



RAILSPLITTER

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FALL 2020

PRESIDENT'S INBOX: JENI WELDON VAN WYK '91



Just like everything else this year, our Fall newsletter looks a little different. Many of our traditional Spring, Summer, and Fall activities just have not been possible in light of the pandemic. I am proud to share, though, that the Foundation has remained committed to doing as much as we can for Lincoln graduates.

In this season of Covid, that commitment started with finding a meaningful way to recognize the 70 seniors in the Class of 2020 who earned scholarships. The board quickly put together a plan for a curbside celebration at the school. On the day of the event, Foundation board members (and some scholarship donors themselves!) donned masks and presented nearly \$90,000 in scholarships to students through open car windows while members of the local media outlets ([2020 Curbside Awards](#)) and proud parents snapped

pictures. Traditional? No. Successful? Absolutely!

The board's commitment and creativity continued through the summer and into the fall. We are leaning into our social media platforms more than we ever have. School

started 100% virtual this fall; yet buying an ALHS mask or driveway emblem from the Foundation's online store gave parents a way to help their students feel connected even with the building closed. There's even more available in the online store today, providing alumni beyond Central Iowa an opportunity to celebrate their place within Lincoln High School's history. Stay tuned this fall as we move our annual basket auction 100% online for the first time – we hope you will check it out and consider supporting us through a purchase or a donation. See p. 15 for Auction flyer.

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Check out the ALHS Web site!

www.alhsalumni.com

FOUNDATION NEWS

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

President - Jeni (Weldon) Van Wyk (1991)
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Secretary - Becky (Clinton) Dewey (1983)
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Kris (Bird) Cooper (1988), Jen (Alvord) Corkrean (1990), Gloria Gray (1966), Nicole Graziano (1986), Linda Mincks Hendricks (1965), Joe Henry (1975), Suzette (Stephens) Jensen (1964), Cheri (Johnson) Judge (1987), Shirley (Eaton) McKibben (1953), Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson (1975), Skip Phillips (1968), Phyllis (Knouf) Stegman (1943), John Thielke (1980)

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When you shop Amazon, the **AmazonSmile Foundation** will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to the ALHS Alumni Foundation. When you do your Holiday Shopping, use AmazonSmile – what an easy way to help our Foundation endowment grow! Click [HERE](#) and bookmark AmazonSmile. ■



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 September 30, 2020)

ALHS Alumni Operating Accounts

Checking and investment accounts

\$22,768.37

Your annual dues go to help with operating expenses.

ALHS Alumni Foundation

Checking and investment accounts

\$1,381,769.04 *

** 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:

Blackbaud Giving Fund (Wells Fargo Campaign)
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State of Iowa One Gift

Dan Jordan for the **Coralie Cherry Memorial Scholarship**
Jay Squiers for the **Class of 1979 Scholarship**
In Memory of **Doug Simmons '63 for the ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship**
Anna Williams in Memory of **Dr. John McCaw '35**
Skip and Linda Phillips for the **Raymond and Shirley Phillips Memorial Scholarship**
Sandra Garver for the **Howard Wayne Foust Memorial Scholarship**

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

Class of 1979 for the **Class of 1979 Scholarship**
Todd and Janet Kincheloe for the **Carole Jones Memorial Nursing Scholarship**

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

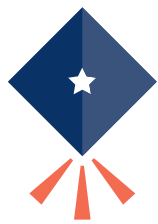
In Memory of **Rod Courtney '63 for the ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship**
Judy Lewis for the **Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship**
Wendy DeVries in Memory of **Kenneth "Mac" McNally '64 for the Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship**
Nicholas Mancuso for the **Nicholas J. Mancuso Scholarship**
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Steve and Michelle Hews for the **Hews Family Scholarship**
Jerry and Linda Crawford for **The Jerry Crawford Family Scholarship**
Des Moines East and South Chamber for the **Fuse DSM, Your Chamber of Commerce Scholarship**
Erickson Foundation for **The Erickson Family Foundation Scholarship**

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

Brody PTO Board for the **Brody Middle School PTO Scholarship**
Dave Ostrem for the **Dave Ostrem Family Scholarship**

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

John McCaw for the **John and Maxine McCaw 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 three new scholarships:

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

The **Hews Family Scholarship**, established by Steve Hews '88 in 1920, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2021 to a student with financial need. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required. Preference will be given to students who are accepted to trade school programs.

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

The following 2020 graduates of Lincoln High School received our Alumni Foundation Scholarships in a Curbside Celebration May 20, 2020:

ALHS Alumni Association Scholarship

Candy Alvarez Perez, University of Iowa
Ravina Biswa, Des Moines Area Community College
Emma Brown, Iowa State University
Francisco Caballero, Des Moines Area Community College
Brandon Canny, Iowa Central Community College
Hope Harper, Iowa State University
Vy Huynh, Iowa State University
Sabrina Konchan, Iowa State University
Piper Lansky, St. Catherine University - St. Paul
Anthony Rivera, University of Iowa
Samantha Siegel, Des Moines Area Community College
Summer Smith, University of Nebraska
Kylan Spence, University of California - Irvine
Katelynn Vasey, Iowa State University
Haylee Wilson, Des Moines Area Community College

ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship

Biswa Padam, Iowa State University

ALHS Classes of 1959 60th Reunion Scholarship

Keyera Melton, Drake University

BLH Bevington Scholarship

Benjamin Badger, Iowa State University
Jacob Blaskey, Iowa State University
Myles Bodtke, Des Moines Area Community College -
West Campus
Dominic Caligiuri, University of Iowa

Lauren Donohoe, Baylor University - Waco
Catherine Dooley, University of Iowa
Lindsey Dueling, University of Iowa
Nicolas Filippelli, Des Moines Area Community College
Nathan Gordon, Creighton University - Omaha
Yogesh Gurung, Iowa State University
Alexander Guschin, University of Northern Iowa
Parker Judge, Iowa State University
Cooper King, Morningside College - Sioux City
Andrew Klein, Simpson College
Kelly Klinge, Des Moines Area Community College
Taylor Klinge, Des Moines Area Community College
Ellie Klop, Grand View University
Piper Lansky, St. Catherine University - St. Paul
Samuel Levang, University of Northern Iowa
Reece Martin, University of Iowa
Reid May, Iowa State University
Aubrie Robel, University of Iowa
Kylee Rugg, Simpson College
Anastasia Toben, Des Moines Area Community College
Grace Twelmeyer, Northwestern College
Emma Van Erdewyk, Des Moines Area Community College
Owen Yoder, Iowa Central Community College - Fort Dodge
Kameron Young, Iowa State University

Build Lincoln Higher Club Scholarship

Kamron Francis, Rochester Community and Technical
College - Rochester

Carole Jones Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Kristy Nguyen, University of Iowa

Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship

Mandy Chau, Iowa State University

Class of 1979 Scholarship

Vanessa Cruz Escobar, Iowa State University

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

Padam Biswa, Iowa State University
Jacob Chaplin, University of Northern Iowa
Ryan Nguyen, DePaul University - Chicago
Owen Yoder, Iowa Central Community College - Fort Dodge

Coralie Cherry Memorial Scholarship

Keyera Melton, Drake University

Dan Smoot Memorial Scholarship

Caitlyn Porter, Southwestern Community College - Creston

The Dave Mills Scholarship

Samantha Siegel, Des Moines Area Community College

The Dave Ostrem Family Scholarship

Jeffrey Harbour, Simpson College
Kylie Jones, Simpson College
Andrew Klein, Simpson College
David Pena-Medina, Iowa State University
Aubrie Robel, University of Iowa

Dr. John W. Green, Jr. Family Scholarship

Lauren Donohoe, Baylor University - Waco
Beenu Pokhrel, Iowa State University

Dr. Patricia K. Tice Scholarship

Benjamin Badger, Iowa State University

The Erickson Family Foundation Scholarship

Jacob Blaskey, Iowa State University

Fuse DSM, Your Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Bandana Shetisural, Iowa State University

George "Skip" Timmons Memorial Scholarship

Bethany Barco, Mercy School of Nursing
Sabitra Biswa, Columbus State Community College

The Gloria Gray Scholarship

Myles Bodtke, Des Moines Area Community College -
West Campus
Gisselle Muniz-Garcia, Des Moines Area Community College

Howard Wayne Foust Memorial Scholarship

Kameron Young, Iowa State University

Hugh Kent Memorial Science Scholarship

Nicolas Filippelli, Des Moines Area Community College

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

Nathan Gordon, Creighton University - Omaha

Jim & Ralph Wilson Memorial Scholarship

Kalani Mangin, Dakota State University - Madison

Leo Bridal Memorial Scholarship

Diana Mesinas-Ward, Iowa State University

The Meline Family Swimming Scholarship

Catherine Dooley, University of Iowa

The Myrna Newbury Agan Memorial Scholarship

Jacob Chaplin, University of Northern Iowa

Nicholas J. Mancuso Scholarship

Darjee Sabitra, Iowa State University

Ray "Monk" and Erma Wilson Family Scholarship

Samantha Engman, Grand View University

Raymond and Shirley Phillips Memorial Scholarship

Caitlyn Porter, Southwestern Community College - Creston

Richard Hurd Scholarship

Dallam Thang, Des Moines Area Community College

**Rolland Geil & Ruth Johnson Nicholds Memorial
Scholarship**

Nadeja Simon, Iowa State University

Sarg Fontanini Memorial Scholarship

Parker Judge, Iowa State University

South Des Moines Sculpture Park Scholarship

Aida Haselman, University of Iowa

Studebaker Elementary School Scholarship

Emily Gilliland, University of Northern Iowa

William "Bill" McKibben Memorial Scholarship

Destiny Bales, Iowa State University

Wolfe Family Scholarship

Isabelle Barnett, University of Iowa

Zac Bales-Henry Scholarship

Brody Lamp, Culver-Stockton College - Canton

President's Inbox *(cont)*

I close with some exciting milestones and a request. **2020 marks the 30th year of the ALHS Alumni Scholarships.** In 1990, the first two scholarships totaling \$1,000 were awarded. Fast forward to 2020 and it is 88 scholarships totaling \$89,700. When you add in all the years in between, **the Foundation has now awarded more than \$1 million** dollars in educational assistance to deserving Lincoln graduates! Can you guess how many scholarships that \$1 million represents? See p. 14 for breakdown! **THANK YOU** for supporting our efforts over the last 30 years in ways big and small – what an impact you have had. It's likely that the next few years will be challenging for universities, colleges, and trade schools, creating

an even greater need for student financial assistance from organizations like the ALHS Alumni Foundation. If you have considered contributing to or creating a scholarship in the past, perhaps now is the time. We would love to visit with you about the opportunities! Contact **Nicole Graziano, our Scholarship Chair.** You will find more information on page 2.

We will 'see' you in the Spring! Until then, take care, and GO RAILS! ■

Jeni

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Paul Williamson



Greetings Railsplitter Alumni,

The new school year has absolutely been like none other. This certainly is not news to you. At Lincoln High School, we have been conducting all of our classes online. We have provided every student with a computer and provided families in need internet access. Whereas this is not the ideal learning environment for most students, it has certainly been the safest as it relates to the current pandemic. I applaud our superintendent and school board for keeping safety of our students and staff the highest priority. After the beginning of the year, we learned that being a fully virtual school district would result in the discontinuation of our activities and athletics while fully virtual. We did get in a few competitions for each of our fall activities, however, it was a difficult pill to swallow.

As I write this letter, our plan is to bring students back to the building beginning November 10. 40% of Lincoln students

have chosen to remain in a fully virtual environment. With this, we will bring in half of the remaining students into the building two-three days per week opposite of the other half. This will allow us to follow social distancing guidelines as best possible. We anticipate class sizes to be around 15 students per class as opposed to the traditional 32. We have also temporarily switched to a 4x4 schedule to reduce the number of hallway passing periods in effort to reduce potential transmission of the virus. We have also installed hand sanitizing stations in every classroom for extra safety. By returning to a hybrid model of in-person and virtual classes, we will be able to restart our activities and athletics beginning November 7. We look forward to seeing our winter activities and athletics in action soon. ■

Stay Safe,

Paul Williamson

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 williamsanna@netzero.net.

On May 19th, **Ron Rowland, June '47**, and **Bobbie VanGinkle, January '47**, Celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary! They were married in Des Moines and moved to Dallas, Texas where they've made their home since 1960. They have four children, nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.



Sydney Bentley '16, Neff Family Scholarship recipient, graduated in May, 2020 from Emory University with her Neuroscience and Behavior Biology Degree. Sydney is currently working as a resident counselor at a rehabilitation facility in Tennessee where she lives, and has applied to medical school awaiting interviews. Congratulations, Sydney!



Alice Anderson
Counselor
1966



Alice Anderson
Counselor
1982

On October 17th, **Alice Anderson**, retired Lincoln High English teacher and counselor, celebrated her 100th birthday! Former students and friends showered Alice with birthday cards and phone calls.



And speaking of birthdays, on August 10th **Margaret Highland Lockwood '38**, also turned 100 this year! Margaret was an initial director and signed the ALHS Alumni Foundation Articles of Incorporation when they were filed with the Secretary of the State of Iowa on February 25, 1993. Thank you, Margaret! And Happy Birthday!

Fleur Hy-Vee Assistant Director **Jason L. Redd '97** was recently recognized by Hy-Vee with its highest employee honor, the Legendary Customer Service Award. The award recognizes exemplary achievement in providing service that exceeds customers' expectations. Only nine winners were selected this year from among more than 85,000 Hy-Vee employees across eight states. 2020 recipients of the Award will be inducted into Hy-Vee's Customer Service Hall of Fame and receive a coveted Legendary Customer Service name badge and a custom-designed ring to commemorate the honor. Recipients will also receive a crystal trophy and a free trip of their choice. And finally, their photos will be featured on the side of Hy-Vee trucks. If you're traveling in the Midwest, be on the lookout for Jason's helpful smile!

We're sorry to report the loss of former ALHS Alumni Foundation Board members, **Marilyn Satre Wilson '48** and **Rod Courtney '63**. If you were at Lincoln in the 90s, you may remember Marilyn and her husband, Ralph, tutoring students. Rod helped organize our first Everett Chandler Alumni Room. If you have Lincoln High School memorabilia, please consider donating it for the Alumni Room. Send a note to williamsanna@netzero.net.

We are also sorry to report the loss of former Lincoln teachers, **Jerry Mason**, Industrial Arts; and **John Howett**, Physics, Math and the National Honor Society sponsor.

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With the San tribe in the Kalahari Desert, Botswana

We recently asked **Robert Ramey, January '63**, about all his travels. Here's what we learned! "I left Des Moines 50 years ago and live in the lower part of Louisiana, directly in the path of 29 hurricanes in the last 45 years. We have two daughters with families of their own -- one in Iowa (Southside) and one in Louisiana. My wife, **Bobbie**, and I retired early. I was 52 and three years later she retired at age 51. Both of us traveled the U. S. in our jobs, she with the Honeywell Corporation of New Jersey and I with the Gruen Wristwatch Company of New York City. In our early life together, due to time restraints, we vacationed in the nearby countries of Mexico, Costa Rica, Belize, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, The Bahamas and Virgin Islands. Once we retired we ventured out for longer periods of time. We don't do tours or cruises! We fly into a country, rent a car or Land Rover and visit three or four countries at a time -- camping in the Empty Quarter of Oman, self-driving 3,000 miles through Uganda; self-drive

through Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe; driving a zillion miles around Australia and getting lost in Ethiopia. We've been to Egypt six times, Istanbul five times, Morocco three times, India three times, etc. All together we've visited 46 countries -- exotic places like Kathmandu, and Singapore, Ceylon, Burma, twice to Ethiopia, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Jordan, Tahiti, Greece, England, Nepal, Italy, Easter Island, Bangladesh and Machu Picchu, Peru, just to mention a few. This year we had a great time in Vietnam, self-drove all of Laos, Cambodia and Thailand. Came home for nine days then flew south to Panama before the world went on lockdown. During the last few years we read with great sadness of our friends and classmates passing away or hear that one of us is suffering from a debilitating disease in a nursing home. If, and when, you read of my demise, do not mourn my passing as we've had a fine time while we were here!"



In September, **Laddie Jobe** hosted the **Class of 1964** lunch gathering in his backyard. Hot dogs and conversation - a good time was had by all. Classmates forgot to take pictures, but they were carrying their 50th Reunion commemorative coin!



Who would think that **Mary White Tripp '73** and **Anna Rupert Williams '63** would have anything in common besides Lincoln High School? Well, they do! Mary's mom is the late **Marge Millar White '39**, an ALHS Alumni Foundation founder; and Anna and Roger's first home was where Marge White grew up. Last summer Mary and Anna figured this out at **John's Barber Shop!** For over 40 years Anna had saved a place mat from the house on Kirkwood that belonged to Mary's grandmother. So, Anna gave "Bless this House" to Mary, and she was thrilled to have a memento from her mother's childhood home.

Skip Phillips '68 and the late **Rod Courtney '63** were assistant scoutmasters for the same boy scout troop in 1992 and remained friends ever since. About a year ago Rod was having health issues and asked if Skip wanted all the wood in his garage, and he explained that the walnut was from his grandfather's Iowa farm and was probably cut long before he was born -- most likely 100 years ago. Skip, being a wood craftsman, of course said, "yes!" Here's the beautiful native Iowa walnut bench that Skip made for our ALHS Alumni Online Auction.



See page 15 for information on the 2020 ALHS Alumni Foundation Online Auction and Sale. ■



The **Class of 1960** was one of just a few groups able to get together this summer/fall. They held their 60th Class Reunion September 18th at the Airport Holiday Inn. They enjoyed a nice socially-distanced dinner, caught up on what all had been doing, held a prize drawing and listened to an uplifting Grandmas Boyfriends Barbershop Quartet CD **Terry Mansfield '60** had furnished.

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL PRIDE!

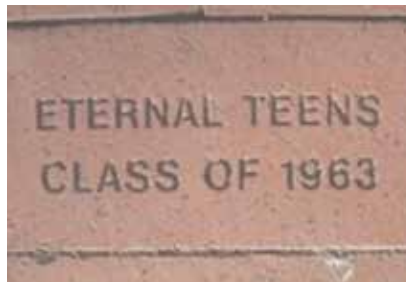
We were hoping to get together in person for our fundraising activities but, with the Covid-19 situation, we will provide the opportunity to you virtually.

You now have the option of supporting the ALHS Alumni Association and Foundation Scholarships, and helping grow our endowment in a variety of ways by using our website ([ALHS Alumni Merchandise](#)) to purchase merchandise, memberships, or make a donation.

Here is merchandise available for purchase. Please note some may not be available if you live outside the Des Moines area.



\$8.00 - Mask
Includes pocket for filter
-- Maroon with ALHS logo,
Gold with Abe Caricature, or
Maroon/gold pattern.



**\$75.00 -
Commemorative Brick**
Installed at Lincoln High
School



**\$20.00 - Hand-painted
Driveway Emblem**
(24 x 24)



**\$5.00 - Lincoln Rails
Window Sticker**
(for your car) (3 1/2 x 5)



**\$15.00 - ALHS 100th
Anniversary Cherry
Wood Ornament with
gold tone Hook**
(3 1/4 x 3 1/4)



**\$20.00 - Garden Flag
with Pole**
\$15.00 -- Garden Flag
only (13 x 18)

Thank you for your support! Go RAILS! ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **ALHS Alumni Auction and Sale**
November 18-20, 2021
Online at 32auctions.com/2020ALHSAAlumni
- **Winter Break**
December 23, 2020 – January 1, 2021
- **Spring Break**
March 15 – 19, 2021
- **46th Annual ALHS Alumni Celebration featuring Scholarship Awards & Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies (at the Bowen Round House)**
May 12, 2021, 5:30 PM
- **4th Annual RAILS Party - All Class Reunion**
2021 date to be announced
- **29th Annual Bob VanderLinden Golf Outing**
2021 date to be announced
Contact Phil Chia at (515) 242-7525 for details

ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION SOCIAL MEDIA



@ALHSAAlumni



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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!

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

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

IN MEMORY OF JOHN EMORY MCCAW CLASS OF 1935

BY ANNA WILLIAMS '63



What can I say? He was an honorary doctor. I couldn't just call him John, or even "mister." He'll always be Dr. McCaw to me.

John McCaw turned 103 on March 10, 2020. He had already planted much of his garden, was still feeding his fish and the wild ducks coming to visit each day, and mowing his grass. In the evening of May 6th, Dr. McCaw was closing his gate and slipped, fell, and broke his right arm. That really limited his activity and, in June, he was hospitalized with pneumonia. He did get to go home to his beloved residence of over 70 years. On June 29th, Dr. McCaw passed away.

He was my friend. He was a friend to many! He was their confidant, their mentor, and he was generous -- with his garden, with his apple trees, with his honey, and with his knowledge. In 2012 he and his late wife, Maxine, established a scholarship with the ALHS Alumni Foundation to honor their children. It is endowed and we are able to award four \$1,000 scholarships to graduating Lincoln seniors each year. They also established a fund within the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, and we will be awarding a two-year renewable \$1,000 memorial scholarship beginning in 2021.

Dr. McCaw was a former ALHS Alumni Foundation Board Member, and he had many, many accomplishments. I will not list them here. They range from being the Dean of Drake University's Divinity School for 20 years until his retirement in 1982 to being the Grand Marshal for the Lincoln High School Homecoming Parade in 2018. You may read a memoriam published on line by the Divinity School of the University of Chicago at [John McCaw Tribute](#).

We had the pleasure of celebrating Dr. McCaw's birthday each year at our Annual Alumni Celebration. We were unable to this year as the dinner had to be cancelled. But, Dr. McCaw celebrated at Lincoln every chance he could and attended the Pancake Breakfast last January. Self-sufficient -- he drove himself to the Breakfast and even brought his own homemade honey! That's the kind of guy he was, and that's the friend I'm always going to remember.

Hats off to you, Dr. McCaw. Rest in peace. ■



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

1934	Madonna Robertson Miller	1961	Allen Dickes
1935	John E. McCaw	1962	Dee Matney
1938	Mary Romano Wills		Sandra Steele Bauge
	Ruth Comiskey Anderson		Gary Runge
1939	Anthony "Tony" Ligouri	1963	Doug Simmons
	Goldeane Mayo Kemp		Rod Courtney
1941	Frances Riccelli Fazio		Jeannine Hiatt Clark
	Mary Sergio Jung		Mary Ellen Martinez Chapman
1942	Doris Campbell Custer	1965	S. Craig Comiskey
1943	Richard "Dick" Reynolds	1966	Robert Allen Randall
	Marilyn St. Johnecky	1967	David Helland
1945	Mary Russell Donato		Robert "Bob" Tungland
	Thelma Horton Penland		Tom R. Shepherd
	Margaret Griffith Bassford	1968	James William Fuller
1946	Bessie Kissel Stanley		Becky Shoemaker Geist
	Mary Jane Trento Russo		Shery Young Nutter
	John Roth		Frank J. Lacona
	Isabella Colosimo Marturello	1969	J. Michael Mayer
1947	Fena Severino Lucia	1970	Dana H. Percival
1948	Bruce Lee Meggison	1971	James W. Gardner
	Eugene J. Shaw		Jim Wilson
	Amelia "Mollie" Comito	1974	Robert "Bob" Sinclair
	Marilyn Satre Wilson	1975	Mary Lanning McCarl
	Robert L. Voshell	1976	Cathy Caluzzi Moore
	Jay Spoonhaltz		Lynette Marie Mefferd Vetter
1949	Phyllis Trento Caluzzi	1977	Sharon Meek Klug
1951	Betty Ogburn O'Connor	1978	Michael Belken
	Anna Marie Sullivan Mayer		Chuck F. Shockley
1952	James "Jim" Bonanno	1979	Jim Sinclair
	Pete Leo	1980	Joseph A. Heck
1953	Barbara Hiatt Roseberry		Tammy Swisher
	Frank Colosimo	1984	Lynn Penfold Simmons
	Ramona Walston Shapard		Merideth Farnsworth Winfrey
	Larry Lee Coen	1985	Richard "Rick" Dickhoff
1955	Miriam Skelton Agcaoili	1987	David Nash
	Margaret Hiatt Cunningham		Paula Thompson
	Leslie "Eddie" Dorsett	1994	Brandon Ward Tiffany
1956	Larry Lukenbill	2002	Abbie Andrews Eichman
1957	William "Bill" King	2003	Timothy Rosson DeLong
	Helen Serra Burgess		
1958	Sandra Jane Brown Smith	Teachers	Jerry Mason
	Allen D. Weston		John Eugene Howett
1960	Daniel "Danny" Maldonado		

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 1953** meet for coffee the second Thursday of every month (except June, July, August) 9 AM at the Hy-Vee on Fleur Drive. Please wear a mask. Contact **Donna Balzer** at (515) 285-7787.
- **Classes of January and June 1957** are suspending lunch the second Thursday of every month during the pandemic. Contact **Jackie Thompson Tinker** at (515) 967-6232 or TINK967@aol.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! Breakfasts are temporarily on hold due to the pandemic. Contact **Dave Thomason** (515) 422-2723.
- **Classes of January and June 1963** will hold their next gathering June 25-26, 2021. Details will be emailed to classmates. Send your email address to williamsanna@netzero.net to receive information on activities and classmates.
- Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic the monthly lunches of the **Class of 1964** have become random. With colder weather the opportunity to meet outside and social distance is difficult. When it is safe to continue our lunches we will be in touch with classmates that have expressed an interest in our gatherings and information will be posted

on Facebook. If you want any further information please contact **Laddie Jobe** laddiej@msn.com or (515) 249-7081, or **Suzette Jensen** sjensen3127@gmail.com or (515) 360-6261. Both phone numbers accept text messages.

- **Class of 1980** postponed its **40th Class Reunion** to September 25, 2021. An early evening at Blank Park Zooplex is planned. Contact **Rachelle Sonntag** at rachellesonntag@gmail.com

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