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PRESIDENT'S INBOX: NICOLE GRAZIANO '86



Fellow ALHS Alumni—

Our endowment continues to grow, allowing us to award more scholarships each year. I want to thank a few of our recent donors:

Lisa and John Mahoney, who established the **Mahoney Family Scholarship** to benefit students who participated in baseball or Railettes at Lincoln; **Zac Bales-Henry '05**, who established the **Zac Bales-Henry Scholarship** to benefit students with learning disabilities; the **Class of 1955**, who

donated funds raised at their 2015 class reunion for two \$500 scholarships; **Mary Vaught**, a friend of Lincoln who established the **Leo Bridal Memorial Scholarship**; and the **Build Lincoln Higher Club (BLH)**.

I am excited to announce a new partnership between the Alumni Foundation and BLH. Thanks in large part to the leadership of BLH President **Chuck Shelabarger** and Treasurer **Lisa Mahoney**, BLH transferred the **BLH Bevington Scholarship** to the Alumni Foundation starting in 2017. This will allow BLH to focus on supporting student activities at Lincoln, while the Alumni Foundation focuses on scholarships and Alumni relations. BLH made a substantial donation to the Foundation in January to establish the BLH Bevington Scholarship as an endowed scholarship within the Foundation. In addition, BLH and the Foundation plan to partner on future fundraising events to raise money for student activities and scholarships. Our goal is to plan fun events that appeal to the entire Lincoln community - alumni, current students and

parents and other community members.

Without the generosity of people like Lisa, John, Zac, Mary and the Class of 1955 alumni, we could not fulfill our mission of making post-secondary success possible for Lincoln High School students through scholarships and educational support. Are you thinking about establishing a scholarship through the Foundation? If so, feel free to contact me, **Skip Timmons** or any other member of our Alumni board. *Your contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible.* See page 12 for more information.

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President's Inbox *(cont)*

Since our last newsletter went to print, we held a Silent Auction in the Round House during the Lincoln vs. Ottumwa basketball games. Despite weather related delays, the auction was a big success, raising over \$2,300 for the Foundation. Many thanks to alumni **Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson '75** and **John Thielke '80** for chairing that event. See page 9 for more details.

Our Annual Dinner Celebration is May 18, 2016 in the Lincoln Commons. The social hour starts at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner, our Hall of Fame induction ceremony and our scholarship awards. This event is a great opportunity to reconnect with alumni and meet current staff and students. Our 2016 Hall of Fame inductees include **Judge John P. Crouch '50**, **Linda Lewis Grandquist '60**, and **Jerry Crawford '67**. I am humbled and honored to say that I will be inducted into the Hall of Fame this year as well. See the last page of the newsletter for your registration form.

The ALHS Alumni Foundation is a volunteer organization, and we could use your help. Do you have event planning skills? Do you enjoy communicating on social media, like Facebook and Twitter? If so and you would like to volunteer your time to help us better communicate with fellow alumni, plan alumni events and raise awareness about our mission, contact us! Our board meets monthly on the third Monday of each month (except for January and July) in the Alumni Room at Lincoln. Come to a meeting to hear about volunteer opportunities and join a committee.

Go Rails! ■

Nicole

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Paul Williamson



Greetings ALHS Alumni,

We continue to build on the successes of our programs at Lincoln High School. Due to our new Rails Time program where we provide real-time interventions for our students in every class, we experienced an all-time low for class failures this past semester compared to the previous five years! This result should mean a higher graduation

rate, more upper level course offerings, and more success in college for our students.

Our AVID program (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is also experiencing a lot of success. This is our first year to have a senior class in AVID. Currently we have 252 total students in the program. As of the writing of this letter, 38 of the 40 senior students have been accepted to one or more four-year colleges, 100% of them will graduate, and they have been awarded over \$1 million in scholarships! This college prep program aimed at serving students "in the middle" is proving to be a success as they have also eliminated the achievement gap within the program.

In February I looked at the enrollment of our current student body. We are once again the largest high school in DMPS. We currently have 2,241 students which includes 620 in the 9th grade. We should remain the largest school in DMPS this coming school year as well. Although we continue to grow, we are forced to reduce our staff at Lincoln for this upcoming year by six. This reduction, as experienced by all the high schools in DMPS, is a result of the lack of funding from the state. As always, we will approach these cuts with the priority of improving student achievement in mind. This will be difficult for us to do, however, we will persevere!

There are a lot of activities happening at Lincoln on a daily basis. I encourage you to visit our website often as the calendar and other information is constantly being updated.

Take Care! ■

Paul Williamson

ALUMNI NOTES

Anna Williams '63



Shauna Agan-Bamaskas '07 recently graduated law school at American University Washington College of Law. She and her husband currently reside in Washington, DC where Shauna is an ERISA Attorney practicing labor law. Shauna is the daughter of **Earl Agan '76** and **Paula Steinbach Agan '78**. Shauna was one of our first ALHS students to receive the **Elizabeth C. Vencil Chandler Memorial Scholarship**, established

by the late **Everett Chandler** in 2007.

Jack Evans '43 has led an interesting life. A couple months after graduation, he joined the Army. Upon completion of Infantry Basic Training in Texas, he was sent to England two weeks before D-Day, and landed on Utah Beach a few days after D-Day. When the war ended, he was (in his words) "in Hitler's Bavarian Retreat at Berchtesgaden." He was wounded twice, and received two Purple Hearts, the Bronze Star, the Distinguished Service Cross (second only to the Medal of Honor) and the French Legion of Honor. He graduated from Iowa State University in 1950 with a degree in Chemistry. He worked three years in the Atomic Energy Commission Laboratory at Iowa State, met his wife, **Lois**, and they were married in 1953. In 1955 he joined 3M Company's corporate laboratories in St. Paul, Minnesota. In 1986 he retired as a Division Scientist. He and Lois reside in the Phoenix, Arizona, area where they enjoy their daughter's family – a granddaughter and two great granddaughters.

Craig Chapman '67 has a three-generation connection to Lincoln. His grandfather, **Earl Basil Chapman**, was a teamster, and hauled in materials to help build Lincoln. His father, **Earl Lawrence Chapman**, graduated from Lincoln in 1939. Craig's brother, **Ronald**, graduated in 1965. Craig and his wife, **Nancy**, now reside in West Jordan, Utah, and Ron lives in Des Moines.

Banker, gardener, swimmer, wife and mother and skilled jelly maker are a few talents used to describe **Jo Shiffer Leavengood '62** in a recent Bankers Trust publication. Jo

is a Relationship Banker and one of two Secure LifeStyles Club (SLC) representatives at the Bankers Trust Windsor Heights Branch. Jo and her husband, **John**, a woodworker at Sticks, a company known for furniture decorated with whimsical carvings, have four grown children and five grandchildren. Jo graduated from Drake with a teaching certificate, but she liked banking! However, she taught adult education classes in volleyball and swimming for 30 years in Des Moines. This was a natural since she was on the synchronized swimming team while at Lincoln. She was also a member of all-state choir.



If you were watching the Rose Bowl parade and game in January, featuring the Iowa Hawkeyes vs the Stanford Cardinals, you may have seen a few Lincoln Alumni participating in the activities—**Mackenzy Cooper '15**, daughter of **Job '86** and **Kris Bird Cooper '88**, as a member of the Iowa Dance Team, and **Patrick (PJ) Schiltz '13**, son of **Pat** and **Georgia Schiltz**, as a member of the Iowa Hawkeye Marching Band. Both got

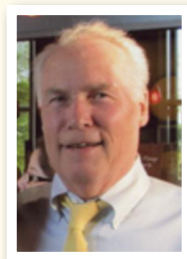
to participate in the Rose Bowl Parade, Rose Bowl game and other events in Pasadena. It's something they'll never forget, as many fans won't either since the Iowa Hawkeyes had not been to the Rose Bowl in 25 years. Also attending to root them and the Hawkeyes on were Mackenzy's parents, twin brothers, **Zach** and **Brady '11**, grandmother, **Helen Bird**, aunt, **Kyra Bird Eidbo '92**, **John Eidbo '85**, their son **Cole**, Zach's girlfriend, **Alexis Miller '11**, Brady's girlfriend, **Karli Schlader** of Charles City, Mackenzy's boyfriend, **Anthony Caligiuri '15**, and family friend, **Todd Roland '86**. Mackenzy received the **Coralie Cherry Memorial Scholarship** and Anthony received the **Elizabeth C. Vencil Chandler Memorial Scholarship** in 2015.

Graduating from Lincoln is not a prerequisite for establishing an ALHS Scholarship! We're happy to report that **John** and **Lisa Mahoney** have set up a new \$1,000 scholarship for Lincoln seniors beginning in 2016 – **Mahoney Family Scholarship** for students who

participated in Baseball or the Railettes. Even though John and Lisa did not graduate from Lincoln, their children: **Patrick '04**, **Molly '06**, **Blake '14** have, and **TJ '18** will!

The last Saturday of the month has special significance for Lincoln grads, especially from the **60s**, **70s**, and **80s**. However, everyone's welcome, and they're meeting up 4:00 PM at either the Ingersoll Tap at 2737 Ingersoll Avenue or Extra Innings Sports Bar & Patio at 1500 S.E. 1st Street. Give **Dave Rafdal '71** a call at (515) 771-9979 to check on the location each month.

SouthSide Cares is a non-profit organization formed in 2007 by a group of south side Des Moines residents (many Lincoln alumni) to help those families afflicted by cancer and other chronic medical issues. The organization has raised thousands of dollars to help those in need. For more information and to get involved, visit their Web Site at www.sscdsm.org.



In the last few months we have lost several Lincoln friends and alumni. **Bill Henderson**, Band Director at Lincoln, **John Tedore**, LHS Football coach 1959-60, and **Chuck Mettler '61**. Chuck served on the ALHS Alumni Board, and was active in planning ALHS anniversary celebrations. You may recall, too, that Chuck and his friend, **Phil Barber '68**, established the **South Des Moines Sculpture Park Scholarship** in 2015.



The 8th Annual South Des Moines Art Festival will take place Saturday, September 17, 2016, at the South Des Moines Sculpture Park, S. W. 8th and McKinley. The festival is free, and you'll enjoy great food and entertainment. Jewelry, art and crafts are available for purchase. Can you tell if this woman is real...or a statue? Visit www.alhsalumni.com to see more photos.

Kurt Allison '86 was recently back in Des Moines performing with **Jason Aldean** at the Wells Fargo Arena. Kurt spent his first ten years after graduation performing in his father's rhythm-and-blues band before moving to Nashville. In 1999 he started performing with Jason Aldean. Fifteen years later, Kurt is the long-standing guitarist in Aldean's worldwide touring band. **Matthew Leimkuehler** recently had a nice interview with Kurt (in the *Des Moines Register*). Kurt shared good memories of his days at Lincoln and still feels Des Moines is home. He is married and has a three-year-old daughter. *Photo: Jimmy Cannon/special to The Register.*



Don't forget to bookmark <http://www.smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1392969>. When you shop Amazon, the **AmazonSmile Foundation** will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to the ALHS Alumni Foundation. You're shopping anyway – what an easy way to help our Foundation endowment grow!

The **Class of January, 1950** held its **65th Class Reunion** on September 12, 2015. They honored the 23 deceased members of their class of 47 graduates. They had a dinner and breakfast the following morning. They had a good turnout – their president traveling from Massachusetts and three coming from Texas. They had a wonderful time remembering their days at Lincoln. ■

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: MICHAEL METCALF '91

BY JENI WELDON VANWYK '91



Since he was a part of the Des Moines-Kofu, Japan, exchange as a student at Watrous Elementary, travel has been a consistent theme for Michael Metcalf '91. He has traveled to more than 70 countries on five continents. From adventures in disputed Russian territories, to visiting World Heritage sites, to trekking with gorillas in Rwanda, Michael sees travel as an invigorating and humbling experience: "Traveling to places where people are less fortunate, where I leave my comfort and culture behind, helps me appreciate how lucky we are as Americans, and it develops empathy for others."

Michael attended Washington University in St. Louis, majoring in Economics and Anthropology. After college graduation, he spent two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Cameroon in Central Africa. Upon his return to the U.S., Michael moved to Washington, D.C., and spent a few years working in non-profits that battled corruption in emerging markets.

Before long, Michael found himself looking for a new perspective. He moved to New York and started the MBA program at NYU Stern School of Business. While interning at a wearable technology startup in New York City, Michael discovered a new passion and shifted his career from international development to the bubbling technology scene. Before graduating, he decided to study for a semester abroad at London School of Economics. His flight from New York departed on September 10, 2001.

After completing his MBA in 2002, Michael moved back to D.C. for a role at In-Q-Tel, the CIA's venture capital arm. It was a unique model in the post-9/11 world: investing in startup technology companies that could accelerate the government's access to cutting edge technology. An early success was Keyhole, a 3-D model of the earth that was later acquired and became Google Earth.

During this second stint in D.C., Michael met his wife, **Sarah**. In 2008, they moved to Chicago so she could pursue graduate studies. In 2009, they took a break from the frigid Chicago winter for their wedding in Tulum, Mexico. ALHS alumni **Matt Allen '91** and **Heather Wallendal Allen '92** were among the guests.

Shortly after getting married, they moved to San Francisco where Michael worked for the last six years in various positions in Silicon Valley, building mobile apps and working with such websites as Yahoo.com, Yahoo Sports, Yahoo Maps, and Salesforce.com.

Although Michael loves creating new digital products, he's proudest of his recent analog creations: daughter **Lorraine**, born in March, 2013, and son, **Robert** born in May, 2015. Michael admitted that "I did most of the work, but it was nice having Sarah there to help."

Recently, Michael accepted an offer to become Director of Product Management with BCG Digital Ventures in Berlin, Germany. Besides raising a young family in Germany, Michael will be working with European corporations to help launch technology startups. Michael says, "It's a great opportunity for my kids to be exposed to new cultures and learn new languages. Sarah and I look forward to seeing Europe through their eyes." ■

FOUNDATION NEWS

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INVITE THE ALUMNI FOUNDATION TO YOUR CLASS REUNION

Invite the ALHS Alumni Foundation to your next reunion! We can provide people to handle registration at your event, allowing members of your graduating class to join in the festivities instead of working at the registration table. We can also offer some opportunities for your classmates to show their school pride by purchasing a commemorative brick, driveway emblem, or a window cling.

If you are interested in knowing more about how we can assist you at your reunion, email **Anna Williams** at williamsanna@netzero.net. ■

ATTENTION STATE OF IOWA EMPLOYEES!

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

The One Gift campaign takes place during October, however, employees may pledge at any time for the balance of the current year. The ALHS Alumni Foundation/Dollars for Scholars is proud to have been a part of this charitable program since

2009! If you are a State of Iowa employee, please pledge to the Des Moines Lincoln Dollars for Scholars Chapter. Imagine the additional scholarship possibilities this One Gift Program can bring to our ALHS students!

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

(As of December 31, 2015)

ALHS Alumni Operating Accounts

Checking and investment accounts

\$34,760

Your annual dues go to help with operating expenses.

ALHS Alumni Foundation

Checking and investment accounts

\$628,822*

** 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. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Senior Celebration After Prom Party**
April 23, 2016, Public Walk-through 7-9 PM
- **Spring Play, “A Streetcar Named Desire” by Tennessee Williams (at the ALHS Auditorium)**
April 28-30, 2016 at 7 PM
- **Band & Orchestra Concert (at the Bowen Round House)**
May 2, 2016 at 7 PM
- **Vocal Music Concert (at the ALHS Auditorium)**
May 3, 2016 at 7 PM
- **Jazz Concert (at the ALHS Student Commons)**
May 10, 2016 at 7 PM
- **Show Choir Performance (at the ALHS Auditorium)**
May 12, 2016 at 7 PM
- **41st Annual ALHS Alumni Celebration featuring Hall of Fame Induction & Scholarship Awards Ceremonies (at the ALHS Student Commons)**
May 18, 2016
- **Class Night (at the Bowen Round House)**
May 27, 2016 at 6 PM
- **Commencement (at the Drake Knapp Center)**
May 28, 2016 at 12 Noon
- **24th Annual Bob VanderLinden Golf Outing**
June 3, 2016. Contact Phil Chia at (515) 242-7525 for details.

BUILD LINCOLN HIGHER BOOSTER CLUB, INC.

PRESIDENT: CHUCK SHELABARGER

Build Lincoln Higher Booster Club has had another busy year raising money to promote the school, its students and all school sponsored activities. With the support of our parents and students, we operate the concession stands at Hutchens Stadium and Bowen Round House as well as our annual Chicken Bowl which was held August 21st, Pancake Fest and we offer spirit merchandise through the Rail Shop which went online this year. Through your purchases and membership dues, BLH will be able to give back to the Lincoln community through grants and scholarships this fiscal year. Our Membership Committee enhanced our membership levels to include punch cards to the concession stand and/or RailShop from \$10 to \$20 in savings. You can email boosterclubblhs@aol.com for more information. Thank you to Lincoln alumni, fans, parents, students, and supporters for making our Annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser January 30th such a success! Lincoln's Performing Arts Groups showcased what a fabulous group of gifted and talented students we have on the south side. See more photos at www.alhsalumni.com.

This year we opened social media sites on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as a way of enhancing our communications outward and to be a mechanism for receiving feedback from the Rails Community.



A special thanks to Hy-Vee and Anderson Erickson Dairy for their generous donations and discounts for our annual Pancake Breakfast. We also want to thank BLH Members and all our volunteers who graciously give their time and hard work. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful group of corporate sponsors, volunteers and supporters. Without you ALL, these events would not be possible. It's your dedication to our Lincoln community that makes BLH successful!

GO RAILS! ■

Chuck

FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTORS

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

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In Memory of: **Mary Moon Backstrom '38**

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In Memory of: **Chuck Mettler '61**

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Phil Barber for the **South Des Moines Sculpture Park Scholarship**
John P. Crouch
Harry & Margaret Flaugh

John & Lisa Mahoney for the **Mahoney Family Scholarship**
Elton Wolfe for the **Wolfe Family Scholarship**

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

Leo Bridal Estate (Mary Vaught) for the **Leo Bridal Memorial Scholarship**

ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION HOLDS SECOND ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

BY LISA WHITMARSH PETERSON '75

"Expect the unexpected!" became our catch phrase for the 2015 Silent Auction. The first winter storm of the season required us to reschedule from the November Lincoln Winter Sports Kickoff event to the December 11 basketball game between Lincoln and Ottumwa. Yet, folks still turned out to support the Auction!

What a plethora of gifts and baskets—amazing beauty & spa items, tools, home and auto care, home decorations, fanciful children's and popular toy and craft gifts, ALHS Staff Doodles, specialty shop gift cards/certificates, professional team ticket/memorabilia items, dinner/entertainment certificates and even a bed and breakfast treat from a local hotel! Special thanks to **Katherine Scott '77** for her continual oversight work in donation solicitation, design and publicity needs. Our auction raised **\$2,340.68** to support our Annual Celebration in May. We could not have achieved this without the generous donors, event sponsors, the hard working Auction Task Force and Lincoln Staff assisting us.

Please remember the following Auction sponsors and donors for future patronage. *Tell them Lincoln Alumni sent you!*

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Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson and John Thielke,
ALHS Alumni Foundation Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs ■

ALHS Alumni
Foundation

**Dollars for
SCHOLARS®**

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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. **In 2015, the Foundation awarded \$75,500 in scholarships to 2015 ALHS graduates.**

The following scholarships are available through the ALHS Alumni Foundation Dollars for Scholars Chapter in 2016:

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 2.50 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 2016.

ALHS Class of 1955 Scholarship

Established by the ALHS Class of 1955, two \$500 scholarships will be awarded in 2016. The **GPA, financial need and community service** of the applicants will be considered.

Bill Backstrom Memorial Scholarship

Established by Nicholas Mancuso ('48) in memory of Alumni Foundation co-founder Bill Backstrom ('48), 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.

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.

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.

The Dave Mills Scholarship

Dave Mills ('50), 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.

The Dave Ostrem Family Scholarship

Established by Dave Ostrem ('49), up to five (5) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students who plan to declare a major course of study in **math or science**. The **GPA, financial need and community service** of the applicants will also be considered. Preference will be given to students who plan to attend college in Iowa.

Des Moines East & South Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Established by the Des Moines East and South Chamber of Commerce, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2014 to a student who has worked or volunteered on the south side of Des Moines. The **GPA and financial need** of the student will also be considered.

Dr. John W. Green, Jr. Family Scholarship

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

Dr. Patricia K. Tice Scholarship

Established in honor of Dr. Tice, long time ALHS award-winning Senior Guidance Counselor & Scholarship Chair who retired in 2013, one \$2,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to an ALHS senior who has a **strong academic record, high morals, demonstrates financial need**, and has been accepted to attend Iowa State University in the fall. Under Dr. Tice's leadership, the ALHS College Bound Rails Wall was created.

Dr. Tice's advocacy and tireless efforts for students resulted in ALHS students earning more than \$30M in scholarships, including a DMPS record of \$8.2M for the Class of 2010. Dr. Tice encouraged and motivated Lincoln students to be the best they can be, no matter what their field of endeavor might be.

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.

The Gloria Gray Scholarship

Established by ALHS Alumni Foundation Past President Gloria Gray ('66), two scholarships up to \$1,000 each will be awarded beginning in 2015, to students who plan to attend a **DMACC Workforce Training Academic Vocational Training Program**. The career areas include: Business/Information Technology, Health Care, and Manufacturing/Industrial Technology. 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.

Hugh Kent Memorial Science Scholarship

Established 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.

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 \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student who attends Macalaster 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 Scholarship

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

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.

Mahoney Family Scholarship

Established by John and Lisa Mahoney, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2016 to an ALHS senior who participated in **Baseball or Raquettes**. The GPA of the applicants will also be considered.

The Meline Family Swimming Scholarship

Established by Matt Meline ('86), one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2015 to a qualified participant of the **boys or girls Lincoln High swim team** that has demonstrated **leadership, team support and consistent participation** on the team. A letter of recommendation from the swim team coach is required. The **financial need, academic performance and extracurricular activities** of the applicants will also be considered. The intention to swim during one's post-secondary education is not required.

Neff Family Scholarship

Established by alumni Rose Mary Schwent ('42), 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.

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.

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.

Dollars for Scholars *(cont)***Ruth Johnson Nichols Memorial Scholarship**

Established in 2009 by Ruth Johnson Nichols ('42), one \$1,500 scholarship has been awarded annually to benefit a student who demonstrates great **financial need**. Beginning in 2015, Ruth's family is continuing this scholarship in her memory.

Sarg Fontanini Memorial Scholarship

Established by the Fontanini family to honor the memory of Sarg Fontanini ('33), one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who demonstrates **exceptional character, solid academic performance** and **financial need**.

A minimum **GPA** of 2.5 is required.

South Des Moines Sculpture Park Scholarship

Established by Phil Barber ('68) and Chuck Mettler ('61), one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2015 to a student seeking advanced education in the field of art. Applicants must submit a letter outlining why the student is pursuing a career in art and two examples of his/her artwork (drawing, painting or sculpture) to the Lincoln High School art department. The South Des Moines Sculpture Park Board of Directors will judge the submissions.

Stephen Brodie & Gail "Bud" McAninch, II Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of Stephen "Steve" Brodie ('65) and Gail "Bud" McAninch, II ('70), 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**.

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.

Theda Miller Russell Memorial Scholarship

Established by Ray Russell (Jan '50), in memory of his wife Theda Miller Russell (June '51), up to five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2016 to students who demonstrated exceptional talent in art or music at Lincoln, and who intend to declare a major course of study in **art** or **music** in college. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required.

William "Bill" McKibben Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2011 in memory of Bill McKibben ('53) 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.

Zac Bales-Henry Scholarship

Established by Zac Bales-Henry ('05), one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually starting in 2016 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.

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.

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ATHLETIC & WRESTLING HALLS OF FAME

On January 23, 2016 seven new members were inducted into the ALHS Athletic Hall of Fame during halftime of the boys basketball game at Lincoln. With the new members, Lincoln now has 71 in the Athletic Hall of Fame.

The 2016 inductees are:

Pat Mahoney '04: Pat played football, basketball and baseball for four years in each. In football he earned honors of team captain, two letters and 1st Team All-Conference Defensive player. In basketball he was a team captain, earned three letters and Honorable Mention All-Conference. In baseball he was team captain of the 2004 State Runner up team, earned four letters, four years 1st Team All-Conference, and four years All-District team. His senior year he was named to 1st Team All State and the Iowa Senior All Star Team. Upon graduation from University of Connecticut he signed with the Chicago Cubs.

Sara Brookhart '97: Sara played basketball and softball while at Lincoln. In softball she was a three-time 1st Team All-Conference selection and a two-time 1st Team All-State honoree. In basketball she was a 1st Team All-Conference selection.

Frank Smith '77: Frank played basketball for four years at Lincoln. His basketball honors include, Lincoln team Most Valuable Player, 1st Team All-Metro, 1st Team State Tournament Team, 1st Team All-State, and Mr. Basketball Iowa 1977.

John Thorup '75: John played football and basketball for the Railsplitters from 1972 to 1975. He started his sophomore and junior years in football and started all three years for the basketball team. During his sophomore basketball season he was the only sophomore starter in the Metro.

Wayne Franklin '71: Wayne specialized in the 120 yard high hurdles and the 180 yard low hurdles. He was City and District Champion his junior and senior years. His performance aided Lincoln to dominate both City and District Champion in 1970 and 1971. His Drake Relays record in the 120 yard High Hurdles is the fastest time in Iowa track history.

Dennis Dearden '70: Dennis was a two-year letterman in both baseball and basketball, and he was captain of each team his senior year. In basketball he was a 1st Team All-Metro selection and an Honorable Mention All-State.

Dirk Hanson '69: Dirk was an elite athlete on the boys swim team. He was a three-time state champion and was a High School All-American in the 100 yard Breaststroke. Dirk attended Iowa State University on a full scholarship.

SECOND ANNUAL LINCOLN WRESTLING ALUMNI HALL OF FAME DINNER

On November 7, 2015, **Travis Snaver '02** was inducted into the Lincoln Wrestling Alumni Hall of Fame. Travis is one of the most decorated wrestlers at Lincoln. He is the only four-time Ironman Award Winner in Lincoln's history.

The Wrestling Alumni Hall of Fame was started in 2014, and now has seven members. The dinner helps with fundraising for the **Rails Wrestling Club**. This club was created to support wrestling for kindergarten through high school. Their Board votes on how fundraising money will be spent. Some of the efforts they've helped include: Shoes, knee pads and headgear for K-12 wrestlers, practice gear for the high school team, workout and weightlifting gear (medicine balls, kettle bells, jump ropes, etc.), and scholarships for wrestlers to attend summer camps. ■

24TH ANNUAL LINCOLN HIGH BOB VANDERLINDEN MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

ALL PROCEEDS HELP SUPPORT LINCOLN ACTIVITIES

DATE: Friday, June 3, 2016

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

FORMAT: 4-Person best shot.

COST: \$85.00 (per person) – includes green fees, cart, lunch, complimentary gift pack, dinner, and a chance at numerous prizes.

PLACE: A. H. Blank Golf Course

Please complete the registration form and mail it and your check by May 27th to: Phil Chia, A.D., Lincoln High School, 2600 SW 9th St., Des Moines, IA 50315

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please check:

I will be a single – please add me to a foursome (\$85.00 enclosed)
 I am registering my foursome (\$340.00 enclosed). List the other three golfers:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

All participants are asked to pay in advance.



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

1936	Bridget Lopez Rocha Roland Stebbins	1958	Sally Burmeister Ten Hagen
1938	Arthur Nizzi	1959	Robert Wise III Donna "Ruth" Prewitt Boggs
1939	Margaret Hartman Balducki Boyd Garlick	1960	Clarence Kissell Hazel Knolke
1940	George Lamotta	1961	Chuck Mettler
1943	Lois Pearson Webb	1962	Diana Reyes
1944	William Knight Jr. William Benskin	1963	Don Speck
1945	James Mintle Lewis Moore	1964	George Kellen Anthony Renzo
1946	Jayne Pigneri Lipovac Earl Magnuson Raymond Stanley	1965	William J. Hall Marlene Fresco
1947	Rosa Filipelli Comito Mathew Carmosino Donald Philipsen	1966	John Marinaro Patty Sherman Putnam
1948	Richard Merkel Marilyn LaPorte Zarley	1967	Sandra Sirfus Davis Linda Conn Brewer
1950	John "Jack" Carr Mary Lou Comito Hermann Mary Moore Backstrom Delores Burk Anderson Howard "Dick" Lankford	1969	Larry Byers
1951	James Severino	1970	Debra Daniels Harding Eugene Lucia, Jr.
1952	Charles Formaro	1971	Cynthia Hull
1954	Marianne Silcott Ahlberg Anderson Donna Seiberling McCulloch Carolyn King Gilman	1972	Julianne Renzo Naylor Kirk Blunck
1955	Shirley Bird Mason Myrna Newbury Agan Theodore Robertson Frances Cuevas Becker	1973	Larry Williams
1957	Edward Rice Geneva Mason Armel	1974	Randy Sonnenburg Andrea Fairley Addington Dennis Wheeler
		1979	Jay Ruggles
		1981	Christopher Fraser
		1984	Paula Studer-Estermann
		1997	Heather "Hat" Heilman Howard
			Attended: Wayne Robbins
			Coach: John Tedore
			Band Director: Bill Henderson

ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION ANNUAL CELEBRATION

DATE: May 18, 2016

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, May 18, 2016. The following will be awarded during the program:

2016 ALHS Alumni Hall of Fame Members
2016 ALHS Alumni Foundation Scholarships

Entertainment will showcase student performers from Lincoln's 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 **May 1st**, to:

Becky Dewey
608 Leach Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50315

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

ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION CELEBRATION RESERVATION

Please print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

_____ Tickets @ \$15.00 each = \$ _____

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REUNION NEWS

- **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 June 1946** will hold its annual class luncheon at noon, June 10, 2016, at the Okoboji Grill on SE 14th Street. For information contact **Denise St. John** at (515) 246-0711.
- **Class of January 1951** will hold its annual brunch at 10:00 AM, Saturday, June 18, 2016, at the Hy-Vee Market Grille on Fleur Drive. For information contact **Ann & Jack Mayer** at (515) 961-6363 or granmayer@msn.com.
- **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.
- **Classes of January, June and August 1959:** yearly lunch at Baratta's, 11:30 AM every second Friday of June, spouses and guests welcome. Call one week before to make reservation with **Dixie Porter Ryan** (515) 289-1726, **Dee Kenworthy Holland** (515) 285-3560 or **Elsie Bassett Weaver** (515) 961-7324. Breakfast at Prairie Meadows every first Tuesday of the month at 8:15 AM, no reservations needed. Girls Only every third Wednesday of the month, 11:30 AM at Baratta's. For more information, contact Dee Holland (515) 285-3560.
- **Class of June 1961 Lunch Bunch** will meet at 11:30 AM, Saturday, April 30, and Saturday, October 15, at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse, 6800 Fleur Drive. The **55th Class Reunion** activities will be Friday evening, July 29, at The Filling Station on Grand Avenue, West Des Moines, and Saturday evening, July 30, at Bravo's at Jordan Creek. For information, contact **Dixie Jeffries** at djeff1943@gmail.com or (515) 243-5700.
- **Classes of January and June 1963** will hold their annual gathering on June 24-25, 2016. Plans include informal gathering Friday night at All in the Family, and friends and alumni from other classes are welcome! Saturday includes breakfast at Old Country Buffet on SE 14th Street, golf and a Potluck dinner at MacRae Park. Send williamsanna@netzero.net your e-mail address to help keep informed.
- **Class of 1966** will hold its **50th Class Reunion** August 20, 2016, at Blank Park Golf Course Clubhouse in Des Moines. For more information, contact **Ginger Leo** at (515) 251-3743 or **Gloria Gray** at (515) 243-4037.
- **Class of 1976** will hold its **40th Class Reunion** June 4, 2016. For information, contact **Sheryl Caudill Fuson** at westerndays591@hotmail.com.
- **Class of 1981** will hold its **35th Reunion** August 13, 2016, at Blank Golf Course Clubhouse. For information, contact **Suzanne Guess** at sguess210@gmail.com.
- **Class of 1991:** For information on **25th Class Reunion**, see Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/110907732269863>
- The **Class of 1996** will hold its **20th Class Reunion** on June 24-25, 2016. For information, see the Facebook page "Lincoln High Class of '96 Reunion" or contact **Billy Kirby** at kirbsmckirbs@gmail.com.
- **Class of 2006:** Tentative plans for a **10th Class Reunion** August 12-13, 2016.
*Report Reunion news to **Becky Dewey** at (515) 280-5386 or dewrbth@outlook.com*

Visit the Alumni Web site at
www.alhsalumni.com for the latest
information on Alumni activities.