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SPRING 2024

PRESIDENT'S INBOX: JOE HENRY '75



As I reflect on my first year as President of the ALHS Alumni Foundation, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve and celebrate the incredible legacy of Abraham Lincoln High School. Our school has been a beacon of education and community for 100 years, and it is a privilege to be a part of this esteemed institution.

Abraham Lincoln High School is not just a school - it is a home to over 2,400 students from diverse backgrounds and communities on the Southside. It is a place where dreams are nurtured, and futures are shaped. As alumni, we have a responsibility to give back and support the next generation of students who walk the halls of our beloved alma mater.

Through the ALHS Alumni Foundation, we have been able to provide scholarships to countless seniors who are pursuing higher education at colleges, universities and trade schools. Our efforts have opened doors and created opportunities for students who may not have had the means to further their education.

I am excited about the future of the ALHS Alumni Foundation and the impact we can continue to make. With your support, we can reach even more students and help them achieve their dreams. Your contribution, no matter how big or small, can make a difference in the life of a deserving student.

I invite you to join us at our Annual Celebration Dinner, where we will honor this year's scholarship winners and Alumni Hall of Fame inductees. It is a night of celebration and inspiration, as we come together to recognize the achievements of our students and alumni.

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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 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 December 31, 2023)

ALHS Alumni Operating Accounts

Checking and investment accounts
\$19,350

Your annual dues go to help with operating expenses.

ALHS Alumni Foundation

Checking and investment accounts
\$2,243,958*

** Interest earned from our investment accounts funds Association scholarships.*

CONTACT US

Are you interested in establishing a scholarship? The Foundation can help you establish a scholarship in your name or in memory of a family member or friend.

Are you considering including the ALHS Alumni Foundation in your will?

Contact us for the legal language for making a bequest to the Foundation and to specify how your funds should be used by us.

Are you 72 and must take a mandatory withdrawal from retirement with pretax dollars?

The ALHS Alumni Foundation is a qualifying 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Avoid paying taxes on your RMD payments by donating to the Foundation.

Contact us at:
 ALHSAlumniFoundation@gmail.com

FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTORS

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

Richard Butz	Sandy Herron Dewey	Ron Hethershaw	Patrick Sullivan
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 Richard Butz for the **Class of 1975 Memorial Scholarship**
 Deborah Hansen for the **Class of 1975 Memorial Scholarship**
 Earl and Paula Agan for the **Myrna Newbury Agan Memorial Scholarship**

In memory of **Charlotte Askland Ortega '54** for the **Charlotte Askland Ortega Memorial Scholarship**

- Mary Ellen Landsberger
- David Ortega
- Lidia (Lillian) Moore
- Richard Ortega

In memory of **Lee Bird '49** for the **Class of 1975 Memorial Scholarship**

- Jeanne Bird
- Christy Graziano
- Mike Nixon
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- Lori Piper
- Maria Runkel
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- Class of 1961

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

- Polk County Iowa Community Betterment Grant

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

- Nicholas J. Mancuso Trust for the **Nicholas J. Mancuso Scholarship**

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

- Kenneth Sufka, PhD for the **Kenneth Sufka Scholarship**
- Matt Meline for the **PrairieFire Scholarship**
- Stephen & Mari Ann Keithahn for the **Juanita Anna Smith Zeller '47 Memorial Scholarship**
- Richard Hurd for the **Richard Hurd Scholarship**
- Sheila & Steven VanWyk for the **Coralie Cherry Memorial Scholarship**
- Erickson Foundation for the **Erickson Family Foundation Scholarship**
- Elton Wolfe for the **Wolfe Family Scholarship**
- Marlene Timmons for the **George "Skip" Timmons Memorial Scholarship**
- Gloria Gray for the **Gloria Gray Scholarship**
- Susan Kingsbury
- John Nevins
- Skip & Lin Phillips
- Zach Bales-Henry for the **Zach Bales-Henry Scholarship**

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

- Ramona Ortega Liston for the **Charlotte Askland Ortega Memorial Scholarship**
- Bob Smith for the **Bob Smith '69 and Monica Rocha-Smith Scholarship**
- Amer Online Giving Foundation (Principal Financial Group Foundation)
- Ahlers & Cooney Attorneys for the **Dixie L. Jeffries Memorial Scholarship**
- Barbara Agan for the **Myrna Newbury Agan Memorial Scholarship**
- Todd and Janet Kincheloe for the **Carole Jones Memorial Nursing Scholarship**
- West Bank



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 2023, the Foundation awarded \$146,500 in scholarships. We are pleased to announce several new scholarships for 2024:

The Bob Smith '69 and Monica Rocha-Smith Scholarship, Charlotte Askland Ortega Memorial Scholarship and PrairieFire Scholarship.

The following scholarships are available through the ALHS Alumni Foundation Dollars for Scholars Chapter in 2024:

ALHS Alumni Association Scholarship

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

ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of their 1963 classmates in 2018, and increased in 2019, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually. The scholarship will be awarded based on **GPA, financial need and community service** of the applicants.

ALHS Class of 1970 Scholarship

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

Albert H. Graziano Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of former Principal **Al Graziano '60**, by his daughter **Nicole Graziano '86**, a \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2023 to a student who plans to pursue a career in public education. Applicants must submit an essay describing

how they plan to improve outcomes in public education through community involvement and other means. A **GPA** of 3.0 or higher is required.

The Bob Smith '69 and Monica Rocha-Smith Scholarship

Established in 2024, one \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who attended Nathan Weeks Middle School. Preference will be given to first generation secondary education students. Financial need will be considered.

BLH Bevington Scholarship

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

Brody Middle School PTO Scholarship

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

Carole Jones Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Established by **Todd Kincheloe '79, Alan Kincheloe '80, Janette Kincheloe Brenner '82, and Mark Kincheloe**, to honor the memory of their mother and her lifetime

of service as a nurse in recovery rooms and nephrology clinics, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2019 to a student who plans to major in **nursing**. A minimum **GPA** of 3.0 is required.

Charlotte Askland Ortega Memorial Scholarship

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

Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship

The Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship was established in 2019 by members of the ALHS Class of 1964 in memory of their former classmates. One (1) \$1,000 scholarship was originally awarded annually, and increased to two (2) scholarships annually in 2024, to students who demonstrate **solid academic performance, community service, leadership and financial need**. Acceptance at an accredited institution and a minimum **GPA** of 2.5 are required.

Class of 1975 Memorial Scholarship

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

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

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

Coralie Cherry Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of **Coralie Cherry '47**, by her family and friends, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2015 to a student who attended either **Morris Elementary** (formerly Mann-Watrous) or **McCombs Middle School**, is actively involved in Lincoln activities, and who demonstrates service to the south Des Moines community. Coralie was a lifetime South Sider, a true supporter of Lincoln and south Des Moines. She worked in the Lincoln feeder schools, was very active in the Alumni Foundation and worked hard to keep the history of Fort Des Moines alive.

Dan Smoot Memorial Scholarship

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

The Erickson Family Foundation Scholarship

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

George "Skip" Timmons Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2019 by Marlene Timmons and family, two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to students who plan to major in **nursing**. A minimum **GPA** of 2.5 is required. **Skip '53** was a lifelong advocate of Lincoln High School and "Southside Pride." He established the ALHS Alumni Foundation in 1991 with **Bill Backstrom**

'48 and **Marge White '39**; and served as President of the Alumni Association from 2001 - 2003. They created the endowment fund that provides scholarships to Lincoln graduates to this day.

The Gloria Gray Scholarship

Established in 2015 by ALHS Alumni Foundation Past President **Gloria Gray '66**, one \$1,000 scholarship (increased to \$1,200 in 2024) will be awarded to a student who plans to attend **Southwestern Community College for Professional Vocal Education** or a **Des Moines Area Community College Vocational Training Program**. 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.

The Hews Family Scholarship

Established by Steve Hews '88 in 2020, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually 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.

Highland Family Scholarship

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

Howard Wayne Foust Memorial Scholarship

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

Hugh Kent Memorial Science Scholarship

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

James Michael "Mike" Mayer Memorial Scholarship

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

The Jerry Crawford Family Scholarship

Established by **Jerry '67** and **Linda Crawford** in honor of their children **Katelyn '02, Erin '05** and **Conor '08**, one \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a student who attends Macalaster College. The **GPA, financial need and community service** of the applicants will also be considered.

Jim & Ralph Wilson Memorial Scholarship

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

The John and Jean Hollingsworth Memorial Scholarship

Established by John and Pat Hollingsworth Hall '61 and Pam Hollingsworth Smith '68, in memory of their parents, **John and Jean Keegan Hollingsworth, 1942** Classmates. One \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded annually beginning in 2022. John and Jean were life-long supporters of Lincoln and the South Side. The scholarship will be awarded based on a minimum 2.5 **GPA, financial need and community service** of the applicant. Preference will be given to first generation secondary education students.

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President's Inbox (cont)



Congratulations to this year's scholarship winners and Alumni Hall of Fame inductees - **Dr. Andrew Pruitt '68, Craig Matzke '77, and Alan Kincheloe '80.** Your dedication, achievements, and hard work have not gone unnoticed, and we are proud to celebrate your accomplishments.

Together, let us continue to support the students of Lincoln High School and

ensure that they have the resources they need to succeed. Thank you for being a part of our growing list of Foundation donors and for helping us make a difference in the lives of our students. ■

Go Rails!

Joe
President

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Paul Williamson



Greetings Railsplitter Alumni,

This message is reaching you after we have wrapped up all of our centennial celebration activities. The BLH Booster Club, Alumni Foundation, parents/guardians and the school worked hard to make this past year a memorable one. *Thank-you if you were one to help!*

LHS has completed our work on the new secured entrance at Lincoln High School. The entry is the same (off the west parking lot), but the process is slightly different. We look forward to having you visit soon.

As we are moving into the home stretch of this school year, we are planning for next year. Interesting fact: Did you know that LHS has 250 more students today than when I became the principal at Lincoln 13 years ago? Most interesting fact: Due to state funding, LHS has 25 fewer staff members than 13 years ago. The challenges are real, and we are working every day to make sure our students are not feeling the impact of having fewer staff at school to support them.

Next year DMPS is reallocating their Title I funding to almost every school in the district. As a result, Lincoln will be receiving \$500,000 to use towards staffing and other supports for our students. A bulk of these funds will be used to hire three Academic Interventionists to support our students who are coming into high school behind in math and reading. We will also be hiring a third Instructional Coach to support our teachers with implementing new teaching practices to meet the needs of our ever-changing students and their

learning styles. Finally, we will be adding two Student Support Interventionists. People in these positions will analyze a variety of student data points including grades, attendance, behavior, social emotional learning information, and more to identify students who are in need the most so we can intervene and support them more effectively while a student at Lincoln High School.



Finally, we are excited as we prepare to break ground on a new sports/ marching band practice facility below the stadium that will support our track & field program, football, marching band, and soccer. This will be a high quality practice facility that will have a soccer regulation artificial turf field, a six lane running track, and be ready for us to purchase lighting (when we raise the funds). We are expecting to break ground during the summer with a completion date by the time the Spring sports season rolls around in early 2025.

I hope to see you at many of our upcoming events at Lincoln High School (See newsletter "Upcoming Events"). Our doors are open to you! ■

Take Care,

Paul Williamson

Dollars for Scholars (cont)

The Juanita Anna Smith Zeiler '47 Memorial Scholarship

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

Julie K. Bird Creative Writing Scholarship

Established in 2023 in memory of Julie Kay Bird '71, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually. The successful candidate will have been accepted into a college or university with the intent to pursue a degree in English or in Psychology. If an English major, a short story or poem demonstrating the student's creative writing skills needs to be submitted. If a psychology major, a letter of recommendation from a teacher or staff member explaining the student's dedication to their education is required. A minimum **GPA** of 2.5 and demonstrated **financial need** is required.

Kenneth Sufka Scholarship

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

Leo Bridal Memorial Scholarship

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

The 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.

The Myrna Newbury Agan Memorial Scholarship

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

Nicholas J. Mancuso Scholarship

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

PrairieFire Scholarship

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

Ralph and Marilyn Satre Wilson Memorial Scholarship

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

Ray "Monk" and Erma Wilson Family Scholarship

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

Raymond and Shirley Phillips Memorial Scholarship

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

Richard Hurd Scholarship

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

Rolland Geil & Ruth Johnson Geil Memorial Scholarship

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

Studebaker Elementary School Scholarship

One scholarship of at least \$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.

Wolfe Family Scholarship

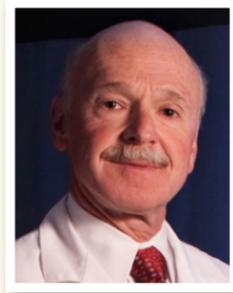
Established in 2012, and increased in 2019, one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded annually based on the **GPA, community service** and **financial need** of the applicants. A minimum **GPA** of 2.5 is required.

Zac Bales-Henry Scholarship

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

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME BY TONY BELLEGANTE '04

We're delighted to announce the 2024 inductees for our Alumni Hall of Fame, recognizing exceptional individuals who have made remarkable contributions to their fields.



Dr. Andrew Pruitt '68
(Medicine)
Trailblazer in Sports Medicine and Paralympic cycling



Craig Matzke '77
(Law Enforcement)
Renowned Sergeant and advocate for Shriner's International



Alan Kincheloe '80 (Business)
Visionary entrepreneur and Certified Public Accountant dedicated to financial operations

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

Exciting Progress on the Alumni Hall of Fame Wall Project! We're thrilled to provide a brief update on the Alumni Hall of Fame Wall project redesign.

We've unveiled an elegant design that merges tradition with modernity, ensuring an engaging experience for all

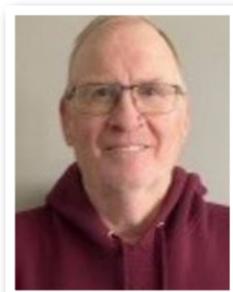
visitors. Your generous contributions have allowed us to begin construction and produce high-quality pictures and interactive displays. We're on track to finish the project by this summer, with plans for a grand unveiling event.

Tony Bellegante

Chair, Alumni Hall of Fame

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The 2024 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction took place at the Maroon & Gold Gala on February 10th.



Mike McGivern
LHS Head Wrestling Coach
1985 – 2012



Dustin Roland '99
LHS Head Wrestling Coach
2013-2021



Scott "Skeeter" McClelland '81
LHS Boys Head Track Coach
2007-2021 and LHS Boys Head
Bowling Coach 2015- Present



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
1936	Freeda Creveling Hiatt Pauline Giannabule Hurley
1942	Haroletta Hunt Blackledge
1943	Jeraldine Murrow Howe
1945	Dante Ponzeline
1947	Vera Witt Sarasio Peggy Hume Violet
1948	Patricia J. Mills Celsi Zatha Slone Moen Betty Lou Dennis Stoner
1949	Lee W. Bird Virgil Moore
1951	Ramona McClafflin Porter Eva Berry Cooper
1952	Thomas E. Michel
1953	Joanne Jakovich O'Keefe
1954	Paul Harrison
1955	Theodore "Ted" R. Bragg Harry Flaugh Christina L. D'Ostilio Smith Ted Erickson
1956	John Martinez Frances McClafflin King Marlene "Terry" Baker Joss-Zee
1957	Jack A. Burris Phillip R. Speck
1958	Victor S. Campos Wineva Mason Armer Sharron Arrowood Stocker
1959	Sondra Snover Broer
1961	Phil Miller Dixie L. Jeffries
1962	Michael Snover Gilbert Palmer
1965	Ramona Campos Kathy Anderson Kreger
1966	Jerry L. Parker Danny L. O'Conner Barry Snover William Carmichael Mary Kent Jacoby Donald Minks
1967	Floyd Binns
1968	Roy Root Gary Jordan
1969	Victoria Bento Anania
1970	Martha J. Smith Casale Jean K. Crigler Birlingmair
1971	Ricky Manges Vicky O'Conner Fuller Earl V. Streeter
1972	Henry "Hank" Gertsen James Mincks
1973	Charles E. Rice
1974	Wayne A. Moore
1976	Carl Hotchkiss
1977	Judy Hunt Solem Gina Lynn Seuferer Larry Phillips
1978	Debra L. Bishop-Nielson Tami R. Dingman
1979	Shaun Etheridge Lundberg Christopher Burson Mark S. Miller Thomas Rains David M. Tucker
1980	Jeff Caswell
1982	Gary O'Donnell
1991	Jay Green
1993	Tawnya Rickard
2004	Ted N. Taber

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Our alumni website for information and reunion news is

www.ALHSAlumni.com

THANKS TO ALL OUR FOLLOWERS!

ALUMNI NOTES BY ANNA RUPERTO WILLIAMS '63



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

The 7th Annual Maroon & Gold Gala, held on February 10th, had a Casino flare (See BLH Club message). Included in the program was the 2024 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The 2024 new members are: **Mike McGivern, Dustin Roland '99** and **Scott "Skeeter" McClelland '81**.

I hope you'll remember the ALHS Alumni Dollars for Scholars Program when you want to honor a loved one. We've been so fortunate to have alumni and friends doing just that – take a look at the "Foundation Contributions" page!



Last fall, **Charlotte Askland Ortega '54** passed away in Long Beach, California, where she was a long-time resident. Her Lincoln High alumni family chose to honor her by establishing a memorial scholarship in her name. (Again, take a look at the "Foundation Contributions" page.) Charlotte was active at Lincoln, participating in Student Council, being a drum majorette twirling her baton at football games and special events, and perhaps most special to her – being elected the 1953 Homecoming Queen!

But there's much more to Charlotte's story! She married **John Ortega '54** (inducted into the ALHS Alumni Hall of Fame in 2013) and they were happily married for 54 years until John's passing in 2007. Together they had 4 sons.



Charlotte's sister-in-law (John's sister) **Dr. Ramona Ortega Liston '60**, is also a member of the ALHS Alumni Hall of Fame, inducted in 2002! Dr. Ramona recently shared reflections in her college newsletter on her work and friendship with **Justice Sandra Day O'Connor**. If you'd like to read the article, send a message to williamsanna@netzero.net.

So many Ortega and Askland siblings and in-laws graduating from Lincoln – **Carol Askland, Donna Askland, Joanne Askland Seemuth '53, Russell Askland, Patti Lagunas Ortega '78, David Ortega '56, Richard Ortega '58, Daniel Ortega, Abigail Ortega Gorshel, Delores Ortega Hunt '59, Lilly Ortega Moore '62, Mary Ellen Ortega Landberger '65**. Forever RAILS!

Judy Porter '69 recently sent us her **Mermaid Synchronized Swimming** shirt. Judy participated on the first Girls Competitive Swim Team at Lincoln! She comes from a family of Lincoln grads – brothers **Ralph L. Porter, Jr. '72** and **Ron L. Porter '76**, and father, **Ralph Porter '43**, who was a Field and Track star.



Never fails – when the *Railsplitter Review* comes out, we receive several compliments on how nice it looks. A big shout-out to our designer, **Leslie Diehl**, our printer, **Christian/Edwards Print & Graphics**, and all you folks contributing articles!

TENTH ANNUAL ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION AUCTION & SALE

BY LISA WHITMARSH PETERSON '75

The 2023 Online Silent Auction and Sale was held in October and November. What a team: Through fabulous donors' ingenious gifts and our conscientious business contact volunteers, the auction and sale netted **\$5,434.67**. All proceeds support the ongoing mission of the ALHS Alumni Foundation. Thank you to our distribution site partner, **Lincoln Heights Lutheran Church**, for providing such wonderfully accessible accommodations to help complete this event.

Not sure what is the most enjoyable – the Auction prep or seeing the happy faces when the winners come to the Church to pick up their purchases, renew their Alumni Association memberships or make a donation! It brought back so many fond memories when **Peggy Murray Copic '67** donated the Lincoln High School teacher's desk in memory of her late husband, **Jack Copic '65**. What a pleasure it was to serve on the ALHS Alumni Board with those two!

Southside Pride is alive and well, demonstrated in another successful fundraising affair!

Please patronize our 2023 Auction Business Donors:

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

AKS Farms

Beth Baker Albright '83

Anonymous Business Donor

Joseph M. Baker '79

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

Mary Smith Bertogli '73

Blank Park Zoo

Bolton & Hay Food Service Equipment Bowlerama Lanes

Bordenaro's Pizzeria, (Chris Bordenaro '90)

Bozz Prints Jeff Clayton '94

Coffee Cats Café

Confluence Brewing Company

Candy Phillips Conlan '65

Peggy Murray Copic '67 (*in memoriam* Jack Copic '65)

Casey's

Chicago Speakeasy (*Julie Jaeger Moore '80*)

Dawn Davis, '77 (*in memoriam*)

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

Becky Clinton Dewey '83

Frances Peterson Colston '41 (*in memoriam*)

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

Family Eye Health Center

Kerry Weldon Feuling '96

Flowers By Anthony, Inc.

Fong's Pizza

Ford and Garland (Steve Garland '65)

Fleur Pet Hospital

Graziano Brothers

Heartland Flags and Gifts

Hello, Majorie (Nick Tillinghast '07)

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

Amy Whisler Hutchens '83

Carol Iske

Iowa Barnstormers

Iowa Cubs

Iowa Culinary Institute

Iowa Realty (Joe Henry '75)

Iowa Wilds

Jasper Winery

Jay's CD and Hobby

Jethro's BBQ/Splash Seafood Grill

Jim's Coney Island (Eric Frangos '90 and

Tonya Poortinga Frangos '10)

John's Barber Shop (John Scavo '51)

Lora Mitchell Jorgensen '77

Rick and Nancy Helm Kaili '76

Alan Kincheloe '80



Kinley's Golf (Michele Gasperi Kinley '77)

Lakeside Hotel-Casino

Livingston's Automotive (Dennis

Livingston '76)

Joe and Melissa Mauro

Janice Smith McClafin, '60

Monsterama Arcade

Mister. Car Wash Corporation

New China Buffet & Grill

Noah's Ark Ristorante, (Lacona Family)

Park Avenue Pub (Dick Horton, '71)

Perkin's Restaurant

Olive Garden

Sonya Oppman

Brendan Peterson '06

Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson '75

Raymond "Skip" Phillips '68 (*in memoriam-Rodney Courtney '63*)

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Katherine Scott '77

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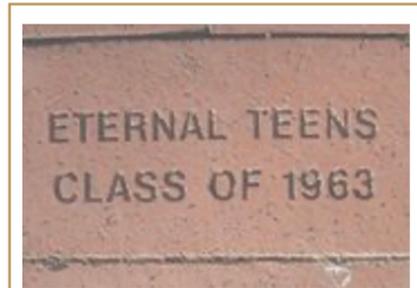
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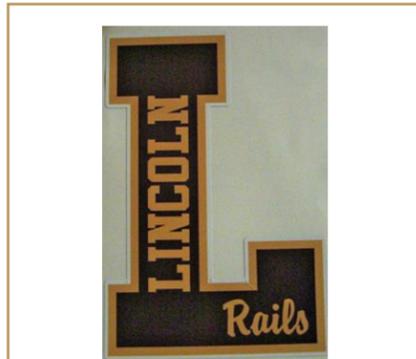
You have the option of supporting the ALHS Alumni Association and Foundation Scholarships, and helping grow our endowment in a variety of ways using this website to purchase merchandise, memberships, or make a donation: https://www.trailblz.info/buildlincolnhigher/eventcomplete.aspx?eventid=3&fbclid=IwAR1XGypBxejIQo_YOs1Z6f81OfziVqZuwQJMRICo3rLScUBHln7Wn5wzA8



\$75.00 - Commemorative Brick
Installed at Lincoln High School



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



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(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)



\$25.00 - Garden Flag with Pole
\$15.00 - Garden Flag only (13 x 18)

BUILD LINCOLN HIGHER BOOSTER CLUB, INC.

PRESIDENT: CINDI HOHL DE MEYER '97

It has been a busy and successful winter season! Our annual Pancake Breakfast was held on one of the coldest days of the year! Thank you to everyone who braved the cold to attend!

In an effort to outsmart Mother Nature next year, we are looking to push the Pancake Breakfast back to align with our spring/summer activity kick off. This will also allow a little space in our fundraising efforts to focus our attention on the planning of the Maroon and Gold Gala.

The Maroon and Gold Gala was held in February. It was a wonderful evening celebrating our Railsplitter pride! We are excited to share this year the event raised over \$35,000 for student activities at LHS.

We now look forward to our spring activities kicking off, scholarship awards and the golf outing! So many amazing things happening! It's a great time to be a Railsplitter!

If you haven't already, please give us a follow on Facebook to stay up to date with our events! ■

Go Rails!

Cindi



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Spring Musical** - April 18, 19, and 20, 2024, 7:00 PM (Auditorium)
- **Prom** - April 27, 2024, 2:30 PM (Blank Park Zoo)
- **After Prom Walk-thru** - April 27, 2024, 7:00 PM
- **Spring Band Concert** - April 29, 2024 7:00 PM
- **Jazz Band Concert** - May 7, 2024, 7:00 PM
- **Annual ALHS Alumni Celebration featuring Scholarship Awards & Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies** - May 8, 2024, 5:30 PM (Holiday Inn - Airport)
- **Orchestra Concert** - May 6 and 15, 2024, 7:00 PM
- **Spring Jazz Concert** - May 7, 2024, 7:00 PM
- **Spring Choir Concert** - May 13, 2024, 7:00 PM
- **Spring Show & Jazz Choir Concert** - May 17, 2024, 7:00 PM
- **Senior Class Day Ceremony** - May 22, 2024, 2:30 PM
- **Commencement** - May 25, 2024, 2:30 PM
- **Annual RAILS Party - All Class Reunion** - June 22, 2024
- **32nd Annual Bob VanderLinden Golf Outing** - June 7, 2024, (Blank Golf Course). Contact Phil Chia at (515) 242-7525 for details.

TENTH ANNUAL ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION AUCTION & SALE *(cont)*

Sisters (*honoring Jeannette Bierma Davis '51*)

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

Steve '79 & Carol Seid

South Des Moines Vet Center

John Thielke '80

The Finishing Shop

Thia's Nails

Trostel's Greenbriar Restaurant

(Suzanne Summy '65)

T'sing T'Sao South

Tumea's and Sons

Twisted Bean Coffee

Vincent Enger Homes (Terry Enger)

Jennifer Weldon VanWyk '91

Sandy Linden Weldon '68

Anna Ruperto Williams '63

2023 Silent Auction Task Force:

Tony Bellegante '04, Karla Boetel '91,

Becky Clinton Dewey '83, Roger Dewey,

Kerry Burrows Enger '91, Vickie Ruperto

Halfwassen '65, Linda Mincks Hendricks

'65, Susan Heller Kingsbury '76, Dan

Peterson, Raymond "Skip" Phillips '68,

Katherine Scott '77, Steve Seid '79, John

Thielke '80, Barbara Agan Timmins

'86, Jeni Weldon VanWyk '91, and Anna

Rupeto Williams '63.

Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson '75

Fundraising Committee Chair ■

REUNION NEWS

Report Reunion news to **Susan Kingsbury** at susankingsbury@gmail.com. If you would like the Alumni Foundation to assist you at your class reunion (registration table, etc.) just let Susan know!

- **Annual ALHS Alumni Celebration featuring Scholarship Awards & Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies**, 5:30 PM, May 8, 2024, Holiday Inn - Airport.
- **Annual RAILS Party - All Class Reunion – June 22, 2024 - TBD**
- **Classes of January and June 1953** welcomes everyone for coffee the Second Thursday of the month September through May, 10:00 AM at the Hy-Vee on Fleur Drive. Contact **Donna Balzer** at (515) 285-7787
- **Classes of January and June 1957** are meeting for lunch the Third Thursday of every month 11:30 a.m. at Baratta's Restaurant. Contact **Jackie Thompson Tinker** at (515) 967-6232 or email TINK967@aol.com if you're interested in joining.

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32ND ANNUAL LINCOLN HIGH BOB VANDERLINDEN MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

ALL PROCEEDS HELP SUPPORT LINCOLN ACTIVITIES

Annual Lincoln High School Bob VanderLinden Golf Outing
Friday, June 7, 2024 | Blank Golf Course

Over the years, the money raised from this event has gone directly toward purchasing uniforms, equipment, and facility upgrades needed to improve student activity programs at Lincoln High School. We hope that you will join us for this

Railsplitter celebration and consider being a sponsor of this worthy cause. For more details contact the Lincoln Activities office at 515-242-7526.

ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION ANNUAL CELEBRATION

DATE: May 8, 2024

TIME: 5:30 PM – Social

6:00 PM – Dinner

6:45PM – Program

LOCATION: Holiday Inn - Airport

6111 Fleur Drive

Des Moines, Iowa

Join us for the Annual Alumni Foundation Celebration, May 8, 2024. The following will be awarded during the program:

2024 ALHS Alumni Hall of Fame Members

2024 ALHS Alumni Foundation Scholarships

Come and renew friendships, enjoy a herbed-crusted chicken dinner catered by Holiday Inn - Airport, and congratulate your fellow alumni and students on their achievements. Complete the form below and send it, along with your check, by **April 30th**, to:

2024 Annual Dinner

ALHS Alumni Foundation

P. O. Box 36624

Des Moines, IA 50315

For questions, please email: williamsanna@netzero.net

ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION ANNUAL CELEBRATION RESERVATION

Please print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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REUNION NEWS *(cont)*

- **Classes of 1959** have resumed breakfast meetings the First Tuesday of the month, 8:15 AM at Perkins on Fleur Drive. Contact **Dave Thomason** (515) 422-2723.
- **Classes of January and June 1963** will be holding their Annual Potluck at MacRae Park on Saturday, June 22, 2024. Other plans include an informal gathering on Friday, June 21, at the Eagles Lodge, breakfast Saturday morning, and perhaps golf. As plans are finalized, they will be e-mailed to classmates. Send your email address to williamsanna@netzero.net to receive information on activities and classmates. A big thank you to all those who continue to support our ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship!
- **Class of 1964** is holding monthly lunches – Third Thursday of the month at Hy-Vee on Fleur Drive, at Noon. Emails and/or phone messages will also be sent and Facebook posts. Contacts: **Laddie Jobe** laddiej@msn.com or (515) 249-7081, or **Mike Flaherty** mikmax70@gmail.com or (515) 971-4605. Both phone numbers accept text messages.
- **The Class of 1964** will also be celebrating its **60th Class Reunion** on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at the P.A.R.C. Recreation Center in Pleasant Hill, Iowa starting at 5pm. Additional information was sent to classmates via email and U.S. Mail. Contacts are **Laddie Jobe** and **Mike Flaherty** (info above). The Class of 1964 also has a private facebook page: DES MOINES, Ia. - Lincoln High School Class of '64 check their website for more reunion details.
- **Class of 1965 – 60th Class Reunion.** Save the date! Saturday, August 9, 2025, Blank Golf Course Club House.
- **Class of 1974 – 50th Class Reunion.** Save the date! June 7-8, 2024. Friday night at Big Grove Brewery, 6-10pm. Saturday night is at West End Salvage, 5:30-10pm. Reservations/registration required. Follow us on facebook: ALHS 1974 Seniors Updates & Shares. Contact **Linda Berry** at berry.linda@gmail.com for more information.
- **Class of 1984 – 40th Class Reunion.** Save the dates! Friday, July 26, 2024, Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino (private event space) and Saturday, July 27, 2024, Jasper Winery evening event. Two great events - one price! Saturday morning - school tour.
- Golf outing on Saturday morning priced and planned outside of Reunion cost. Please submit your current address or any questions to LHSdsm.classof84@gmail.com.
- **Class of 1989 – 25th Class Reunion.** Still in the planning stages. Check the website for details when we get them.
- **Class of 1994 – 30th Class Reunion.** Still in the planning stages. Check the website for details when we get them.
- **Class of 2004 – 20th Class Reunion.** Save the date! Jun 22, 2024 7pm-11pm at A.H. Blank Golf Course. Pizza & Drinks, Music and Dancing. Class photo. Adults only event. Tickets \$30 per person. Purchase at <https://one.bidpal.net/2004reunion> by June 8th. After June 8th it's \$40 per person. Contact is Tony Bellegante tony.bellegante@gmail.com
- **Class of 2014 – 10th Class Reunion.** Still in the planning stages. Check the website for details when we get them.

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