



RAILSPLITTER

review

FALL 2019

PRESIDENT'S INBOX: JENI WELDON VAN WYK '91



Greetings!

As I write my first official message as President of the Alumni Foundation, it happens to be the first official day of Fall and Lincoln seniors are in the thick of Homecoming activities! It is Spirit Week so depending on the day, you will find students wearing their favorite teams' jerseys, going back in time with their wardrobes for Decade Day, or doing Abe proud by sporting maroon and gold.

On Friday, they will pack Hutchens Stadium for the Homecoming game. And Saturday, these teens will dress up, dine out, and dance the night away at the Homecoming Dance in the Roundhouse. Sound familiar?!!



While the homecoming activities may be familiar to you, I likely am not! As a second-generation Lincoln grad (as well as the mother of two future Railsplitters!), I have appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Foundation board for the past four years. Thanks to

the generosity of many individual graduates, their families, and most recently the classes of 1963 and 1964, the number of scholarships awarded each year continues to grow. While it's exciting to watch these numbers tick upward—87 scholarships totaling \$112,500 were awarded in May—it

is even more humbling to hear the stories and learn the impact that these scholarships have on recipients and their ability to pursue post-secondary education. It is my pleasure and privilege to now serve as President of an organization making a difference in so many lives each year.

A special thank you goes out to Anna Williams for her leadership the past two years she served as President of the Alumni Foundation. During her tenure, the endowment grew by nearly \$200,000 and we took several important

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www.alhsalumni.com

FOUNDATION NEWS

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ATTENTION STATE OF IOWA EMPLOYEES!

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

The One Gift campaign takes place during September; however, employees may pledge at any time for the balance of the current year. The ALHS Alumni Foundation/Dollars for Scholars is proud to have been a part of this charitable program since 2009! If you are a State of Iowa employee, please pledge to the Des Moines Lincoln Dollars for Scholars Chapter. Imagine the additional scholarship possibilities this One Gift Program can bring to our ALHS students!

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

(As of July 31, 2019)

ALHS Alumni Operating Accounts

Checking and Investment accounts

\$22,274

Your annual dues go to help with operating expenses.

ALHS Alumni Foundation

Checking and Investment accounts

\$1,352,512 *

* 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.

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FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTORS

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

Jeanne Bird	Patrick Duff	Douglas McPhee	Gary Wegenle
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Rail Club Contributions (Gifts of \$500 - \$999)

Class of 1963 for the **ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship**
 Class of 1979 for the **Class of 1979 Scholarship**

Abe Club Contributions (Gifts of \$1,000 - \$4,999)

Anonymous for the **Studebaker Elementary School Scholarship**
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 William Hippe for the **Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship**
 Todd & Janet Kincheloe for the **Carole Jones Memorial Nursing Scholarship**
 Thomas Geil for the **Rolland Geil & Ruth Johnson Nichols Memorial Scholarship**
 Classes of 1959 for the **ALHS Classes of 1959 60th Reunion Scholarship**

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

Dick Geil for the **Rolland Geil & Ruth Johnson Nichols Memorial Scholarship**



ALHS Alumni Foundation
Dollars for Scholars



Thanks to the generosity of many ALHS alumni and friends, the ALHS Alumni Foundation awards scholarships to deserving Lincoln seniors each year. We are pleased to announce two new scholarships:

ALHS Classes of 1959 60th Reunion Scholarship

Established by the Classes of 1959, at their 60th Class Reunion, one \$1,170 scholarship will be awarded in 2020 to a graduating senior. The scholarship will be awarded based on GPA, financial need and community service of the applicants.

Class of 1979 Scholarship

Established by the Class of 1979, at its 40th Class Reunion, one \$500 scholarship will be awarded in 2020. The scholarship will be awarded based on GPA, financial need and community service of the applicants.

The following 2019 graduates of Lincoln High School received our Alumni Foundation Scholarships in May, 2019:

ALHS Alumni Association Scholarship

Eddy Andrade-Robles, Iowa State University
Yesenia Calderon, DMAACC Center for Career & Professional Development

He Eh, Grand View University
Sara Hassan, University of Northern Iowa
Analay Hernandez, Des Moines Area Community College
Jerlika Hollings-O'Neal, University of Northern Iowa
Salma Khamdyrah, University of Iowa
Hillary Lopez, Des Moines Area Community College
Consuelo Manzano, Des Moines Area Community College
Hung Nguyen, Des Moines Area Community College

Hugo Ramirez, Iowa State University
David Reimter, Iowa State University
Yahsiyah Scott, Iowa State University
Madison Seary, Mercy School of Nursing
Corey Thacker, University of Iowa
Daurie Thompson, Iowa State University

ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship

Jenna Dace, Iowa State University

BLH Bevington Scholarship

Alana Astor, American Musical and Dramatic Academy
Erika Canada, Grand View University
Janna Cook, Arizona State University; Downtown
Clayton Davis, Iowa State University
Johnathan Doolley, University of Iowa

Andrew Hlana, Iowa State University
Victoria Grubb, Des Moines Area Community College
Blessing Hutchinson, Drake University
Ryan Hyslope, Drake University
Kailee Keorgan, University of Iowa
Benjamin Knosel, Buena Vista University
Coby Konkol, Iowa State University
Nathaniel McGraine, University of Northern Iowa
Roderick Orelana-Lemus, University of Missouri, Kansas City
Daniel Pfeifer, Iowa State University
Victoria Pfler, Iowa State University

Abigail Ross, Iowa State University
Jared Roush, Iowa State University
Sydnie Sanford, Columbia College, Chicago
Logan Sharp, Cornell College
Alex Song, Grand View University
Kristina Toben, Iowa State University

Makayla Van Erdewyk, Des Moines Area Community College
Taylor Whipple, Des Moines Area Community College
Eleanor Worth, Des Moines Area Community College
Natalie Worthington, Des Moines Area Community College

Carole Jones Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Brittney Miller, Mercy College of Health Sciences

Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship

Anjana Biswa, University of Iowa

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

Nixon Benitez, University of Northern Iowa
Sara Hassan, University of Northern Iowa
Steve Lo, University of Iowa
Abigail Ross, Iowa State University

Coralie Cherry Memorial Scholarship

Sydney Sanford, Columbia College, Chicago

Dan Smoot Memorial Scholarship

Makayla Van Erdewyk, Des Moines Area Community College

The Dave Mills Scholarship

Susmita Wagley, Simpson College

The Dave Ostrem Family Scholarship

Miles Curtis, Iowa State University
Edward Koungvongthien, Drake University
Asia Larsen, University of Iowa
Daniel Pfeifer, Iowa State University
Jared Roush, Iowa State University

Dr. John W. Green, Jr. Family Scholarship

Erika Canada, Grand View University

Hannah Reeves, Des Moines Area Community College

Dr. Patricia K. Tice Scholarship

Coby Konkol, Iowa State University

Elizabeth C Vencel Chandler Memorial Scholarship

Jhana Adhikari, University of Iowa
Alana Astor, American Musical and Dramatic Academy
Janna Cook, Arizona State University; Downtown
Abby Wriedmann, University of Iowa

The Erickson Family Foundation Scholarship

Luis Avila, Iowa State University

Fuse DSM, Your Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Abby Munzell, Des Moines Area Community College

George "Skip" Timmons Memorial Scholarship

Nancy Coronel, University of Iowa
Kailee Keorgan, University of Iowa

The Gloria Gray Scholarship

Victoria Grubb, Des Moines Area Community College
Eleanor Worth, Des Moines Area Community College

Howard Wayne Foust Memorial Scholarship

Kaylee Weaver, University of Iowa

Hugh Kent Memorial Science Scholarship

Fatu Sheriff, University of Northern Iowa

Jim & Ralph Wilson Memorial Scholarship

Roderick Orelana-Lemus, University of Missouri, Kansas City

Leo Bridal Memorial Scholarship

Jada Franklin, Iowa State University

The Meline Family Swimming Scholarship

Erica Benson, Creighton University

The Myrna Newbury Agan Memorial Scholarship

Jenna Dace, Iowa State University

Neff Family Scholarship

Lanchi Nguyen, University of Iowa

Nicholas J. Mancuso Scholarship

Kimberly Guerrero, Des Moines Area Community College

Ray "Monk" and Erma Wilson Family Scholarship

Madelinn Todhunter, Iowa State University

Raymond and Shirley Phillips Memorial Scholarship

Ryan Hyslope, Drake University

Richard Hurd Scholarship

Johnathan Doolley, University of Iowa

Roland Geil & Ruth Johnson Nicholols Memorial Scholarship

Ivonne Almaraz-Mejorado, Iowa State University

Sarg Fontanini Memorial Scholarship

Kiara Banks, Iowa State University

Studebaker Elementary School Scholarship

Ann Khandrathengray, Simpson College

William "Bill" McKibben Memorial Scholarship

Alex Song, Grand View University

Wolfe Family Scholarship

Marina Cruz-Espino, Northwest Missouri State University

Zac Bales-Henry Scholarship

Nixon Benitez, University of Northern Iowa

President's Inbox (cont)

steps to enhance our methods of communicating with alumni, including partnering with BLH on a membership database and establishing a presence on social media sites like Facebook and Twitter. I look forward to continuing to work with Anna and all of the great community leaders on our Board of Directors, which since our last mailing, also includes **Linda Mincks Hendricks '65** and **Kerry Burrows '91**!

Three members were inducted into our ALHS Alumni Hall of Fame this spring: **Dennis Deardon '70**, **David Hollingsworth '71** and **Sue Amend Woody '81**. Their impressive biographies are on the alumni home page, alhsalumni.com.

In closing, I'll ask that you take some time to read over through the newsletter and see what adventures—big and small—your fellow

alumni have been up to. Check out the many activities the Foundation has been involved with since we last connected in the Spring. For the locals, mark the Winter Sports Kick-off on your calendar where the Alumni Foundation will be sponsoring a silent auction and sale (see page 12) and Anna Williams will be competing in the chili cook-off. And finally, consider how you might like to get involved—locally or from a distance! We welcome your ideas and participation!

Thank you in advance for your support in the coming year—and as always, GO RAILS! ■

Jeni

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK
Paul Williamson



Greetings Railsplitter Alumni,

The 2019-2020 school year is officially underway. We prepared for a number of changes this year with the exception of more students than we anticipated. This fall, our enrollment was 2,544 students! This is about 100 more students above what we projected. This year we made

the decision to consolidate our two campuses and bring 9th graders back to the main campus. This has truly been a seamless transition inside the building! Now, the traffic flow outside the building has been challenging, yet it gets better every day. Lincoln High School (as well as all DMPS High Schools) changed our bell schedule this year. We now have seven periods a day with Wednesday & Thursday only meeting half of those classes each day in a block format.

This year Lincoln's Free/ Reduced population has grown enough where we are now a CPE school. This designation now

provides free breakfast and lunch for every student who attends. Food insecurity during school hours has now been eliminated for every student

As I write this message, we are approaching homecoming week, and I hope to see you at the game on Friday, September 27, at 7PM. I am excited for the future of Lincoln High School. Now entering my ninth year (I) as the principal, I believe we are set up to have our best year yet. Spirits are high, student behavior as a whole is good, and staff morale is higher than before. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page (@LHStal) and school website (lincoln.dmschools.org) for more details if interested. ■

Honored to Serve,
Paul Williamson

Principal
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ALUMNI NOTES



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

Jenny Roe '89 is one of 21 (out of 30,000 employees) who was recently the recipient of Natonowide's Annual CEO Award. Associates are recognized for their level of accomplishment being truly unique and exemplary, going far above expectations in support of Natonowide's customer-focused strategy. Jenny was recognized under the "Self Natonowide" category—awarded to associates who have helped to grow Natonowide. The Office of the Chief Executive Officer evaluates all nominations and selects winners based on contribution and impact. When a cyber risk threatened Natonowide's ability to win the City of Denver's retirement plans business, Jenny and the Infrastructure & Operations Middleware team ensured the risk was closed to keep Natonowide in the running. Tests by a third-party tool found some performance challenges with their retirement funds website. Jenny worked with a team of associates over the weekend to address the issue and test multiple configurations to ensure the site passed the performance tests. This resulted in Natonowide winning the City of Denver's retirement fund valued at more than \$700 million in assets. Congratulations, Jenny!

On July 19th former Lincoln Swim Coach, **Tom Cady**, turned 90. Tom gave his first swimming lesson at age 16. He knows what it takes to be a competitor—swimming for both North High School and the University of Iowa, before returning to Des Moines to become a Hall of Fame swim coach at Lincoln. For the past 50 years he's taught kids in his backyard pool in the Beaverdale neighborhood. This will be his last season giving lessons. He recalls with much satisfaction that 30 former swimmers he's taught have become swimming coaches.



On a recent trip west, **Dixie Jeffries '61** spent the day with her classmate, **Bob Byg**, who lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dixie and Bob have been friends since the 4th grade at Park

Avenue Elementary School. You know what they always say – old friends are the best friends!

Dr. Patricia Tice, retired Lincoln senior guidance counselor, and owner of Etiquette Iowa, was inducted into The American Association of Etiquette Professionals (AAEP) as an official member in good standing at their annual conference in April, 2019. Membership is by invitation only. AAEP's Mission, in part reads, "To encourage civility by providing continuing education to etiquette and collision professionals." Dr. Tice, author of *Agri Manners: Essential Etiquette for Professionals Success* (now in its second printing) has been teaching etiquette for more than 20 years. She was recognized in 2018 by **Governor Kim Reynolds** with an official state proclamation of "Civility and Good Manners Week" August 10, 2018. Through her "Build a Linger Table" seminars, Dr. Tice trains people in the soft and social skills of civility, the anatomy of manners and how to live a successful life and career through behaving well on a daily basis. We also appreciate the **Dr. Patricia K. Tice Scholarship** established in 2013 for ALHS seniors!

Carmen and Dennis Miller '58 celebrated their wedding anniversary on April 23rd. We received a note from Dennis this summer, "We made it 59 years, and still having a good time!" Congrats, Dennis and Carmen!

Lisa Brocci Banse '01 will be playing softball for the Italian national team at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo! You may recall Lisa led Lincoln to two state titles in 1999 and 2001. The 1999 title was the first state championship won by the Lincoln girls in any sport. She then played for the Iowa Hawkeyes leading Iowa to the Big Ten regular season and conference tournament championships in 2003. She has also served as pitching coach for Penn State University for three seasons and now teaches lessons at Frozen Ropes, a baseball and softball academy in Hershey, Pennsylvania. We must not forget Lisa's younger sisters, **Kristin Brocci Davison '04**, also a Lincoln star softball player! Kristin went on to pitch and play outfield for Drake University.

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Photo courtesy of Amy Davis, Baltimore Sun

work with students at Waverly and Calverton Elementary/Middle School, where he taught previously. He also works with Urban Teachers to educate his peers about how racial justice issues affect the classroom and teaching workforce. Congratulations, Kyari!

On September 8th, Lincoln Alumni participated in the 6th Annual S.W. 9th Open Street Celebration.

The Street Party is designed to promote local businesses in the community. S. W. 9th was closed between Park Avenue and Watrous and vendors set up shop for the afternoon. Several thousand people packed into the area for food, music and fun. More photos are on our alhsalumni.com web site.



Thanks to owners **Nick Tillinghast '07**, **Kyle McClain** and **Ryan Hutchinson**, Des Moines' East Village got a new place to go last spring where you can feel like you're enjoying an instant vacation cocktail! **Bellhop** opened in May and specializes in updated tiki cocktails made with fresh juices and homemade syrups inspired by the cocktail culture of a bygone era. You may recall we reported on **Helio Marjorie** (same owners) opening in the old *Des Moines Register* and Tribune building two years ago. Helio Marjorie was named after Nick's grandmother. The bellhop has always been the king of first impressions -- hence the name Bellhop for their new establishment. Best wishes for another success!

In April, **Kyari Butts '07** was

named the Baltimore City Teacher of the Year. Kyari is an English teacher at Waverly Elementary/Middle School who is known for his passion for language arts achievement and equity in the classroom. The district recognized Kyari for his



We recently had the pleasure of meeting and visiting with **Margaret Highland Lockwood '38**, who turned 99 on August 10th. She is the youngest of eight children in her family. Margaret's sister, **Mary Yagge '31**, was active in the music department at Lincoln, playing the piano. Margaret worked as a finance secretary at Fort Des Moines and later at Fort Snelling when her husband was in the military service. He passed away in 1974 and she moved back to Des Moines. Her good friend, **Marge Miller White '39**, talked her into getting involved in the ALHS Alumni Association. Margaret is very proud of the fact that she was serving on the Board—along with **Melio Tonini '32**, **Marge White**, **Bill Backstrom '48**, **Skip Timmons '53**, in particular—when the ALHS Alumni Foundation scholarships came about. She said Melio insisted our Alumni Association was every bit as good as East High's, and we should be awarding scholarships, too. And the rest is history!

Christopher McDonald '92 became the first person of color to serve on the Iowa Supreme Court when Governor Kim Reynolds swore him in on April 5, 2019. Christopher was born to a Vietnamese mother in Thailand during the Vietnam War, has served on the Iowa Court of Appeals since 2013 and, before that, worked as a district court judge and in private practice. *Congratulations, Judge McDonald!*

We're sorry to report the death of former ALHS Alumni Foundation Board and Hall of Fame member, **Theresa Montgrose Funaro '39**. Theresa worked as a Secretary in the Des Moines Public Schools for 35 years, retiring in 1986. She then worked in the school district as a substitute teacher. Many will remember Theresa volunteering in the Spirit Shop at Lincoln. I remember Mrs. Funaro as the Principal's Secretary at Park Avenue. How special to become Theresa's friend in my adult life.



What a pleasant surprise. When we sent the email message promoting our September 13th **Dinner at Parecaks on Fleur Drive** Fundraiser, we received the following message: "Hello from Sydney, Australia. It's **Dick Childerster** here. **Class of '71**. Would like to say Good Day Mares and wish this might to be a great success. If I was just a bit closer, I would be there for sure. Cheers." Perhaps he'll be close by when we repeat this Alumni Foundation Scholarships fundraiser event next year!



In spite of a very rainy day, 28 different classes attended the **3rd Annual RAILS Party** on May 18th at Muller's. Classes represented ranged from **1948**, **Bob Ellis**, to **2015**, **Raige Hebert**. Once again, the **Class of '86** had most attending! But the **Class of '80** wasn't far behind! See more photos at www.alhsalumni.com.



The **Classes of 1959** held their **60th Reunion** the weekend of June 21-22, 2019. Friday, the ladies met for lunch at Baratta's Restaurant and in the evening an all-class get-together was held at La Hacienda Restaurant. Saturday, classmates met for a tour of ALHS, and dinner and program at A.H. Blank Golf Course Clubhouse. Sunday breakfast at Village Inn on Army Post Road concluded the reunion. In addition to all these activities, a "Classes of 1959 60th Yearbook" was published for classmates, a commemorative brick was purchased, and **\$1,170** was donated to the Alumni Foundation to award an **ALHS Classes of 1959 60th Reunion Scholarship** to a 2020 Lincoln Senior. Thank you!



The **Class of 1961 Lunch Bunch** met for lunch on April 27th and July 27th at Bravo Cucina Italiana in Jordan Creek.



Classes of 1963 held their annual gathering June 21-22, 2019. Festivities included a really fun informal gathering with the **Class of 1964** on Friday night at Sornowacca's Restaurant. Classmates met Saturday morning for breakfast at HyVee, and the rain stopped and some were able to play golf. A pot luck was held Saturday evening at MacRae Park. Don't miss out -- send your email address to williamsanna@netzero.net to receive information on activities and classmates.

The **Class of 1964** held its **55th Class Reunion** the weekend of June 21-22. Weekend mornings began with walks at 7 AM on Friday and Saturday. On Friday evening they had a joint gathering with the **Classes of 1963** at Sornowacca's Ristorance. Saturday they met at 5 PM for dinner and program at the Police Association Recreation Hall in Pleasant Hill.



The **Class of 1969** held its **50th Class Reunion** September 20 and 21, 2019. Friday evening they met at Pal Joey's for an informal gathering. Saturday included a tour of Lincoln in the morning and the evening at Blank Golf Course Clubhouse.



The **Class of 1974** celebrated its **45th Reunion** on June 28th at the Confluence Brewery with approximately 100 classmates attending. Ronda Stratton, Lorich really enjoyed seeing her Yearbook Homecoming Queen photo! Everyone had so much fun, the '74 Reunion Committee is already thinking ahead to 2024 and the 50th Reunion!



Thanks to the **Class of 1979** for also donating to the Alumni Foundation to award a \$500 **Class of 1979 Scholarship** to a 2020 Lincoln Senior.

Some members of the **Class of 1981** got together in May for a pop-up mini reunion at Barata's. Aren't those just the best!



The **Class of 1999** met for its **20th Class Reunion** August 16 and 17. Friday night classmates met at the Iowa State Fair. Saturday morning classmates and family rounded Lincoln and in the afternoon met in Downtown Des Moines for informal visiting.

We close this edition of "Alumni Notes" with some new and not-so-new lyrics. Do you know (or remember) these ALHS songs?

SCHOOL SONG

We're loyal to you, Lincoln High
We're maroon and gold, Lincoln High
We'll back you to stand
Against the best in the land
For we know you have sand
Lincoln High. Rah! Rah!
So smash that blockade, Lincoln High
Go crashing ahead, Lincoln High
Our team is our fame protector
On boys! For we expect
A touchdown from you, Lincoln High!

We'll ever be true, Lincoln High
All honors to you, Lincoln High
Your name will ever stand
For the best in the land
And we think you are grand
Lincoln High. Rah! Rah!
Press onward to fame, Lincoln High
Your praises we'll sing, Lincoln High
We'll pledge: every son and daughter
Our best to Alma Mater
Dearest of schools -- Lincoln High.

FIGHT SONG

We are the dear old gang from L.H.S.
And we are pretty good, you must confess
We'll have you understand this is our team
We're going to win this game or know the reason why
We're going to fight, fight, fight, just watch us step
We're going to win this game and save our rep, save our rep
L.H.S. has lots of pep, lots of pep
Rah! Rah! Rah!

LOYALTY SONG

To Lincoln High, maroon and gold,
We pledge our loyalty
As thru the years we come and go,
So true to thee we'll be
The halls that we have known so well,
The friends that we have made,
Will stay with us in memory,
And never will they fade.

BUILD LINCOLN HIGHER BOOSTER CLUB, INC.
PRESIDENT: JASON LEVANG



Once again, BLH was proud to sponsor the Annual Chicken Bowl on August 22nd and it was a great turnout. We sold almost 350 chicken dinners. We waived the admission fee for everyone to encourage more people to attend.

This year, we had a contest amongst the elementary feeder schools to win a donation to their library. The winner was Park Avenue and we are making a \$50 donation to the school's library.

The Annual Winter Kickoff/Chili Cookoff is going to be held on November 22nd in the Round House at Lincoln. Any organization can enter for a chance to win a donation to their activity. There are a couple of different categories to win. We hope for a record number of entries this year. We will be introducing the winter activities at this event. FYI...also are hoping to do some new things so keep your eyes out!

The Pancake Breakfast is going to be held in the Lincoln Commons on January 25, 2020. The hours will be from 7AM to 12 Noon. We tried a new thing last year—if you can put together an order of six or more, we will try and arrange delivery to you. Contact us the week before. We

2020 ALHS AFTER PROM
BY TRACY AMOS, AFTER PROM CHAIR

As many of you know, After Prom, or Senior Celebration, is a tradition at ALHS that started in 1992. We are striving to continue that tradition in the same manner past graduating seniors were able to enjoy. After Prom takes a lot of planning, money and volunteers.

This year's Prom is May 2nd. On behalf of the After Prom Committee, we are asking for your help. We need volunteers! You don't have to be in charge of anything, we just need your commitment to help on Friday May 1st and/or Saturday May 2nd. We will need help decorating, running the event and cleaning up. We are also looking for a **caricature artist**

will also have "to-go" available if you are in a hurry. This is a great chance to catch up with old friends and classmates. Tickets will be available in early December from our students and online at www.buildlincolnhigher.com.

We are in the process of finalizing the date for a Spring Event. When we have the details worked out, we will post on our website. We are also getting involved with the after-school programs at our elementary feeder schools, which is very exciting. It is giving us a chance to build Southside and Rails Pride in the next generation at an early age.

If you are interested in Lincoln merchandise, please check out the online Rails Shop on our website. Also, feel free to ask if you are looking for something we do not have; we may be able to get it for you. As with all our events, concession sales and Rails Shop sales proceeds are used to help student activity groups pay for the things that the school cannot fund. ■

Go Rails!
Jason



or two. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Tracy at (515) 779-2699.

We also need donations. Personal donations or a business sponsorship would be greatly appreciated. Every dollar adds up! Donations, made payable to ALHS After Prom, can be sent c/o Lincoln High School, 2600 SW 9th St., Des Moines, IA 50315. If you would like to have a business sponsorship, please contact Tracy at (515) 779-2699 and we will get you the details.

Many thanks! ■

FUNDRAISING

BY USA WHITMARSH PETERSON '75 AND JOHN THIEKE '80

6TH ANNUAL ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION SILENT AUCTION & SALE - NOVEMBER 22, 2019

The 6th Annual Silent Auction & Sale begins at 5:30pm, Friday, November 22, 2019, during the Winner Sports Kickoff at the Bowen Round House. This year we have two new features! There will be specially crafted "Grab & Go" themed items, perfect for gift giving, hose gifts and stocking stuffers; and a "BUY ME NOW" option on the bid sheet allowing you to pay and go! No matter how you shop, you will find the designer-quality gift baskets, gift card/certificate combos and gift items you've come to appreciate at our pre-holiday event. Proceeds from the Silent Auction & Sale support our Annual Alumni Dinner Celebration held in May to award senior scholarships and induct members into the ALHS Alumni Hall of Fame. Donations are tax deductible and all donors will be provided a Gift Statement.

Spread the word:

- We're looking for **new themed baskets**—gather friends or classmates and donate one
- **Donate new items, gift certificates or gift cards**
- **Take Advantage of our Alumni Social Media Sites**—stay updated on donated items coming in
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, ATTEND and bid!**

Contact Amy Whisler Hutchens 83 at hutch1963@msn.com to help assemble baskets.

Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs: Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson '75 at Lizard@juno.com or John Thieke '80 at johnthieke.j@gmail.com ■



SHOW YOUR SCHOOL PRIDE!

If you are interested in showing your Lincoln Pride, order forms are available on our Website: www.alhsalumni.com.

Commemorative Bricks

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.

Driveway Emblems

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!

Garden Stones

These stones are molded from concrete by our friends at One of a Kind Creations. They are available in sealed natural for \$32, or hand-painted for \$42.

AmazonSmile Foundation

Don't forget to bookmark <http://www.smile.amazon.com/ah/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! ■



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
1939	Theresa Montognese Fumato
1942	Jane Biddle Karnes
1943	Robert "Dick" Reynolds
1944	Eunice Rump Hunt
1945	Bete Jean Thompson Daly
1946	Ilene Prohaska Kuschbaum
1947	Jack Ramcenter
1948	Joseph "Joe" Villrillo
1949	Fay King Hall
1950	Russell Hurd
1950	Gloria Lehman Cosner
1950	Mary Jean Bellizzi Howdle
1950	Mary Rump Keck
1950	Elizabeth "Carolyn" Snider Allen
1950	Joann Maeri O'Mara
1952	John Holmes
1952	Marlene Deets Gale
1953	Joy Hill Kaiser
1954	Larry "Jodo" Ford
1954	Robert Durbin
1955	Larry Dean Goode
1957	Nick Balizai
1960	Jack Edward Woods
1960	Sally Morgan Fisher
1961	Jack Edwards, Jr.
1962	Larry Crane
1962	Andrea Hunsmann
1962	Marie "Tom" DiSalvo Scione
1962	Ronald Harsh
1962	Ruth Deshong Murillo
1962	Frances Cook Alvin
1962	Larry Dean Anderson
1962	Max Biddle
1963	William "Tom" Milligan, III
1964	Shert Earl Miller
1965	Donald Whitmarsh
1965	Howard Tomlinson
1967	Judith Ann Cherry Telford
1967	Carolyn Garner Tesdall
1969	Ron Brooker
1969	Jim Giudicessi
1969	Stephen Penland
1969	Max Krainer
1971	John Wesley Balica, Jr
1971	David Elvan Whitlatch
1971	Roxtan Soroka Miller
1972	Brent Albert Sargent
1973	Shelly Stegman Pickering
1973	Debra Petosa Leahy
1977	Sewe Harrington
1979	Brent Wyckoff
1980	Timothy Gruis
1981	Garry Lee Baker
1982	Jonnie Shepherd Costanzo
1982	Curt Kading
1989	Gerald Curnes
1990	Deborah Forrest Rupprecht
1991	Michael Dean Patterson
1991	Wayne Scott Wheeler
1997	Philip Fees
1998	Shelby Agan
2000	Christopher Doll
2013	Dylan C. Barnert
	Vernon Bly (Faculty Member)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Winter Kick-Off, Chili Bowl and Silent Auction & Sale** (at the Bowen Round House) November 22, 2019
- **Winter Play** (at the ALHS Auditorium) December 5, 2019, at 7 PM
- **Winter Band Concert** (at the Bowen Round House) December 9, 2019, at 7 PM
- **Winter Orchestra Concert** (at the ALHS Auditorium) December 12, 2019, at 7 PM
- **Winter Vocal Music Concert** (at the ALHS Auditorium) December 16, 2019, 7 PM
- **Winter Break** December 23, 2019 – January 1, 2020
- **Show Choir Concert** (at the ALHS Auditorium) January 9, 2020, at 7 PM
- **Annual Pancake Breakfast** (at the ALHS Student Commons) January 25, 2020, at 7 AM - Noon
- **Fine Arts Night** (at the ALHS Student Commons and Auditorium) February 6, 2020, at 6:00 PM
- **3rd Annual Maroon & Gold Gala** (at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown) February 29, 2020, 6-9 PM. Join us for an evening of interactive games, auction opportunities, dinner, and other exciting ways to celebrate South Side Pride and TAKE THE LEAP in support of Lincoln High School. Learn more and register today at <http://bit.ly/alner/maroonandgold>.
- **Orchestra Concert** (at the ALHS Auditorium) February 27, 2020, at 7 PM
- **Band Concert** (at the Bowen Round House) March 2, 2020, at 7 PM
- **Spring Break** March 16 – 20, 2020
- **Spring Musical Production** (at the ALHS Auditorium) April 23 – 25, 2020, at 7 PM
- **Spring Band Concert** (at the Bowen Round House) April 27, 2020, at 7 PM
- **Senior Celebration After Prom Party** May 2, 2020, Public Walk-through 7-9 PM
- **Pop, Popcorn & Jazz Concert** (at the ALHS Student Commons) May 4, 2020, at 7 PM
- **Vocal Music Concert** (at the ALHS Auditorium) May 5, 2020, at 7 PM
- **Spring Orchestra Concert** (at the ALHS Auditorium) May 7, 2020, at 7 PM
- **45th Annual ALHS Alumni Celebration featuring Scholarship Awards & Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies** (at the ALHS Student Commons) May 13, 2020, 5:30 PM
- **4th Annual RAILS Party - All Class Reunion** (at Muller's) May 16, 2020, 2 PM
- **Senior Class Day Awards Ceremony** (at the Bowen Round House) May 20, 2020, at 2 PM
- **Commencement** (at the Knapp Center, Drake University Campus) May 23, 2020, 3:30 PM
- **28th Annual Bob VanderLinden Golf Outing** June 5, 2020. Contact Phil Chia at (515) 242-7525 for details.

ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION SOCIAL MEDIA BY CHERI JOHNSON JUDGE '87

The ALHS Alumni Foundation has established a number of ways to connect to our alumni community. On the left you will find various social media outlets. Please connect with us through social media to get involved and be engaged with Lincoln alumni across all of the class years!

-  @ALHSAlumni
-  @ALHSAlumni
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Additionally, we have created an email for anyone to use to ask us questions or connect with us on any topic. The email is: ALHSAlumniFoundation@gmail.com

Lastly, don't forget about our alumni website: www.ALHSAlumni.com

ALHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE AT WWW.ALHSALUMNI.COM

- () Annual Membership - \$10.00
- () Lifetime Membership - \$75.00, Age 65 or older

Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zipcode: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Year of LHS Graduation: _____

Please consider making a tax deductible donation to the Alumni Foundation to support college scholarships for deserving ALHS graduates! Additional amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make your check payable to: ALHS Alumni Association and Mail to: ALHS Alumni Association, c/o Lincoln High School, 2600 SW 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50315

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REUNION NEWS

Report Reunion news to **Becky Dewey** at (515) 280-5386 or dewrbth@outlook.com. If you would like the Alumni Foundation to assist you at your class reunion (registration table, etc.) give Becky a call!

- **Classes of January and June 1957** meet for lunch the second Thursday of every month, 11:30 AM at Hilltop Restaurant, 29th and Hubbell. Contact **Jackie Thompson Tinker** at (515) 967-6232 or TINK967@ao.com.
- **Classes of 1959** meet for breakfast the first Tuesday of the month, 8:15 AM, at Prairie Meadows. Anyone is welcome to join the group!
- **Class of 1961 Lunch Bunch** meets periodically at 11:30 AM at Bravo Cucina Italiana, 120 S. Jordan Creek Pkwy. in West Des Moines. Contact **Dixie Jeffries** at djeff1943@gmail.com or (515) 243-5700 to be added to the email address list.
- **4th Annual RAILS Party** will be held May 16, 2020, at Mullet's. Final details will be posted to Social Media.
- **Classes of January and June 1963** will hold their annual gathering June 26-27, 2020. Plans include informal gathering on Friday night, Saturday morning breakfast and/or golf, and a pot luck Saturday evening at MacRae Park. Don't miss out—send your email address to williamsanna@netzero.net to receive final reunion details and information on activities and classmates.
- **Class of 1964** is planning to meet for lunch in The Market Grill at HyVee on Fleur Drive every third Thursday of each month at noon. All are welcome! For more information, contact **Laddie Jobe**, laddiej@msn.com or (515)-249-7081 or **Suzette Stephens Jensen**, sjensen3127@gmail.com or (515) 360-6261.
- **Class of 1964** is planning a Caribbean Cruise in February for 1964 LHS grads, Family, and friends. The ship will sail out of San Juan, Puerto Rico on February 8, 2020 for a seven-day cruise, returning on February 15. For more information and details, contact **Charles Beavers** at beaverscharles16@gmail.com.
- **Class of 1970** will hold a **50th Class Reunion** September 25 & 26, 2020. Contact: **Jean Crigler Birlingmair** (515) 256-7916 or **Deb Gullord Ostrem** (515) 981-5083. The 50 year reunion committee is attempting to collect all of the classmates' e-mail addresses to do electronic mailings about the upcoming reunion. If they don't already have your e-mail address or if you have changed it, please e-mail correct information to **Jean Crigler Birlingmair** at birlingmairjk@hotmail.com or **Deb Gullord Ostrem** at osterm88@gmail.com so that registration can be set up electronically!
- **Class of 1990** will hold a **30th Class Reunion** August 29, 2020 at Easter Lake Shelter #2, 1:00PM - 7:00 PM. Contact: Tammy Monaghan at Tammon71@gmail.com or Facebook group class of 1990.

Visit the Alumni Social Media sites for the latest information on Alumni activities. (See Railsplitter Review page 14 for details).