



PHHS FOUNDATION

The past and the present coming together for the future.

September 2021

President's Message

I am honored to serve another year as President of the Patrick Henry High School Foundation. It is a true privilege to be part of a community of students, parents, staff, alumni, and community members that care for each other and strive to build relationships to provide academic success and social growth.

This summer I spent time talking to a variety of teachers about a 'welcome back to school' letter. Their advice was: as much as we are all aware of the upheaval of the past two years and our tentative future, we should dwell on the brightness of our future.

Another friend told me that we should promote confelicity, which the Oxford dictionary defines as "delight in someone else's happiness." Hopefully, all of us will appreciate the experiences of the last 18 months as an opportunity for growth. Most have improved our technical skills through digital learning, Zoom conference calls and texting. Those who looked forward to snow days may mourn the loss of those surprise vacation days. But, on the other hand, now every student need not miss a day of school because they are distance learning enabled. Maybe we can truly appreciate in person interactions with family and friends.

Let's practice confelicity and rejoice as students enter the building to start a new school year. Students returning to their high school and seeing their friends. Seniors seeing the light at the end of their high school careers. Staff are in the building and teachers are back in their classrooms. Let's celebrate every success this school year as we practice confelicity.

Remember the words of Henry Ford: "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." Let's honor and celebrate the successes of the students, teachers and staff at Patrick Henry High School who came together, kept together, and worked together through the challenges of the past 18 months and will continue to do so to build a brighter future. This should bring happiness to all of us.

Cathy Roehl Peterson, Class of '65
PHHS Foundation President

Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I am starting this year with a sense of optimism and looking forward to a return to in-person learning with all PHHS scholars. The students at Henry High School have had the most difficult last 18 months that we can imagine. Many have lost loved ones, many have struggled with their own mental health, and many have not earned credits needed towards graduation.

AND...We know PHHS students are resilient, brilliant, and talented. Many students have taken jobs and are caring for family members. Many have thrived in the shift towards online learning last year. Many students continue to grow in maturity, identity, and intelligence. Our challenge this school year is to not only view the students through the lens of trauma, deficit, and loss, but to instead uphold them as brilliant young people who need our support to be fully prepared for life after graduation.

We as a school will be a place of **Joy**. When we are joyful, relationships are natural, self-care flows, and belonging is easy.

Let's go Patriots!

Yusuf A. Abdullah, Principal
Patrick Henry High School

The PHHS Foundation exists to enhance the learning environment at Patrick Henry and expand educational opportunities for students.

We are actively seeking additional Foundation Board members.

For questions or more information, send an email to: info@phhsfoundation.org

Or, attend one of our monthly meetings. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month, 4:30 PM at Henry.

We do not meet in June, July, or December.

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS & EVENT CALENDAR

2021 Scholarships Awarded

Foundation Scholarships:

- ◆ Steven Lee
- ◆ Toby Beck

Foundation Scholarship—

Technical School:

- ◆ Tou Lee

Dan Schmidt Award:

- ◆ Crispin Jackson

Gary Foss Scholarship:

- ◆ Trayvionne Mitchell

Congratulations to the award recipients! The Foundation Board wishes you all the best as you embark on your post-high school education.

Upcoming 2021 Events

Because of the uncertainty with COVID-19 variants, please check with contacts listed here for the most current information and status of the event.

Class of 1981 40th Reunion—School Tour & Picnic

Sept 10, 6 pm: Tour of Patrick Henry High School

Sept 11, 11am–4pm: Picnic at French Regional Park

Contact: Dave Berger at 612-332-9872 or DaveBerger2004@yahoo.com

View reunion details: <https://classreunion2021.com/>

Class of 1961 60th Reunion

Sept 17, 11 am - 2:30 pm: Pub 42, New Hope MN

Contact: Tom Teresi at tomteresi@gmail.com

View reunion details: <http://phhsfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Class-of-61-60th-Invitation.docx>

Class of 1975 45th Reunion

Oct 2: Elsie's Bar NE Minneapolis

Contact: Jim Cain

Class of 1980 40th Reunion

Oct 9: Embassy Suites North, Brooklyn Center

Contact: Geneva Kubal at 612-280-4539 or gkubal@aol.com;

View reunion details: <http://phhsfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/PHHS-1980-Reunion-flyer.jpg>

Fall PHHS Hall of Fame Luncheon

Oct 20: Hall of Fame Luncheon to celebrate 2020 and 2021 honorees. More details inside this newsletter.

Class of 1966 55th Reunion

Oct 30, 1- 4 pm: Medina Entertainment Center

Contact: Cathy Zantek at c.bjerke@hotmail.com

PHHS Homecoming Football Game

Oct 2, 1 pm

Check the Patrick Henry High School website for up-to-date information about school events: <https://henry.mpls.k12.mn.us/home>

Previous PHHS Foundation Scholarship Recipient

This is Mai Chia Thao. Every story has a beginning.

Mine starts with Minneapolis, Minnesota. I grew up in North Minneapolis, where I attended public schools, balancing my life with family and friends, dance, and work. I am the second youngest of seven children. My parents are Pang Vang and Xiong Thao. I went to Loring Elementary school, Northeast Middle School and Patrick Henry High school where I graduated in 2017. During my last year at PHHS I received an award letter of \$2000; in which, I am truly thankful! I recently graduated from Augsburg University, class of 2021 studying Exercise Science. With the scholarship I received from the PHHS Foundation, I was able to pay for textbooks and supplies needed for dormitory.

Currently, I will be working part-time as a personal care assistant and attending Anoka Ramsey Community College. I am hoping to get my Physical Therapy License and be able to work directly with patients in an outpatient setting, preferably with youths or athletes in a sports setting.



Hall of Fame Inductees

On October 20, 2021, Patrick Henry High School will induct two people into the Hall of Fame at the all-class luncheon. We will also belatedly honor the three 2020 inductees: teacher Wesley Anderson and alumni Thomas Horvath '80 and Michael Skavnak '56. The 2020 inductees' bios can be found in the Fall 2020 newsletter or on the website PHHSFoundation.org. Luncheon information can be found on the last page of this newsletter. This year's inductees are Lyndon Carlson and Anne Gillespe Lewis.



Teacher Lyndon Carlson was a career public servant spending 33 years in the classroom and 48 years in the Minnesota House of Representatives. Education was always close to his heart as he was able to help pass legislation to fund universal all-day kindergarten and to help funding to make college affordable for Minnesotans. As a forward-thinking individual, he was also a proponent of wind energy. Lyndon still found time in his busy life to travel and spend much valuable time with his family as well as volunteering to serve on the YMCA board and the nonprofit PRISM which provides food, clothing and stable housing for Hungry and homeless families.

Our second inductee is Anne Gillespe Lewis from the class '62. In high school, Anne loved chemistry and languages, but elected to major in Journalism at the University of Minnesota. After graduation, her road took many turns. She was the first female sportswriter at the Star. She moved to Norway for graduate studies in Norwegian. Later, another turn took her down the road to become a prolific author. Anne and her husband Steve have opened their home to numerous visiting students in the Minnesota Agricultural Student Trainee Program.



All five of these newly and belatedly elected Patrick Henry Hall of Fame inductees are fine examples of Henry Patriots who give back extensively to our communities.

Alumni Spotlight

Geneva Sorensen Kubal, Class of 1980

What career did you choose after graduation?

Factory and Cashier work until I became a city letter carrier.

Who was your favorite teacher and why?

Wes Anderson. He was a teacher you could respect because he also respected you. He challenged students in a quite calm way to do the best they could. He was engaged in the education process and had much success over the years.

Which high school class or activity benefited you most in your career or life?

Speech Class and Interpersonal Communication with Ms. Connie Blom. She helped me overcome my fears related to speaking up and speaking out while understanding communication in general by listening and reading the audience.

If you could have done anything differently, what would it be?

I should have tried harder to be a part of the total experience. I know I missed out on some important high school "traditions" but you can't change the past.

Thomas "Tom" Shopek - Class of 1980

What career path did you choose after graduation?

Professional Sales and Pastoral Ministry

Who was your favorite teacher and why?

Mrs. Savage and Mr. Sylvester but enjoyed most of the others.

What high school class did you benefit most from in your life?

Speech Class with Ms. Blom. I had such a fear of public speaking. Now I don't.

If you could have done anything differently, what would it be?

Focus less of me and more of Christ.

FORMER TEACHER SPOTLIGHT—RONALD BEAUCHANE

Mr. Ronald Beauchane, civics teacher at Patrick Henry High School (PHHS), was born in 1931 in the heart of north Minneapolis at the beginning of the great depression. Although money was tight and life was basic, the neighborhood on Plymouth and Logan was a good place to raise a family. His father, the oldest of seven children was a truck driver. Ron's mother did not get the opportunity to attend school after the age of 10. She was needed to help raise her siblings. They married and raised two children: Ron and his sister, Beverly Ann, who was three years younger. One memory of his childhood he shared was: "It used to take three pennies to purchase a tiny candy bar from the neighborhood grocery store he walked to when he was fortunate enough to get the pennies."

Ron attended North High School and graduated in 1949. After graduation, Ron joined the Army and served in the Korean War during his three-year term. Later he continued his military service in the reserves where he became a Full Colonel with a 06 Rank signified by the Eagle Pin he proudly wore on his uniform.

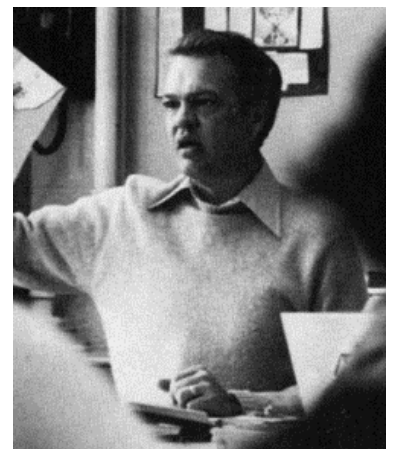
During his formative years, he considered careers including: pharmacist, journalism, foreign correspondent, and economist. While in the service, Ron discovered he could teach. After his military service and completion of course work, he found his purpose. Credits from the University of Minnesota and Hamline University helped him achieve his Bachelor of Arts in Economics in 1956. While Ron explored all of these career options, he chose teaching because he appreciated teaching in the Army. Ron attended Northwestern University to earn a teaching degree. In 1961, Ron received his Bachelor's Degree in Education. A mentor and former teacher helped Ron secure a teaching position in Minneapolis because he "needed a job" that would support him and his growing family. The teaching job would provide for an opportunity to teach economics and more.

Ron met and married Joyce. They have two children, David and Annette. The Beauchane's have four granddaughters and 2 great grandchildren. Ron and his wife have been married for 61 years and take great pride in their growing family.

Ron began teaching at PHHS in the mid 1960's. In the early days of his teaching career money was tight, so Ron took on other jobs including the Army Reserve, working at a liquor store and at the post office. Average class sizes were 35 which he thought was too large for successful teaching and learning. Although it was illegal in Minnesota at the time, the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers Local 59 defied a state order and called for a teachers' strike in April 1970. The Minnesota Education Association officially supported it. Ron was a member of both organizations. The 1970 strike by Minneapolis teachers over low salaries prompted the state to enact the Minnesota Public Employees Labor Relations Act, which now protects teachers' ability to strike. The strike caused public controversy as issues regarding the roles and rights of teachers flared. Prominent issues included conflicting views of the tradition of teachers as "public servants," teachers' contracts, unionization, collective bargaining, and students' welfare. Eventually the contract negotiated a better wage package and a salary that would be paid through the entire calendar year instead of just during the school year. In 1972, following the strike, the Minnesota Legislature enacted the state Public Employees Labor Relations Act (PELRA), a law giving teachers and other public employees the right to bargain collectively. Ironically, fellow teacher, Lyndon Carlson, would work on PELRA legislation in 1972 as soon as he became a representative in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

Ron applied for and received a Fulbright Hays Scholarship. This congressional appropriation consisted of grants that were awarded to teachers. Funding supported research and training efforts overseas, which focused on non-western foreign languages and area studies. Ron took his family to Japan for a year as part of this program.

Throughout his career, he used current events to provide teachable moments: the teacher's strike, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the Viet Nam War, Civil Rights, Women's Rights and more. He recalls using JFK's assassination as an opportunity to talk about how the federal government works through this: not only the justice system, but the succession and stabilization of power. Wesley Anderson and Ron Beauchane developed a course that was approved by the administration that used music (continued on next page)



BEAUCHANE (CONT) & CURRENT PHHS TEACHER



(Beauchane—continued from previous page) associated with war efforts to find creative ways to educate students.

Mr. Beauchane's favorite part teaching was his interactions with students in Economic Honors Class and those he stayed in touch with after graduation. The most difficult part of teaching was not helping some students reach their full potential or ability.

Mr. Beauchane has no regrets on becoming a teacher. But if he had to give advice to someone new or just thinking about teaching he stated: "Teach a subject you know well. Don't expect immediate gratification as that comes later. Sometimes it doesn't come at all." He did admit that at times he felt overwhelmed by the large classes, discouraged by low pay and frustrated with the lack of support from administrators who were charged with school finances rather than educating students. Mr. Beauchane taught at PHHS for 25 years. With his military time, he was able to add 5 years and retire with a full 30-year pension. In retirement, he has been able to spend more time with family, to travel and enjoy live theater and musicals.

Submitted by Geneva Kubal

Current PHHS Teacher Spotlight

Which teacher on the Henry staff is known as Quicksilver? Have you ever thought about how teachers spend their summer? Keep reading to find answers to these questions.

Allyson Esades-Throne, a French and history teacher at Patrick Henry, is known as Quicksilver by the Lakeville Girl Scouts. Quicksilver and her mother Catherine (Kaki) spend hours training future leaders through the Girl Scouts. This summer she trained another class of girls to be Program Aids. The volunteer position of Program Aid Trainer is a year-long commitment to the Girl Scouts and is responsible for planning the training program that occurs at Day Camp during the summer. Training includes practical camp skills such as knife safety, fire building, and knot tying. In addition, they teach interpersonal skills, an anti-bullying course, and copious amounts of self-discovery lessons for the girls. Quicksilver has been a Program Aid Trainer since 2012 and attends the Day Camp every year with Kaki. This year was Kaki's 25th year with Lakeville Girl Scout Day Camp!

This is a shout-out to Allyson and mother and all other staff member who always have the welfare and betterment of youth on their radar whether it is in the school or outside of it.



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The Patrick Henry High School Foundation seeks to create an environment where students, families, teachers, and staff are empowered to shape the world in which they live. This environment ensures all students have equal access to quality materials and superior technologies. We see a world where our students excel by capturing the spirit of innovation and carving the path of our future. Our goal is to inspire personal growth and development that builds upon a foundation of skills, knowledge, and abilities, so they are equipped to become the future leaders of our society.

PHHS teachers, staff, students and Foundation Board are very grateful for your support. Now more than ever, your generosity is needed and appreciated!

PHHS Class of 1981 graduate Dave Berger has established a virtual class reunion website. This website contains school history, reunion information, links to yearbooks and a photo gallery. Check it out at: patrickhenryreunion.com.

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HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON RESERVATION INFORMATION & FORM

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Social 11:00 am (cash bar)
Lunch 12:00 noon

Edinburgh Golf Course

8700 Edinbrook Crossing
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

\$30 per person due by Friday 10/8/2021*

*Unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate walk-ins or late reservations as this is a plated lunch.

Please select one:

- Sautéed Chicken
- Balsamic Glazed Short Ribs

Please contact Cathy Peterson with any questions or vegetarian meal requests at 763-425-3362 or tcpeterson1@comcast.net.

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