



RAILSPLITTER

review
FALL 2023

PRESIDENT'S INBOX: JOE HENRY '75



Dear ALHS Alumni,

As I begin my journey as President of the ALHS Alumni Association, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity and excitement for the challenges ahead. Leading an organization that plays such a vital role in the lives of Lincoln Students is an honor.

The recent celebration of Abraham Lincoln High School's 100 Year Anniversary is a testament to the enduring legacy of our Alma mater. Throughout the years, our

school has provided a beacon of hope and opportunity that has empowered generations of students to reach for the stars.

As I reflect on my personal journey, I recall how this education provided life-changing opportunities. My grandparents, immigrants from Zacatecas, Mexico, came to the United States in search of a better life. Their unwavering determination paved the way for my uncle to become the first member of our family to walk the halls of Lincoln High School. This legacy was passed down to me, and later, to my sons Zachary and Jacob.

The ALHS Alumni Foundation has been instrumental in making dreams come true for countless first-generation college applicants. Guided by the visionary leadership of our early Foundation officers, we have awarded nearly a hundred scholarships each year, opening doors of opportunity that would have otherwise remained closed.

Our mission and purpose are clear: to make post-secondary success possible for Abraham Lincoln High School students through scholarships and educational support.

We cannot do this alone. Providing these opportunities relies on working closely with Principal Williamson and the Lincoln staff, and on the generosity and support of alumni and friends who understand the profound impact a scholarship can have on a student's life.

When you become a part of the ALHS Alumni Foundation's growing list of donors, not only does your gift provide a

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Check out the ALHS Web site!

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

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

(As of July 31, 2023)

ALHS Alumni Operating Accounts

Checking and investment accounts
\$22,044

Your annual dues go to help with operating expenses.

ALHS Alumni Foundation

Checking and investment accounts
\$2,173,313*

** 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:
alhsalumni@gmail.com

FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTORS

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

Bill Allen	Carlene Hayes	Megan Ramspott
Larry Bass	Larry Jandrey	Roger Sayers
Mary Bertogli	Gary Jennings	Patrick Sullivan
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Bob Dillard	Doug Phillips	Class of 1960 Class Reunion
Vicki Knight Einhelli	Harold & Ann Phillips	Network for Good
Deborah Hansen	Robert Ramey	State of Iowa One Gift

Job and Kris Cooper in memory of **Virginia Link Agan, Kelli Kaili '96, Thomas Wood**

Anna Williams in memory of **Dan Jordan '67**

Class of 1963 in memory of classmates **Donna Rose Kain, Ron Curley, Joe Carra, Ken Miner, Lois Green Monahan**

Dan Jordan in memory of **Bob Turner '67, Gary Speck '67, Alan Smith '67**

Alicia Wright for the **Al Graziano Memorial Scholarship**

Brenda Friedrich for the **James Michael "Mike" Mayer Memorial Scholarship**

Frank Kissel for the **James Michael "Mike" Mayer Memorial Scholarship**

Connie and Eric Hockett for the **James Michael "Mike" Mayer Memorial Scholarship**

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Skip and Lin Phillips for the **Raymond and Shirley Phillips Memorial Scholarship**

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

Jennifer Van Wyk for the **Dan Smoot Memorial Scholarship**

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

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

Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines for the **Stuebaker Elementary School Scholarship**

Polk County Community Betterment Grant

Paul Graziano for the **Al Graziano Memorial Scholarship**

Steve Hews for the **Hews Family Scholarship**

Judy Lewis for the **Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship**

Fuse Des Moines, Your Chamber of Commerce for the **Fuse DSM, Your Chamber of Commerce Scholarship**

Tim Wilson for the **Ralph and Marilyn Satre Wilson Memorial Scholarship**

Mike Nixon for the **Class of 1975 Memorial Scholarship**

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

Marilyn Wilson for the **Ray "Monk" and Irma Wilson Family Scholarship**



Thanks to the generosity of many ALHS alumni and friends, the ALHS Alumni Foundation awards scholarships to deserving Lincoln seniors each year. The following 2023 graduates of Lincoln High School received our Alumni Foundation Scholarships at our Annual Dinner Celebration in May:

ALHS Alumni Association Scholarship

Marissa Albright, Grand View University
Alexa Amos, University of Northern Iowa
Kanasha Bell, Iowa School of Beauty
Helen Estrada, Iowa State University
Olivia Feuling, Coe College
Jineyshkalee Fontanez Rodriguez, Drake University
Hailey Howard, Iowa State University
Alexis Ibarra, Iowa State University
Teresa Maynard, Grand View University
Alena McCraine, Simpson College
Corae McDaniel-Turner, University of Northern Iowa
Duong Nguyen, Des Moines Area Community College
Melanie Recendiz, Drake University
Elena Rodriguez-Lara, Simpson College
Abrielle Sayasane, University of Iowa
Jaxon Vizcarra, Des Moines Area Community College
Isabella Yang, Iowa State University

ALHS Class of 1963 Memorial Scholarship

Nathan Andrews, Marshalltown Community College

ALHS Class of 1970 Scholarship

Samjhana Kami, Des Moines Area Community College

ALHS Class of 1972 50th Reunion Scholarship

Kaden Klocke, University of Iowa

Albert H. Graziano Memorial Scholarship

Rocio Bernal Mar, Des Moines Area Community College

BLH Bevington Scholarship

Anthony Agans, Iowa Central Community College
Alexa Amos, University of Northern Iowa
Mary Arthur, Northwest Missouri State University
Owen Comiskey, Iowa State University

Tyler Faris, Des Moines Area Community College
Olivia Feuling, Coe College
Alyssen Irvin, Iowa State University
Isabella Kluender, University of Iowa
Owen Mead, Des Moines Area Community College
Heriberto Salgado, University of Iowa

Brody Middle School PTO Scholarship

Madison Moro, Drake University

Carole Jones Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Marissa Albright, Grand View University

Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship

Nathan Andrews, Marshalltown Community College

Class of 1975 Scholarship

Anthony Agans, Iowa Central Community College

Class of 1979 Scholarship

Ariana Casas-Rich, Des Moines Area Community College

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

Leticia Calderon Ceballos, William Penn University
Gage Decker, Des Moines Area Community College
Ashley Diaz, Drake University
Asmita Gajmer, Iowa State University

Coralie Cherry Memorial Scholarship

Bintu Lumeh, Iowa School of Beauty

Dan Smoot Memorial Scholarship

Bintu Lumeh, Iowa School of Beauty

The Dave Mills Scholarship

Madison Moro, Drake University

Elizabeth C. Vencil Chandler Memorial Scholarship

Jaenelle Bryant, Suffolk University, Boston
Owen Comiskey, Iowa State University
Larissa Levering, Des Moines Area Community College
Leah Wallace, Drake University

The Erickson Family Foundation Scholarship

Alyssa Fisher, University of Iowa

Fuse DSM, Your Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Madison Moro, Drake University

George "Skip" Timmons Memorial Scholarship

Marissa Albright, Grand View University
Isabella Kluender, University of Iowa

The Gloria Gray Scholarship

Soniya Tiwari, Des Moines Area Community College

The Hews Family Scholarship

Jaxon Vizcarra, Des Moines Area Community College

Highland Family Scholarship

Tyler Faris, Des Moines Area Community College
Maryfer Hernandez-Ramirez, Iowa State University
Cara Hoang, Drake University
Heather Leek, Wartburg College
Samantha Miller, New York University, New York
Heriberto Salgado, University of Iowa

Howard Wayne Foust Memorial Scholarship

Heather Leek, Wartburg College

Hugh Kent Memorial Science Scholarship

Alena McCraine, Simpson College

James Michael "Mike" Mayer Memorial Scholarship

Saydee Edwards, Grand View University

Jim & Ralph Wilson Memorial Scholarship

Ashly Martinez, Des Moines Area Community College

The John and Jean Hollingsworth Memorial Scholarship

Maryfer Hernandez-Ramirez, Iowa State University

John and Maxine McCaw Memorial Scholarship

Jasmine Jorgenson, Drake University

The Juanita Ann Smith Zeiler '47 Memorial Scholarship

Samantha Miller, New York University, New York

Kenneth Sufka Scholarship

Jevon Thompson, Iowa State University

Leo Bridal Memorial Scholarship

Kanasha Bell, Iowa School of Beauty

The Myrna Newbury Agan Memorial Scholarship

Rocio Bernal Mar, Des Moines Area Community College

Nicholas J. Mancuso Scholarship

Valerie Hernandez, Coe College

Ralph and Marilyn Satre Wilson Memorial Scholarship

Alyssa Fisher, University of Iowa

Ray "Monk" and Erma Wilson Family Scholarship

Kendalynn Locke, University of Iowa

Raymond and Shirley Phillips Memorial Scholarship

Samantha Miller, New York University, New York

Richard Hurd Scholarship

Valerie Hernandez, Coe College

Rolland Geil & Ruth Johnson Nichols Memorial Scholarship

Alyssa Fisher, University of Iowa

Sarg Fontanini Memorial Scholarship

Cara Hoang, Drake University

Studebaker Elementary School Scholarship

Abrielle Sayasane, University of Iowa

Wolfe Family Scholarship

Asmita Gajer, Iowa State University

Zac Bales-Henry Scholarship

Nathan Andrews, Marshalltown Community College

President's Inbox (cont)



means to invest in the future of our students but also in the future of this community. Together, we provide joy, hope and help make the dreams of many Lincoln High Grads a reality.

Each contribution, no matter the amount, makes a difference.

It is through the collective efforts of our alumni and friends, we truly make a difference. Your donations help to ensure that ALHS continues as the beacon of hope and opportunity for future generations.

Please join me, and the members of our Board, as we face new challenges and work to foster ways alumni can continue to inspire Lincoln High students.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your unwavering support. I look forward to working alongside my fellow alumni as we build a brighter future for Lincoln High and the students, both current and future. ■

Go Rails!

Joe

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Paul Williamson



Greetings Faithful Alumni,

Whew, another homecoming in the books! I have now been through 13 homecomings, and this one was certainly the best. We had more student engagement along with community support than I have seen before! The

Centennial Celebration events were a lot of fun. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in our parade, carnival, and celebration dinner. What a success!



Sadly, we have played our final varsity football game at Hutchens stadium. We will still play middle school and JV games in the stadium, but varsity will now move to the new Mediacom Stadium that we will share with Drake University and three of our other DMPS High Schools. By the time you receive this letter we will have played our first game in this new location. We will now shift our athletic focus to wrapping up

a plan to build a new all-purpose track and field facility below Hutchens stadium that will serve not only our track program, but provide a safe and quality surface for band rehearsals, football practices, soccer practices, and more. Our goal is to have artificial turf and lighting for this facility. We anticipate this multi-million dollar facility to go before the school board for approval in late December or early January.

Another project that has just begun is building a new secure entry into our school. This will be built in the entry way at the bottom of the Commons that will require visitors to check in and secure clearance before getting past our entry way. This project should be completed prior to winter break.

This year our enrollment remains strong with almost 2400 students. As I shared at the centennial dinner, our student body has changed quite a bit. Here are some stats you will find interesting: 75% of our students qualify for free and reduced lunch as opposed to 20% 10 years ago. 37% of our students are Hispanic, 34% of our students are white, 15% of our students are black, and 7% of our students are Asian. Lincoln is quite a diverse community now which yields many rewarding experiences for everyone. ■

Take Care,

Paul Williamson

ALUMNI NOTES BY ANNA 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.

Throughout this year we've been celebrating our school's 100th anniversary. You'll see photos sprinkled throughout this newsletter. On September 23rd the rain held off for us, and alumni were able to have a float and ride in the homecoming parade – once again sponsored by Job '86 and Kris Bird Cooper '88.



The parade was followed by a carnival in the school parking lot, along with tours of the school. Jonathan May, traveling magician, stopped by the alumni table with a few tricks that absolutely amazed us!



The celebration ended at the Holiday Inn - Airport with photos, social, dinner, program and dancing!



Lincoln High School wasn't the only to celebrate 100 years this year. On August 7th so did Phyllis Knouf Stegman '43! A birthday open house was held for Phyllis and many family, friends and alumni enjoyed wishing Phyllis a Happy Birthday! Some will remember Phyllis attending the Iowa State Fair and going down the giant slide well into her 90s. Phyllis was interviewed by Channel 13 News at the Fair this summer, and when asked about the Fair, she said she has been attending since she was two weeks old!

In case you're wondering why there were so many facebook RAILS Party pictures of Dave Thomason '59, here's the deal! We always take photos of the "oldest" and "youngest" grads attending the RAILS Party. Dave started out as the oldest, and younger grads kept showing up – Sarah Baker '04, Sarah Cox '05, and finally Laura Boatright Carlson '07.

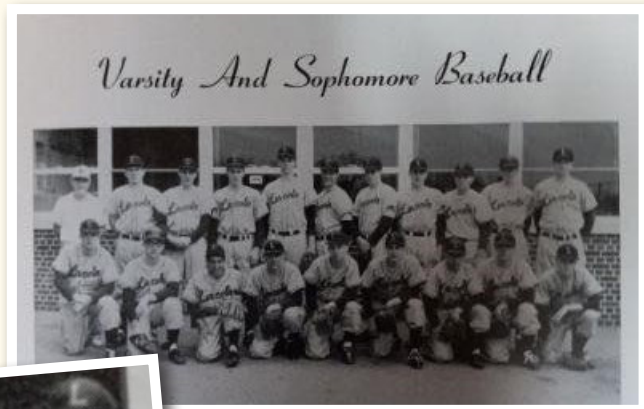


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And then, Dave was finally overtaken by **Al Reynolds '58** and **Lonny Bierma '57!**

Congratulations, **Joe Henry '75!** We are happy to announce that Joe Henry, Iowa Realty, has been recognized as one of the top professionals in the prestigious Top 250 and Top 100 Midwest Latino Realtors rankings!



Paul Levang '63 shared this great story with us: "As I reminisce about my days at ALHS, I was privileged to be part of the baseball team. I remember getting permission to take broken bats after the game; those bats I carefully repaired and have kept all these years. Over the years, I've proudly told the story to my children and grandchildren. Note the Abraham Lincoln High School branded into the bats. They represent the good memories of my days as a Railsplitter."



Connections do matter – Alumni board director, **Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson '75**, heard her name called at the Alumni Annual Celebration Dinner in May. It was **Amanda Scott Vizcarra '98**, a neighbor girl Lisa took to school with her daughter. Amanda's family was at the dinner in honor of son, **Jaxon Vizcarra '23**, who was receiving one of the alumni post-secondary scholarships. Lisa found out that Jaxon was going on to DMACC at the Iowa Culinary Institute (*also one of our Silent Auction and Sale donors*). She mentioned that **Karla Boetel '91** was a new alumni board director. Karla is also a 23-year professor and chef at the Iowa Culinary Institute. Lisa offered to get Jaxon and Karla connected. Although not a student of hers, Karla was able to help welcome Jaxon onto campus. The picture says it all! Karla finds joy in new things, enjoys teaching and celebrating students who are passionate about culinary mastery in this Associate of Arts Program. She also serves the foundation board on The Scholarship, Fundraising and Annual Dinner Celebration Committees – and jumps in to help out wherever she can.

It was fun for Lisa as three generations of ALHS students were together and arranging some new Southside Pride connections. We wish Jaxon and all our scholarship award recipients a bright future – and to always remember the ALHS Alumni Foundation was honored to help get them there. Go Rails!

Does anyone have a **2016 Yearbook** they'd be willing to part with? If so, please send williamsanna@netzero.net a message.



Class of June, 1961, meets quarterly. On June 15th they met at Baratta's for lunch, and met again, in August, for an "80th Birthday" celebration!



The **60th Class Reunion** for the **Classes of 1963** took place the weekend of June 23-24, 2023. An informal gathering was held at The Eagles Lodge Friday night. Saturday morning folks met for breakfast at HyVee on Fleur Drive. Terrible weather so this year's golfing was cancelled! Classmates and guests each received a Class of 1963 - 60th Reunion memento Coin and Koozie. A social and classmates photo was taken, and then a BBQ Buffet catered by Truman's and wonderful homemade desserts at MacRae Park, wound up the evening. Next year's annual gathering will take place June 21-22, 2024.



Class of 1968 celebrated its **55th Reunion** September 15, 2023, at Jasper Winery. Members greeted each other

with hugs, smiles and laughter as they arrived at the lovely setting. The display of class memorabilia and fantastic pasta bar by Tumea's, kept the 100 guests sharing the best memories and catching up. Some, were reunion regulars and others, first-timers, but the spirit of good times and "second to none" filled the room. The photo booth was a hot spot for fun, and the photos were shared on the class Facebook page. The Saturday afternoon mystery site turned out to be fun on the patio at Big Grove Brewery. A 75th birthday party for the class is being considered for 2025.



The **Class of 1973** had a packed weekend – September 22-23, 2023 – for its **50th Class Reunion!** Friday morning some golfed or played miniature golf at Blank Golf Course. Friday evening classmates informally gathered at Park Avenue Pub, and then some went to the homecoming game. A banquet was held Saturday evening at Prairie Meadows Convention Center.



The **Class of 1978** had a well-attended **45th Class Reunion** with classmates gathering at Pal Joey's on July 14th and dinner July 15, 2023, at the Izaak Walton League.

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40th Class Reunion for the **Class of 1983** took place the same weekend as the 100th Anniversary Celebration – September 22-23, 2023! Friday night classmates had a great turnout at the Thirsty Sportsman to catch up and some also attended the homecoming game. On Saturday evening they combined their gathering with the Celebration Dinner at the Holiday Inn - Airport. Everyone had a real good time.



The **Class of 1998** had a lovely time at Carper Vineyard and Winery in Cumming, Iowa on Saturday, November 18th. Classmates caught up with each other as they enjoyed food from Big Mama's Bistro food truck and had a champagne or sparkling grape juice toast to 25 years. Go Rails!



The **Class of 2013** met this summer on June 24th to celebrate their **10 Year Class Reunion** at Ricochet in Downtown Des Moines. Over 40 members of the class attended, with some traveling over 900 miles! It was a great success and wonderful to connect after 10 years! ■

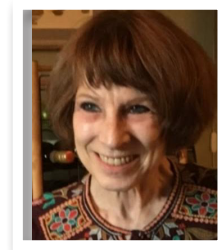
ALUMNI HALL OF FAME BY TONY BELLEGANTE '04

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 next spring, with plans for a grand unveiling event.

We invite you to nominate outstanding alumni who deserve recognition, contributing to the success of this project. For nominations and donations, visit our website www.alhsalumni.com or contact us at our email alhsalumnifoundation@gmail.com

This spring, the following were inducted into the ALHS Alumni Hall of Fame.



Nancy Stevens
Kuemmerle '66



Kathleen Palis
Weinberg '77



David John
Landess '80



James
Ellwanger '85



Thank you for your continued support! ■

Tony Bellegante

Chair, Hall of Fame Committee

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HOW TO REACH US

We love to receive your emails. Send us your reunion news, pictures, and stories to share. ALHSAlumniFoundation@gmail.com

Our alumni website for information and reunion news is www.ALHSAlumni.com

THANKS TO ALL OUR FOLLOWERS!

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

The nomination procedure for the Lincoln Athletic Hall of Fame has gone to an electronic application process. If you are interested in nominating an LHS alum or coach, please use the following link. Criteria for the athletic hall of fame is listed within the document link.

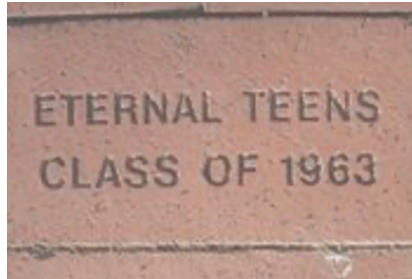
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At the 2023 Maroon & Gold Gala, **Jordan Bernstine '07** and **Marcy Potts-Roff '93** were inducted into the ALHS Athletic Hall of Fame. ■

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL PRIDE!

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: visit <https://www.trailblz.info/buildlincolnhigher/eventcomplete.aspx?eventid=3>.

Please note some items may not be available if you live outside the Des Moines area.



\$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!

OUR ANNUAL ONLINE AUCTION AND SALE

<https://www.32auctions.com/ALHSAlumniFoundation2022> took place October 24-26, 2023. Iowa folks were notified via email. Watch for the full article of information and thanks to our donors in the Spring 2024 *Railsplitter Review!*



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

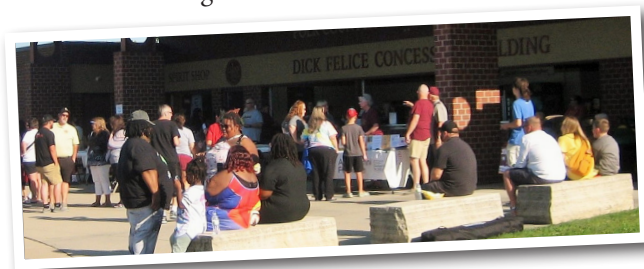
1934 Virginia Lenhart Bett	1963 Kenneth Miner	1973 Richard E. Lancaster
1940 Ann R. Graziano Costanzo	Lois Green Monahan	Joe D. Lucas
1941 Evelyn Green Frazier	Ron Curley	Virginia Kuzela Brooks
1944 Joanne Cordaro Liston	Joseph J. Carra	Sandra K. Miller Oatts
1947 Jack T. Head	Donna Rose Kain	1974 Steven D. Righi
Keith James	1964 Richard C. Henry	Kimberly B. Zarley
George Rogerson	Jerry L. Hughes	David P. Reynolds
1948 Jack D. Nichols	1965 Dwaine Baker	1975 Craig O. Hall
Betty Mitchell Flint	Catherine Courtney	1976 Chris Kern
1949 Pete J. Tursi	Monna Greer	1977 Rebecca Laughlin Cannady
1950 Shirley Horton Comegys	1966 Cathie Johnson Graves	Mary I. Guthrie Gallardo
John P. Crouch	Margo E. Kunkel Smith	Kayla Channon Blanchard
Nora Belle Casner Law	Nancy Stevens Kuemmerle	Lorraine Ahlberg Brownell
1951 Erma J. Tollari Leo	Cheryl Cox Zahn	1978 Carla S. Jorgensen Treanor
Shirley Geist-Smith Hrubetz	Judith Courtney Robison Fuller	1979 Danny E. Comegys
1952 Wayne L. Howlett	Sandra Slorah Webb	Angela Ghee Schuhmacher
Charles J. Russo, Sr.	Charles Gould	Ruth M. Carson
1953 Mariln Scovel Parks	1967 Dan Jordan	Mike Conrath
Charles Cross	Sheryl Henry	1980 Craig Briar
1954 Florentina Rivera Perez	Martha Gray Oakley	1983 A. Scott Conrath
Charlotte Askland Ortega	1968 Bernie L. Zylstra	Lorilee Browne Morgan
1956 Shirley Hyde Miller	Stephen Roy Torode	1984 Milton Dean Hadlock
Martha Steven Blackford	Larry D. Curtis	1986 Shana D. LaMar
1957 Lonnie F. Piper	Norman Stevens	1989 Lora Marie Buske
Richard W. Spencer	1969 Peter Comiskey	1991 Brice A. Smith
Judy Welborn Fisher	Michael Channon	1992 Melissa Voshell Grooters
1959 Diana L. Sanford Llewellyn	Susan Fitzsimmons Angell	Melissa Sater Sauer
George E. Kirts	1970 Robin M. Seeger Brown	1996 Kelli A. Kaili Edmond
1961 Charles "Lee" Larson	Terry Free McGinnis	1997 Adam Edgington
Dennis Reed	Justine M. Morton	1998 Heather D. Lundquist
Tom G. McMahon	Kenneth E. Couch	2000 Heather M. Whitlatch
Gary L. Mosley	1971 Margaret A. Mosqueda Chilton	2001 Nicole C. Dady
Robert R. Murphy	Haroldine K. Law West	2019 Abbigail Jozlynn Morris
Ronald L. Stiles	1972 John "Rick" Livingston, Sr.	
William (Bill) D. Robinson	Michelle S. Boyd Parsons	Faculty:
Marilyn Oca Brightwell Finney	Linda Shineflew Hutson	Dennis W. Peacock, Counselor
1962 Robert L. Agar	Debra Smith Marchant	Jerry A. Chiaramonte, Teacher
Penny Johnson Hansen	Bobbi A. Brewer Bowen	Susan Loy Purscell, Teacher
Martin Zylstra	James M. Roth	

BUILD LINCOLN HIGHER BOOSTER CLUB, INC.

PRESIDENT: CINDI HOHL DE MEYER '97

What a tremendous time to be a Railsplitter! BLH is currently in a rebuilding phase and we are excited for the energy and enthusiasm the parent representatives, coaches, staff and students are bringing with them! We have strong momentum rolling into the winter season!

Our Vice-President of Events, Sharon West, has been busy coordinating the planning and organization of our annual fundraising events. The Chicken Bowl was a fantastic way to kick off the 2023-2024 school year and we are already looking ahead to making it even better in 2024!



The winter activities season officially kicked off with the Chili Cook-Off on Friday, November 17. We had 22 tables signed up for the event and many delicious options for dinner! This year, as part of the cook-off, the LHS band and choir hosted a bake-off, cinnamon rolls vs. cornbread!

Looking ahead, we are excitedly planning for the Pancake Breakfast and the Maroon and Gold Gala. The Pancake Breakfast is a beloved Southside tradition and we are looking forward to gathering with alumni, current families and our community at this annual event scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 2024. Hours for the event and ticketing information will be coming soon!



Finally, we are once again offering BLH memberships! We have simplified membership levels for the 2023-2024 year. Your membership card will allow you access to "member only" deals at concessions throughout the year. Please visit the BLH website (buildlincolnhigher.com) to order your membership and support our Railsplitters! ■

GO RAILS!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Winter Band Concert** – December 4, 2023 - Auditorium
- **Winter Orchestra Concert** – December 6, 2023 – Auditorium
- **Winter Choir Concert** – December 11, 2023 – Auditorium
- **Winter Break** – December 22, 2023 – January 1, 2024
- **Winter Show Choir and Jazz Choir Concert** – January 22, 2024 – Auditorium
- **Pancake Breakfast** – January 27, 2024 – Student Commons
- **Annual Maroon and Gold Gala** – February 10, 2024 – Airport Holiday Inn. For information and to purchase tickets, follow this link: <https://one.bidpal.net/maroonandgold2024>
- **Fine Arts Showcase** – February 6, 2024 – Student Commons and Auditorium
- **Spring Break** – March 11 - 15, 2024
- **Spring Musical** – April 18, 29 and 20, 2024, Auditorium
- **Prom** – April 27, 2024, Blank Park Zoo
- **Spring Orchestra Concert** – May 6, 2024
- **Spring Jazz Concert** – May 7, 2024
- **Annual ALHS Alumni Celebration featuring Scholarship Awards & Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies** – May 8, 2024, 5:30 PM, Holiday Inn - Airport
- **Spring Choir Concert** – May 13, 2024
- **Spring Orchestra Concert** – May 15, 2024
- **Spring Show & Jazz Choir Concert** – May 17, 2024
- **Senior Class Day Awards Ceremony** – May 22, 2024, 2PM (Bowen Round House)
- **Commencement** – May 25, 2024, 12:30 PM (Knapp Center, Drake University Campus)
- **Annual RAILS Party - All Class Reunion** (to be announced)
- **32nd Annual Bob VanderLinden Golf Outing** – June 7, 2024 (Blank Golf Course). Contact Phil Chia at (515) 242-7525 for details.

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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. 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 through December. After that, coffee the Second Thursday of the month through May, 10:00 AM at the Hy-Vee on Fleur Drive. Contact **Donna Balzer** at (515) 285-7787.
- **Classes of January and June 1953** welcomes everyone for
- **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.

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- **Class of June, 1961**, meets for quarterly lunches. 2024 lunches will be scheduled early next year. Contact is **Dixie Jeffries**, (515) 243-5700 or djeff1943@gmail.com.
- **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, breakfast Saturday morning, and 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. (Same location as the 55 year reunion.) Additional information will be sent to classmates via email and U.S. Mail in January, 2024. 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.
- **Class of 1974 - 50th Class Reunion.** Save the date! June 7-8, 2024. Follow us on facebook: ALHS 1974 Seniors Updates & Shares. Contact **Linda Berry** at berry.linda@gmail.com.
- **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.

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