

PRESIDENT'S INBOX: GLORIA GRAY '66



In a few months I will be turning the gavel over to our next Lincoln Alumni Foundation Board President. The past two years have gone by so quickly, and I am happy to report that we have accomplished so much! Our main business is to award scholarships to deserving Lincoln seniors, and that takes two major ingredients: money, and talented, deserving students. Our Foundation's endowment fund annually generates interest income that is used to fund Alumni scholarships. In addition to that, more named scholarships than ever are available for Lincoln seniors.

The other requirement is to annually see that there are many hard working and talented Lincoln seniors vying for scholarships that will help them pursue their dreams through higher education. Our Lincoln staff work hard to make that happen. What a winning formula! More about that in a minute.

Two years ago we worked to update our by-laws, and formalize our Foundation procedures. Then last fall, we started to rethink how we operate as a result of changes within Dollars for Scholars. In short, we are a Dollars for Scholars Chapter, which provides benefits for our scholarship winners. For some time those benefits for students have been to recruit colleges and universities that would match the scholarships we award. So one scholarship dollar becomes two dollars. Colleges and universities that would not match were asked to not count our scholarships when determining a student's eligibility for financial assistance. That was all good! But Dollars for Scholars realized there is more work to do to help students, and has been undergoing internal changes so that they can be a

better resource for chapters and their scholarship applicants and awardees. They have committed to respond to chapters' needs for technology to do our work more efficiently, and more money for scholarships. We are now in a strategic planning mode, to develop a plan that will help us increase our potential to make the best use of Dollars for Scholars resources, as we work closer with them to help Lincoln students now and into the future.

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www.alhsalumni.com

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ChapterNet was unveiled as the technology solution, and we are in the process of building our ChapterNet page. When Lincoln seniors apply for scholarships in the spring of 2014, they will apply online through ChapterNet. Completing one application and profile, for our scholarships, will also connect them to other scholarships that fit their profile. More opportunities for kids! ChapterNet resources, and other Dollars for Scholars consultation, will help us with marketing and fundraising. It's a good thing all around!

For now, we have paper scholarship applications, and scholarships will be awarded at our 4th Annual Celebration Dinner on May 16, in the Commons at Lincoln. That will also be the wonderful time when we celebrate the induction of Lincoln graduates into our Hall of Fame. This year they include:

Robert Keefer, Class of 1935 Bill Keefer, Class of 1937 John Hollingsworth, Class of 1942 John Ortega, Class of 1954 Sarah Cook Zimmerman, Class of 1958 Gloria Gray, Class of 1966

If you would like to submit a name for the Hall of Fame, please complete the nomination form and return it to the Alumni Mailbox c/o Lincoln High School. Forms are available in the school office or may be copied from the alumni web site.

At our Celebration Dinner the Hall of Famers (I am very humbled to be one of them this year!) can show possibilities, how success can be defined in many ways, and they will offer encouragement to our scholarship winners.

Come be a part of helping Lincoln seniors build strong futures! It is truly rewarding work! Those who started it all, Melio Tonini '32, Bill Backstrom '48, Marge Millar White '39, and Skip Timmons '53, knew that and deserve tremendous thanks. They started the road map for all who wish to follow, to keep the process going for those with bright futures. There are many ways to help, through being part of our Alumni Foundation and various activities. Be sure to see Principal Paul Williamson's article that highlights Vision Campaign improvements at Lincoln. The campaign has wrapped up now, and much thanks are due to all who made that Campaign a reality, to enhance opportunities for Lincoln students for years to come. See? There are lots of ways to help. Our meetings are on the 2nd Monday of the month (no January or July meetings), 6:30 PM, in the Alumni Room at Lincoln. Hope to see you there!

Gloria

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Paul Williamson



Hello Railsplitter Alumni!

I hope this note finds everyone warm, healthy, and safe. Abraham Lincoln High School is alive and well! We have had quite a bit of success up to this point this year. We continue to make improvements in all areas including academics, athletics, activities, and the community. Did you know we are growing as well?

Des Moines Public Schools has

approved boundary changes beginning next school year. This change will result in an increased enrollment from just under 2,200 now to over 2,400 within the next couple of years. We are looking forward to the growth and the summer 2014 renovation of the 9th grade RAILS Academy building on Porter Avenue. Speaking of renovations, we are putting to good use the remaining Vision Campaign funds. In an effort to keep with the intent of those fund raising efforts, we are currently renovating the weight room including all new equipment, improving the wrestling room, and adding new bleachers and a score board to the RAILS Academy (by the way, **RAILS** = $\underline{\mathbf{R}}$ esearch, $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$ cademics, and $\underline{\mathbf{I}}$ nterests in $\underline{\mathbf{L}}$ ife Skills). Thanks to all who gave their support to the Vision Campaign!

Academically we are making progress as well. Our graduation rate has been released and increased by four percent! Our Academic Decathlon team qualified for state as well. We are continuing to build our Advance Placement Programs by adding AP Chemistry to our schedule this coming year.

Activities and Athletics are showing success as well. Both our boys and girls bowling teams went to state competition in March. Our boy's basketball team won their first sub-state game against Waukee. Our swim team set some new school records this year. **Matthew Friend** was named as one of the 12 Academic All-State members in the state of Iowa. Show Choir season is in full swing. They were named Grand Champions in February at a competition in Indianola.

So as you can see, Lincoln IS alive and well! We will continue to push forward and set higher goals. By the time you receive this our new football coach should have been announced and the renovation projects mentioned above should be completed. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Alumni Celebration in May.

Take Care... and GO RAILS! ■

Paul Williamson

ALUMNI NOTES

Coralie Cherry '47 & Anna Williams '63





When Tom Thiel '78 was working at Happy Joe's in Southridge Mall during his high school days, he never dreamed that someday he would own his own restaurant. For the last 18 years, Tom has owned FIZZ, located on Highway 5 in Carlisle. He was awarded "Business of the Year" in 2012. FIZZ, is known for their great sandwiches and ice cream. Tom's sister, Renee '83 works at the shop, and Tom's son, Matt, is the night manager. Tom and his wife, Polly, daughter, Amanda, and Matt enjoy living in Carlisle. They are great supporters of the Carlisle schools. Tom's brother, Doug '70, lives in Garden Grove, Iowa, and brother, David '73, lives in Indianola.

Thinking of restaurants, we have many on the South Side that are owned by ALHS alumni. Just to name a few -- Smitty's, Baratta's, Skip's, Mr. V's, Francie's, Rock Power, Paesano's, Bordenaro's, Orlando's. Probably the best kept secret is the home-cooked meals served on weekdays at the Park Avenue Pub, still sitting by

the old streetcar line on Glover Avenue. The Pub is owned by **Dick Horton '71**.

Even though Southridge Mall has changed from an indoor mall to a mall with individual stores (strip mall fashion) you will still find Alumni "mall walkers." When they are able, you will see Nancy McAfee Lantz '50, Mary Moore Backstrom '48, Angelo Costanzo'41, Nick Scavo '63, Dave '52 and Bev Bird Kaili '56 and Larry '52 and Sally Crouch Smith '55 out there walking. Sometimes the Gale family has a mini family reunion as they walk and talk. Members include Don Gale '47, Dick and Marlene Deets Gale '52 and Pat Gale Bain '53 and husband, Jim. They all have a fun time reminiscing.

Any true Lincoln historian should know these names – Goldie Arnold, Mary Jean Calvert '39, Norma Plemone '42, Kae Dagnillo Shiffer '31, Vivian Wilson Haag '44,

and Lola Randall Hill '45. All of these ladies were alumni of Lincoln and went to work for Aaron Hutchens and Mel Bowen. Lola followed in Kaye Shiffer's footsteps to be the registrar. She worked there for five years and then went to work in the personnel department at the School District office. Lola and her husband, Bob, recently celebrated their (wow!) 65th Wedding Anniversary. Vivian started working as secretary to Principal Hutchens following graduation. She was there for seven years, and later worked for Principal Bowen for two years. She quit work to have a family and then worked for the State of Iowa until retirement. Vivian and her brothers, Ralph '48 and Jim Wilson '45, all continue to be generous alumni supporters. In the office now we have **Jane Hohrmann**, secretary to the Principals for the past 12 years, and Celeste Comito for over 25 years. They are not alumni, but are wonderful support for the students, staff and community.

Sherri Hamman Russell '78 was a special education associate at Lincoln for over 12 years and was disappointed to be reassigned to McCombs Middle School recently. Sherri, her family and her siblings are all alumni and supporters of Lincoln High. Sherri's husband, Rusty '78, works at General Mills. Daughter, **Brandy '00**, is an insurance agent and son, Cody '04, works at John Deere. Sherri's sister, Pam Hamman Cave '68, is a pre-school associate at Madison Elementary School. Pam's children, Angie Cave Goodson '87, is a doctor at the Veterans Hospital in Des Moines, and Brad Cave '90, is a counselor at a Youth Group Home in Johnston, Iowa. Mike Hamman '71, works at Dahl's. He and his wife, Betty, live on the South Side. Ginger Hamman Halloway '82 works at a tobacco shop in South Des Moines. Her son, Chris Julson '03, is in the Navy, and daughter, Sadie '11, is a marine biology student studying in France this year. Pat Hamman, mother of this group, feels fortunate that all her family still lives on the South Side of Des Moines. Pat now resides at Prairie View Assisted Living.

Raymond (Skip) Phillips, Jr. '68 and **Lin** are proud parents of **Raymond (Joel) E. Phillips, III '95**, (University of Iowa Engineering graduate – 1999). Joel is currently manager

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of instruments and software process for Astronautics Corporation of America in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The last two years he has been directing a team of software engineers in developing the central maintenance and flight data server aboard Airbus's newest aircraft, the A400M military transport. Among the projects he has worked on during his last 13 years at Astronautics are flight and navigation displays on Boeing 747s for foreign kings and princes, Agusta A109 and A119 helicopters, Pilatus PC-7 and PC-9 trainer aircraft, and Lockheed C-130 military transport aircraft. He's also led the development of a new display used by UPS and other airlines to implement NextGen capabilities on their aircraft. NextGen is the Federal Aviation Administration's initiative to overhaul our Air Traffic System. It uses satellite navigation to let pilots know precise locations of other airplanes around them. Satellite landing procedures let pilots arrive at airports more predictably and more efficiently. Joel is the grandson of Raymond E. Phillips '41 and Shirley. He is married to Katie, and they have two children, Tom and Mary.

It was a sad January/February for ALHS alumni. We lost several good friends and supporters, **Coach Harold** "Lloyd" Klinzman, Gordon Opel, and Maxine McCaw. Coach Klinzman was 86, and many of us will remember him teaching us to drive; and for Lincoln's football team, under his direction, ending East and Roosevelt's football domination in the '60s. Mr. Opel was 90, and taught business and commercial math at Lincoln. He was also guidance counselor to many. Mrs. McCaw was 93, and a talented pianist since the 10th grade at North High School. You may recall that, together with her husband, Dr. John McCaw, they established The Clayle, Milva, Maxhn, and Janine McCaw Scholarship Fund for Lincoln seniors.

Steve Seid '79 once again is doing something he loves. He has been hired as interim Superintendent of Schools in the Clarke County School District. Steve enjoys working with the students, parents and community. Earlier he had been a middle school principal for two years in Osceola before serving as middle school principal in Saydel for five years. Steve graduated from Simpson College and got his superintendent endorsement from Drake University. Steve's wife, **Carol '79**, is a principal in West Des Moines. Their

daughters, Nicole and Katy, are both Lincoln alumni. Nicole '04, graduated from Iowa State and lives in Ames, has a dance studio and is a receptionist in a doctor's office. Katy is working as a nanny in Des Moines. Sometimes on free weekends, Steve and Carol, along with his parents, Charlene and Larry Seid '48, go to Madison, Wisconsin, to visit Scott '81 and Kelly Mulcahy Seid '84 and their boys, Harry and Sam. Harry plays hockey for his high school team and Sam is a freshman in college. Their maternal grandma, Janice Burgess Mulcahy '53, and Pam Mulcahy Court go see the hockey games, too.

Ever wonder how many Lincoln seniors think enough about the fact they're graduating to actually write a song about it? **LaVonne Burmeister Deets '33** did. She wrote the following song and it was published in the Yearbook:

"The January 1933 Class Song" sung to the tune, "We Just Couldn't Say Good-by"

Our high school days are ending And we must say adieu. These last few days we're spending With all our friends so true. Dear teachers, pals, and classmates You know that we'll miss you When we leave dear old Lincoln High.

Our hearts are filled with sadness, Our eyes are blurred with tears, Our souls are filled with memories So frought with hopes and fears. And then they change to gladness As we look through the years That we gave for old Lincoln High.

Our eyes are bright as we look toward Those future years to come We'll do the best, our worth to test Until the battle's won.

So this is our farewell, friends, All mem'ries we shall hold From day to day we'll love it, We'll praise Maroon and Gold. And now we're going to leave you In a new world we've enrolled With thanks to dear Lincoln High.

LaVonne, soon to be 98, is a resident at Valley View Memory Center in Des Moines. Her daughter, **Marlene Deets Gale** '52, says her mom's health has been good until recently.

Do you have any **Lincoln Yearbooks**, especially older ones, that you no longer want? There's a new Alumni Room at

Lincoln, and you are welcome to donate your Yearbooks and Lincoln memorabilia c/o the School Office at 2600 S.W. 9th Street in Des Moines.

Several Lincoln alumni have recently been featured in *The Des Moines Register*. Suzie Glazer Burt '72 was one of five finalists for the "Iowa Star Award." The award honors individuals who work to promote unity, self-empowerment and self-sufficiency for all. Suzie was nominated for her time and money donated to a number of community programs, with an emphasis on children. (Bill and Susan Knapp received the award.)

The Ankeny Register reported that two Saylorville Township (Iowa) men; father, **Kevin** '73, and son, **Kyle**, '98 Saydel High grad, completed an Ironman event last fall in Panama City Beach, Florida. Both finished the race which included a 2.4-mile swim in the Gulf of Mexico and a 112-mile bike course followed by a full marathon of 26.2 miles. Kevin finished in 13 hours, 41 minutes, and Kyle finished in 11 hours, 37 minutes. Participants must finish the race in 17 hours to qualify as an Ironman. Congrats, fellows!

And the *South Register* featured Dot's Gallery and Frame Shop, owned by **David** and **Lori McNulty Landgren '87**. The frame shop and art gallery opened in 1974. Lori and David purchased the shop almost 11 years ago from the founder, wanting to try something different from their 20-year careers – Lori at The Principal and David at Dahl's. Dot's specializes in custom framing, and purchasing the shop gave David the opportunity to use his experience as a college art major. Customers love their personal service. In addition to the specialized framing, they also own one of the largest automotive fine art retail businesses in the country.



The 4th Annual South Side Art Festival was another big hit in September. Even though it was a bit on the chilly side, these future ALHS students enjoyed their face art experience. For more photos, go to the alumni web site, www.alhsalumni. com. The 5th Art Festival will be September 14, 2013.



The **Class of 1961** Lunch Bunch had a great time getting together for lunch at Mezzodi's last November.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Spring Musical (at the ALHS Auditorium)
 April 18-20, 2013 at 7 PM. This year's production is "A Piece of My Heart" by Shirley Lauro.
- Senior Celebration After Prom Party April 27, 2013, Public Walk-through 7-9 PM
- 38th Annual ALHS Alumni Celebration featuring Hall of Fame Induction & Scholarship Award Ceremonies (at the ALHS Student Commons)
 May 16, 2013

- Show Choir Concert (at the ALHS Auditorium)
 - May 9-10, 2013 at 7 PM
- Class Night (at the Bowen Round House)
 May 24, 2013
- Commencement (at the Knapp Center)
 May 25, 2013
- 21st Annual Lincoln High/Bob
 VanderLinden Golf Outing

June 7, 2013 (new date). Contact Phil Chia at (515) 242-7525 for details.

BLH CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

What better time and place to get together than at the Annual BLH Club Pancake Breakfast on January 26th?

The Seid Family has that contented, "I love pancakes and I love Lincoln" look!



The Class of 1983 held a class reunion planning meeting at the Breakfast. They must have had too much fun because they couldn't pick a date!



Past and future Graziano graduates had a great time flipping pancakes!



Alumni are always willing to help out at Lincoln activities!"



For more Pancake Breakfast photos, check out the Alumni Web site at www.alhsalumni.com.



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 Amy Hutchens at hutch1963@msn.com.

Class	Lincoln Alumni					
1935	J. Marie Harbert Cook		Dorothy Beck Sheil	1968	James Lucia	
1936	Sara Latrice Mays	1946	Lois Dagle Goodpasture		George Vincent	
1937	Roberta Rusher Brown			1970	Norleen "Cookie" Abild Formaro Gloria Bernal Waite	
1000	Karl Kottmeier	Adama		1975		
1938	Virginia Kolls Wood Alice Virden McCoun	1950	Margaret Andersen Scott	1977	Leslie Benda Jensen Christopher Osborn Barton Polson	
1939	John Mason Jr.	1954	Donald Jones			
	Margaret Deaver Kottmeier	-	1981	Angela Sieving		
1940	Lois Leak Gray Phyllis Herker Stifel	1955	20	2007	Ellizabeth Sorenson Olson	
10/1	William R. Davis	1956	James Scalise	2009	Bethany Phichit	
1941		1958	Danny Williamson		Unknown:	
1943	Lucrezia Serra Fazio Geraldine Carl Stevenson		Charles Fillman	Jack Glessner Teacher and Coach: Harold "Lloyd" Klinzman Teacher and Counselor: Gordon		
10//		1960	Roger Stover			
1944	Oliver Fillman Mary Ann Thomas Jackman C. Warren Myer	1963	Thomas A. Burgett			
			Patrick A. Ford Patricia Moore	reactic	Wayne Opel	
1945	Verny Likes Virginia Mazzei Armentaro Helen Virden Morrison	1964	Richard Casady	•		
		1967	Craig Geppert			
			Jennise Fromm Thummel			

RAILSPLITTER REVIEW SCAVENGER HUNT

Time for the Spring Railsplitter Review Scavenger Hunt! All you need to do is read the newsletter, answer the questions below and send in the form. All correct responses received by May 11 will be entered into a drawing for two tickets to the ALHS Alumni Foundation Annual Celebration. Good luck!

1.	What is ou	Dollars for Scholars agency code
	number for	the State of Iowa One Gift Program?

- 2. Who are the new Alumni Hall of Fame inductees for 2013?
- 3. Where did the Class of 1961 Lunch Bunch have lunch last November?
- 4. When were the first two Neff Family Scholarships awarded?
- 5. When is the 21st Annual Lincoln High/Bob VanderLinden Memorial Golf Outing?

Name:
Phone:
Best Time to Call:
Email:

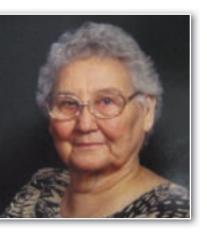
Send your responses by mail to:

Becky Dewey 608 Leach Des Moines, IA 50315

For those who prefer e-mail, send your responses to: dewrbth@msn.com.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

ROSE MARY NEFF SCHWENT BY NICOLE GRAZIANO '86



Rose Mary Neff Schwent is a January 1942 graduate of Lincoln High. She grew up on the South Side, attending Fort Des Moines Elementary and Maple Grove Elementary. She was one of eight Neff children to attend Lincoln between 1933 and 1951 and one of six to graduate. During those years, Rose Mary and her siblings walked from their family home on Payton Avenue to the street car line near South Union and rode the

street car to Lincoln.

After Rose Mary graduated from Lincoln she worked at various jobs to earn money for college. She attended Cornell College for a time, summer school at the University of Colorado, one semester at Drake and then landed at Iowa State University. She met Glen Schwent while attending ISU and married him in 1948. The couple had two children, Vincent and Carl. Glen worked as an engineer, and Rosemary worked both as a homemaker and part-time outside the home. The Schwents lived in Cleveland, OH, St. Louis, MO and Tullahoma, TN before moving to Arizona in 1956.

In 1959, Rose Mary resumed her college education at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ where she majored in biology. She obtained her Bachelor's degree in biology in 1964. She continued her studies at ASU and obtained a Master's degree in microbiology in 1967. Rosemary worked as a Professor of Biology at Glendale Community College for 20 years. While at Glendale, Rose Mary served on the scholarship committee on a regular basis. That experience inspired her to establish the **Neff Family Scholarship** through the ALHS Alumni Foundation in 2004.

The Foundation awarded the first Neff Family Scholarship in 2005. The scholarship provides two, four-year scholarships in the amount of \$1,250 per year to students who major in science or mathematics in college. Since 2005, the following sixteen graduates have received the scholarship:

- 2005 Torey Murray & John Bevans
- 2006 Jessica Gittins & Ashleigh Mills
- 2007 Amanda Bellegante & Emma VanderZyl
- 2008 Aimee Garrison & Abby Rowling
- 2009 Jordan Hutchens & Gina Song
- 2010 Amanda Manorot & Sydnie Tarter
- 2011 Gabriel Baccam & April Magneson
- 2012 Leslie Chareunsab & Sara McAninch

Rosemary had two goals in mind when she established the scholarship. First, she wanted to help worthy students attend college. Second, she wanted to inspire other Lincoln alumni to contribute to the Foundation. Rose Mary met both goals. *The ALHS Alumni Foundation extends its sincere thanks to Rose Mary for her generous support over the years.*

Today Rose Mary and her younger brother, **Earl Neff**, Class of 1951, reside in Peoria, AZ. Although she hasn't been to Iowa for several years, she still considers Iowa to be home. ■

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. For more information, please contact **Nicole Graziano** at nicolemgraziano@gmail.com or **Skip Timmons** at (515) 287-6510

FOUNDATION NEWS

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

President – Gloria Gray (1966)
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INVITE THE ALUMNI FOUNDATION TO YOUR CLASS REUNION

The Lincoln High School Alumni Foundation can assist you at your next class reunion. We can provide people at your event to handle registration, allowing you and your classmates to join in the festivities instead of working at the registration table. In addition, we can offer opportunities to show school spirit such as purchasing a commemorative brick and/or driveway emblem, and joining the ALHS Alumni Foundation.

If you are interested in knowing more about how we can assist you at your next reunion, contact John Thielke '80 at johnthielke.jt@gmail.com. ■

FINANCIAL REPORTS

(As of January 31, 2013)

ALHS Alumni Operating Accounts

Checking and investment accounts

\$36,510

Your annual dues go to help with operating expenses.

ALHS Alumni Foundation

Checking and investment accounts

\$641,384*

* Interest earned from endowed Foundation investments is used for scholarships.

Commemorative Bricks and Driveway Emblems

In 1999 Abraham Lincoln High School celebrated its 75th anniversary and the ALHS Alumni Foundation began selling commemorative bricks to mark the occasion. We continue to offer these bricks at a cost of \$75. The bricks are installed in front of the school, and are a wonderful way to remember a loved one, to honor a recent graduate or family of graduates.

Also available for \$20 is an ALHS emblem painted in maroon or gold on your driveway. This is a great way to show your Lincoln spirit! All proceeds go to the ALHS Alumni Foundation.

If you are interested in purchasing a brick or having the ALHS emblem painted on your driveway, order forms are available on our

Web site: www.alhsalumni.com.

ATTENTION STATE OF IOWA EMPLOYEES!

The Des Moines Lincoln Dollars for Scholars Chapter (the Alumni Foundation) is in its third year of participation 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 be a part of this charitable program! 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 website http://das.hre.iowa.gov/onegift.html. Des Moines Lincoln Dollars for Scholars is agency no. **7665**.

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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. The Foundation awarded over \$38,000 in scholarships to 2012 ALHS graduates.

The following scholarships are available in 2013:

Alumni Association Scholarship

The Alumni Foundation offers annual Association 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 2.50 is required. The number of scholarships awarded varies yearly based on the interest earned on the Foundation Endowment. We hope to award at least fifteen (15) Association scholarships in 2013.

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**. The GPA, financial need and community service of the applicants will also be considered.

Ray Townsend Memorial Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded based on the **GPA**, **financial need** and **community service** of the applicants.

Jim & Ralph Wilson Scholarship

Established by alumni Jim Wilson ('45) and Ralph Wilson (Jan. '49), one \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually based on the **GPA** and **financial need** of the applicants.

Studebaker Elementary School Scholarship

One scholarship of at least \$500 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.

Al Graziano Scholarship

Established in 2010 in honor of retired Principal Al Graziano, Class of 1960, one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a student who intends to declare a major course of study in **education**. The GPA, financial need and community service of the applicants will also be considered.

The Jerry, Linda, Katelyn, Erin and Conor Crawford Scholarship

Established by Jerry ('67) and Linda Crawford in honor of their children Katelyn ('02), Erin ('05) and Conor ('08), one \$2,500 scholarship 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.

Jenna Falbo Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2012 in memory of Jenna Falbo, who would have graduated in 2012, a \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a student who intends to declare a major in **nursing**. Special consideration will be given to a student who demonstrates an interest in oncology. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required.

Stephen Brodie Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of Stephen "Steve" Brodie, Class of 1965, one \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a student who participated in **football** at Lincoln, has a strong academic record and demonstrates great **financial need**.

Hugh Kent Memorial Science Scholarship

Established by Patty Jackson ('84) in memory of her favorite teacher Hugh Kent (Biology), 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.

Steve Tomlinson Memorial Scholarship

Steve Tomlinson, Class of 1990, was an accomplished student athlete at Lincoln. He played quarterback and safety on the varsity football team in 1989 -1990, and lettered in baseball three times. Steve was killed by a drunk driver in 1998 at the age of 26. His brother Rob Tomlinson ('87) established this scholarship in his memory. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a **varsity athlete** with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Ruth Johnson Nichols Scholarship

Established by Ruth Johnson Nichols, Class of 1942, to benefit a student who demonstrates great **financial need**, one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded in 2013.

Taylor-Hyde Family Scholarship

Established by alumni members of the Taylor and Hyde families, four (4) \$250.00 scholarships will be awarded annually, beginning in 2012, to students who were actively involved in **band**, **choir**, **speech/debate** or **drama** throughout their time at Lincoln.

William "Bill" McKibben Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of Bill McKibben, Class of 1953, by his wife Shirley McKibben, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded based on the **GPA**, **community service** and **financial need** of the applicants.

Wolfe Family Scholarship

One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually, beginning in 2012, based on the **GPA**, **community service** and **financial need** of the applicants. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required.

The Dave Mills Scholarship

Dave Mills, Class of 1950, has 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. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required.

Dr. John W. Green, Jr. Family Scholarship

Established by the late Virgina Green in honor of her family, five (5) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded annually for six years, beginning in 2012, to a student who demonstrates **financial need** and **solid academic performance**. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required.

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

Established by Dr. John ('35) McCaw and his wife Maxine in honor of their children, all of whom graduated from ALHS, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who demonstrates a **solid academic performance, community service** and **financial need**. Acceptance at an accredited institution and a minimum GPA of 3.0 are required.

Sarg Fontanini Memorial Scholarship

Established by the Fotanini family to honor the memory of Sarg Fontanini, Class of 1933, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually, beginning in 2012, to a student who demonstrates exceptional character, solid academic performance and financial need. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required.

Nicholas J. Mancuso Scholarship

Established in 2012 by Nicholas Mancuso ('48), one \$1,000 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.

Bill Backstrom Memorial Scholarship

Established by Nicholas Mancuso ('48) in memory of Alumni Foundation co-founder Bill Backstrom, Class of 1948, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who intends to major in **business**. The financial need and community service of the applicants will also be considered.

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2013 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

On February 1st, 2013, seven new members were inducted into the ALHS Athletic Hall of Fame during halftime of the basketball game (Lincoln won) against East High School. With the new members, Lincoln now has 52 in the Athletic Hall of Fame.

The 2013 inductees are:

Richard Bates '79, basketball, all-state player at Lincoln, and played at Creighton University for three years.

Howard W. Foust '37, basketball, football, baseball, track and field.

Doug Parsons '68, football, basketball, and baseball at Lincoln; baseball and football at Iowa State University.

Jeff Parsons '72, football, basketball and baseball at Lincoln; baseball and football at William Penn University and inducted into the William Penn Hall of Fame.

Rick Parsons '75, football, basketball and baseball at Lincoln; baseball at William Penn and New Mexico State University.

Travis Snover '02, wrestling -- state champion in 2002.

Don Warren '81, basketball, all-state player at Lincoln, played at University of South Dakota for three years.

Jason Cromer '99 attended the Pancake Breakfast in January and was surprised to see his portrait, along with twin brother, **Nathan**, on display in Dan's Portrait Studio booth. Both brothers were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011.



21ST ANNUAL LINCOLN HIGH BOB VANDERLINDEN MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

All proceeds help support Lincoln Activities

NEW DATE: Friday, June 7, 2013

TIME: Check-in at 11:00 AM, Shotgun Start at 12:00

FORMAT: 4-Person best shot. Put together a Team, or be placed on one.

COST: \$75.00 (per person) – includes green fees, cart, lunch, complimentary gift pack, appetizers, and a chance at numerous prizes.

NEW PLACE: Blank Golf Course

Please complete the registration form and mail it and your check by May 29th to: Phil Chia, A.D., Lincoln High School, 2600 SW 9th St., Des Moines, IA 50315

Please print:
Name:
Address:
Phone:
Please check: () I will be a single – please add me to a foursome (\$75.00 enclosed) () I am registering my foursome (\$300.00 enclosed). List the other three golfers: 1

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ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION ANNUAL CELEBRATION

DATE: May 16, 2013

TIME: 5:30 PM (social hour)

6:00 PM (dinner) 7:00 PM (program)

LOCATION: Lincoln Commons

Join us for the Annual Alumni Foundation Celebration on May 16, 2013. The following will be awarded during the celebration:

- 2013 ALHS Alumni Hall of Fame Members
- 2013 ALHS Alumni Foundation Scholarships

Entertainment at this year's Celebration will showcase student performers from the instrumental and vocal departments.

Come and renew friendships, enjoy a pasta dinner catered by Baratta's, and congratulate your fellow alumni and students on their achievements. Complete the form below and send it, along with your check, by **Friday, May 11** to:

Becky Dewey 608 Leach Avenue Des Moines, IA 50315

For more information, contact Becky Dewey at (515) 280-5386.

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Please Print:	
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_____Tickets @ \$15 each = \$_____



Make your check payable to ALHS Alumni Foundation

2013 ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Your current name:	Check appropriate boxes:				
Name at Lincoln:	☐ Former student	☐ New membership			
Address:		☐ Spouse of alumni ☐ Membership renewal	1		
City/state/zip:	Does your employer offer matching gifts? ☐ Yes ☐ No				
Is this address new? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Do you want to receive the Newsletter electronically? ☐ Yes ☐ No			
E-mail Address:					
*Please fill in your class year on this application form to help us with our mailing list.					
Type of Membership					
☐ Regular Annual Membership - \$10.00 ☐ Additional donation to Alumni Foundation ☐ Lifetime Membership - \$75.00 (65 and older) ☐ Donation to Foundation Scholarships					
Make check payable to: Lincoln High Alumni Foundation . Complete this application and mail, along with your check, to ALHS Alumni Foundation, 2600 SW 9th St., Des Moines, IA 50315. Or, go to www.alhsalumni.com and click "Donate Now."					

REUNION NEWS

- Class of 1941 meets on the second Friday of every other month at Old Country Buffet, SE 14th and Army Post Road. Next meeting is in May at 1:00 PM. For information call Leo Bridal at (515) 285-3332.
- Classes of January and June 1945 meet for lunch at 11:30 AM on the first Friday of every month at Old Country Buffet. For information contact Thelma Horton Penland at (515) 285-3371.
- Class of January 1946 meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 1:15 PM at Old Country Buffet. For information contact Dick Dickey at (515) 283-0080. Dick also sends a newsletter to classmates.
- Class of June 1946 will hold its annual class luncheon at noon, on the second Friday in June, 2013, at the Okoboji Grill on SE 14th Street. For information contact Denise St. John at (515) 246-0711.
- Class of June 1950 meets at the ALHS Alumni Foundation Annual Dinner Celebration and the BLH Club Pancake

- Breakfast each year. **Dee Duff** hopes to see many of you attend! For more information, contact Dee at (515) 288-2283.
- Class of January 1951 will hold its annual brunch at 10 AM on the first Friday in June, 2013, at Hy-Vee on Fleur Drive. For information contact Ann & Jack Mayer at (515) 961-6363 or granmayer@msn.com.
- Classes of January and June 1953 will hold their 60th Class Reunion on September 20-21, 2013, in Des Moines. Friday evening will be at the Baymont Inn, 6221 Army Post Road, and a Pizza Party will be held at MacRae Park Shelter House on Saturday. For information, contact Skip Timmons at (515) 285-9202, Jan Mulcahy, (515) 243-8775, or Jim Sullivan, (515) 288-6456.
- Classes of January and June 1957 meet for lunch on the second Thursday of every month at 11:30 AM, at the Okoboji Grill on S. E. 14th Street. For information contact Jackie Thompson Tinker at (515) 967-6232 or TINK967@aol.com.

- Class of 1958 will hold its 55th Class Reunion on September 13-14, 2013, at the Holiday Inn on Fleur Drive. Rooms are being held for those staying at the hotel. Classmates will be receiving information in the mail. For more information contact Judy Cross at (515) 961-6459.
- Class of June 1961 Lunch Bunch gets together periodically. Next gathering will be at Noon, Saturday, May 18, 2013, at Mezzodi's on Fleur Drive. For information, contact Dixie Jeffries at djeff1943@gmail.com or (515) 243-5700.
- Classes of January and June, 1963 will hold their 50th Class Reunion on Saturday, June 15, 2013. Plans include Best Ball Golf Outing, tour of Lincoln, class photo, and dinner at Echo Valley Country Club. There will be an informal gathering at Francie's on Friday night. A block of rooms is being held at the Fairfield, south of the Airport on Fleur Drive, with guaranteed rate of \$109 per night until May 15th. Classmates will receive more information and reunion reservation form via e-mail or postal





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service. If you have "old" childhood photos to share, please send to **Lyle Spilman**, 1534 Wilson Ave., Des Moines, IA 50316, or scan and e-mail to lspilman@q.com.

- Class of 1968 will hold its 45th Class Reunion on Friday, September 13, 2013, at the Jasper Winery, 2400 George Flagg Parkway. For information, contacts are Sandy Linden Weldon at (515) 285-9913 or weld5@msn.com, or Denise Fontanini Trower at (515) 243-7082. Please notify Sandy or Denise with any change of address, e-mail or phone number.
- Class of 1973 will hold its 40th Class Reunion on Friday and Saturday, September 20-21, 2013. For more information, contact Steve Gregg at stevegregg@msn.com, (703) 798-7442, or 2741 Gallows Road #103, Vienna, VA 22180. Visit the Class Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/pages/Des-Moines-Lincoln-High-Class-of-1973/184834614859963?v=wall.
- Class of 1978 will hold its 35th Class Reunion Friday and Saturday, June 28-29, 2013. Friday will be an informal gathering at Pal Joey's Lounge, 6224 Grand Avenue, and Saturday will include golf (\$45.00 18 holes and cart) and dinner (\$27.00 per person) at Willow Creek Golf Course, Army Post Road. Please see Facebook page, Des Moines Lincoln High School Class of 1978. For more information please contact Betty Koeppel Schlievert at (515) 277-2557 or Cindy Enslow McAninch at (515) 285-4494.

- Class of 1983 will hold its 30th Class Reunion on July 20, 2013. If you're interested, contact Beth Baker Albright at justagall@mchsi.com.
- Class of 1985 is seeking classmates to plan future reunions. If you are interested, send an email to eischeid6@msn.com, Tklisares@mchsi.com, beth.martin@mchsi.com or dawn@rafferty.us.
- Class of 1988 will hold its 25th Class Reunion on Friday and Saturday, August 16-17, 2013. Friday evening will be in West Des Moines at Wellman's Pub & Rooftop, and Saturday will be at Forte Banquet and Conference Center, catering by Baratta's. For more information, contact Wendy Wilson at (515) 250-1543 or wendywil02@aol.com.
- Class of 1993 will hold its 20th Class Reunion in Summer, 2013. For information, contact Marc Beltrame at (515) 229-9134 or marcbeltrame@ hotmail.com.
- Class of 1998: If your information has changed since your 10th Reunion, please contact Kelly Allen Randleman at kmr430@gmail.com to update your name, phone, address, etc. (You can also find Kelly Randleman on facebook.)
- Class of 2003 will hold its 10th Class Reunion on Saturday, June 29, 2013. The day includes two events – a daytime family gathering at the Lincoln High School practice field, and will have inflatables, games and lunch for the families. The

- nighttime event will be for adults at Big City Burgers and Greens, located in Capitol Square, Walnut Street, Downtown Des Moines. It will include food, drinks, a local band and lots of fun. The reunion costs \$40 per adult (and kids are included in that price). For information, contact **Stephanie Layne Brennan** at (515) 306-0118, or e-mail the committee at LHS2003classreunion@gmail.com, check out the class reunion page on Facebook or go to www.lhsreunion2003.org.
- Tim Moden '78 has set up a Caribbean Cruise for Alumni and Friends of ALHS Alumni. Tim hopes a lot more alumni will take advantage of the trip because the more participating the more extras. Contact for the group is **Donna** at web site http://www.palmsprings.cruiseholidays. com/. Email cruzpros@verizon.net Phone 800-826-8221. When going to the web site, go to the Special Offers drop-down section and you will find the ALHS group info prices and more. Carnival Glory, seven-day Exotic Eastern Caribbean on November 3, 2013 going to Nassau, St. Thomas, San Juan, and Grand Turk, Departing from Miami, Florida. If you have any questions you can call Donna or Tim at e-mail dancinggreekt@yahoo.com or phone (760) 285-2618.

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