

**Howe High School – Billerica Memorial High School Alumni Association
130th Annual Reunion & Banquet**



**Saturday, June 6, 2026
Billerica Memorial High School Café'
35 River Street, Billerica Ma**

This year's Reunion is dedicated to the 50-year class of 1976

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Around the Corner

Around the corner I have a friend,
In this great city that has no end,
Yet the days go by and weeks rush on,
And before I know it, a year is gone.

And I never see my old friends face,
For life is a swift and terrible race,
He knows I like him just as well,
As in the days when I rang his bell.

And he rang mine but we were younger then,
and now we are busy, tired men.
Tired of playing a foolish game,
Tired of trying to make a name.

"Tomorrow" I say! "I will call on Jim
Just to show that I'm thinking of him",
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,
and distance between us grows and grows.

Around the corner, yet miles away,
"Here's a telegram sir," "Jim died today."
And that's what we get and deserve in the end.
Around the corner, a vanished friend.

By Charles Hanson Towne – 1899

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Billerica Community Hall of Fame induction Agenda

The Billerica Alumni Association is proud to sponsor the Billerica Community Hall of Fame. We are very excited for the nominees who will have their induction ceremony prior to the Banquet. This part of the day is open to the public and is not a requirement for those attending the banquet.

The nominees who will be inducted are:

Athletic Hall of Fame – Mike Granfield

Educators Hall of Fame – Miriam J. Buckley and Anthony Coletti

Civic Hall of Fame – William Egan, Jr.

Alumni Life Members: Angelo and Lillian DeBenedictis

Agenda:

2:00 p.m. Doors open to the foyer or Lobby of the High School where tours will start and the last one will be at 2:40 p.m. There will be light refreshments in the lobby.

2:45 p.m. Lobby doors lock and the ceremony will start at 3 pm with introductions and speeches by each branch and nominee.

Once the ceremony is over, those who will be attending the banquet can head downstairs to the café' to check in.

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To the Members of the Howe High School/Billerica Memorial High School Alumni Association and Honored Guests,

It is with great pride and sincere appreciation that we recognize Lillian Smith DeBenedictis, Class of 1960, and Angelo DeBenedictis, Class of 1957, upon their induction into the Billerica Community Hall of Fame as Life members of the HHS/BMHS Alumni Association.

For more than twenty years, Lillian and Angelo have dedicated themselves to the Alumni Association through their faithful service on the Board of Directors. Their unwavering commitment, leadership, and countless hours of volunteer service have helped preserve the traditions, values, and mission of the Alumni Association while ensuring its continued success for future generations.

Throughout the years, they have worked tirelessly behind the scenes, giving generously of their time, energy, and talents. Their dedication has extended far beyond board service, as both have played an active role in supporting alumni initiatives and strengthening the bond between our schools, graduates, and community.

Lillian and Angelo have also made a lasting impact through their involvement with scholarship efforts, serving on committees and helping to raise funds for the Mary Jo O'Mahoney Colburn Memorial Scholarship.

Through their commitment and generosity, they have helped provide meaningful opportunities for deserving students and have continued the tradition of giving back.

Together, Lillian and Angelo DeBenedictis exemplify the very spirit of service, loyalty, and pride that the HHS/BMHS Alumni Hall of Fame was created to honor. Their years of selfless dedication have left a lasting legacy within the Alumni Association and throughout the Billerica community.

It is with deep gratitude and admiration that we celebrate Lillian and Angelo DeBenedictis as members of the HHS/BMHS Alumni Hall of Fame and thank them for their extraordinary contributions. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth A Patriquin

President- Howe High/Billerica Memorial High Alumni Association

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Alumni Banquet Agenda

- 2:00 -4:00 Early Check in for the banquet. Lobby doors and Café' doors will be open
- 2:45 pm The Lobby will be closed for the Community Hall of Fame induction ceremony. We will ask for quiet during this time.
- 3:00-4:00 Lobby: The Billerica Community Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.
- 4:00 p.m. Doors open to the Café' for Check in
- 5:00 p.m. Welcome - Introduction of the Alumni Board, CHOF, and Special Guests.
Then the president will open the Annual Business for the HHS-BMHS Alumni Association.
- 5:25 p.m. Dinner is served
- 6:20 p.m. Speakers and Presentations
- Betty speaks
- Kevin speaks
1. Address from Principal Tom Murphy
 2. Roll Call of Classes
 3. Presentation of the Annual Jack Fay Athletic Achievement Award
 4. Presentation of Scholarship Awards
 5. Group photo of Awardees
 6. Special Presentations and gifts
 7. Door Prize, Dues Raffle and 50/50 drawing
 8. Dancing and Socializing
 9. Doors Close
- DJ – Cathy Conway
- Photographer – Gwen

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From the President's Desk

Dear Alumni,

With the second year of hosting our banquet at the High School, it has been a challenging transition, but one we hope will continue for years to come. We remain committed to this wonderful annual tradition of honoring our alumni, presenting scholarship awards, and recognizing the classes in attendance.

As always, we are looking for volunteers to help carry the Association into the future. Next year, nominations and elections for the Board will be held, and I encourage anyone interested to join us this year to get a feel for what we do and how important this organization is to our community.

This coming year will also be my last year serving as President. It has truly been an honor, and I am hopeful that more alumni will step forward to continue the work of preserving our traditions and supporting future generations of students.

I would also like to thank the Board of Directors for their patience, dedication, and support during what has been a very difficult year.

This year, we mailed 125 invitations and emailed over 600 banquet notices. We also introduced an online donation platform in hopes of reaching younger alumni and making giving easier. Please let us know how we are doing and how we can continue to improve.

I look forward to celebrating our country's 250th anniversary together and hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer.

With Respect

Betty Whiteway Patriquin (1977)

PS: Least I forget, a huge thank you to our Board of Directors:

1st Vice President:

Steve Meltzer 1975

2nd Vice President: Open

Secretary:

Lynne Cloutier 1966

Treasurer:

Jim Haines 1983

Board of Directors

Donna Robillard 1959

Lillian DeBenedictis 1960

Angelo DeBenedictis 1957

Sarah McClellan 2002

Jennie Lee Higgins 2002

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Secretary Report for the
HHS – BMHS Alumni Association Annual Banquet and Reunion
Held on June 7, 2025
Billerica High School Gym

The meeting was called to order at 5 pm

The president called the 129th Annual HHS BMHS Alumni Association Banquet and reunion to order. This Alumni Banquet was held for the first time at the Billerica High School gym. Betty Patriquin, President, introduced the Alumni Board and special guests. Betty introduced Kevin Conway the president of the Billerica community hall of fame. Kevin spoke about the induction of Community Hall of Fame Athletic Hall of fame which was held prior to the banquet.

After dinner, we then moved onto the roll call of classes, Steve Meltzer class of 75 did the roll call for his class as they were honored with gifts.

The scholarship awards were handed out to the Class of 2025, and then, gifts were handed out to the oldest class, the furthest traveled, then the door prize was called, \$40 scratch tickets. The 50/50 raffle went to Duke Diaz, class of 1975 and the dues raffle went to Gloria Rosa, class of 1954.

The meeting adjourned at 7 pm

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January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

As of 01/01/26

Balance as of 01/01/25	\$21,655.23
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Receipts:

Dinners/Donations/Patron:	\$13,755.00		
Dues:	\$ 1,440.00		
Total of receipts:		\$15,634.00	
Total balance and receipts			\$36,850.23

Expenses:

Taxes:	\$ 50.00		
Subscriptions (Zoom, Go Daddy, class mates):	\$ 429.40		
Gifts/Photos Printed/Decorations:	\$ 1,800.23		
Photographer Banquet:	\$ 500.00		
Dues Raffle (Tom Knight):	\$ 100.00		
Banquet caterer	\$ 5,779.00		
#10 Scholarships/Awards:	\$10,500.00		
#15 Printing, Postage, Shipping:	\$1,579.20		
#16 Other (See Above):	\$ 97.18		
Grand total of Expenses		\$20,355.61	

Balance as of 12/31/25	\$16,015.22
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Savings Accounts as of 12/31/25

Permanent Fund/Brigham /Class of 1984	1581	\$20,848.63
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Yankee Doodle

Last September, the Alumni Association once again participated in Yankee Doodle Homecoming Day, sharing a table with the Billerica Community Hall of Fame.

The Community Hall of Fame introduced a new game, Plinko, which was a huge hit with the kids. The Alumni Association also brought back the football toss, and it was busy all day long. While sales were light, the day itself was a great success, filled with community spirit, laughter, and reconnecting with alumni and residents.

We look forward to another fun-filled Yankee Doodle this year, and we hope everyone will stop by and say hello!

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The following Alumni are our current Lifetime Members:

1972 Cathy Conway
1959 Donna Strom Robillard
1959 Barbara Rounds Reinecker
1961 Doug Dooley
1960 Lillian DeBenedictis
1957 Angelo DeBenedictis

Per our By Laws, all Lifetime Members will have their dues paid for life. They also will be the Alumni's guests at our banquet/reunion each year.

The following are past Lifetime Members who have passed on:

1928	Doris	Kinney	Hunter
1945	John T.		Glavin
1951	Grant H.		Whiteway, Sr.
1951	Ann	O'Neill	Baraldi
1934	Mary	Jackson	Rounds
1932	Alice	Dunstan	Webber
1939	Mary		Pasho
1937	Margaret		Mason
1934	Helen		Knight
1939	Lillian	Horman	Matthews
1932	Margaret	Blakely	Ingraham
1945	Francis J.		Glavin
1951	John		Baraldi
1948	Larry		DeBenedictis
1945	Betty	Leavitt	Glavine
1956	Jack		Fay

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HHS-BMHS Alumni Association Roll Call of Classes

This is a tradition of the Alumni, to see how many classes are represented at our annual reunions. As your class is called, please stand or raise your hand to be counted. These numbers are as of May 29, 2026.

1956-2
1957-1
1958-4
1959-6
1960-1
1964-1
1966-6
1968-1
1969-2
1973-1
1975-2
1977-2
1983-1
1993-1
1994-1
1995-2
1999-1
2002-1
2026-16

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2026 Alumni Donors

First Name	Class name	Last name	Class Year		First Name	Class name	Last name	Class Year
Margaret	O'Connell	Kalin	1951		Kathleen	Cooney	Sasonoff	1967
Harold		Towle	1952		Georgia	Stewart	St. Louis	1967
Nancy I	Cahill	Barton	1952		Margaret (Peggy)	Ennion	Langell	1968
Forrest R.		Stickney, J	1953		Susan	McAdams	Rogers	1968
Rosemary A	Power	Parker	1954		Kathleen	Foley	Matheson	1969
Carol Anne	Weisel	Haynes	1954		Loretta M	Walsh	Bemis	1970
Barbara	McQueeney	Murphy	1955		Gail		Fanning-Grov	1971
Dorothy	Tholander	Lucia	1956		Don		MacIntosh	1973
Roy C		Steeves, Jr	1956		Stephen J		Lentine	1973
Judith	Covell	James	1957		Laureen	Libby	Goguen	1974
John G		Soule	1958		Brian		Goguen	1974
Mary J	Bagroqski	Johansen	1958		Richard		Newcomb	1975
Robert		Knowles	1958		Dorothy	Cassidy	Newcomb	1975
Mary	Rowlandson	Knowles	1958		Pamela		Graves	1975
Arthur F		Gifford	1958		Leonard		Sullivan	1975
Donna	Strom	Robilard	1958		William		O'Connell	1975
Joyce A	Theriault	Bradley	1959		James		Hickey	1975
Jacqueline	Lee	Burns	1959		Valerie	Ansill	King	1977
Geraldine	Angell	Healey	1959		Virginia	Whiteway	Ford	1979
John		Nugent, Sr	1960		Richard		Silva	1982
George M		Cousens	1961		James		Haines	1983
Linda	Currie	Horne	1961		An		Carlson	
Alec		Ingraham	1964		Susanne		Gallagher	
Linda	Lavery	Byrnes	1964		Fred B		Kenyon	
Thomas		Sullivan	1964		Larry		MacLennan	
William H.		Langell, Jr	1964		Mark		Gearin	
Judith	Revane	Krochane	1965		Lillian & Angelo		DeBenedictis	
Donald		Rogers	1965		Daniel & Kristined		Beaulieu	
Dianne	Nickerson	Murray	1966		Cindee & Edward		O'Mahony	
Nancy A	Gill	O'Keefe	1966		Janis		Horsley	
Lois	MacRannold	Yerardi	1966		Mr. & Mrs. Christopher N.		Popov	
Stephen		Baraldi			Sharon DeCat			

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List of 2026 Patrons

First Name	Class name	Last name	Class Year		First Name	Class name	Last name	Class Year
Margaret	O'Connell	Kalin	1951		Laureen	Libby	Goguen	1974
John		Silliker	1951		Brian		Goguen	1974
Harold		Towle	1952		William		O'Connell	1975
Forrest R.		Stickney, Jr	1953		Richard		Newcomb	1975
Gloira	Barretto	Rosa	1954		Dorothy	Cassidy	Newcomb	1975
Rosemary A	Power	Parker	1954		Steve		Meltzer	1975
Barbara	McQueeney	Murphy	1955		Pamela		Graves	1975
Robert		Knowles	1958		Gayle		MacLennan	1977
Mary	Rowlandson	Knowles	1958		Elizabeth		Patriquin	1977
John G		Soule	1958		James		Haines	1983
Arthur F		Gifford	1958		Donna	Femia	Blodgett	1995
Geraldine	Angell	Healey	1959		Helena	Bird	Horgan	2014
Jacqueline	Lee	Burns	1959		Mike		Neary	
Frances	Monahan	Dowling	1959		Ruth	O'Connell	Couture	
Gladys	McGinness	McNulty	1959		Roberta		Walsh	
Linda	Currie	Horne	1961		George		Tribuna	
Rosemary	Rynne	Viggiano	1964		Lillian		Martin	
Alec		Ingraham	1964		Jason		Blodgett	
Linda	Lavery	Byrnes	1964		Laura		Smith	
William		Meehan	1964		Matthew		Smith	
Madge A		Meehan	1964		Rose		Smith	
Thomas		Sullivan	1964		Mary		Mahony	
William H.		Langell, Jr	1964		Michelle		Mahony	
Nancy A	Gill	O'Keefe	1966		Gwen		Wilcox	
Nancy Marie		Hederman	1966		Paul		Antonellis	
Christine	Graham	Ames	1969		William		McNulty	
Loretta M	Walsh	Bemis	1970		Karen		McNulty	
Stephen J		Lentine	1973		An		Carlson	

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The 9th Annual Jack Fay Athletic Achievement Award

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The Jack Fay Athletic Achievement Award is in recognition of BMHS Athletes. Jack Fay, a 1953 graduate, was an outstanding student and athlete during his years at BMHS. Jack enlisted in the Airforce and became an outstanding citizen.

The Jack Fay Athletic Achievement Award is to recognize a male and female athlete who has played any sport during his/her senior year, demonstrated above average athletic skill, demonstrated an attitude of fair play and sportsmanship, and the selection is made by the coaches at BMHS.

The Awards go to:

Kendra Marino and Timothy Murphy

Please visit our website for more information on this award:

<https://bmhsalumni.org/jack-fay-award>

It is the coaches and the athletic director who chose the winners using the criteria set by Jack Fay.

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In 2026, the Jack Fay Award will be granted to a male and female student-athlete from Billerica Memorial High School. The class of 2026 has an abundance of talented athletes that will play Division I, II, or III athletics! But 2 of them have made a tremendous impact to their teammates and coaches alike.

This year the 2026 Jack Fay Award is granted to Kendra Marino and Tim Murphy. Both student-athletes have been selected by their teammates as 3 sports captains of their respected teams and both students received the most nominations by the coaching staff at BMHS. This is a clear tribute to their character and impact they have had to their teams.

With that said, today is a day for Tim to be recognized as a great teammate and athlete. Most importantly, Tim has represented Billerica Memorial High School with the utmost integrity and sportsmanship that a school could expect. At this time Tim will continue his education at Bentley University and a member of the men's lacrosse team. Over the past 4 years, Tim has participated in at least 180 varsity games in the sports of Football, hockey, and lacrosse at BMHS. He has also earned MULTIPLE All-Conference Awards from the Merrimack Valley Conference in all 3 sports. Most recently, Tim earned the "Masters of Sports Award" and the Barbara Hood Athlete Award. As Tim finishes his high school sports journey, he has earned two State Championships with the BMHS hockey and lacrosse teams in 2026. With just a few weeks to go, Tim and his lacrosse teammates are chasing a second State Championship and seated number 1 in the MIAA Power Rankings in Division two. Lastly, Tim Murphy will graduate as an academic top ten member of the class of 2026.

Likewise, Kendra was a three-sport captain of the volleyball, basketball and lacrosse teams. She has been described as a great teammate with a relentless work ethic! She takes great pride in all that she does. She has been recognized as one of the top athletes in all three sports as a first team All-Conference player. Kendra has participated in nearly 200 varsity games during her time at BMHS. Kendra is also the recipient of the "Masters of Sports Award and the Barbara Hood Athlete Award. Kendra will continue her education and athletics at the Salve Regina University as a member of the women's basketball team. Kendra's impact in all three season is challenging to quantify, but I can assure you that the teams' success

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was in part to the great athlete she has been each and every season. In today's athletic environment, it difficult to find multi-sport student athletes. It's with great pleasure to see 2 students such as Tim and Kendra be awarded with the honor of the Jack Fay Award.

I would like to end with a few quotes from their coaches;

Kendra:

Kendra is a great athlete but an even better person. She certainly is extremely committed to every endeavor she takes on, has performed amazingly on the volleyball and basketball court, and the lacrosse field. Has been an integral, if not irreplaceable part of some incredibly special teams/groups over the past five years.

What really sets her apart is just how much she positively affects those around her. She's an incredible leader and phenomenal at bringing different groups of people and individuals together in order for the betterment of everyone.

Kendra's been amazing at bridging divides within the team, bringing multiple levels of programs together through initiatives that she's thought up, and always serving as a role model for the youth programs that she volunteers her time to. She also donates her time to countless activities within the school displaying her incredible altruism.

All in all, just someone who is a really good human being and has without fail left the school a better place and affected so many in a positive fashion.

Kendra Marino is a dedicated and inspiring leader who sets a strong example both on and off the field. As captain of the lacrosse team, she leads with confidence, determination, and teamwork, always encouraging those around her to do their best. Her hardworking attitude is clear in everything she does, whether it's pushing through practices, supporting her teammates during games, or balancing her responsibilities with commitment and focus.

What truly sets Kendra apart is her kindness and inclusive nature. She makes an effort to ensure everyone feels welcomed, supported, and valued, no matter their experience or background. Whether she is helping a teammate improve, encouraging someone who is struggling, or simply making others feel included,

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Kendra consistently puts others first. She is approachable, compassionate, and always willing to help anyone who needs guidance or support. Her positive energy and genuine care for others create a strong sense of community both on the team and beyond.

Kendra's leadership, strong work ethic, and caring personality have earned her the respect of teammates, classmates, and coaches alike. She is not only an excellent teammate, but also a role model who inspires others through her character, determination, and kindness.

Kendra Marino is a dedicated and accomplished student-athlete at Billerica Memorial High School, recognized for her commitment both on and off the court. A five-year participant in the volleyball program, she served as team captain during her senior year, demonstrating strong leadership and a competitive spirit.

Kendra is a positive role model who consistently brings a strong work ethic, determination, and a positive attitude to everything she does. She continued to foster a culture within the volleyball program across all 3 levels of inclusivity, support, and pushing players to be their best. Her positive demeanor and strong relationships she has built through the volleyball program have left a lasting impact on all players and coaches she has gotten to know.

Known for her athleticism and adaptability, she contributed in multiple positions and worked seamlessly with teammates and the coaching staff. Beyond athletics, Kendra maintained an active role in other aspects of her school community balancing her responsibilities as a class advisor, club advisor, and active member of numerous clubs.

Her exceptional time management, dedication, and character make her a standout member of the BMHS community. Kendra is truly a one-of-a-kind student-athlete. She has left a huge mark on the BMHS community and volleyball program.

Tim:

Timmy is what every parent wants their child to be like. He balances so much and does it all with a great attitude. It has been refreshing to see a player who values his commitments to his teammates, coaches, and town.

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There just isn't a lot of Timmy Murphy's around. He is the ultimate leader who always sets a great example on how to carry yourself on and off the field. He is never going to be out worked and is a fierce competitor, but will always keep things in perspective and light if he feels this will connect with his teammates the best way possible.

Whether Timmy is the best athlete on the field or not isn't going to be his legacy. He will always be known as a winner who did it the right way and treated his teammates, coaches, and staff with respect. I was fortunate to coach him as he is someone I will never forget.

During the past five years, I have witnessed Timmy experience so many successes due to his relentless commitment, dedication, and drive to do the right thing and to better those around him. He achieves this by consistently setting a high ethical standard and leading by example every day.

Timmy is a leader and a role model to all his teammates, school peers, youth sports players, and community members. Timmy Murphy is a praiseworthy student-athlete at BMHS and he applies the same character traits in the classroom and within the BMHS community as he does on the ice.

Timmy is a high-honor roll student and member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Peer Leaders, Best Buddies Organization, and Young Investors Club. Timmy is truly committed and passionate about everything he pursues.

Timmy is very well-liked and respected by all of his teammates, teachers, and coaches, as he has been a tremendous role model for all of Billerica's youth throughout his five-year BMHS experience.

Timothy Murphy has been an outstanding leader and representative of our lacrosse program throughout his career at BMHS. As a senior captain, he has set the standard for our program through his work ethic, toughness, leadership, and sportsmanship. He is an easy choice as someone who represents everything the Jack Fay Athletic Achievement Award stands for.

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Timothy is one of the most mature and respected players in our program. He leads by example every day and has earned the trust of both his teammates and coaches through his consistency and selflessness. Younger players look up to him because

of the way he carries himself on and off the field. He competes at a high level while always showing respect to teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials.

One of the best examples of Timothy's character came after suffering a torn PCL during football and being told he needed to have surgery. Rather than having surgery and letting the injury slow him down, he committed himself to rehab and returned miraculously to compete in both hockey and lacrosse, playing a major role in helping both teams win a State Championship that year.

Outside of lacrosse, Timothy is also a three-sport captain and a top-10 student academically, which says a lot about the type of student-athlete and person he is. Timothy represents our program the right way in every aspect, and we are extremely proud of everything he has accomplished at BMHS

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2026 Scholarship Awards

The Russell Family Memorial Award: Sheila was a class of 1981 graduate from BMHS, she was an excellent athlete playing volleyball, winter, and spring track, running the hurdles, and throwing the javelin. Beloved brother Mark, a 1977 graduate and a good athlete in his own right. This award is given in loving memory from their family.

The Award goes to: Nathan Bailat

The Robert and Heather Brown Family Award is in Honor of Robert Brown, Class of 1959, who was a three sport HHS-BMHS Hall of Famer, and his wife Heather Brown, Class of 1958, a longtime supporter of the Alumni Association. Donated in their memory by their loving family.

The Award goes to: Emma Johnson

Ralph Brigham Award: Ralph was a graduate of 1944, and sat on the HHS-BMHS Alumni Board as Treasurer. Ralph was very active in all aspects of the Town of Billerica. This award is in his memory.

The Award goes to: Hope Capodilupo

The 50 Year Class Award in the name of the Class of 1976. This award is an annual award given in honor of the current class celebrating 50 years since graduation. This award is given by the Alumni Association.

The Award goes to: Emma Saverse

The Billerica Memorial High Alumni Association Award:

This award is from the generous donations of our Alumni association in honor of all those who graduated from BMHS.

The award goes to: Ryan Carlson

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2026 Scholarship Awards

The David Scharn Memorial Award

This award is given in memory of David by his fellow Bates College Track Alumni. David was a kind, gentle friend. He will be missed by all.

David was the president of the Billerica High Class of 1974.

The award goes to: Josephine Whitten

The Class of 1959 Award. This annual award is given by the class of 1959, who raise money through the dedication of their classmates.

The Award goes to: Alex Blodgett

Howe High School Alumni in Honor of Helen Potter.

The Alumni Association is honored to dedicate this year's Howe High Alumni Award in memory of our dear friend, Helen.

Helen served on the Alumni Board for many years and was a devoted supporter of the Association and the Billerica community. An artist, teacher, business owner, and community leader, she shared her talents generously and touched countless lives through her work and volunteer service. Her artwork can be seen throughout town, and she was proudly inducted into the Billerica Community Hall of Fame in recognition of her many contributions.

One of Helen's lasting gifts to Billerica is the Mother's Garden beside the former Howe School, created in honor of her dear friend Jean Coppinger. The garden remains a beautiful reflection of Helen's creativity, kindness, and love for the community.

As an art teacher, Helen inspired generations of students with her warmth, talent, and unforgettable personality. Through her leadership and service, she helped preserve the spirit and history of Billerica for future generations.

It is only fitting that this year's Howe High Alumni Award be dedicated in her honor.

The award goes to: Linnaea Gallager

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2026 Scholarship Awards

The Ann O'Neill Baraldi and John Baraldi Family Award. Ann and John were both graduates of the class of 1951. Ann as well as John were longtime executive board members and faithful Alumni Supporters. As children and grandchildren of Ann and John, we were fortunate to grow up with parents and grandparents who were always encouraging, supportive, and kind. Ann and John had an unwavering commitment to family, exemplified a hard work ethic, and modeled kindness. Colleagues of John Baraldi described him as a loyal friend, role model, and mentor who gave his employees a chance to learn and obtain success in their careers. If you were a friend or acquaintance of Ann and John's you were treated as family and welcomed into their home. We hope that this opportunity will help a BMHS student to achieve their dreams. This award is given in loving memory from the family.

The Award goes to: Lily Smith

The Mary-Jo O'Mahoney Colburn Memorial Award. Mary-Jo taught at the Dutile Elementary and the Locke Middle School, a beloved teacher who is honored by her family and friends.

The Award goes to: Maggie Jones

Grant Whiteway, Sr. & Rose Anne Whiteway Award. Grant, a 1951 graduate of Howe High School and a longtime executive member of the Alumni Board. Rose Anne, who worked at the High school for many years, helped Grant work on the Alumni Association for many years. This scholarship is given in their memory by his family.

The Award go to: Michael Rizzuto

The Thomas J and Harriet L O'Connell Family Memorial Award

Thomas and Harriet O'Connell were long time employees of the Town of Billerica. Thomas worked for the Public Works Department and Harriet worked for the Police Department as well as the House of Correction. This award is given in loving memory by their family.

The Award goes to: Shane Leslie and Gryffin Bordeau

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The Framingham State University Scholarship:

This award has been established to encourage interest in and matriculation at Framingham State University. Dr Roberta Walsh (Emeritus Professor, Florida Gulf Coast University) is an alumna of Billerica Memorial High School, class of 1962 and of Framingham State, Class of 1966.

The awardee is selected by Framingham State, they will be chosen by the following criteria: a Billerica High School Graduate, has applied, been accepted and a deposit is put down.

The student who was chosen by the Framingham State University for this award is:

Jovitah Ndagire, Pre-Medicine and Pre-Health Professions major.

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That's all Folks.

Our next Alumni Banquet and Reunion will be held the Saturday after 2027 graduation.

Let us know how we did! Email us at billericaalum@gmail.com

Please visit our website for more information on these scholarship winners, updates on our banquets, and updates on class reunions.

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