



PHHS FOUNDATION

The past and the present coming together for the future.

May 2022

Foundation President's Message

“Excellence is the Result of Caring more than others think is Wise, Risking more than others think is Safe, Dreaming more than others think is Practical, and Expecting more than others think is Possible.”

~ Ronnie Oldham musician

This quote has been used by the Minnesota State High School League for numerous years in their program for Academic, Arts and Athletes Awards which are given annually to the state's top students. It expresses the reason why our Foundation exists.

We **care** because we believe that today's student body deserves as much—and more—of the same support we received to reach success in our lives. This support comes from your donations, so that we might fulfill the “Wish List” requests that come from school staff. We **care** for the students and hope the Foundation's support can help them reach excellence.

We **risk** reaching out to our alumni, staff and community to ask for donations knowing that some will reject us. But, we find that by reaching out, we are honored by many people who chose to support our efforts and the current student body.

We **dream** of a perfect world for the students, knowing that **dreams** can illuminate, empower, and guide them in their future lives. Perhaps some may think that we offer false hope, but **dreams** help us set the bar higher than some believe attainable.

Therefore, we **expect** a bright future for Patrick Henry's current student body with the support from staff, parents, alumni and community.

Thanks to all of you who chose to live the wise words of Ronnie Oldham.

Cathy Roehl Peterson, Class of '65
PHHS Foundation President

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

Interested in volunteering on the PHHS Foundation Board?

Attend one of our monthly meetings or contact a Board member to find out more information.

Meetings are held the third Wednesday, 4:30 pm, at Henry. We do not meet in June, July or December.*

** During spikes of the Covid-19 pandemic, we may chose to meet via teleconference.*

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE & OTHER NEWS

Message From Principal Abdullah:

It is great to get back into the swing of things with students and staff after a major teacher strike followed by Spring Break. There have been many impacts on our staff and students, including the school day was extended by 42 minutes and the school year extended to June 24th. There have been opinions about the extended day and year, but we are preparing for strong finish.

Our focus for the remainder of the year will be to mitigate as much harm as possible, show grace and build community. We will prioritize student learning, credit recovery, graduation, and Joy.

This has been a challenging year due to the pandemic, substitute teacher shortages, the teacher strike, and now the extended school day and year. It will be critical that we at Henry High School ground ourselves by being student-centered and focusing on what matters the most.

Hall of Fame applications are currently being accepted for 2022 nominees.

For more information and to view or download a [HOF nomination form](#), please visit our website: <https://patrickhenryhighschoolfoundation.org>

The Foundation has a new website!

We have a new exciting, interactive, and informative website! It's a one stop website for all things Patrick Henry! We have a new section on upcoming class reunions that includes contacts and photos of previous reunions. Our Henry Orator section has digital access to 5 decades of yearbooks! Our updated Hall of Fame section has photos and bios of more than 100 inductees over the last 20 years. We also have a new page on the organizing efforts for the **Patrick Henry High School 100th Anniversary** in 2026. And, of course, you can donate at our site to help current students of Patrick Henry High School become more successful. Check it out at this website address: <https://patrickhenryhighschoolfoundation.org/>

You are Here!!!

Written by Principal Yusuf Abdullah



You are Here!

Whether you are angry, sad, anxious, cautious, concerned, reluctant, worried or feel caged

You are Here!

Whether you feel empowered, in community, optimistic, encouraged, brave or found purpose

You are Here!

Whether you feel beaten, lonely, disconnected, disrespected, cheated, discouraged, or lost hope

You are Here!

Whether you feel brave, strong, excited, hopeful, comfortable, cheerful, festive, jolly or free

You are Here!

Whether you feel aggravated, awful, heavy, terrible, tense, puzzled, tearful, pessimistic or tired

You are Here!

We are Here!

#Stand up and acknowledge each other

Jana Shortal of Kare 11 interviewed Principal Abdullah about the Minneapolis educators strike and the affects on the school. To watch the interviews, click on the links below:

March 8: [Amid empty hallways, Patrick Henry HS principal has a message for students](#)

March 30: [Patrick Henry HS principal deliver message of resilience](#)

FOUNDATION BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Jim Sawyer - Class of 1966

I have been a member of the Foundation Board since 2007. Being active and involved in things has always been part of my life. At the age of 60, some things were changing. I had just retired, my kids were grown and had their own lives, so I now had more time for new interests. My high school life—whether it was academics, athletics or activities—was always very important to me.

I heard about the PHHS Foundation and thought this may be something I should look into. Being on the board for the last 15 years, holding various positions (current Treasurer), and working with PHHS staff has made me realize that there are many needs in education that the Foundation can help provide. So, if you have some time, you may want to look into the Foundation and see where you might fit in.

Geneva Sorensen Kubal—Class of 1980

Looking Back Sheds Light on Perspective and Purpose

My first home was in the Camden area. I attended Loring Elementary, Olson Jr High and then graduated with honors from Patrick Henry High School in 1980. Growing up on the furthest north side of the city seemed a normal life up until my teenage years when life became more complicated. My parents divorced, a sibling became addicted, I felt bullied. I had few friends and all I wanted was to fit in, feel welcomed and have friends. PHHS became a sanctuary where interactions with staff and students help mold me into who I am today. Although I was not as popular as other kids seemed to be, I did have great teachers and an environment to learn. Of course, the process of becoming an adult is full of trials and tribulations but PHHS would help form how I would face them and the challenges yet to come.

I have grown so much since those days and I realize now the tremendous impact my years at PHHS have had on me. Since PHHS made a huge impact on my life in those years, I understand how education, the educators and support staff are part of the reason I am who I am today. I want to help my former high school continue to help young men and women struggling to find their places in the future. This future is not only theirs, but ours. I am honored to be a part of the PHHS Foundation as the current Vice President and a financial supporter of the PHHS Foundation to continue the many legacies that have come from PHHS, and the new legacies that will come from PHHS in the future.

Louise (Jacobwith) Seigworth —Class of 1987

I have been on the PHHS Foundation Board for three years and am the current Secretary. After my two sons graduated from high school, I found myself with some “spare” time that had been previously spent volunteering at my sons’ schools. I decided to volunteer with the Foundation because I thought it would be a good way to give back to the high school community that gave me so much growing up.

I am grateful for my high school experience, and I know not everyone can say that. The teachers, classes, friendships, activities and sports gave me opportunities that helped shape me into the person I am today. I wish for that same positive experiences for today’s students, which is why I have also been a long time donor to the Foundation. Students today have so much more adversity and challenges in their daily lives than what I experienced. The Foundation’s goal is to support students, teachers and staff by providing funding to enhance the learning environment and expand educational opportunities. We would appreciate you joining us in our endeavor to be “*The past and the present coming together for the future*” whether you give of your time, talent and/or financial support.

Wish List Items 2021-2022 School Year

Donations to the Foundation were used to purchase the following:

- T-shirts for the entire staff to wear while going door-to-door introducing themselves to students and families.
- Hoodies for the cross country team
- “Check and Connect” money for incentives to recognize and encourage efforts for students struggling with engagement and academics.
- Funding for the HAP Achievement Program including circles facilitated by an outside person and transportation for field trips with Wilderness Inquiry.
- Upstream Art’s teachers guide students to learn about themselves and collaborate with each other using music, movement, dance, painting, poetry and acting learning life-long lessons along the way.
- Funds for Irreducible Grace Foundation for a theatre workshop specializing in healing from trauma through theatre.

PHHS Foundation Information

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School Website

<https://henry.mpls.k12.mn.us>

Upcoming 2022 Events

Patrick Henry H.S. Graduation

June 11, 5 pm: Minneapolis Convention Center

Class of 1956 66th Reunion

Sept 13, 11am—4:30pm: Edinburgh Golf Course, 8700 Edinbrook Crossing, Brooklyn Park 55443. Invites will be forthcoming.

Class of 1967 55th Reunion

May 21, 5–10 pm: Willy McCoys, 10700 France Ave. S, Bloomington 55437

Contact: Virg Senescall at 612-799-5455 or VirgSenescall@gmail.com

Use this link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1967-patrick-henry-hs-55th-class-reunion-tickets-217352265477>

Class of 2012 10th Reunion

See Facebook page:

[PHHS Senior Committee Class of 2012](#)

10th annual All Class Reunion “Up North”

July 29, noon: Crosslake Campground Pavilion #2, 35507 Co Rd 66, Crosslake, MN 56442

Contact: Shirley Gronholm at 612-741-3396

Fall Hall of Fame Luncheon

Oct 19: More details in the fall newsletter

PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY YOU!

The PHHS Foundation has provided **Check & Connect** funds for the past 3-1/2 years. Check & Connect is an engagement and retention program that focuses on building relationships with students and their families to improve attendance and academic outcomes. With the financial support from the PHHS Foundation, students have been celebrated and acknowledged for their academic achievements & improvements. Snacks and gift cards are always a great incentive for young folks and these things go a long way in motivating and encouraging students. We have also used funds to have end-of-the-quarter celebrations like pizza parties. Since 2019, the funds that Check & Connect has received from the PHHS Foundation have been used to support and incentivize over 200 Henry 9th & 10th graders!

~ Maria Ahlgren, Associate Educator - Check & Connect

HAP is the "school within a school" alternative program within Henry. We serve approximately 60 students each year. One of our missions is to build community within our program. We have found that 'breaking bread' together is a great way to do that! The first day of each quarter we are able to kick off the quarter with muffins and juice for all our students. Each month we buy donuts for our students that celebrated a birthday and for students that had perfect attendance or were nominated as student of the month. The last day of the quarter, we allow the students that are on track academically to celebrate by baking cookies and playing games. The funds from the Foundation have allowed us the opportunity to provide these treats for our students. Thank you! We appreciate your ongoing support of our program!!

~Kimberly Cook, Licensed School Counselor for the Henry Achievement Program (HAP)

The **Music Department** at PHHS is very grateful for the contributions we have received from the PHHS Foundation! Your continued donations over the years have allowed us to get some instruments that aren't typically available for purchase, and to bring some amazing guests into our music classes!

In the past, I have used PHHS Foundation funds to get world instruments and handmade instruments from online retailers- these types of instruments aren't really available at any of our local, district approved dealers. Because of Foundation funds, our students have a RAV Vast handpan, as well as some handmade frame drums. Many students find great joy in these "unusual" and traditional instruments. The RAV pan is a particular favorite among students. It is a tuned steel tongue drum with a beautiful long sustain and no wrong notes! I love to offer it to students who are afraid of messing up!

The best use of funds this year was for clinics with the Moment's Notice Blues Band. I have been close with local blues legends Allen Kirk and George Moyer since I moved to the cities. This year I was able to use PHHS Foundation funds to bring them into my classroom. Henry had a day of blues clinics and lunchtime performances available for our whole student body to enjoy. A \$500 investment got us clinics from:

- Allen Kirk - MN Blues Hall of Famer, Mississippi Heat
- George Moyer - Bernard Allison Group
- John T McGhee - Founding Member LTD, recorded with Marvin Gaye
- Pierre Lewis - Touring keyboardist for the Commodores
- Matthew Mwangi - The most talented young musician I've ever met

Kids in music classes loved the clinics and students from the whole building were popping in throughout the day to hear the good grooves. It was a much needed day of fun in the midst of covid. Thanks for your support!

~Casey Frensz, Music Director, Patrick Henry High School

DONATIONS—THANK YOU!!

\$2,000 and Over

Chelsea Lein - '05
In support of Math Team and
General Fund

Roger & Carol Roy '58
In memory of Dick Strand, Danny
Gardine, Bruce Axell '58 & '59
In honor of students of the '50's

**The Bert & Charlie Generous Giving
Fund**

\$1,000-\$1,999

Barbara J. Kozmik '65

\$500-\$999

Anonymous

Paul Donahue '72

William M. Job '57

Mary Meline
In honor of Michael Skavnak '56

Neal Nelson '50
In memory of Martha (Wedin)
Nelson '52

\$250-\$499

Class of 1971

Glenn Carlson '66

Al Gulden '60
In memory of All the classmates who
ever rode in Terry Knopik's '59 Ford

Gary Hammerlund '58
In support of cross country team

Tom Hanson '62
In support of Theatre program

Diane (Madison) Hinds '65
In memory of Tom Hinds '61

Peggy (Hayford) Johnson '71
In memory of Melvin Johnson '71

Barbara (Welke) Lambesis '63
In honor of the Class of 1963
In support of performing arts (band,
choir, orchestra, plays)

David Lindblom '54
In memory of Marlo Miller '54

**Lonn Giving Fund (Linda Wolter
Lonn** '83)

Susan Nordby '67

Steve Pietrzak '66
In support of Henry High band

\$100-\$249

School District No. 1

The Blackbaud Giving Fund -
Your Cause

In honor of class of 1961

**In honor of Class of 1966 55th
Reunion**

\$100-\$249 (cont.)

Janice (Hanson) Aiken '71
In support of Theatre

Margarita Alvarez (spouse)
In memory of Ross Bourgeois
teacher

Jim & Sandy (Steady) Anderson '61
In honor of Class of 1961

Paul Andreen '52
In memory of Mary Alice Andreen

Barbara (Anshus) Battenberg '67

Bruce Bastien '64

Ann & Bob Bergstedt '67
In memory of Darrell Evans '67

Lynn Bollman '63

Craig Canham '60
In memory of sisters Sandy '64 &
Margo '61; In memory of friend Dave
Egberg '60

Lyndon & Carole Carlson - Former
Teachers

Nancy (Dahl) Carlson
In memory of Kathy (Dahl) Tunks

Carol (Green) Carrara '63

Kelly Carver

Michael Cabaya '61
In memory of Tom Hinds '61

Paul & Susie (Stacy) Chermak '60
In memory of Jack Hansen '60
In memory of Don Laine '60

Gary & Colette (Shish) Chesner '65
& '66

Keith Cich

Joan (Mitchell) Davy '63
In memory of Robert Gatz-Anderson
'63; In memory of Roger Elmquist
'63

Lou Ann (Rhodes) DeValois '52
Blessings to class of '52 still living

David Fleming '56

Jason Fodstad '88

Donna (Nagel) Fox '81

Al Gulden '60

Jerry & Mary Jo Gruidl '61

Roger Handberg '52

Judith Hatton '65
In memory of Lois Jacobson '65

Allan Hietala '48
In honor of all Henry gymnasts

Roger Jacobson '66
In memory of Jeff Lofgren & Don
Roberts '66

Scott Jacobson '79
In memory of Susan Pearl Hable '79
In memory of Jay Boughton '82

\$100-\$249 (cont.)

Todd & Mary (Lunzer) Jacobson '64

Daniel & Dorla (Nau) Jacobwith '53
In memory of Randy Jacobwith '79

Doug Jerde '63

Peggy (Hayford) Johnson '71
In memory of Ann Vogen Rydbeck
'71

Gary Kociemba - former principal

Geneva (Sorensen) Kubal '80
In memory of Maryanne Enger '58

Darlene Lansing
In memory of George Lansing '63

Linda (Rarick) Lewis '61
In memory of 1961 classmates

Karl Lundeen '80
In honor of the class of 1980

Doris Maley '67
In memory of Darrell Evans '67

Jon Mattson '51
In memory of Don Mattson '49

Monte & Marilyn (Deibert) Miller '54
In memory of Marlo Miller '54

Morel Moss
In memory of Carol Wood Moss '64

Milton Mutch '45

David Mrocek '63

James L. Newman '57
In support of cross country team

Mike Opat '79

Tom & Cathy (Roehl) Peterson '65

Jim & Karen (Hanek) Porath '71 &
'73; In memory of Barb (Hays) Zurek
& Janice (Cunnien) Mades '73

Jim & Karen (Hanek) Porath '71 &
'73

Kathleen Raffensparger
In memory of Larry Raffensparger
'57

Thomas Schafer '66
In memory of George Jackson '67

Barbara (Joy) Seguin '64
In memory of all my classmates '64

Louise (Jacobwith) Seigworth '87

Cheryl (Lindquist) Selinsky '61
In memory of class of 1961

Michael Skavnak '56
In memory of teachers from '52-'56

Charles & Susanne Smith '65

Pam (Reck) Wiilcke '66
In memory of Cal Lindberg -66
In Support of Band

DONATIONS—THANK YOU!!

\$100-\$249 (cont.)

Elaine (Teige) Zimmer '61
In honor of our 61st Reunion (9/12/22) and classmate Tom Teresi, IT Extraordinaire, who keeps our class connected

Elaine (Teige) Zimmer '61
In memory of classmates passing in 2021-Janet Gerdt, Tom Hinds, Charles LaBreche, Dick Odette

\$50-\$99

Steven Anderson '68
In memory of Tommy Eikos '68

Connie Blom - Former staff

Margaret (Perra) Buszta '54
In memory of Class of 1954

Lyndon & Carole (Moss) Carlson -
Former teachers

Dorothy Casey
In memory of Ann Vogen Rydbeck '71

John Creegan '80

Don Davis '60
In support of scholarships or Board discretion

Dan Ganley '65

Anne M. Green '68
In support of Girls Athletics

Delores Grigsby '51
In honor of class of 1951

Joyce Heen

Lesla Hudak

Doug Johnson '60
In support of Special Education

Robin (Boldt) Johnson '71
In honor of Class of 1971

Mary Luhman-Johnson
In memory of Ray (Raymond) H. Johnson '54

Richard Jones '60
In memory of Mary Jones '65

Gene Juneski

Warren E. Kaari '60

Sandy (Lund) Keran '63
In memory of Dave & Don McNamara '63

James Krave '72
In memory of Howard & Arline Volkert Krave '43 & '45

Dawn Laine '60
In memory of Donald Laine '60

Anne (Gillespie) Lewis '62
In memory of teachers Alice Boquist & Donald Ehrlichmann

\$50-\$99 (cont.)

Ronald Manger '64
In memory of James Manger '73

George Melquist '64
In support of Dan Schmidt Scholarship

Jeffrey C. Nelson '77

Roberta (Pearson) Nordin '57
In memory of brother Robert Pearson '55

Dorothy (Rzeszutek) Odette-Higdon '64
In memory of Tom Odette '64

Charlotte (Kelch) Ostrom '52
In memory of Frank Engdahl - Drama coach; In support of theatre/drama

James Pederson '63
In support of class books

Cathy (Munn) Peterson '71
In memory of Ann Vogen Rydbeck '71; In memory of Mel Johnson '71

Lee & Virginia (Sandbeck) Russeth '53
In memory of Bugs Sandbeck Schmidt '52

Ron St. Clair '68

Ron Stolski '57
In memory of The Boys of Bohanan Field '57

Timothy R & Deborah J

Audrey (Fyle) Toth '54
In memory of Bonny Fyle Rogers '52
In memory of Janet Fyle Canfield '55

Stephen L. White '52
In support of scholarships

\$25-\$49

In honor of class of 1981

Clifford (Larry) Adams '63

William (Bill) Baker

Nancy (Bartlett) Behrendt '65
In memory of Peggy Anderson Melling '65

James Bokovoy '60
In memory of Bill Peterson '52

Sandy (Kaari) Chillstrom '63
In honor of the great class of '63

David Chose '66

Nancy Conway '64
In memory of Bette Hubbs '64

Gloria (Gisslen) Derrick '54
In memory of Colin Gisslen '64

Donald Ellings '53

Ward Gilkerson '69

David Gratz '78
In memory of Duane Gratz '51

\$25-\$49 (cont.)

Lorraine (Ilig) Hamack '53
In memory of John Hamack & Sharon Peterson Hamack

Norma (Bodick) Hingeley '61
In memory of Janet Gertz Bradly '61

Barbara Keller '58
In memory of Gail (Heineman) Belvedere '58

Joan L. Lampert '57
In support of Drama

Edith (Bronner) Lejonwarn '57
In memory of Joan Hall (life long friend) '57

Richard Lund '62

Terry Michnowski '72

Mercedia (Law) Murphy '46
In memory of Mercedes Law Peterson '46; In honor of Lorraine Law '42

Milton Mutch

Mel Northway '61
In memory of uncle Archie Wyatt

Thomas Otley '58

Alice (Horkey) Peterson '56

Ronald C. & Diane M. (Ring) Ponath '61

Janice R. (Anderson) Scofield '52

Jerry Schirmers '57
In memory of those we have lost '57
In honor entire classmates '57

Mary R. Sylwester

Betty (Anderson) Tetzlaff '67
In honor of Class of 1967

Karan (Irwin) Thompson '60

Leonard Young '61
In honor of Class of 1961

Under \$25

Daisy Carlson

Susan Froslee

David William Johnson '70
In memory of Mrs. Timmerman - staff
In honor of Mr. Canham - staff

Sandra (Thompson) O'Connor '57'

Steve Skjold '56
In memory of Anthony Skjold

Thank you!
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PHHS Foundation

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Return Service Requested

We Depend on Your Support

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.

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Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____ This is updated information? YES NO

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

I am: ___ Alumni ___ Parent ___ Current Student ___ Staff ___ Business ___ Other: _____

Support Level Enclosed: ___ \$2,000 ___ \$1,000 ___ \$500 ___ \$250 ___ \$100 ___ Other Amount

Optional: In Support of (program/activity): _____

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Optional: In Honor of: _____ Class Year: _____