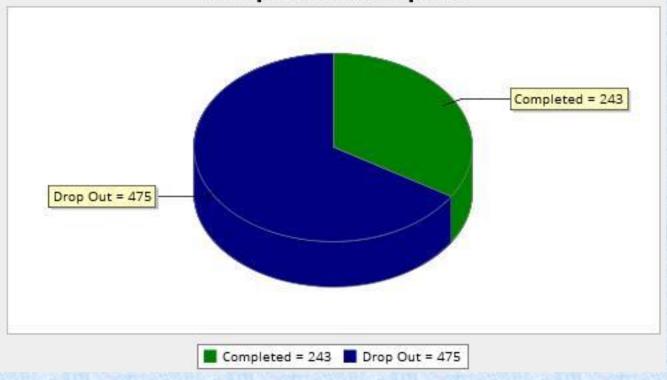
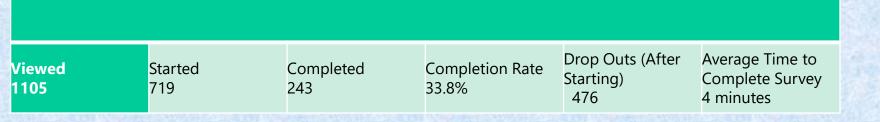
### Alumni Survey - 2021

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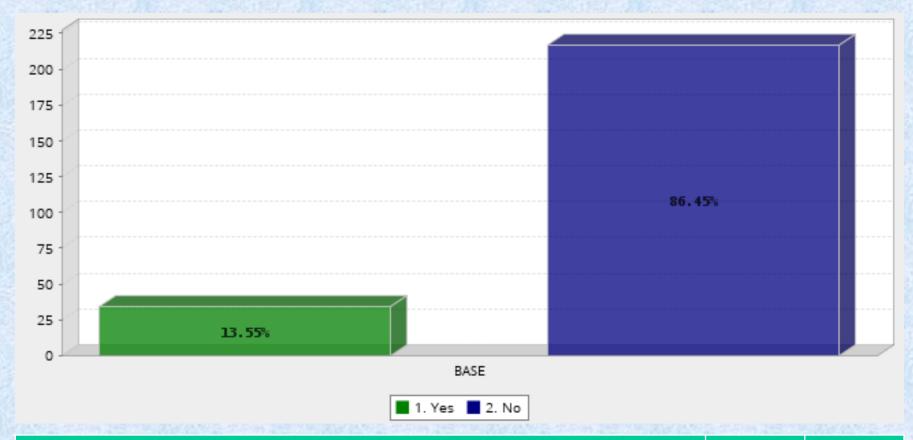
### Survey Overview

#### **Completion / Dropout**



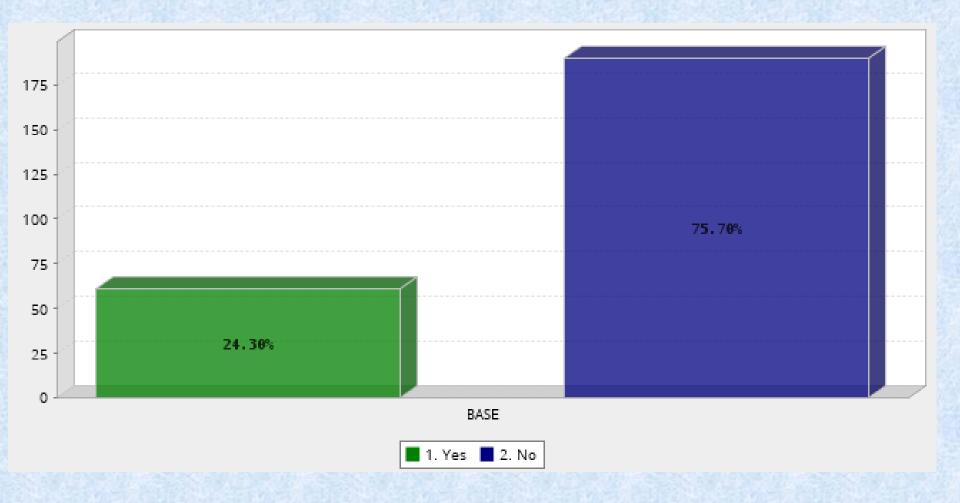


### Do you have children that currently attend Beallsville School? (Either elementary or high school.)



Answer	Count	Percent
Yes	34	13.55%
No	217	86.45%
Total	251	100%

### Have you attended the Alumni Banquet in the past 5 years?



Answer	Count	Percent
Yes	61	24.30%
No	190	75.70%
Total	251	100%

#### What did you like and/or dislike about the Banquet?

#### **Summary of significant issues:**

- Have not attended any of the banquets. -17 responses
- The formalities and speeches take up too much time. -19 responses
- Do not have it on Memorial Day Weekend (or a holiday weekend.) 14 responses
- Change location 11 responses
- Consider serving alcohol 10 responses

### Other responses (134 total responses recorded – The total below may not reflect the actual total; non-applicable answers such as "N/A", "Unsure" and "not attended any banquet", etc. were removed.

#### This was for the sake of brevity. A complete list of responses is on file.)

- 1. Nice seeing people but not as much fun as when they were held at the union hall in Clarington.
- 2. Was just disappointed that more didn't show from my class for the 10 year.
- 3. Was great my 50th reunion
- 4. I didn't know about them
- 5. Seemed good, a little long winded at times but good.
- 6. Getting to meet back up with old friends is always the best part.
- 7. I have not been there in quite a while due to my kids obligations. Nothing negative from when I attended.
- 8. Seeing people that I have not seen in years.
- 9. I don't like that it is Memorial Weekend. People have graduations and other plans. Honestly, my family and friends camp and go to lake that weekend, and I don't want to leave there and come for a formal sit down.
- 10. Was great seeing other folks from our class as well as those from other classes. Enjoyed the band after the banquet
- 11. I'm somewhat out of the loop but was invited to I believe a 20 year reunion years back.
- 12. N/a .. I was never invited
- 13. Like it very much except paying for a dance band that very few people use.
- 14. It was very nice
- 15. Haven't been there since they moved it to the school. Do they still have a DJ?
- 16. The new building is rather bland, though well thought out.
- 17. Meeting classmates
- 18. I mostly liked it, was just sad not seeing a lot of classes show up.
- 19. I haven't attended in the last 5 yrs but I have been to a few banquets. They have always been well organized, the food is good & usually good music. I think the speakers talk a little too long though.
- 20. Last time I attended the food was very good
- 21. I went to the banquet as a senior and thought it was great.
- 22. Good A few people there, I finally saw the new school, food available, decent decorations.
- 23. Dislike needed more classmates, needed old year books to look up other faces and names, needed some after function entertainment for better socialization.

### What did you like and/or dislike about the Banquet? CONT.

- 24. Like seeing old friends. Like the scholarships given to seniors
- 25. seeing old friends
- 26. Time of year.
- 27. It was fun...
- 28. I saw pictures. I went to Beallsville but did not actually graduate from Beallsville. Would love to see old friends.
- 29. I've not attended. I've always heard nice things about them.
- 30. The food was awesome. It was held in the gym at the school which was nice and had plenty of space. I wish there were a space that was big enough but could include alcohol
- 31. I liked the decorations and organization of the event.
- 32. Seeing my classmates and the food.
- 33. Didn't attend due to schedule conflicts with work
- 34. Wishing more would come that live further away
- 35. I was the only one there from my class, so that wasn't great. Banquet was nice.
- 36. It was nice to catch up with people from other classes. I didn't like the meeting happening during the banquet. It look such a long time, and it wasn't a priority for several in attendance.
- 37. Not many people my age were there
- 38. Boring
- 39. I enjoyed interacting with people I haven't seen for a long time.
- 40. The food was good and seeing people. I dislike not having a lot of my classmates show up because of location, conflicts with past officers not being open to having the banquet elsewhere, officers not being Beallsville alumni, too long of business meeting, just to name a few things.
- 41. We enjoy seeing all the various classes. That was always very unique to Beallsville.
- 42. I like the catered food provided by Norma Cunningham And Chris Mellinger. I like how it's been done in the past
- 43. Good food when Norma and Chris cater, enjoy seeing other classes and wish people would dance like they did years ago. Business meeting at times has been drug out.
- 44. The banquet is great. Time constraints often prevent us from attending
- 45. The last time I attended it was very political and u felt like it was less about a reunion of classmates and friends. This was at my sisters senior. I was unable to attend my 5th year due to being away in grad school and then my 10th was in 2020 and so did not happen with Covid.
- 46. Hearing stories/memories of years past.
- 47. Did get a invite to go
- 48. Seeing old classmates. Ms. Mellinger's food is great.
- 49. Wish more would participate there were only 3 in my class of 1990 there in 2015
- 50. Missed being there this year because of covid
- 51. COVID
- 52. Attended all banquets except the last one.
- 53. Like 5 years get to see many people. Miss seeing the
- 54. I think it needs to start earlier in the day, by the time you get done with everything planned, you dont have a lot of time to talk with all your classmates, it was like 10:00 then people were leaving.
- 55. Liked it when it was at Clarington.
- 56. Being able to visit with different friends. Music and food

### What did you like and/or dislike about the Banquet? CONT.

- 57. The introduction of all the classes are not needed. Love the food!
- 58. I think everything was great only sometime the speakers get a little long winded!!!!!
- 59. Liked seeing people I haven't seen in a while, good food. It is boring however. I think alcohol being available would help.
- 60. Food is always great!
- 61. I didn't dislike anything really. I don't live up there anymore and kinda wish that I could have visited with more people.
- 62. I really liked when the alumni banquet was at the union hall in Clarington, they were able to dim lights for a dance afterwards and I think most stayed for that, I personally dont care for it being at the said new school, not fair to those who didnt actually graduate from that facility
- 63. I didn't like that the last banquet I attended was more of a business meeting then a banquet. I would rather visit with the class mates that come back.
- 64. Cost is one of the main factors. Too much money for a catered meal and mediocre entertainment. I would prefer a lower cost for the meal only and skip the band.
- 65. There are too many people who have conflicts due to graduations, etc. Also don't like having it at the school. Lots of people would like to have a few drinks, and can't do that at the school. I remember having it at Undo's in St C one year, and that was really nice.
- 66. Not many people showed. I remember it being bright. It would be nice if lights could be dimmed so people would be more likely to dance.
- 67. I didn't like that the banquet room temperature was so hot. I did like the banquet dinner.
- 68. I liked seeing everyone when I went. I would like to attend again depending on where it is held.
- 69. It was nice to see my classmates, though not many were there. The food was excellent.
- 70. There is not much to do at the banquet. I feel like it cost too much to attend for what there is to offer there. I feel like doing a while weekend on the town with a parade and other activities would bring more of a crowd.
- 71. Entertainment was very laxed.. Didn't really have a good time. Moved our party outside.. more enjoyable
- 72. Apparently it wasn't promoted enough.
- 73. The last banquet I attended was the first one held at the new school. They spent hours discussing business and what to do with money. Half my class had to leave before the dance actually started which was 10:00!! I've never been back since.
- 74. Too expensive for what it is, no alcohol allowed, etc.
- 75. I feel festivities and entertainment is more geared towards older alumni classes. It's not for everyone, but the alumni from the last 20ish years tend to want a venue the permits alcohol.
- 76. Seeing old classmates
- 77. For our 50th class reunion we were the last served dinner and there was none left. As we sat and waited we saw people coming in with their plates overflowing with food.
- 78. Meetings should not be held at the banquet. I believe that these two issues have been resolved.
- 79. All seniors should be required to attend the banquet and dressed appropriately.
- 80. Students attending vocational education should graduate with their home school.
- 81. The before get together is a great idea
- 82. Banquet was fine but had more fun when we were able to have adult beverages
- 83. I think it's well organized, glad catering by Chris Mellinger is supported!
- 84. Last time I was at one the food was great, this was the first year or second they had it at the school. Didn't really like that it was at the school I know alcohol isn't or shouldn't be a huge concern or main point but it is nice to have a drink with some friends.
- 85. I've went in the past and enjoy the time spent there.
- 86. That's it's just one small event.
- 87. One thing I've always missed is being able to see people who attended BHS at the same time—for example people a year or two older or younger than me. I'd like to see us do an alumni weekend each year and maybe eliminate the specific honored graduation years and instead make it. community wide event open to everyone.

### What did you like and/or dislike about the Banquet? CONT.

- 88. Needs a social before and after
- 89. Seeing old friends.
- 90. great food (Norma/Chris), small attendance.
- 91. Food was delicious! Decorations could be better.
- 92. I have no problem with the banquet.
- 93. The atmosphere and food was good.
- 94. Liked it when it was in Clarington. Need to find somewhere other than high school to have it.
- 95. I disliked all of the speeches and lack of socialization time with my classmates. (The last one I went to was several years ago before it was held in the school.)
- 96. Liked the king and queen of the banquet
- 97. I never attended...I heard ya had to get dressy, no alcohol, it was expensive to attend and there was a lot of formality with speeches and such

#### What can we do to make it better?

#### **Summary of significant issues:**

- Change the date from Memorial Day weekend 29 responses
- The formalities and speeches take up too much time. -9 responses
- Change location 27 responses
- Consider serving alcohol 12 responses

# Other responses (134 total responses recorded – The total below may not reflect the actual total; non-applicable answer such as "N/A", "Unsure", etc. were removed. This was for the sake of brevity. A complete list of responses can be made available upon request.):

- 1. Make more of it off of school grounds. Maybe everyone doesn't like alcohol, and that's fine. But I'm sure you've seen how big of an event alumni weekend is for Woodsfield/MC. A golf scramble, alcohol, a party, something along that line would drive up attendance in my opinion. Another big change that is needed more than the alcohol. Quit having it on a major holiday weekend!!! Last I checked it was on Memorial Day weekend, families are at the lake, in the woods, out of town, ect.
- 2. Move the banquet to the 1st weekend of June. Please....Change the date
- 3. Less speeches
- 4. change venues, less formal, alcohol optional
- 5. A pre or post event/gathering might gain more interest from folks and that could motivate more attendance. I think it's got to make it worthwhile, especially for those who travel long distances.
- 6. Follow your agenda and set a time for the banquet to end.
- 7. Just keep having maybe advertise more, my husband graduated from Powhatan and he gets a letter every year for dues and other info.
- 8. Give me plenty of notice lol
- 9. Notify me
- 10. Please try to change date .MY 40 I could not go because it is the same time as our high school grad and my oldest grandchild was grad. What would have you done?
- 11. Better venue
- 12. Conflict with the holiday is tough
- 13. Have a band or DJ
- 14. I would like to see it another summer weekend, Friday and Saturday events. Small carnival style, food trucks, DJ, parade for classes honored that year. Dollar Bingo? things to raise money for the following year. Like, Dave Caldwell in dunk tank, whatever. Fun thins for alumni and their families. I know the older generations like formal sit down so have that too. For us Gen. X, we want to do something fun in flip flops and shorts. Our generation seems to love nostalgic things.

#### What can we do to make it better? CONT.

- 15. Not having it memorial weekend.
- 16. Would love to see better attendance, but doubt that's anything that can be fixed
- 17. Alcohol
- 18. Find a more relaxed environment
- 19. Reach out to those better who moved away from the small town
- 20. Notify me what's going on
- 21. Invite me?
- 22. Change the date and move the location
- 23. Perhaps some school spirit decorations done by the current students.
- 24. Move the date away from a national holiday where alumni will have other family obligations.
- 25. Less talking, more entertainment
- 26. Nothing
- 27. Maybe it could be more publicised. I never know when it is.
- 28. Make yearbooks available to look up other faces and names, give an update on what's been going on (academics, sports, etc) for those not local, add some post function entertainment for better socialization.
- 29. Better table arrangement so would be easier to visit with all classmates.
- 30. Don't talk about business for over an hour
- 31. Change date to summer.
- 32. Mostly the comments I've seen is a different weekend. I work mostly when they had them. Maybe in the future I'll be able to attend.
- 33. Have some kind of activity or entertainment
- 34. Take it back to the way it used to be...food entertainment beverages or permitted to carry in...make it more of a party/celebration not just a boring class renion
- 35. Activities
- 36. Have it a different weekend, so more people can come. Have other activities so people are more interested in coming.
- 37. Make it purely social, no "business" during the banquet. That could be held at a different time for those who want to attend.
- 38. Livin' it up some...love the idea of having the school open for tours, but not for the banquet. 1st change the weekend end of the event...people already have plans.
- 39. Listen and be open to suggestions.
- 40. Reestablish in a more party environment.
- 41. I think it's fine
- 42. Different date. Not Memorial weekend
- 43. Move the date and the location
- 44. Change the date
- 45. Memorial day was amways a bad weekend for me
- 46. It would be better if you could get people to come but that is out of your control. Being a past officer I know you have a hard job.
- 47. Nothing that I can think of right now. It's really a good time.
- 48. Possibly different location due to if people are coming from out of town there is no place to stay without having to drive. Also at the school it's a dry location.
- 49. It's hard to please everyone and no matter how hard the committee tries someone will always complain. Don't fix what isn't broke. If the banquet is getting good attendance stick with it

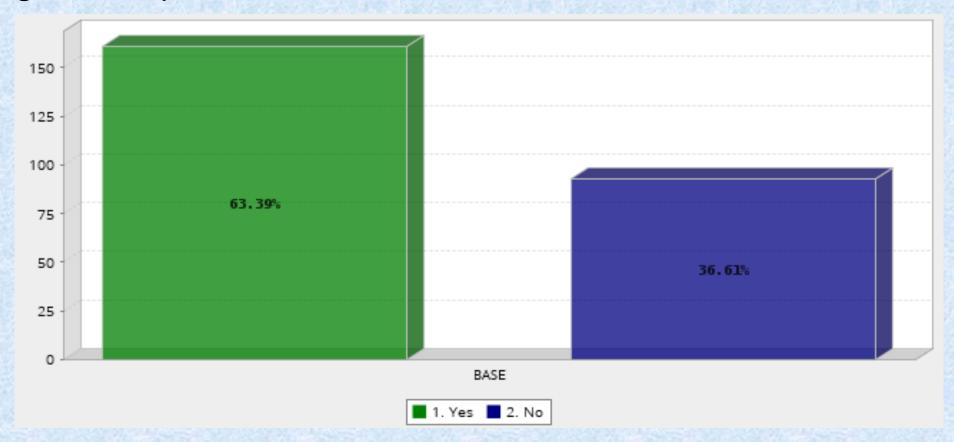
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- 50. Send everyone a invite next time
- 51. Would be nice to make it a bigger event, something people want to come home for, parade, music, DJ, golf tournament, something
- 52. Change the date it usually is.
- 53. COVID prevented it from happening
- 54. Not sure -open it to all who want to come.. so I could see class of 78, 79 and 80. We knew them best.. hard to though...
- 55. get classes to hold outdoor BBQ or something??
- 56. Gear toward the younger ones maybe have it outdoors with games and competitions
- 57. Move it to labor day weekend then you have a Friday night football game. Saturday you could have the alumni banquet then people would have Sunday if they want to get together with their classmates and you still have Monday to travel home and it's away from summertime so people won't be planning vacations.
- 58. Get it off high school campus.
- 59. Call classes in order. Making sure that everyone has dinner. When I had my 50th class reunion Betty Burkhart Gramlich and I worked for 1 year sending out letters, phone calls to our classmates. We had the most there, was called last to get our dinner and there was none left.
- 60. Get reminders out early. Some places require a 6 month notice to request time off.
- 61. All seniors should be required to attend including those who attend a vocational school as long as BHS is their home school
- 62. Different weekend with more activities.
- 63. Oh gee can't think of anything right now.. I know it is a job to getting everything lined up. Been there, done that!!
- 64. Cash bar with trained bartenders, maybe group together eras instead of 5 year intervals? One year it's everyone who graduated in the 80s, next year the 90s. and so on. Combine older classes in a year like the 50s and 60s.
- 65. Don't have it on holiday weekend
- 66. Find a public place that allows alcohol
- 67. Lower cost. Maybe a shorter program to just eat and recognize the honored classes. Let each class decide if they want to plan a get-together of their own afterward. It's not going to be possible to please everyone (type of entertainment, alcohol vs. no alcohol, etc..).
- 68. Change the date & venue, primarily.
- 69. Possibly changing the date and place
- 70. Change the date
- 71. The banquet needs moved from Memorial weekend
- 72. Alumni banquet followed by dance. It needs to be more of a celebration, dance, or party. If it were less formal more people may attend. More people may attend if it were located in our old gym. Older people like the old gym more than the new one. It allows for movement & dim lighting. Plus a walk down memory lane!
- 73. Looking at the next couple of questions . . . I didn't think about lodging. Lodging would be an issue for those living out of town & those no longer having relatives in the area. I'd like it to be in the old gym, but I myself have no family left in the area & I live toward Zanesville . . . humm! That kind of stinks . . .
- 74. Air conditioning, and by moving the banquet to another location other than the school.
- 75. I think it it fine.
- 76. Make more of a weekend out of it, have more activities and maybe another location besides the new school.
- 77. Better entertainment and I know it's up to the individual but would like to see more people attending. Have had classmates tell me they didn't receive invitation in enough time to get off work. Something exciting needs to happen to bring alumni back!!!
- 78. Better outreach or awareness
- 79. Change the location so people can drink if they want. It should be more about having fun and visiting with friends then going to a meeting.

#### What can we do to make it better? CONT.

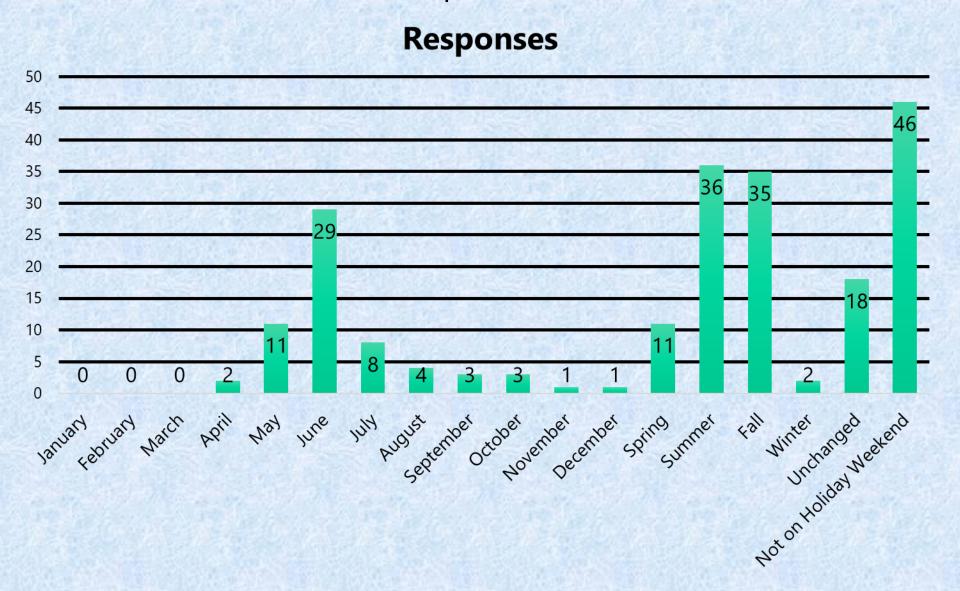
- 80. The price is right having the festivities at the school but I think moving it somewhere that offers a more formal setting and lodging would be a nice change. Undos?
- 81. Maybe have a cookout or casual get together Friday night and the banquet Saturday
- 82. Get announcements out earlier because some people that work have to request 1 to 6 months in advance to request for the time off
- 83. Speed things up.
- 84. Find a place where we can BYOB and just have a tour of the school
- 85. I wish there were activities throughout the day with a more casual atmosphere.
- 86. Have in a location that allows alcohol
- 87. Spend more time on class recognition
- 88. Make it more of a weekend with events. Golf scramble, social events, etc
- 89. Change to fall
- 90. Have somewhere so can drink. We had ours at country club and had a blast.
- 91. It would be nice to be invited, maybe because I'm an X felon i don't know, I was contacted about my address but never received anything. I'm not one to go where I'm not wanted. I'm sorry just needed to vent. I did have a few upitty ups I my class lol. Thank you Mr. Darby
- 92. change the date. Like the sit down dinner. Like the king and queen. Have more class memorabilia out for people to see.
- 93. I have mixed feelings about being on Memorial Day weekend
- 94. More entertainment
- 95. Have BYOB so more people will attend
- 96. Completely satisfied
- 97. Have it somewhere like the Legion or Country Club.
- 98. Make it a social event with self serve type snacks so people can mingle and enjoy visiting with each other instead of sitting at a table listening to speeches.
- 99. Try another date to have it. Also be nice to have alumni softball, baseball, football, basketball, and any other activities to get more people involved. Maybe games on Friday evening, all day Saturday, and then have the ceremony on Sunday?
- 100. Limit speakers and allow for more mingling of the classes
- 101. Alcohol, less formal speeches ....more just plain bullshitting with friends and I believe when you decorate for an event it will drawl people in
- 102. Change the date and have other activities besides the banquet.
- 103. New venue

# Should the date of the Alumni Banquet be changed? (The Banquet is currently on Memorial Day Weekend and coinciding with Beallsville's graduation.)



Answer	Count	Percent
Yes	161	63.39%
No	93	36.61%
Total Control of the	254	100%

In your opinion, when would be the best time of year (or specific date) to have the Alumni Banquet?

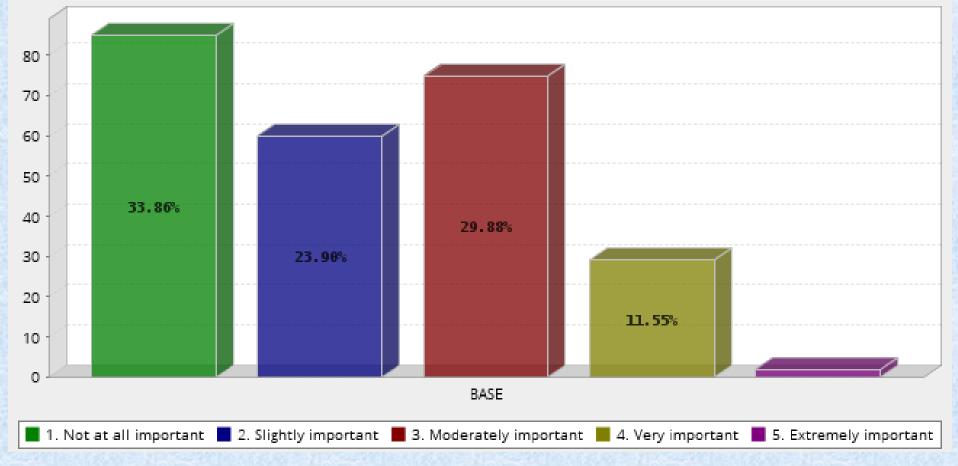


#### Should the venue/location of the Banquet be changed?



Answer	Count	Percent
Yes	111	44.40%
No	139	55.60%
Total	250	100%

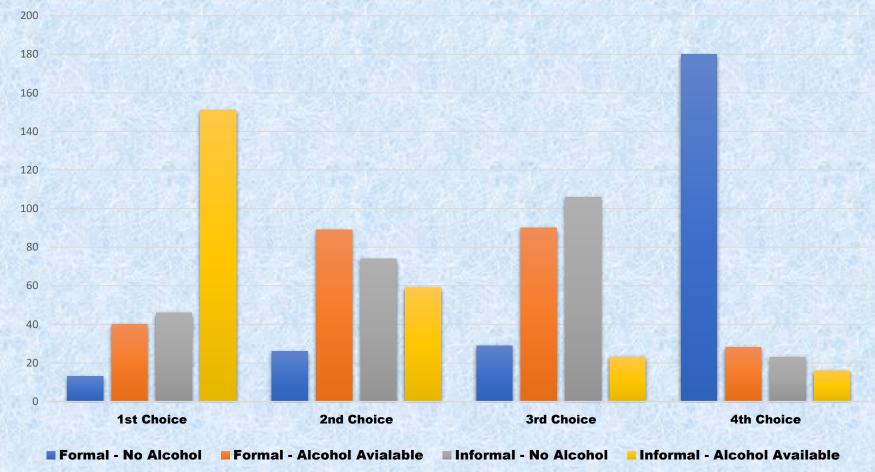
### If the venue was to be changed, how important is it to have available lodging relatively close to the Banquet?



Answer	Count	Percent
1. Not at all important	85	33.86%
2. Slightly important	60	23.90%
3. Moderately important	75	29.88%
4. Very important	29	11.55%
5. Extremely important	2	0.80%
Total	251	100%

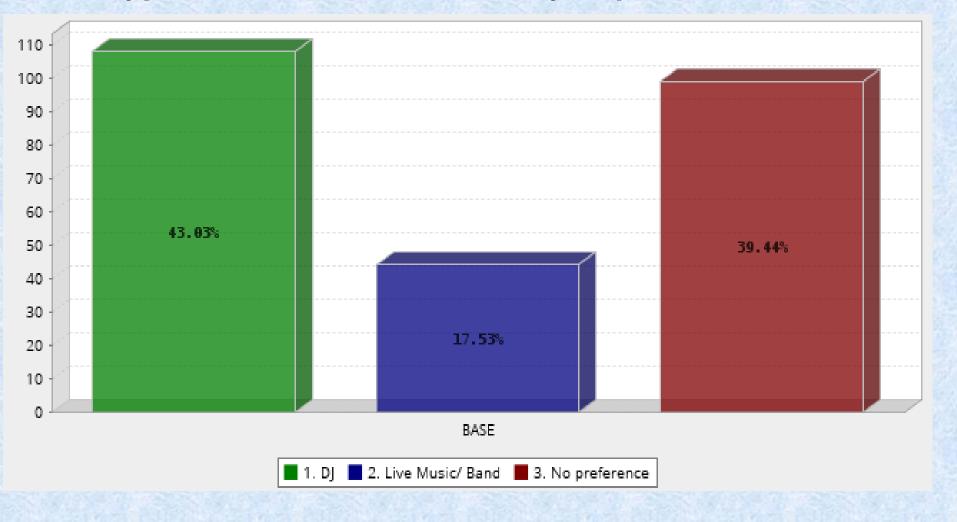
Of which of the following venues would best describe your preference or appeal to you the most (Rank in order of preference 1 being most preferable and 4 being least.)



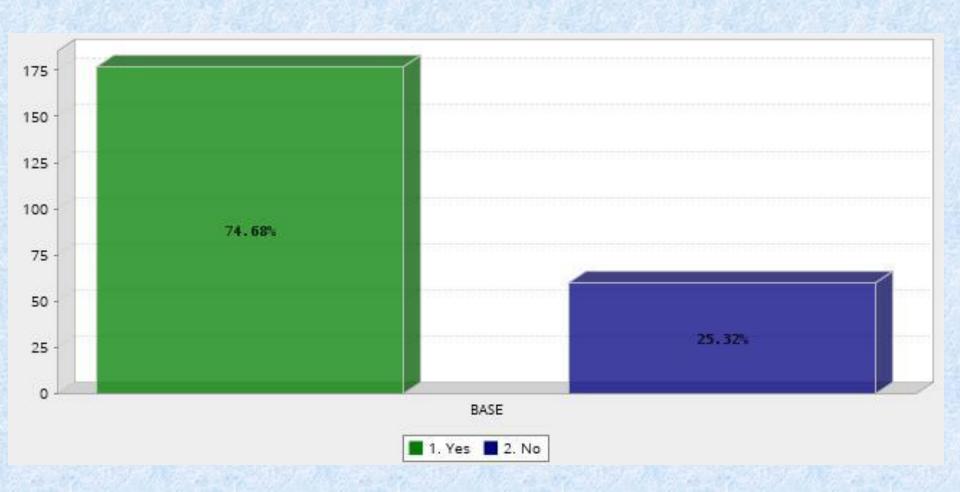


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Formal dress – No alcohol	13	5.20%	26	10.48%	29	11.69%	180	72.87%
Formal dress – Alcohol available	40	16.00%	89	35.89%	90	36.29%	28	11.34%
Informal dress – No alcohol	46	18.40%	74	29.84%	106	42.74%	23	9.31%
Informal dress - Alcohol available	151	60.40%	59	23.79%	23	9.27%	16	6.48%

### Which type of entertainment would you prefer?



Answer	Count	Percent
1.DJ	108	43.03%
2. Live Music/ Band	44	17.53%
3. No preference	99	39.44%
Total	251	100%



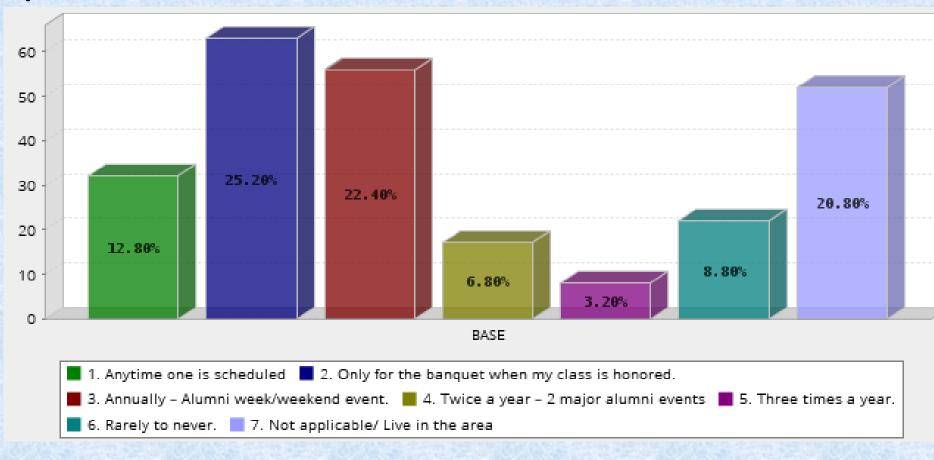
- 1. [Yes] Not having it on a major holiday weekend and off sight so that alcohol can be involved would make the event more fun, people would stay longer, and more people would show up.
- 2. [Yes] I've only went to one of my reunions. I've been to many that wasn't my year being honored. Most of those times it was usually a great turn out, but alcohol was allowed. I'm not a big drinker, but many are. Especially when its a reunion with high school friends. It takes you back, let's people loosen up and all anyone really wants is to have a good time. I would be more inclined to want to go to any year being honored, along with my own.
- 3. [No] not that important
- 4. [Yes] The venue might be more expensive
- 5. [Yes] things are more expensive, changing venues would increase the cost of putting the banquet on...
- 6. [Yes] There HAS to be some form of fun, right? And good entertainment comes with a price. You want people to have a nice evening out and to reminisce about the good ol days and you especially would want to hear them say that they want to return the next time!
- 7. [Yes] Because people are different
- 8. [Yes] Why not. Only happens once a year
- 9. [Yes] Maybe a little...but if you have to do motel etc. Not too much higher.
- 10. [Yes] I think if it enjoyable for everyone it would have a bigger turn out now matter the price
- 11. [Yes] Depends
- 12. [Yes] Idk
- 13. [Yes] Good entertainment is important
- 14. [No] On a limited budget
- 15. [No] I'm not sure what you are asking. If you're meaning more for a band or dj...I don't have a preference so therefore I would not pay more.
- 16. [Yes] Want to do my part to have great entertainment and create lasting memories
- 17. [Yes] There is value in what is offered
- 18. [Yes] I do not mind paying the money because it is going to a great cause.
- 19. [Yes] I'm willing to pay for convenience
- 20. [No] On fixed income
- 21. [Yes] If you had more things to do more people would come
- 22. [No] Do fun things to raise money. Sell rectangle school pizza from a food truck with Kathy Sefert selling it, everyone would want a piece.
- 23. [Yes] live music is more fun
- 24. [Yes] Could be worth it
- 25. [No] Because it shouldnt cost anymore than it does now.
- 26. [No] Not a big importance
- 27. [Yes] Whatever the group has voted is fine for me. It's not about the options, it's about the event itself.
- 28. [Yes] Entertainment costs money
- 29. [Yes] It would be more enjoyable
- 30. [Yes] Make it more enjoyable
- 31. [Yes] These things do cost money to change.

- 32. [Yes] I have food allergies so buffets are usually off limits
- 33. [Yes] Value for price paid
- 34. [No] Idk
- 35. [Yes] May get more people interested
- 36. [No] Not everyone has well paying job. Some would need to spend money on travel expenses
- 37. [Yes] I will pay it regardless.
- 38. [No] Tickets are too expensive already
- 39. [Yes] A. I didnt know there was a ticket price. B. Really doesn't bother me that much overall.
- 40. [Yes] DJs can provide music tailored to all age groups.
- 41. [Yes] I would probably show up more often if it wasn't a holiday weekend and entertainment was available .
- 42. [Yes] Food choices
- 43. [Yes] If it continues as is I won't attend the banquet at all
- 44. [Yes] N/A
- 45. [No] I have to come from Alabama...
- 46. [Yes] Having a better experience usually costs a little more.
- 47. [Yes] Understanding that the cost to host would increase.
- 48. [Yes] Because it actually be something I would want to participate in
- 49. [Yes] More entertaining
- 50. [Yes] Because it should be a celebration of life accomplishments and past friendships
- 51. [No] While I could afford to pay more for a higher ticket there is alway a chance that someone else won't be able to.
- 52. [Yes] I'd pay more for something I'd enjoy.
- 53. [Yes] Nice is always better
- 54. [No] Don't go anyway
- 55. [Yes] Maybe more people would come, that would be worth it
- 56. [Yes] It's only comes around once so many years I'd pay more to have a good time
- 57. [No] It would depend on the cost.
- 58. [No] Most don't have money to spare
- 59. [No] Some people can't afford to pay a higher amount, so they won't be able to attend
- 60. [Yes] We generally have to go somewhere else to have fun.
- 61. [No] Depends on the options available.
- 62. [Yes] Venue and ability to have music make a more enjoyable event
- 63. [Yes] I don't think the price is bad
- 64. [Yes] Makes it worth price
- 65. [Yes] I'm willing to pay more for a more enjoyable experience.
- 66. [Yes] If it was appealing, I would pay a little more.

- 67. [Yes] Because it's more enjoyable to be pampered and have what you like there!
- 68. [Yes] Currently I am not sure how much the ticket price is, but you get what you pay for. If alumni want all the amenities then be ready to pay for those.
- 69. [No] I don't know
- 70. [Yes] If it helps draw in more alumni to come to town and attend I'd pay more
- 71. [No] Money is tight right now
- 72. [Yes] You get what you pay for.
- 73. [No] Not enough money
- 74. [Yes] Special event
- 75. [Yes] It would be great to actually have more than 5 ppl per class show up.
- 76. [Yes] Just for the option.
- 77. [Yes] It cost to be able to the things you need, building, entertainment etc.
- 78. [Yes] Don't go out much. Want to enjoy it when I do.
- 79. [Yes] If it would bring more alumni to the banquet.
- 80. [Yes] Maybe, depending on what this is for.
- 81. [Yes] Better time
- 82. [Yes] Set a higher standard and build a tradition
- 83. [Yes] Because why would we pay money for no entertainment when we can see our friends for free and have a good time
- 84. [Yes] It's a fundraiser. Price not a big deal
- 85. [Yes] A lot don't give because it's on memorial weekend
- 86. [No] Because you can ask for donations instead
- 87. [Yes] To have food alcohol and entertainment is worth a higher price
- 88. [No] I think it's expensive now
- 89. [No] Because I think it is to expensive now for anyone on a fixed income
- 90. [No] Cost will prohibit people from attending. If you want more people to attend, you have to keep the cost reasonable.
- 91. [Yes] Would be willing to pay more to have an enjoyable evening
- 92. [Yes] To get a venue changed with air conditioning. Food, I would like to see the food stay the same with the (Milosavljevic) family catering the event. It was delicious!
- 93. [Yes] Our class is only honored every 5 years if I recall. It's a once in 5 years expense. Having a better evening with old friends is more important than paying a little more for a ticket.
- 94. [Yes] If I want to go I'll pay whatever is requested.
- 95. [No] I'm a tight ass.
- 96. [Yes] More entertainment is needed
- 97. [Yes] Depending
- 98. [Yes] If it means location and having to rent a place yes I'd be willing to pay more.
- 99. [Yes] Moving the venue would obviously cost more so you get what you pay for.

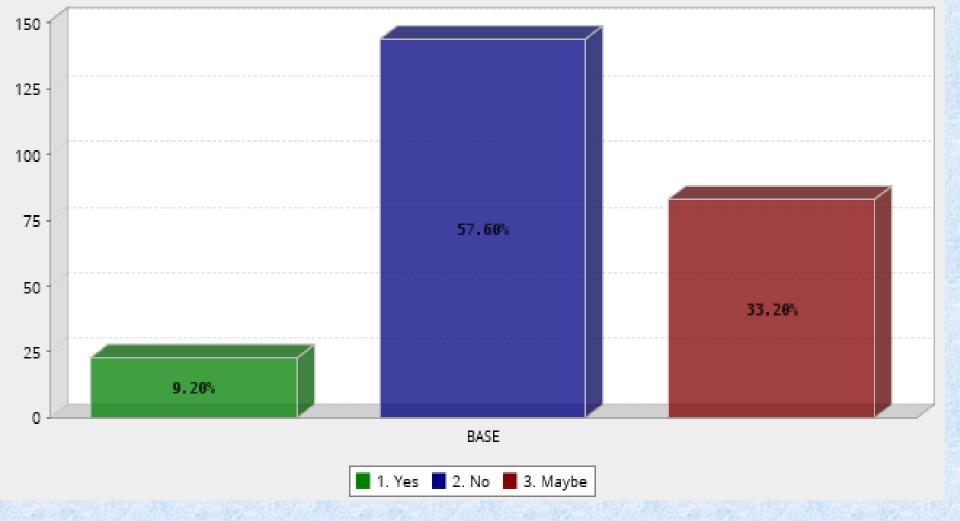
- 100. [Yes] Everything costs something.
- 101. [Yes] Depends on situation
- 102. [Yes] Fun
- 103. [No] The Banquet should be held if not in then close to our home town. The ticket prices of the banquet are already super high which is why no one in my family and friend groups go. Stop trying to make this into a formal church thing. It should be more laid back and relaxed like the blue devils are. Make every one who's coming bring a covered dish and that cuts out the catering cost. Bottom line if you continue with the "no alcohol" policy less and less people will come each year. No one wants to pay more money to go and sit and have "okay" food, annoyingly loud music and no beer.
- 104. [Yes] As long as it wasn't too expensive no more than \$60 per person
- 105. [No] I'm afraid it would be a detriment to attendance
- 106. [Yes] I would pay more for dinner and a band.
- 107. [Yes] Better atmosphere, not dealing with a lot of drunk people would be better experience.
- 108. [No] Doesn't matter to me
- 109. [No] Either way I'd be happy with what people can afford. With these troubling times it's hard for everyone.
- 110. [Yes] Would pay for better venue, DJ, Better Food & alcohol consumption
- 111. [Yes] Paying the higher price for a ticket gives the committee the opportunity to make the next one even better. If it's what people will actually enjoy, I dont see the price of admission being a problem:)
- 112. [No] Don't need fancy entertainment
- 113. [Yes] You need to attract the whole not just a select few class years
- 114. [Yes] A better experience would be worth more money. You could offer discounts for recent graduates (classes within the last 10 years) and for retirees (classes over 50 years) to help assist those where money is more likely to be an issue.
- 115. [Yes] Should be somewhere you can have fun
- 116. [Yes] Better venue with alcohol
- 117. [No] It doesn't matter to me.
- 118. [No] Not with the lack of attendance. I have went to every banquet that my class was honored. The last one had very few in attendance.
- 119. [Yes] It would be more lively, more fun!!!!
- 120. [No] Price is high enough
- 121. [Yes] Cost of living increases. Everything today costs more money.
- 122. [Yes] To pay for more entertainment
- 123. [Yes] Better location would be more. Cost
- 124. [No] Already too expensive. In my opinion
- 125. [Yes] I don't go out much, when I do I want it to be special.
- 126. [Yes] I understand that not having the banquet at the school would be a more expensive option.
- 127. [Yes] Be a better time out, wouldn't feel like an obligation to most people but rather having something they would look forward to doing.
- 128. [No] I'm honestly not sure how much the ticket was for my last banquet. I would be willing to pay more but have heard others complain about the cost already.
- 129. [No] I depends on other factors. My beat answer for this would be a maybe
- 130. [Yes] Venue cost would increase, makes sense the price would need to to increase

### How often are you willing to visit Beallsville to attend an Alumni sponsored event?



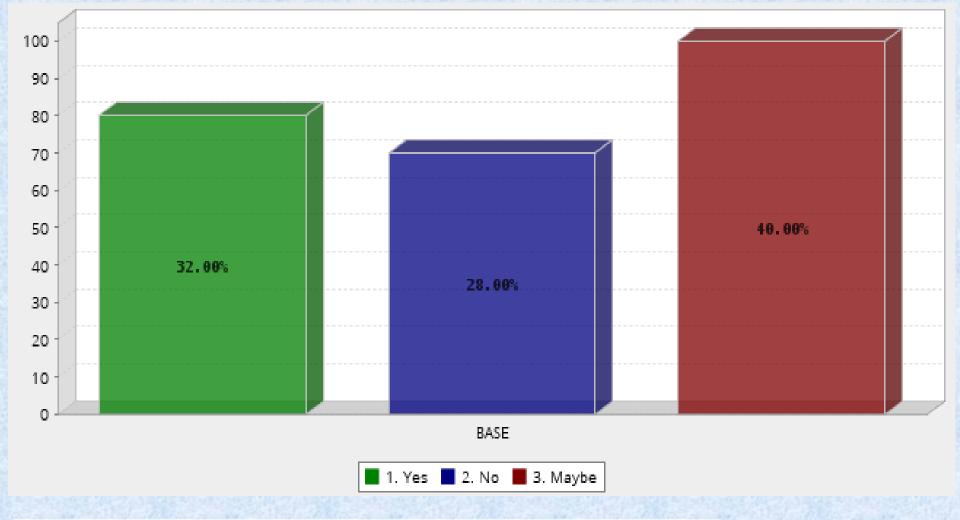
Answer	Count	Percent
1. Anytime one is scheduled	32	12.80%
2. Only for the banquet when my class is honored.	63	25.20%
3. Annually – Alumni week/weekend event.	56	22.40%
4. Twice a year – 2 major alumni events	17	6.80%
5. Three times a year.	8	3.20%
6. Rarely to never.	22	8.80%
7. Not applicable/ Live in the area	52	20.80%

### Would you be interested in serving on an event committee or helping with other activities of the Alumni Association?



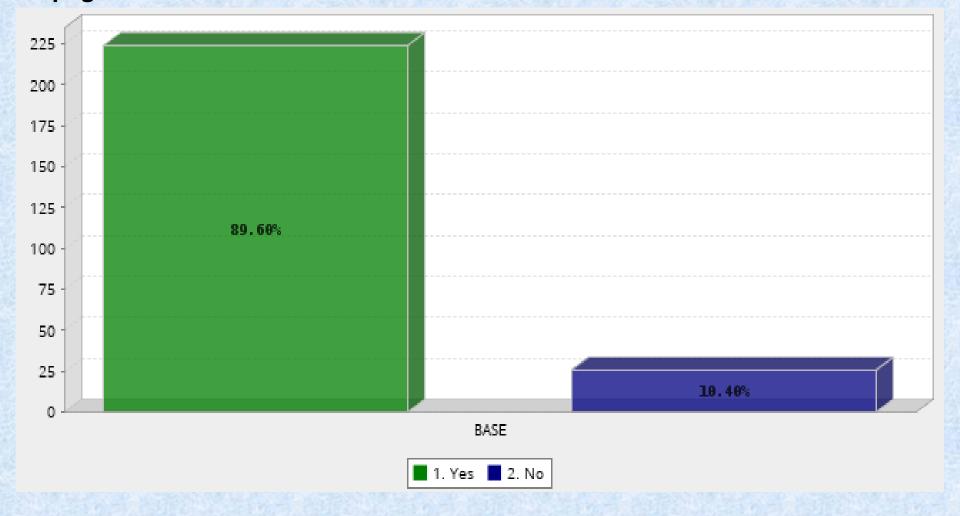
Answer	Count	Percent
<b>1.</b> Yes	23	9.20%
<b>2.</b> No	144	57.60%
3. Maybe	83	33.20%
Total	250	100%

### Would you be willing to pay for postage or subscribe to a mailed Alumni newsletter either quarterly or semi-annually?



Answer	Count	Percent
<b>1.</b> Yes	80	32.00%
<b>2.</b> No	70	28.00%
3. Maybe	100	40.00%
Total	250	100%

### Are you a member of the Beallsville Alumni Association's group and or liked the page on Facebook?



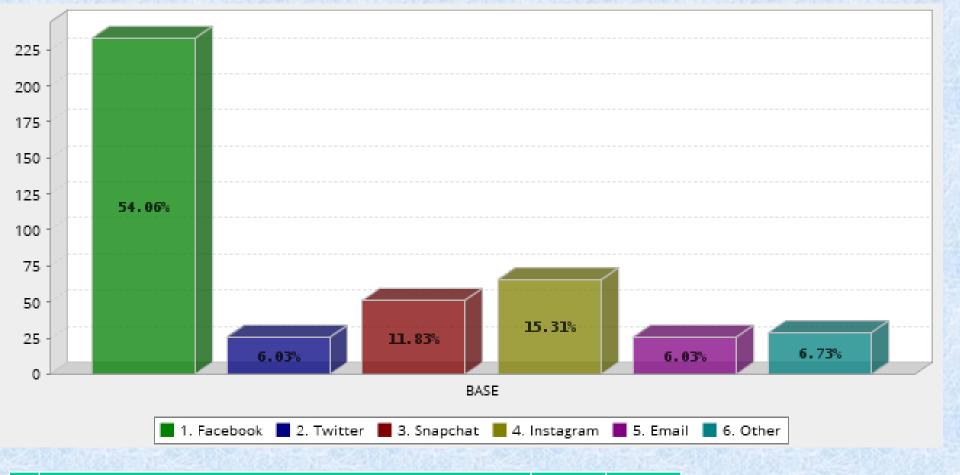
Answer	Count	Percent
1. Yes	224	89.60%
2. No	26	10.40%
Total	250	100%

### Are you a member of any class groups on Facebook?



Answer	Count	Percent
1. Yes	102	40.80%
<b>2.</b> No	148	59.20%
Total	250	100%

### Do you connect with high school classmates on any other social media platforms? (Select all that apply.)

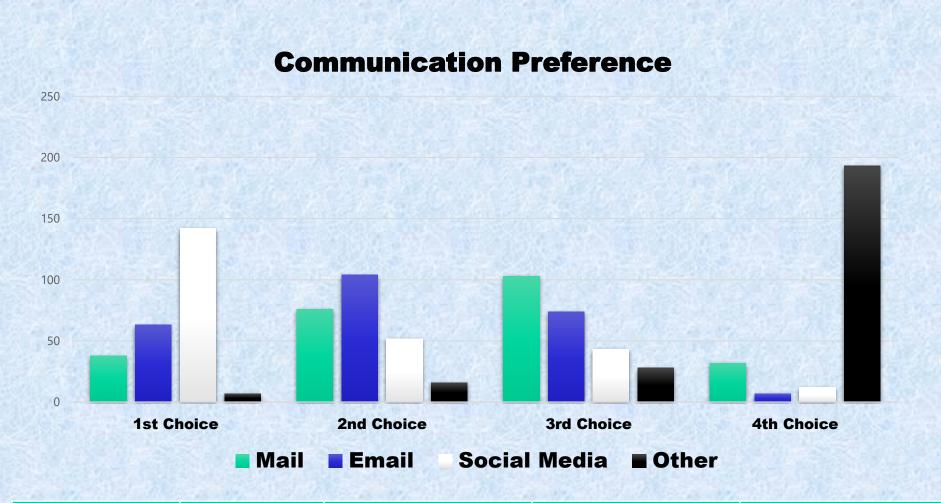


	Answer	Count	Percent
1.	Facebook	233	54.06%
2.	Twitter	26	6.03%
3.	Snapchat	51	11.83%
4.	Instagram	66	15.31%
5.	Email	26	6.03%
6.	Other	29	6.73%
	Total	431	100%

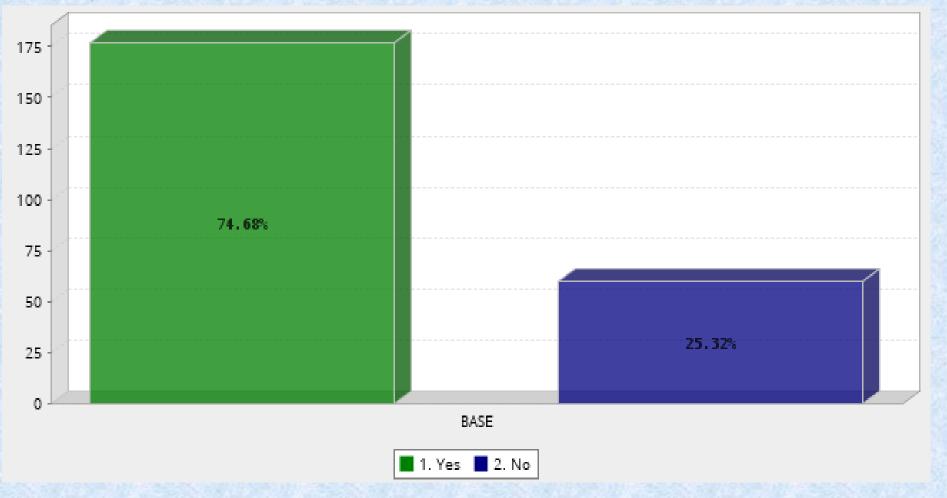
# Do you connect with high school classmates on any other social media platforms? Other/ Comments

- 1. [Other] text, phone calls
- 2. [Other] Phone/text and in person
- 3. [Other] Phone
- 4. [Other] phone
- 5. [Other] Text
- 6. [Other] I honestly dont talk to anyone I graduated with. If I see them ever few years, we say hey in passing.
- 7. [Other] Church
- 8. [Other] In person
- 9. [Other] Phone/text
- 10. [Other] Text and calls..
- 11. [Other] Text
- 12. [Other] Text
- 13. [Other] Phone
- 14. [Other] I keep in touch with a lot of my classmates, by email, phone, see them in person
- 15. [Other] TikTok
- 16. [Other] N/A
- 17. [Other] I dont.
- 18. [Other] Regular mail and in-person at occasional events.
- 19. [Other] Call them
- 20. [Other] Texting count?
- 21. [Other] Phone/Texting
- 22. [Other] No
- 23. [Other] Text
- 24. [Other] Text
- 25. [Other] my class (72) has a supper club.we meet once a month.
- 26. [Other] Get together with class girls
- 27. [Other] Classmates.com

Q22. How would be the best way to get news, announcements, events, and other alumni information to you? (Rank in order from 1 to 5; 1 being the best.)



Media	1st Choice		2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice		3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice		4 <sup>th</sup> Choice	
Mail	38	15.20%	76	30.65%	103	41.53%	32	13.11%
Email	63	25.20%	104	41.94%	74	29.84%	7	2.87%
Social Media	142	56.80%	52	20.97%	43	17.34%	12	4.92%
Other	7	2.80%	16	6.45%	28	11.29%	193	79.10%



		Answer	Count	Percent
	1.	Yes	177	74.68%
9	2.	No	60	25.32%
		Total	237	100%

#### Do you have any suggestions for a future event(s)? - Comments

- Alcohol
- 2. Not on a major holiday weekend
- 3. Golf scramble (other events)
- 4. Weekend (not one day)
- 5. Less podium time. No shared date with any holiday. Bring back the booze.
- 6. With COVID not sure what that could be.
- 7. Offer alumni year tees to be worn to event
- 8. I think we should participate in a foam fest
- 9. I think that it would be more convenient for people to make the alumni event if it wasnt on a holiday weekend. A lot of families plan weekends away at that time and that takes away attendance numbers.
- 10. Have it on a weekend that is going to be warm and not a holiday.
- 11. I haven't been to any function as of yet.
- 12. Decorations
- 13. See above comments.
- 14. Rent a banquet hall at a hotel.
- 15. Try to hold events that younger people would also enjoy. Maybe have some activities where classes go against each other in a game or sport
- 16. Maybe an outdoor event such as a picnic.
- 17. Alumni weekend
- 18. Word of Mouth
- 19. Carnival/Homecoming
- 20. Town carnival with class sponsored booths and food wagons...or something similar. It could be a fundraiser for academic competitions, alumni banquet/scholarship funds, etc
- 21. I think current officers will make this a great event!
- 22. No suggestions. You have an extremely hard job to do. I don't care where the banquet is, when or if alcohol. I go to see people but no matter what you do there are always complainers
- 23. Carnival
- 24. Politics and religion should be kept out of alumni activities. We all have our own beliefs. We should not have other peoples pushed on us...
- 25. Possibly councide alumni weekend with a" food truck fair " square dance, other community participants. Something like our our old Fireman's Festivals. I know the rides are expensive, but there are other activities to do. It could be all the community doing something together, since most are alumni that run programs.
- 26. 80s event
- 27. No, I don't have any interest in the school. I graduated in 87 and didn't go back until 2002, when I had a child there. She was treated terrible her senior year, but staff as much as students. She is out and I have no need to go back.
- 28. Make it a weekend event
- 29. Change the date
- 30. To have one
- 31. No. If I lived in the area, I would be active.
- 32. Maybe a picnic in the summer? Possibly a bus trip somewhere (ball game, etc.).
- 33. Maybe make a weekend out of it and honor every class and end the weekend events with the meal at the school or another location if needed.

## Do you have any suggestions for a future event(s)? – Comments CONT.

- 34. Be nice if we could have something like the old time carnival we used to have. I know rides would be out, but maybe inflatables.
- 35. I'm not sure I would have to think about it
- 36. Have in locations that allow alcohol
- 37. Something outdoor, maybe along the lines of how community days were, food vendors, band, games?, country store, giveaways, also for the elder generation that still want the sit down dinner, could have that at the school with maybe door prizes.
- 38. Alumni golf tournament—Woodsfield has a huge one every year at SOOCC that has to be a big fund raiser.
- 39. Alcohol available
- 40. Fun family Golf scramble (not a competitive adult scramble)
- 41. Have to think about it....
- 42. Maybe have a parade for class floats. Then a square dance on the street between bank and post office like we used to at carnivals.
- 43. Have BYOB and maybe a better venue
- 44. Good food, great entertainment.
- 45. Keep things fun, relaxed, and skip the speeches.
- 46. Already listed them.
- 47. It would be nice to have the formal event and then an informal event.
- 48. Decorate and good food

## Do you have any other suggestions/comments you would like to share?

- 1. would love to see more alumni get involved!!!
- 2. I have always enjoyed the get togethers. Since I don't live in the area, it is always great to see my classmates and friends from other classes. Only wish that more local people would attend since a lot of us make it a point to travel there to see and be with classmates and friends.
- 3. I miss my classmates so much those were the best times of my life
- 4. Not have banquet on a holiday.
- 5. Glad I'm part of this group now.
- 6. I hope that there is changes to make it fun an we all can enjoy it not just one person running the show. I know this group will do a great job.
- 7. It would be nice to include Swiss hills since a lot of us went there
- 8. Thanks to all who give their time to put this event together. Your hard work and effort is very much appreciated.
- 9. I'm glad u are reaching out to the alumni for suggestions. It helps to keep it current with the times and needs over the years. Great job!
- 10. Thank you to the committee that put a very nice alumni banquet together every year. Don't care for a band myself especially when it is too loud to visit.
- 11. Overall there needs to be a better system for advertising events. Ive hardly ever seen anything in the 4 years since graduation that was done by the alumni. I no longer live in the area, but I'd love to attend or just help out overall anytime I can.
- 12. I just never know whats going on.
- 13. I think you all do an amazing job. Keep up the great work.
- 14. I am glad to see younger people getting involved. Good luck and I hope you can get it built up. I can remember when I first was an officer we would have 300 or 400 come. Then they wanted back to the school and on a different weekend. I believe if you want to be there you will. Good luck in your endeavors and thank you!
- 15. Living outside the area, having children and volunteering it makes it difficult to attend Beallsville events. I love following all Beallsville info on Facebook. Love my former HS and community and I'm striving to teach my children by example to give back to their community. Thank You for all you do!!!
- 16. Thank you for your work to keep us connected. I trust your judgement.
- 17. I wish there were opportunities for individual classes to have get-together events. I realize it would be difficult, but I feel it would be worth the trouble.
- 18. Thank you for all you do on behalf of our alumni.
- 19. I enjoy going to the banquet but last 2 times very boring
- 20. Maybe
- 21. It would be nice to be able to see alumni a couple years younger and a couple years older then me. When you attend the alumni banquet you only see people from your class that you went to school with. Maybe a less formal style in a large area would attract all years each year.
- 22. thank you guys for bringing "fresh" ideas into the Alumni.. It is very much needed...GO BLUE!!!
- 23. No discussions of politics or religion at alumni events or in alumni correspondence.
- 24. Myself personally, I enjoy attending any event that the alumni hosts. The complaints I have always heard from people is not being able to have alcohol at the banquet.