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PRESIDENT'S INBOX: JOE HENRY '75



Dear Alumni and Friends,

As the President of the ALHS Alumni Foundation, I am honored to extend heartfelt congratulations to our distinguished inductees for the **2025 Alumni Hall of Fame: Rochelle Toner, Class of '58, Earl R. Agan Jr., Class of '76, Tricia Fogue Rivas, Class of '95, and Raymond (Joel) Phillips III, Class of '95.** Your achievements and contributions to our community serve as an inspiration to all.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to Lincoln's Principal, **Paul Williamson**, who will be departing after 14 years of dedicated service. Paul has been a steadfast supporter of our Foundation, and his commitment to fostering a thriving school environment has truly made a difference in the lives of our students and alumni alike.

Additionally, I am excited to announce that we will be recognizing our Alumni Hall of Fame inductees and upcoming scholarship award recipients at our ALHS Alumni Foundation Annual Celebration, scheduled for **May 7th** at the **Holiday Inn Airport** Ballroom. This event is a wonderful celebration of our students' hard work and dedication. I hope you can attend! The registration form is on page 15.

We are immensely thankful to the **Polk County Supervisors** for their generous support, which has fully funded our annual celebration and dinner. Their involvement has been crucial in

enhancing the quality of our event, enabling families to attend at no cost.

In conclusion, I am grateful for the unwavering support our Alumni Foundation has received from all of you. Together, we continue to elevate the legacy of Abraham Lincoln High School and its students. ■

Warm regards,

Joe
President



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Paul Williamson



Dear Lincoln High School Alumni:

Exciting changes are happening at Lincoln, and we want to share some important updates with you.

We have just completed construction on our brand-new practice facility, a state-of-the-art space that will support track, football, soccer, marching band, and more. This new facility is equipped with lights, allowing us to host evening events, and we are thrilled to announce that we will be hosting some home soccer games this spring!

Looking ahead, we have several significant renovations planned to continue improving our campus this summer. We will be remodeling the locker rooms beneath the Round House, creating a new nurse’s facility behind the main office, and transforming the very old weight room into new classrooms. These updates reflect our ongoing commitment to providing

the best possible environment for our students.

On a personal note, after 14 years as principal of Lincoln High School, I have made the decision to seek a new opportunity. By the time this newsletter reaches you, a new principal should have been announced. My time at Lincoln has been deeply meaningful, shaping me both personally and professionally. The relationships I have built with students, staff, and the Lincoln community will remain with me forever. I am proud of all we have accomplished together and will always cherish my time at Lincoln. They say once a Railsplitter, always a Railsplitter... I believe this to be true and consider it an honor to have been a part of something special on the south side of Des Moines. ■

Take Care,
Paul Williamson

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Spring Show**
April 10, 11 and 12, 2025, 7:00 PM
Auditorium
- **Prom**
April 26, 2025, 8:00 PM
Blank Park Zoo
- **Band Concert**
April 29, 2025, 7:00 PM
- **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, 7:00 PM
Auditorium
- **Senior Banquet**
May 14, 2025, 5:00 PM
Student Commons
- **Senior Class Day Awards Ceremony**
May 21, 2025, 2:15 PM
Bowen Round House
- **Commencement**
May 25, 2025, 8:30 AM
Knapp Center
Drake University Campus
- **33rd Annual Bob VanderLinden Golf Outing**
June 13, 2025
(Blank Golf Course)
Contact Phil Chia at (515) 242-7525 for details.
- **Annual RAILS Party**
All Class Reunion
(this fall, to be announced)

FOUNDATION NEWS

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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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**. ■

ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION SOCIAL MEDIA

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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!

FINANCIAL REPORTS

(As of December 31, 2024)

ALHS Alumni Operating Accounts

Checking and investment accounts
\$18,220

Your annual dues go to help with operating expenses.

ALHS Alumni Foundation

Checking and investment accounts
\$3,254,459*

** 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

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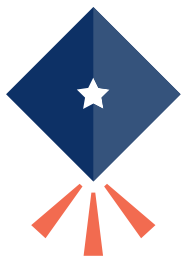
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ALHS Alumni Foundation

Dollars for Scholars®



Thanks to the generosity of many ALHS alumni and friends, the ALHS Alumni Foundation, a Dollars for Scholars Chapter, awards a wide variety of scholarships to deserving Lincoln Seniors each year. In 2024, the Foundation awarded \$123,200 in scholarships.

We are pleased to announce the following scholarships are available through the ALHS Alumni Foundation Dollars for Scholars Chapter in 2025:

ALHS Alumni Association Scholarship
The Alumni Association offers annual scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. Our Scholarship Committee awards these scholarships based on the **GPA, financial need** and **community service** of the applicants. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required. The number of scholarships awarded varies yearly based on the interest earned on the Foundation Endowment.

ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship
Established in memory of their 1963 classmates in 2018, and increased in 2025, one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded annually. The scholarship will be awarded based on **GPA, financial need** and **community service** of the applicants.

ALHS Class of 1970 Scholarship
Established by the Class of 1970, at its 50th Class Reunion Celebration, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2023. The scholarship will be awarded based on the **financial need** of applicants. A minimum 2.5 **GPA** is required.

Albert H. Graziano Memorial Scholarship
Established in memory of former Principal **Al Graziano ’60**, by his daughter **Nicole Graziano ’86**, a \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2023 to a student who plans to pursue a career in public education. Applicants must submit an essay describing how they plan to improve outcomes in public education through community involvement and other means. A **GPA** of 3.0 or higher is required.

The Bob Smith ’69 and Monica Rocha-Smith Scholarship
Established in 2024, one \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who attended Nathan Weeks Middle School. Preference will be given to first generation secondary education students. Financial need will be considered.

BLH Bevington Scholarship Build Lincoln Higher Club (BLH Club) established an endowed scholarship in memory of **Erna Bevington**, a former language arts teacher and department head at Lincoln. The amount of the scholarship is at least \$1,000. The number of scholarships awarded varies yearly based on the interest earned on the endowment. Applicants must be **related to a current member of the BLH Club** who joined by January 31st of the applicant’s year of graduation, or **have actively engaged/ volunteered in BLH booster club work**, have a minimum **GPA** of 2.5, and have been accepted to a post-secondary institution.

Brody Middle School PTO Scholarship
Established by the Brody PTO board (2019 - 2020), a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who **attended Brody Middle School for 6th - 8th grade**, demonstrates **community service**, and has a **GPA** of 2.5 or higher.

Carole Jones Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Established by **Todd Kincheloe ’79, Alan Kincheloe ’80, Janette Kincheloe Brenner ’82, and Mark Kincheloe**, to honor the memory of their mother and her lifetime of service as a nurse in recovery rooms and nephrology clinics, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2019 to a student who plans to major in **nursing**. A minimum **GPA** of 3.0 is required.

Charlotte Askland Ortega Memorial Scholarship
Established by the family in memory of Charlotte Askland Ortega ’54, one \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually to a senior. In recognition of Charlotte’s activities in school, the applicant must have been a member of the **Homecoming Court**, or participated in **Color Guard** or **Band**, with preference to the Homecoming Court. The scholarship will be awarded based on **GPA** and **financial need**.

Class of 1964 in Memory of Anthony Renzo Scholarship
The Class of 1964 in Memory of Anthony Renzo Scholarship was established in 2024 by Dr. Mike Williams ’64 in memory of his classmate, Anthony Renzo. One (1) \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2025, to a student who demonstrates solid academic performance, community service, leadership and financial need. Acceptance at an accredited institution and a minimum GPA of 2.5 are required.

Class of 1964 in Memory of Tom Candler Scholarship
The Class of 1964 in Memory of Tom Candler Scholarship was established in 2024 by Dr. Mike Williams ’64 in memory of his classmate, Tom Candler. One (1) \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2025, to a student who demonstrates solid academic performance, community service, leadership and financial need. Acceptance at an accredited institution and a minimum GPA of 2.5 are required.

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Dollars for Scholars *(cont)*

Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship
The Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship was established in 2019 by members of the ALHS Class of 1964 in memory of their former classmates. One (1) \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who demonstrates solid academic performance, community service, leadership and financial need. Acceptance at an accredited institution and a minimum GPA of 2.5 are required.

Class of 1975 Memorial Scholarship
Established in 2021 by the Class of 1975 in memory of their deceased classmates, one \$1000 scholarship will be awarded each year starting in 2022 to a student who is accepted to a **trade school** or **junior college** program for the skilled trades. The **volunteer service** of the applicants will also be considered. A minimum **GPA** of 2.5 is required.

Class of 1984 Memorial Scholarship
The Class of 1984 Memorial Scholarship was established in 2024 by members of the ALHS Class of 1984 in memory of their classmates who have passed. One (1) \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually starting in 2025, to a student who demonstrates a solid academic performance, community service and financial need. Acceptance to an accredited institution or not-for-profit trade school and a minimum 2.5 GPA are required.

The Clayle, Milva, Maxhn, and Janine McCaw Scholarship Fund
Established in 2012 by **Dr. John ’35 McCaw** and his wife **Maxine** in honor of their children, all of whom graduated from ALHS, four (4) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded annually to students who demonstrate a **solid academic performance, community service and financial need**. Acceptance at an accredited institution and a minimum **GPA** of 3.0 are required.

Coralie Cherry Memorial Scholarship
Established in memory of **Coralie Cherry ’47**, by her family and friends, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2015 to a student who attended either **Morris Elementary** (formerly Mann-Watrous) or **McCombs Middle**

School, is actively involved in Lincoln activities, and who demonstrates service to the south Des Moines community. Coralie was a lifetime South Sider, a **true** supporter of Lincoln and south Des Moines. She worked in the Lincoln feeder schools, was very active in the Alumni Foundation and worked hard to keep the history of Fort Des Moines alive.

Dan Smith Memorial Scholarship
Established by Jeni Weldon Van Wyk ’91 in memory of her friend Dan Smoot ’90, one \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2016 to a student who is accepted to a **trade school program**. Preference will be given to applicants who participated in band or choir at Lincoln.

The Dave Mills Memorial Scholarship
Dave Mills, Class of 1950, dedicated his retirement years to community service. To honor Dave’s work, one \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who has shown leadership, commitment and passion for volunteer service to improve the community. The student should be recognized by established service organizations for demonstrating strong organizational, leadership and communications skills to accomplish stated goals and benefit others through volunteer efforts.

Dixie L. Jeffries Memorial Scholarship
Established as an endowed scholarship by **Dixie L. Jeffries ’61**. Dixie, a legal secretary for over three decades, required that the applicants show an interest in pursuing a **career in law — be it lawyer, paralegal, court reporter, secretary, or related position**. The scholarship will be awarded to applicants based on a minimum **2.5 GPA, financial need** and, just like this beloved Railsplitter, being **actively involved in Lincoln High School activities**. Up to three (3) scholarships of at least \$2,000 per school year for up to four (4) years will be awarded each year beginning in 2025. The number of scholarships and amount awarded yearly may vary based on the number of qualified applicants and interest earned on the endowment.

The Erickson Family Foundation Scholarship
Established in 2015 by **Miriam Erickson Brown ’80** and **Warren Erickson ’86**, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2016 to a student seeking advanced education in the field of **business**. A minimum **GPA** of 2.5 is required. The financial need of the applicants will also be considered.

George "Skip" Timmons Memorial Scholarship
Established in 2019 by Marlene Timmons and family, two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to students who plan to major in **nursing**. A minimum **GPA** of 2.5 is required. Skip ’53 was a lifelong advocate of Lincoln High School and "Southside Pride." He established the ALHS Alumni Foundation in 1991 with Bill Backstrom ’48 and Marge White ’39; and served as President of the Alumni Association from 2001 - 2003. They created the endowment fund that provides scholarships to Lincoln graduates to this day.

The Gloria Gray Scholarship
Established in 2015 by ALHS Alumni Foundation Past President Gloria Gray ’66, one \$1,000 scholarship (increased to \$1,200 in 2024) will be awarded to a student who plans to attend **Southwestern Community College for Professional Vocal Education**. The scholarship may be used for tuition, books and/or supplies. A minimum **GPA** of 2.5 is required. The **financial need** of the applicants will also be considered.

Highland Family Scholarship
Established as an endowed scholarship by **Margaret Highland Lockwood ’38**, in memory of her sister, **Mary Highland Yaggy ’31**. The scholarship will be awarded based on **GPA, financial need and community service** of the applicants. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required. Six (6) scholarships of \$6,000 each, payable at \$1,500 per school year for four years will be awarded each year beginning in 2022. The number of scholarships awarded yearly may vary based on the interest earned on the endowment.

Howard Wayne Foust Memorial Scholarship
Established by **Brenda Foust Mahannah ’57** and **Stephen Mahannah ’57** in memory of Brenda’s father, **Howard Foust ’37**, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2018 to a student who excelled at **sports** at Lincoln. The **financial need** of the applicants will also be considered. A minimum **GPA** of 2.5 is required.

Hugh Kent Memorial Science Scholarship
Established in 2011 in memory of **Hugh Kent**, a former Biology teacher at Lincoln, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who demonstrates a passion to learn about **science** and intends to major in science at the college or university of his/ her choice. A minimum **GPA** of 2.0, a statement of interest in science, and a written recommendation from a teacher who has observed the student’s growth and interest in science are required.

James Michael "Mike" Mayer Memorial Scholarship
Established by **John Mayer ’76** to honor the memory of his brother, **James Michael Mayer ’69**, and his lifetime of service as a criminal defense and immigration attorney, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually starting in 2022 to a student who demonstrates **leadership** abilities and participates in **community service**. A minimum **GPA** of 2.5 is required.

The Jerry Crawford Family Scholarship
Established by **Jerry ’67** and **Linda Crawford** in honor of their children **Katelyn ’02, Erin ’05** and **Conor ’08**, one (1) \$5,000 scholarship, payable at \$1,250 per school year for four years, will be awarded to a student who attends **Macalester College, Skidmore College, Columbia University, Creighton University or Yale University**. The **GPA, financial need and community service** of the applicants will also be considered.

Jim & Ralph Wilson Memorial Scholarship
Established in 2009 by alumni **Jim ’45 and Ralph ’48 Wilson**, one \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually based on the **GPA** and **financial need** of the applicants. The scholarship was changed to a memorial scholarship in 2018.

The John and Jean Hollingsworth Family Memorial Scholarship
Established by **John and Pat Hollingsworth Smith ’61** and **Pam Hollingsworth Smith ’68**, in memory of their parents, **John and Jean Keegan Hollingsworth, 1942** Classmates. The scholarship name was changed for 2025 to include "Family" when Pat passed away in 2024. One \$1,500 scholarship is awarded annually beginning in 2022. The Hollingsworth Family is a life-long supporter of Lincoln and the South Side. The scholarship will be awarded based on a minimum **2.5 GPA, financial need and community service** of the applicant. Preference will be given to first generation secondary education students.

John and Maxine McCaw Memorial Scholarship
Established by the late **John McCaw ’35** and his wife Maxine, one (1) two-year scholarship of \$1,000 per year will be awarded every two years, beginning in 2021, to a student who demonstrates a **solid academic performance, community service and financial need**. Acceptance to an accredited post-secondary institution and a minimum **GPA** of **3.0** are required.

The Juanita Anna Smith Zeiler ’47 Memorial Scholarship
Established in 2021 by Mari Keithahn in memory of her mother, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded starting in 2022 to a student who excelled in **vocal music** while at Lincoln High School. A **GPA** of **3.0** and letter of recommendation from the Vocal Music Director are required.

Julie K. Bird Creative Writing Scholarship
Established in 2023 in memory of **Julie Kay Bird ’71**, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually. The successful

candidate will have been accepted into a college or university with the intent to pursue a degree in English or in Psychology. If an English major, a short story or poem demonstrating the student’s creative writing skills needs to be submitted. If a psychology major, a letter of recommendation from a teacher or staff member explaining the students dedication to their education is required. A minimum **GPA** of 2.5 and demonstrated **financial need** is required.

Kenneth Sufka Scholarship
Established by **Kenneth Sufka ’78**, one \$2,000.00 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2023 to an ALHS senior who plans to attend **Iowa State University**. The scholarship will be awarded based on **GPA** and **financial need**.

Leo Bridal Memorial Scholarship
Established in memory of **Leo Bridal ’41**, by Mary Vaught, a lifetime friend, in accordance with Leo’s wishes, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually starting in 2016. The **GPA, financial need and community service** of the applicants will be considered.

The Myrna Newbury Agan Memorial Scholarship
Established in 2017 in memory of **Myrna Newbury Agan, Class of January, 1955**, by her children; **Earl Agan, Jr. ’76, Thomas S. Agan ’80, and Barbara Agan Timmins, ’86**; one \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually to students who plan to pursue a degree in **Education**. A minimum **GPA** of 2.5 is required.

Neff Family Scholarship
Established in 2005 by alumni **Rose Mary Schwent, Class of 1942**, two (2), four-year scholarships (\$1,250 per year) are awarded annually to applicants who intend to declare a major course of study in science or mathematics. **One (1) final four-year scholarship (\$1,250 per year) will be awarded in 2025**. The **GPA, financial need and community service** of the applicants will also be considered.

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Dollars for Scholars (cont)

Nicholas J. Mancuso Scholarship
Established in 2012 by **Nicholas Mancuso '48**, and increased in 2019, one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who intends to declare a major course of study in **business**. The **financial need** and **community service** of the applicants will also be considered.

PrairieFire Scholarship
Established in 2023 by Matt Meline '86, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2024 to a student with demonstrated financial need who intends to pursue a major course of study in business or trade school. The GPA of the applicants will also be considered.

R. Michael Williams, MD, PhD Memorial Scholarship
Funds to create this scholarship were donated by Doc Mike at his 60-year class Reunion. Unfortunately, he passed away a month later. Established by his classmates, in memory of **R. Michael Williams '64**, a renowned research oncologist, two \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded annually beginning in 2025 to students who plan to pursue a college degree in **math** or **science**. A minimum **GPA** of 2.5 and a written recommendation from a teacher who has observed the student's growth and interest in these areas is required. Financial need will also be considered.

Ralph and Marilyn Satre Wilson Memorial Scholarship
Established by Tim Wilson, in memory of his parents, **Ralph and Marilyn Satre Wilson '48**, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2021 with preference given to a student who plans to major in **Administrative Services**. **Financial need**, **community service** and a minimum 2.5 **GPA** are also required.

Ray "Monk" and Erma Wilson Family Scholarship
Established to honor the parents of **Jim '45, Vivian '44, Ralph '48, and Ray '46**, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2018. The scholarship will be awarded based on **GPA** and **financial need** of the applicants.

Raymond and Shirley Phillips Memorial Scholarship
Established by **Raymond "Skip" Phillips '68, Pam Phillips Brennan '66, Shirley Phillips Kunkle '68, Kirk Phillips '71 and Candy Phillips Conlan '65**, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2015 to a student who plans to pursue a major course of study in **music**. The **GPA**, **financial need** and **community service** of the applicants will also be considered.

Richard Hurd Scholarship
Established in 2019 by Richard Hurd '70, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who intends to major in **business**. The **career goals**, **financial need** and **community service** of the applicants will also be considered.

Rolland Geil & Ruth Johnson Geil Memorial Scholarship
Established in 2009 by **Ruth Johnson Nichols '42**, one \$1,000 scholarship has been awarded annually to benefit a student who demonstrates **great financial need**. Ruth's family is continuing this scholarship as \$2,000 in memory of both Ruth and their father, **Rolland Geil '40**.

Studebaker Elementary School Scholarship
One scholarship of at least \$1,000 is awarded annually to a student who attended **Studebaker Elementary** for at least three years. The **GPA** and **financial need** of the applicants is also considered.

Wolfe Family Scholarship
Established in 2012, and increased in 2025, one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded annually based on the **GPA**, **community service** and **financial need** of the applicants. A minimum **GPA** of 2.5 is required.

Zac Bales-Henry Scholarship
Established in 2016 by **Zac Bales-Henry '05**, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a student with a documented learning disability who plans to pursue post-secondary education. A letter of recommendation from a teacher or staff member who has observed the student's efforts to overcome challenges is required.

Chad Wessel Honorary Track/Cross Scholarship
Established by **Zac Bales-Henry '05**, in honor of his friend and military veteran, **Chad Wessel '03**, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually starting in 2025 to a student who participated in **Cross Country or Track** while at Lincoln and plans to pursue post-secondary education. A letter of recommendation from a Track or Cross Coach who has observed the student's efforts as a team member or leader is required. **GPA** and **financial need** will also be considered. ■

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.



Here is a photo **Ron Randazzo '66** found in his aunt's files — the Lincoln baseball team from the mid 1930s. Ron's Uncle, **Tony Genovese '34**, is the tall, dark-haired player in the back row. Thanks, Ron, for sharing the photo.



The **8th Annual Maroon & Gold Gala**, held on February 22nd, had a great turnout. Included in the program was the **2025 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**. **Phil Chia '88, Activities Director**, was happy to congratulate the new 2025 inductees, **Keisha Cox '94** and **Andrew Hill '95**.

We're very proud of our ALHS business owners — In 2024, **Wyckoff Heating & Cooling** was named the Warren County Business of the Year. Congrats, **Job '86** and **Kris Bird Cooper '87**!

It's always nice to hear stories about alumni. Sometimes a loved one shares a story when we are notified that a parent has passed away. Recently, **Carolyn Reed** wrote that her dad, **Keith L. Deaver '41**, had passed away at the age of 100. She went on to tell us, "He often told the story of signing up with the Navy right after graduation at age 17 (his birthday was in July), for a two year enlistment (because he signed up before turning 18). However, he did not carefully read the fine print which stated "except in times of war." So he served four years in the Navy during WWII during which time he met my mother who was a WAVE. They were married in November of 1945 and had a wonderful marriage of 64 years before my mother passed away in 2009. I am number four of their five children. Keith was on an aircraft carrier during the war and went to flight school after the war ended. He had a long career with Northwest Airlines (now Delta) as a mechanic,

flight engineer, pilot, and captain. He was able to attend a number of reunions over the years, but sadly, you now need to update your records and remove him from your mailing list."

Dr. Joe Robinson '62 was inducted into the **Oklahoma Career Tech Hall of Fame** in October, 2024. The Oklahoma Career Tech Foundation honors outstanding Oklahomans for their exemplary achievement, leadership and service in the Field of career and technology education. Hall of Fame inductees are recognized as great motivators and visionary leaders. This is the highest honor bestowed by the Oklahoma Career and Technology Education System. Congrats, Joe!

Members of the Championship **1975 Boys Basketball Team** held a mini 50th reunion this winter, and were recognized at the January 24th Lincoln vs. East varsity game half time. And, yes, we won — 60-38!!



Vivian Wilson Haag '43 came from a truly loyal ALHS family! Not only did she attend Lincoln High, but upon graduation she went to work as a secretary in the school office. I'm very sorry to say she passed away, but loyal to the end, on Abraham Lincoln's birthday, February 12th.

Who says slumber parties are just for kids? Not these ALHS moms — also known as the **Domino Divas!**



What a pleasant surprise! The Alumni Foundation received a thank you letter from **Molly Noon**, VP Institutional Advancement at **Iowa Western Community College**, for the scholarship money they received for **Caedence Risius '24**. Caedence was the 2024 recipient of the **Class of 1975 Scholarship**.



Oh, my gosh! I've had the pleasure of knowing seven of our school's eight Principals! At the close of his 14th school year at Lincoln, we now wish **Principal and Mrs. Paul Williamson** the very best for their future! ■

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME *BY KARLA V. BOETEL '91*

We're delighted to announce the 2025 inductees for our Alumni Hall of Fame, recognizing exceptional individuals who have made remarkable contributions to their fields.



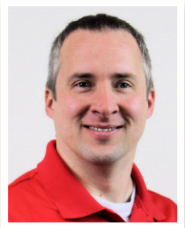
Rochelle Toner '58 Artist, Painter, Printmaker, Sculptor and Professor Emeritus, Tyler School of Art and Architecture/Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



Tricia Fogue Rivas '95 Owner of Trixie's Salons in Des Moines, President of National Association of Women Business Owners, serves as a liaison between Iowa Small Business Development and the Targeted Small Business Program.



Earl R. Agan Jr. '76 Business Manager of Operative Plasters and Cement Masons Local #21, President of the Central Iowa Building and Construction Trades Council, Deputy International Representative of the Operative Plasters and Cement Masons International Association.



Raymond (Joel) Phillips III '95 Director of Engineering at Astronautics Corporation leading Astronautics' engineering functions, including hardware, software, process and project, certification and test engineering.

Congratulations to these outstanding alumni! Their achievements inspire us all.

If you would like to nominate someone for the Alumni Hall of Fame, please use this link: <https://alhsalumni.com/hall-of-fame>.

Karla Boetel
Chair, Alumni Hall of Fame

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The 2025 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction took place at the Maroon & Gold Gala on February 22nd. Congratulations to the new members:

Keisha Cox '94 and Andrew Hill '95

If you are interested in nominating an LHS alum or coach to the Athletic Hall of Fame, 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.



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.



\$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)



\$75.00 - Commemorative Brick
Installed at Lincoln High School

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LINCOLN HIGH
BOB VANDERLINDEN
MEMORIAL GOLF
OUTING

ALL PROCEEDS HELP SUPPORT
LINCOLN ACTIVITIES

Annual Lincoln High School
Bob VanderLinden Golf Outing
Friday, June 3, 2025
Blank Golf Course

Over the years, the money raised from this event has gone directly toward purchasing uniforms, equipment, and facility upgrades needed to improve student activity programs at Lincoln High School. We hope that you will join us for this Railsplitter celebration and consider being a sponsor of this worthy cause. For more details contact the Lincoln Activities office at 515-242-7526.

Thank you for your support!
Go RAILS!

ELEVENTH ANNUAL ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION AUCTION & SALE

BY LISA WHITMARSH PETERSON '75

The 2024 Online Silent Auction and Sale was held in October and completed in November. What a team effort! Through fabulous donors' ingenious gifts and our conscientious business contact volunteers, the auction and sale netted \$5,502.87. Since 2014, we have realized \$36,661.54 to assist in our ongoing Foundation activities. We are especially pleased to have committed this year's auction proceeds to support Lincoln students taking the AP exams to achieve their post-high school educational dreams.

Thank you to our community distribution site partner, Lincoln Heights Lutheran Church, for providing such wonderfully accessible accommodations to help facilitate our auction. A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to everyone who has supported eleven auctions, through weather postponements, changing dates, COVID years and evolving platforms.

As 2024 ends this era of fundraising, we look forward to new and exciting opportunities starting in 2025. Stay tuned! Southside Pride is alive and well!

Please patronize our 2024 Auction Business Donors:

- A.H. Blank Park Golf Courses, (Chris Tillinghast '04 and The Chiodo Family)

AKS Farms

Beth Baker Albright '83

Anonymous Business Donors

B&B Grocery, Meat & Deli (The Brooks Family)

Joseph M. Baker '79

Bakers Square

Baratta's Restaurant (Joe Gatto, '85, Lisa Wing Kruger, '86)

Blank Park Zoo

Bolton & Hay Food Service Equipment

Bowlerama Lanes (honoring Kim Green Hodges '87)

Bordenaro's Pizzeria, (Chris Bordenaro '90)

Casey's

Cash Saver's Food Outlet

Chicago Speakeasy (Julie Jaeger Moore '80)

COLOURBAR Salon & Spa

Confluence Brewery Company

Dawn Davis, '77 (in memoriam)

Dairy Queen-Army Post Road (John Sarcone, prop.)

Des Moines Menace Soccer

Des Moines Symphony & Academy

Becky Clinton Dewey '83

Dot's Frame Shop and Gallery (Lori McNulty Landgren '87)

Evans Gate Bed and Breakfast

Family Eye Health Center
- Flash Screen Printing & Embroidery (Tonia Albizo '96 & Anthony Albizo '00)

Flowers By Anthony, Inc.

Fong's Pizza

Robin Gambaiana

Graziano Brothers

Greater Des Moines Botanical Gardens

Heartland Flags and Gifts

Hello, Majorie (Nick Tillinghast '07)

Henry J's Taco House (Cody Rivas '03)

Holiday Inn-Des Moines Airport

Amy Whisler Hutchens '83

Carol Iske

Iowa Cubs

Iowa Culinary Institute

Iowa Wild

Jack's Place Grill & Bar

Jay's CD and Hobby

Jethro's BBQ/Splash Seafood Grill

John's Barber Shop (John Scavo '51)

Lora Mitchell Jorgensen '77

Rick and Nancy Helm Kaili '76

Alan Kincheloe '80

Kinley's Golf (Michele Gasperi Kinley '77)

Chris Smith Lamberson '71

Lakeside Hotel-Casino

Livingston's Automotive (Chad Raymond '93)

Marie Bakes Co. (Rocky '77 & Marie Sposato)

Dawn Manley Scavo '80

- Monsterama Arcade

New China Buffet & Grill

Park Avenue Pub (Dick Horton, '71)

Perkin's Restaurant

Sheryl Duffy Ponce '74

Olive Garden Italian Kitchen

Oriental Trading Company

Sonya Oppman

Brendan Peterson '06

Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson '75

DyAnn Pfrommer '66

Raymond "Skip" Phillips '68

Powell's Outdoor Service (Harold Powell '80)

OuikTrip Corporation

Holly Rasavong

Rodman's Comics

Ruby Tuesday Restaurant

Katherine Scott '77

Yvonne Smith Scott '56 (in memoriam)

Scornovacca's Ristorante

Scornovacca's Bakery

Signature Lawn & Landscape (Brian Whitlatch '93)

Sisters (honoring Jeannette Bierma Davis '51)

Smitty's Tenderloin (Greg Smith '68, Cheri Wentzel Smith '74)

Cindy Duffy Sposato '69

Stephens Auditorium, Iowa State University



Steve '79 & Carol Seid
Striking Sparrow Lounge
South Des Moines Veterinary Center
Taste of Italy, Italian Grocery & Deli
Tasty Tacos
John Thielke '80
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
Kris Trumper '73
Tsing Tsao-South
Tumea's and Sons Restaurant
Twisted Bean Coffee
Anita Unger
Vincent Enger Homes (Terry Enger)
Anna Ruperto Williams '63

2024 Silent Auction Task Force:
Rafaele Cariglino '00, Becky Clinton Dewey '83, Roger Dewey, Vickie Ruperto Halfwassen '65, Linda Mincks Hendricks '65, Susan Heller Kingsbury '76, Dan Peterson, DyAnn Pfrommer '66, Raymond "Skip" Phillips '68, Katherine Scott '77, Carol Seid, Steve Seid '79, John Thielke '80, and Anna Ruperto Williams '63. ■

Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson '75
Fundraising Committee Chair

REUNION NEWS

BY SUSAN HELLER KINGSBURY '76



Report Reunion news to Susan Heller Kingsbury at susankingsbury@gmail.com. Put in subject line 'Reunion Plans'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.

• Annual RAILS Party - All Class Reunion - to be announced for a fall date.

• 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. 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 Contact Dave Thomason (515)422-2723. Location varies.

• Class of June 1961 has plans to meet for lunches in 2025. Check our website for more information.

• Classes of January and June 1963 are planning their usual annual potluck at MacRae Park for June 21, 2025. Other plans for that weekend will be emailed from Anna Williams, williamsanna@netzero.net. Send Anna your email address!

• Class of 1964 meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday at Hy-Vee Fleur Drive 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 1965 will have their 60th Reunion August 9, 2025 at Blank Park Golf Course, 7PM.

• Class of 1969 celebrated their 55th at Pal Joey's this year

• Class of 1974 had their 50th Reunion at Big Grove Brewery

• Class of 1975 will have their 50th reunion August 8-9 at Blank Golf Course on Friday evening and Holiday Inn Airport for social and dinner Saturday night. School tour and golf being planned for Saturday. Watch our Lincoln High School Class of 1975, DSM, Iowa FB page for details and sign-up.

• Class of 1979 celebrated their 45th Reunion at Confluence Brewery/Blank Golf Course.

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BUILD LINCOLN HIGHER BOOSTER CLUB, INC.

PRESIDENT: CINDI HOHL DE MEYER '97



Railsplitters, we want to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers, alumni and supporters for your tremendous dedication and generosity this year! Each year BLH works tirelessly to bridge the gap between the needs of LHS student activities and the limitations of the budget available to the school. This includes funding for new uniforms, equipment and competition fees. We host various events throughout the year to help generate funds; The Chicken Bowl, Chili Cook-Off, Maroon and Gold Gala, Pancake Breakfast and Annual Bob Vanderlinden Golf Outing. BLH also generates a significant amount of our funding from concessions, memberships and community/alumni sponsorships.

Now, as we navigate the changing landscape of public education, the role and importance of the Build Lincoln Higher Booster Club is more important than ever. To help bridge the gap in funding this past year, BLH applied for and received grants from Polk County as well as Prairie Meadows. We reached out to our community and alumni in new ways and you have responded through funding sponsorship opportunities, donations and memberships! As we look back on this past year we are filled with gratitude for everyone that contributed through concession purchases, memberships donations, attending one of our fundraising events or coming out to a game! It was a year of South Side Pride in action!

We look forward to the 2025-2026 year with renewed excitement and anticipation for all the changes coming to Lincoln High School! We also find ourselves enthusiastically recommitting to our mission of promoting and financially supporting ALL sponsored student activities at LHS. We want to continue to help Build Lincoln Higher on ALL fronts; academics, athletics, arts, and community! We want to invite you to join the cause as we rally around the newest generation of Lincoln Railsplitters! Your support as alumni has a tremendous impact! Competing and performing in front of a packed house of maroon and gold means just as much to students today as it did for each of us! When you attend an LHS home game or student performance to support LHS students, you put into action and make visible the South Side Pride that lives deep in each of us! Now more than ever, our community needs that investment just as much as the financial one!

To make a financial contribution to BLH in support of student activities, you can visit our website at www.buildlincolnhigher.com to view various levels of memberships, sponsorships and view ongoing activity wish lists! Follow us on Instagram @blh_lhs or Facebook at Build Lincoln Higher Booster Club to stay up to date with events and student activities! ■

Go Rails!

Cindi



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	Keith L. Deaver	1961	William "Bill" A. Lawless
1942	Genevieve Bonanno	1962	Karen Olson Williams
1944	Vivian Wilson Haag	1963	Jane McCullough Cooper
1947	Marian Simpson Galvin	1965	Lorraine Hayes Hansen
1949	Raymond Reiersen	1966	Lynda Deeds
1951	Katherine A. Lose Johnston		Kelly Leroy Riley
1950	Robert H. Trissel	1968	Robert Leach
1954	Shirley Hawbaker Davis		Jerry Weldon
	Mary Lou Brubaker Briles	1969	Larry Willis
	Andrew Kelly		Kenneth Brooker
1955	Richard Crane	1970	Rita Hummel Bartlett
1956	Beverly Bird Kaili	1973	Diane G. Nichols
1957	Karen L. Lockhart Hethershaw		Craig Reynolds Newton
	William Walter Dondlinger		Mike Ekstrum
1958	Bruce Herman	1978	Jill L. Irving Rivera
1960	Darlene Simmons Brown		John Reischl
	Darlyne Gerst Sowder	1979	Ronald Roy Gale

1982 James D. Taft
1987 Gary G. Cooksey
1989 Donald S. Brown
David Woolman
Thomas J. Hanson
1994 Ronda S. Johnston Kreis
1998 James B. Collins

Faculty:
Judy C. Aksland Hendricks
Maria Creagh

ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION ANNUAL CELEBRATION

May 7, 2025
5:30 PM – Social
6:00 PM – Dinner
6:45PM – Program
Holiday Inn - Airport
6111 Fleur Drive
Des Moines, Iowa
RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!
SEE PAGE 15.

Join us for the Annual Alumni Foundation Celebration, May 7, 2025.
The following will be awarded during the program:
2025 ALHS Alumni Hall of Fame Members
2025 ALHS Alumni Foundation Scholarships
Come and renew friendships, enjoy a Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner catered by Holiday Inn - Airport, and congratulate your fellow alumni and students on their achievements.
Complete the form below and send it, along with your check, by April 30th, to:
2025 Annual Dinner
ALHS Alumni Foundation
P. O. Box 36624
Des Moines, IA 50315

For questions, please email:
williamsanna@netzero.net

ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION ANNUAL CELEBRATION RESERVATION

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REUNION NEWS *(cont)*

- **Class of 1984** celebrated their 40th Reunion at Prairie Meadows/Jasper Winery.
- **Class of 1985** is in the planning stages of their 40th. Watch our website for details.
- **Class of 1989** celebrated their 35th Reunion at Blank Park Golf Course.
- **Class of 1994** celebrated their 30th Reunion at Valley Junction Activity Center.
- **Class of 1999** celebrated their 25th Reunion at The Bird's Nest, Iowa State Fairgrounds
- **Class of 2004** celebrated their 20th Reunion at Blank Golf Course
- **Class of 2009** celebrated their first reunion and 15th Reunion at Triple Crown Sports Bar in DSM.
- **Class of 2014** celebrated their 10th Reunion at Striking Sparrow Lounge

- **Class of 2019** celebrated their 1st Reunion at Smash Park in WDM, IA in January 2025.



Please send us an email or PM, on our Facebook page, if your information has changed so we can update our database. You don't want to miss your next reunion because we don't have it.

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.