!

11TH ANNUAL ONLINE AUCTION AND SALE

Another successful Auction took place in October! Watch for the full article of information and thanks to our donors in the Spring 2025 *Railsplitter Review!*



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	Rose Marie Amodeo Kelly	F. Evelyn Congdon Alrich	1972	Linda D. Fisher Lester	
1942	Virgil L. Woods	Barbara JoAnn Ramsey Pierick		Anthony Morrow	
1943	Norma Plemone Florea	1960	Dennis G. Arnold	Cheryldean Wion	
1945	Dolores Deleon Burris		Paula Thomas Nichols	James L. Mitchell	
1948	Mary M. Eksell Lyons	1961	Pat A. Cord	1973	Henry Pieart
	Sarah Fazio Tursi		Gary L. Hensyel		Charles Rice
	Shirley Bierma		Lynda Lafferty Elmore	1975	Karla R. Cummins Pinckney
1949	Bill Fisher, Sr.		Pat Hollingsworth Hall		Kevin Power
1950	Ruth Close Morris		Phillip D. Jackman	1976	Kathleen Roby Rupe
	Joanne Staker Cutler	1962	Barbara Graves Post	1977	Linda Sue Gordon
	David L. Mills	1963	Craig D. Wallace		Newton D. Robinson
	Rose Marie Plum Collins		Jeffrey Barber		Lisa Lively Kinnear
	Dee Baker Duff		Clark C. Wallace	1978	Paul Stamper
	Wilbur P. Baker	1964	Thomas L. Candler		Christine Greene Howell
1951	Robert Claman		Dr. R. Michael Williams		Dennis Ahlberg, Sr.
	Roy H. McFall		Carol L. Lee		Rich Conkling
1952	Marilyn Newman Nielsen		Steve Payne	1979	Brian Solem
1953	Peggy McPhee Stephens	1965	James Rushing	1980	Darrah Lynn Oswalt
	Lester Ted Floden		Rose Mary Schurman Glasgow	1983	Steve P. Rush
1954	Andrew Kelly		Coleen K. Conrey Milligan		Julie Jessop Owens
	Joan Dian Rogers Jolliffe		Rebecca Gowdy Shreffler	1985	James V. Grant
	Gordon Chidester		Patricia Flaherty Williams		Katherine Dondlinger Weigel
1955	Dale J. Hendrickson		Jamie Pennock Cowie		Jeff D. Lierow
	James J. Davis		Richard Nichols		Chris Maskrey Fletcher
	Robert Whicker	1966	Terry Aller	1988	Marc Nobile
1956	Larry D. Conrath		Betty Cordaro Wing		Dennis Trent
	Delmar E. Butler		Pam A. Johnson Falkstrom	1996	Jeremy L. Parker, Sr.
	Yvonne Smith Scott		Susan Garland Vivone	1998	Annette M. McCullough
	Janice Costello Clemenson	1967	Larry "Wolfy" Docken	2002	Allen De Van
	Robert Fisher	1968	Bernard Zylstra	2010	Zachary Michael Daly
1957	Frank D. Hatch		Nedra Jean Smith	2019	Sara Jones Collier
	Betty J. Reece Halverson	1969	Carl Kirschbaum	2020	Jalameshia Caldwell Shook
	Earl Culver		Ed Mote	2022	Alicia Morelos
1958	Mary Jo Robbins Graves		Ed Sirfus		Jordan "Luca" Marie Sampsel
	Patty Hadlock Koons		Stephen Zimmerman		
	Ronald Koons	1970	Michelle Clark Clark		
	Mary Spencer Blaylock		Betty Piper Erickson		
1959	David E. Cook	1971	Dianna Briar Blixt		
	Janet F. Duben Hackbarth		Eugene C. Punelli		
	Elizabeth Campos McCabe		Gregory E. Faux		
	Delores Kenworthy Holland		David L. Johnson		

Faculty:

Coach Cecil Rhoads
V.P. Alice Joyce Smith
Coach Hugh Drake

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It has been an amazing start to the 2024-2025 school year! This fall we hosted our annual Chicken Bowl and Chili Cook Off which were well attended and a great time for all! Thank you to everyone that came out in support of our Fall and Winter activities!

Our organization was also the recipient of the Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant, which will be used to purchase new marching band uniforms as well as a grant from Polk County which will help complete the uniform purchase for marching band, purchase new volleyball standards and a video board for the Bowen Roundhouse! We are very thankful to have been able to provide these updates for LHS activities!

This year, our fundraising efforts have been more important than ever! With the exciting construction of the new practice facility, lower level football games were moved to other venues which has had a negative impact on our concession profits. To help offset these costs we are offering various levels of sponsorship for businesses and individuals as well as our standard \$15 membership. We are excited to see so many of our Southside businesses and LHS supporters responding! A special shout out to the Class of 1970 for promoting membership at their monthly luncheons! You can visit our website at www.buildlincolnhigher.com and click "Become a BLH Member" to view the various sponsorship levels available.

We will once again be hosting the Maroon and Gold Gala on Saturday, February 22, 2025! The theme for this year's Gala is "Funding the Future" and maroon and gold attire (no jeans please) encouraged. This year we are asking each LHS group to provide us with specific items needed for their activities – a "Wish List." There will be opportunities online to begin making contributions towards the Wish List items prior to the Gala! Please keep an eye out for more Gala information in the coming weeks!

As always, we are so thankful for the support of our Lincoln community and as always - ■

GO RAILS!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Winter Band Concert** – December 9, 2024
- **Winter Orchestra Concert** – December 10, 2024 – Auditorium
- **Winter Choir Concert** – December 16, 2024 – Auditorium
- **Winter Break** – December 23, 2024 – January 1, 2025
- **Fine Arts Night** – February 3, 2025– Student Commons and Auditorium
- **Annual Maroon and Gold Gala** – February 22, 2025 – Holiday Inn- Airport <https://one.bidpal.net/blhmaroonandgold2025/welcome>
- **Band Concert** – February 24, 2025
- **Orchestra Concert** – February 25, 2025 – Auditorium
- **Spring Break** – March 17 - 21, 2025
- **BLH Pancake Breakfast** – March 29, 2025, 7:00 00 - 11:00 AM – Student Commons
- **Spring Show** – April 10, 11 and 12, 2025, Auditorium
- **Prom** – April 26, 2025, Blank Park Zoo
- **Band Concert** – April 29, 2025
- **Annual ALHS Alumni Celebration featuring Scholarship Awards & Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies** – May 7, 2025, 5:30 PM, Holiday Inn - Airport
- **Orchestra Concert** – May 8, 2025 – Auditorium
- **Senior Banquet** – May 14, 2025
- **Senior Class Day Awards Ceremony** – May 21, 2025, 2:15 PM (Bowen Round House)
- **Commencement** – May 24, 2025, 8:30 AM (Knapp Center, Drake University Campus)
- **Annual RAILS Party** - All Class Reunion (to be announced)
- **33rd Annual Bob VanderLinden Golf Outing** – June 13, 2025 (Blank Golf Course) Contact Phil Chia at (515) 242-7525 for details.

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REUNION NEWS *(cont)*



Class of 1984 enjoyed its **40th Reunion** beginning at Prairie Meadows, touring Lincoln, and winding up at Jasper Winery the weekend of July 26-27, 2024.

During the Saturday evening program, 1984 classmates

established a memorial scholarship to begin in 2025! Thank you! More photos can be found on Facebook at Lincoln HS Class of 1984.



Class of 1989 had its **35th Reunion** at Blank Park Golf Course on August 3, 2024. More photos can be found on Facebook site Des Moines Lincoln Eighty Nine.



Class of 1994 celebrated its **30th Reunion** on October 12th. Classmates toured Lincoln in the morning, and met in the evening at Valley Junction Activity Center. Classmates and guests enjoyed a

Taco Bar and looking at an extra-large copy of their graduation cap and gown photo!

Class of 1999 celebrated its **25th Reunion** at Bird's Nest, Iowa State Fairgrounds on August 17, 2024.

Class of 2004 celebrated its **20th Reunion** at Blank Park Golf Course June 22, 2024.

Class of 2009 celebrated its **First and 15th Class Reunion** Friday, September 6th, at the Triple Crown Sports Lounge on SE 1st

Class of 2014 celebrated its **10th Reunion** at the Striking Sparrow Lounge on June 8, 2024.

We will try to help you broadcast your reunion news the best that we can. If you want to share photos after your event, those are also fun to see, if you care to share them. As always we do not share names on photos for social media.

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