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BRENTWOOD ALUMNI AWARDS EIGHT 2016 SCHOLARSHIPS IN MAY

KATE GILMORE

Kate was delighted to be a finalist for the Brentwood Alumni Scholarship. As a student at Brentwood High, she has been involved in many clubs and activities, including Student Council, where she was the president. In the fall, Kate will be attending the University of Missouri-Columbia where she will pursue a career in Physical Therapy.

LINDSEY JONES

Over the years at Brentwood, Lindsey was a part of many organizations, clubs and activities that helped make every day, over the past four years, exciting. She ran German Club and Friends of Rachel, was a part of the leadership team of Student Council, and was a member of National Honor Society. In addition to clubs, she also participated in helping get a fall color guard team and was a member of the drumline. Outside of school, Lindsey can be found at Dance Project St. Louis improving her dance skills. Next year, she will continue to dance as a dance minor while majoring in Special Education at Avila University. Her favorite part of high school has been feeling like she made a difference, and she cannot wait to make a difference world-wide.

SOTIRIA KARANIKOLAS

Sotiria was asked by her father, during her sophomore year, if she wanted to attempt school in the United States, from her native Greece. After hours of contemplating this big decision, she decided she could not pass on the excellent education system offered by the U.S, even though it would be heartbreaking to leave family and friends behind. She thought she would have two years to get used to the different culture and language before receiving a college education where expectations are even higher. It would also be a unique experience to meet different people and expand her horizons. As a senior at BHS, Sotiria was a vice president of her class, a field hockey player, and a new member of the debate team. She also plays the piano, having taken lessons for eight years in Greece.

NOAH LEE

Noah, son of Sherman and Denise Lee, has participated in debate, robotics, soccer, tennis, marching band, winter drumline, National Honor Society, and Student Council. He also helped found the tennis team. Next year Noah will be attending Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla.

JUSTIN REDFERING

Justin has been in the Brentwood school system from the beginning, starting at Mark Twain in kindergarten, to the last day of senior year. He has been involved in many clubs, including student government, debate, and National Honor Society along with many school sports including baseball, tennis, and soccer. In addition, he also played club ice hockey at Ladue. That is leading him into tier two Junior A hockey next year, where he will be playing for the Niagara Whalers and taking online courses through Indiana University.



Photo L to R: George Clements, Jr. '57, Justin Redfering, Lindsey Jones, Yumino (Yumi) Sasaki, Marcia Hunsinger Werremeyer '66, Sotiria Karanikolas, Mark Madras '74, Edward (Eddie) Wright, Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61, Mary Katherine (Kate) Gilmore, Seamus Saunders, Noah Lee, David Pentland '56. Photo credit: Sarah Thomas '16

YUMI SASAKI

Yumi moved to Brentwood from Japan her kindergarten year, and has gone throughout Brentwood School District for almost 14 years. She especially enjoyed classes like art, science, and German in high school. Yumi is keen on learning about how the world functions, playing sports, making paper art, and learning new languages. She will attend Washington University in St. Louis the coming school year and plans to study some branch of biological sciences.

SEAMUS SAUNDERS

Seamus will be attending Loyola University of Chicago in the fall. He will be studying International Relations. Seamus intends to pursue a career in politics.

EDDIE WRIGHT

Eddie is the son of Ed Wright, Jr. '67 and Joanne Sivier and continues a long Wright family tradition of attending Brentwood schools. Born in Saratov, Russia in 1998, Eddie was adopted and brought to the USA when he was 11 months old.

Eddie has played many sports over the years and has achieved many honors, highlighted by his All Conference honor in soccer this year as he again led the team in goals scored. He also lettered in baseball at BHS. One achievement Eddie is very proud of is teaching himself to skate and play hockey. After falling down many times at a grade school birthday skating party, he was determined to learn to skate and play the sport of his native land. Eddie spent many hours by himself at the Brentwood Rec Center and eventually became a talented defenseman for the St. Louis Rockets and played in a state championship final game. That same determination and work ethic helped him succeed in soccer. Eddie also has volunteered many hours with the Missouri Special Olympics, helping athletes at many tournaments in the last few years.

Eddie was a member of National Honor Society and German National Honor Society at the high school and will be attending Maryville University to study Sports Business Management. He greatly appreciates this scholarship from the Alumni Association and hopes to make Brentwood proud as he goes through his college experience.

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A message from your BAA President...

Dear Alumni:

I am happy to report that your Alumni Board was again able to fund scholarships to eight outstanding seniors. Your newsletter highlights these eight individuals. Also, six Brentwood High School graduates will be inducted into the Brentwood High School Hall of Fame during the **3rd Weekend in September** Celebration. Again, the stories of these six individuals are featured in your newsletter.

I want to thank all of our Brentwood High School Alumni who continue to support the work that we do. Please continue to support your Alumni by renewing your membership. Your \$15.00 dues help pay for the publication of these great newsletters and provide funds so that we can offer scholarships to graduating seniors.

George Clements, Jr. '57
President



DID YOU KNOW?

The father of **Joanne Robertson Stark '54**, was one of the famous Robertson brothers who had much to do with early Lambert Field. Dan Robertson and his brothers were barnstormers and participated in shows and took people for rides. They flew the mail and, later, Dan flew for Mobil Oil. Joanne recalls that she remembers flying with him, and he turned the plane upside down.

Dan was in the Air Force during World War

SCRAMBLE GOLF NEWS

There will be a 4 person **Scramble Golf Tournament** at the Links at the Landings on **Saturday, September 17**. Tee times will start at 8:00 a.m. Players will pay their own green fees and contribute \$20 to be split \$10 toward a prize fund and \$10 to the Alumni Association. If you intend to play, contact **Roy Richter** at **Royhomerichter@gmail.com** by September 1st.

Roy Richter '68
Events and Publicity Committee Chair



Thanks to all who submit these interesting facts. Please let us know if you have any "Did You Know" items to report for the next newsletter.

II and instructed pilots; he made the decision if they were washed out or not. He knew Charles Lindbergh; the Robertson brothers contributed to his flight. Sadly, Dan's heart problems ended his flying career. The town of Robertson, MO is named after the Robertson brothers.

Note from editor: I knew Dan Robertson from my old neighborhood; he was truly a nice and kind man.

A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE...

Additional stories are welcome.

Across The Decades...THE BRENTWOOD THEATRE

I worked at the Brentwood Theatre for about two years during 1941 and 1943. We had three employees. One was my girlfriend, **Jeanne Enders Margulis '44**. She worked in the snack shop selling popcorn and candy bars. We walked to work every day together and walked home together after we closed the theatre. One interesting episode I'll never forget... one night after the snack shop closed I went in to sneak a candy bar. In the dark, I felt something crawl up my leg. I knew exactly what it was. The popcorn drew mice. I shook my leg, hoping the mouse would drop out. It didn't. It climbed further up my leg. There was

only one solution. I grabbed the mouse along with a fist full of my pants. I had captured the mouse. But now what? Only one solution. With my free hand I unbuckled my belt and unzipped my trousers. When my pants hit the floor the mouse ran. There were two large windows, one facing the theatre and the other facing the lobby. Fortunately, no one saw me with my pants down. By the way, after over 70 years, Jeanne and I have reconnected. We now live two blocks apart in Chesterfield, and we see each other every day. We have many fond memories of the Brentwood Theatre. Submitted by **Don Ruch '44**

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Across The Decades... THE BRENTWOOD THEATRE

Hmm, the "Show"...I worked there about two years - '58-'59, I think, starting at the candy counter, and ending as a cashier before leaving for nursing school. Of all of my experiences during high school, it was working at the show that I hold most dear. I became part of a wonderful community. We worked hard, had a good time, and always had each other's back. Mutsy Bauer was the head usher, "the enforcer". and no one gave you any trouble for long. Then there was Bill, Kenny, Warren, Herman and Mr. Richards, and countless others. The show was also a backdrop of new life experiences. Within six months, there was my first love, first broken heart, new friendships, and emerging models of what enduring friendships would look like. It seemed that there was a background sound

track to everything that took place; sounds of Rogers and Hammerstein musicals, or other soundtracks. And, something as subtle as the background music, influenced what new music was introduced in our church. Twenty years later, long after the show, I was volunteering in our church choir. I often picked out new music for the congregation to learn. My rule of thumb after that was it had to be melodious and stirring as a Rogers and Hammerstein musical. People would always be able to walk out of the show humming what they had just seen, and that was my guide, that they could leave church being able to do the same thing. Submitted by **Don Johns '47**

The name of the first movie shown, if my memory is correct, was "Tarzan's Secret Treasures" with Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'Sullivan, 1941. I remember how happy I was to see it on the marquee from my bedroom window. Submitted by **Lowell Turner '47**

Yes, I worked there longer than anyone - 1944-1955. When I started, we were not supposed to have lights on in front of the building because of the war. We could only have one light. I started out on the parking lot and moved up doing all the jobs that were needed, ending up as manager. **Don Johns '47** and I painted the walls after the show closed. The paint was dry by the time the show started.

A Mr. Myer would call me every evening to see what the show did and would come by and pick up the paperwork on Saturday. One of the owners of the Brentwood also owned the Esquire and another around 15th Street. I would sometimes take the film to this show. The film came in a metal box which was very heavy, and we had to carry it up the steps to the operators. The two operators, the whole time I was there, were Robertson and Crain. Crain had a daughter that I think went to BHS - Dixie.

The operator had to change from one machine to another about every 20 minutes. There would be dots - 1 dot to start the second machine and 2 dots to change over. Once when 3-D came out, we had to get new wheels that would last

thing he worried about was the temperature in the theatre. The theatre was cooled by a refrigeration system that had to be started manually. Mr. Richards constantly checked the temperature with his flashlight, and when it got warm enough he would send one of us back to turn the system on. The unit was located in the back of the theatre accessible from the outside. When I was hired I believe the pay was 35 cents an hour, but you also got all the popcorn you could eat if you knew one of the girls that worked the candy counter. You always received your popcorn in an empty candy box as the popcorn cups were inventoried but not the popcorn. I befriended the projectionist and learned to run and switch the projectors at the right time. They were lit by carbon arc which makes a very bright light, like welding. One

of the worst jobs was changing the marquee sign. Two new jobs was finding all the letters, take down the old letters, mix as needed, put up the new letters, space and center them without misspelling anything. Of course this was done from a ladder. This job was done usually twice a week. My deepest memory was when I filled in for Herman, the assistant manager, when he went on vacation for two weeks straight, I closed every night. The movie was a special two week run of Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." It played twice a night, so I was there for 28 showings of that movie. Hi-Ho! I know all the songs and still know all the dwarfs. It was enough to make you Grumpy. Submitted by **Jon Schroeder '59**

I worked at the Brentwood Theatre throughout high school. Fond memories...There were many pranks played among us. Before opening, almost always to the sound on the speaker system of Conway Twitty's "Make Believe," we used to chase one another behind the screen among the mice, where barrels of corn and coconut oil were kept. One time an employee soaped up another employee's windshield outside in freezing weather, much to his dismay; I think the car belonged to **Warren Grassman '55**. The little kids just loved buying candy, especially the little chocolate chunkies; we could not sell enough of them. I had burn marks on my hands for several years, from dripping hot oil in the popcorn machine. Great memories of our lead ushers, the Bauer brothers, Mutsy and Bill, Warren '55 and Jon '59. They were the flashlight guys! A visit to the projection room, brought a demonstration on the carbon arc projectors and operation by the projectionist. Very interesting! Submitted by **Judi Turner Peckham '61**

I worked for Brentwood Theatre in the early 60s for about six months until I got a job at A & P. As for the show, the flashlight will never tell. Ha! Ha! Submitted by **Gerald Ganahl '65**



The Brentwood Theatre - circa 1946-47. (Photo courtesy of The Brentwood Historical Society and The Brentwood Spirit.)

for 1 hour. Submitted by **Marvin Hayes '48**

I worked at the Brentwood Theatre in my senior year. I started in the concession stand and ended selling tickets. Submitted by **Joyce Guitteau Notter '48**

My first experience at the Brentwood Show was early in 1956. I had recently moved to Brentwood and was at the show with my two new friends, **Sandy Hartung '58**, and **Elsa Stampehl '58**. Those girls were up and down the aisles, changing seats and being generally rowdy. Being the "new kid on the block," I was embarrassed by their behavior, and warned them, if they didn't stop, I was leaving. Well, they did not, so I walked out, then quickly remembered that the girls were supposed to spend the night at my house! So, I re-entered the show and sheepishly asked the usher if I could please get my friends out. He said, "PLEASE DO!" Little did I know that 2-1/2 years later I would marry that usher! (**Ed Buller '53**) Ed and I were married 54 wonderful years...Ed died in 2012. I had asked him over the years if he remembered that incident at the show and he always said, "Heck no, I kicked so many kids out of the Brentwood Show, that I can't possibly remember!" Submitted by **Linda Key Buller '58**

My most vivid memories are my family laughing because I smelled like a huge bowl of popcorn every time I came home from work, being escorted up the stairs to the office by Herman for the money count, and absolutely dreading it when a group of twelve or more adults and kids appeared for tickets. But my biggest delight was knowing that I could always "sneak" someone in. Yep, those were the days. Submitted by **Mary Lorschach Halloran '59**

I worked at the Brentwood Theatre, starting out as an usher. Mr. Richards was our manager. (**Sharon Richards Courtney's '59 dad**). One

HALL OF FAME HONOREES 2016

BAA Proudly Recognizes the Brentwood High School Hall of Fame Class of 2016

Dixie Walker Summerscales Bowen '70

Shortly after Brentwood High School, Dixie Bowen's early travels took her on a scuba diving trip to San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, a small fishing village off the coast of Belize. Within a month's time, in love with the island and this beautiful country, Dixie returned with her two young sons to make Belize her home. For several years, she ran the Ambergris Lodge, and in 1995 her dream of building a private school on the island for local children became a reality. The Island Academy opened with a student body of 36, including Dixie's daughter, Courtney, and today, with Dixie as the principal, has approximately 75 students from all over the world.

In July 2008, Dixie's husband, Barry Bowen, a sixth generation Belizean and entrepreneur was knighted by the Queen of England for contributions to the country of Belize, and Dixie was bestowed the title of Lady Bowen. Dixie and Barry traveled extensively in Europe and Latin America. At home in Belize, their shared passions included fishing, boating, snorkeling and exploring the Maya sites of Gallon Jug, their home on 133,000 acres of jungle, with wildcats, monkeys and flora and fauna unequalled.

Dixie credits Brentwood High School as the foundation of her success. The guidance and enthusiasm provided by the faculty and staff in her young life always stayed with her. Today, at The Island Academy she continues to apply the principles and disciplines of those formative years with her entire student body.

Robert W. (Bob) Dugger, Ph.D. '71

After graduating from Brentwood High, Bob went to the University of Missouri, St. Louis, where he received a BS degree in chemistry in 1975. He then moved west for his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1980. From there he joined the faculty at Miami University (Ohio). In 1986, he left Miami and joined the Process Research group at Pfizer in Groton, CT, where he is now a Research Fellow in the Development API group of Chemical R&D. Bob leads teams that are responsible for improving the safety and scalability of manufacturing processes, providing the active ingredient for clinical supplies and transferring processes to Pfizer's commercial production facilities.

Of the more than 70 projects Bob has worked on at Pfizer, only one, Xeljanz, has made it to commercialization, and he was recognized as a 2015 American Chemical Society Hero of Chemistry for his part on the Xeljanz team. He is currently working on a promising oncology drug and hopes this will double his commercialized project list before he retires.

Bob is married to Sharon, and they have two children, Amy and Patrick. Bob loves to cook and can be found at the Stonington Farmers Market every Saturday morning hunting for the best ingredients.



R. Don Oscarson '50 (Honored posthumously)

The tribute written next to Don Oscarson's senior class photo in the 1950 Eagle Yearbook captures a perfect description of his accomplishments in high school as well as throughout his life. On page 15 the editors summed up his varied activities in these few words:

"Football, basketball, and track too,
Is there anything Don CAN'T do?"



He was not only an honored and decorated athlete, but was also student body president and excelled in music, drama, speech and art. He was also voted "Most Popular" by his classmates. After high school Don attended and graduated from Brigham Young University in 1954, where he was involved in football, track, theater, and other university activities.

Don married his college sweetheart, Shirley Calder. They had three children and were blessed to be grandparents and great-grandparents. After graduation Don entered the U.S. Air Force. Once he had fulfilled his military commitment, he went into business and soon found his real traveling days still lay ahead. His career as an executive for several major department store chains took the family to St. Louis, Philadelphia, New York City, Pittsburgh, Columbus and Milwaukee. Even after retiring as Senior Vice President of Marketing for Kohl's Department Stores, he remained active in the business world and served on the board of directors for Kohl's.

Don was involved in community activities wherever his business career took him, including serving on the Philadelphia Publicity and Public Relations Board, the Milwaukee Music Conservatory Board, as well as serving as Honorary Vice Consul for Sweden in St. Louis. In addition, he had written several musical plays and pageants, produced Seminary films for the youth of the LDS Church, and also wrote the book "Traveler's Guide to Historic Mormon America", which is in its 25th printing. He wrote and produced the City of Joseph pageant which was performed before thousands each summer for 26 years in Nauvoo, Illinois.

Don's service to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints mirrored his commitment to the community. He was called to positions of leadership in his service to the Church including: Bishop, Stake President, and Regional Representative. He and Shirley also served in important leadership positions in the St. Louis Missouri LDS Temple. Don served on the BYU Alumnae Board and as chair of the College Leadership Council. Both he and Shirley served on the President's Leadership Council and co-chaired the Jesse and Amanda Knight Society. The BYU College of Fine Arts and Communications has been generously assisted through the Oscarson Discovery Grant. In 2005, they were presented the Franklin S. Harris Award in recognition of their visionary leadership and generosity in advancing the purposes, interest, and potential of the College of Fine Arts and Communication at BYU. Don passed away on October 12, 2014.

The goal of the Brentwood High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame program is to recognize and honor former Brentwood High School graduates for outstanding accomplishments.

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John T. Penniston, Ph.D. '53

John had a strong general grounding in academic subjects at Brentwood High, and particularly in writing. He wrote sports stories for the *Eaglet* and for the *Scope*. Science had always been his best subject and has been the basis for his career.



After getting his A.B. and Ph.D. from the Harvard Chemistry Department, he continued work in biomedical research at Pomona College, Claremont, CA (1963-1964), The Institute for Enzyme Research, University of Wisconsin, Madison (1964-1971), The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1971-1976), The Mayo Medical School (1979-2003) and The Massachusetts General Hospital (2003-present).

His community service has been reviews of scientific work submitted to the National Institutes of Health and the Journal of Biological Chemistry. In the course of his research, his group realized that they had a new method by which the Ca²⁺ pump of plasma membranes could be purified. Ca²⁺ is present at a high concentration in the blood but is ten thousand times lower inside a living cell. This Ca²⁺ pump sits in the boundary membrane of the cell and pumps Ca²⁺ out. Some of his papers have had an unusual impact on scientific research, as judged by the number of times these papers were cited by others. For an extensive list, go to <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed> and type penniston jt in the search box. (Don't leave off the initials, or works by other scientists will be included). Among his awards were Established Investigator, American Heart Association, 1969-1974, Charles H. Weinman Professor, Mayo Medical School, 1989 and Distinguished Investigator, Mayo Foundation, 1994.

Ken "Iggy" Strode '75

Ken "Iggy" Strode, as a freshman, knew he wanted to be involved in the sports industry as a profession. Whether it be as a broadcaster or writer, he had a goal early on. His passions were sports and music, so it was only fitting that Iggy wrote the sports columns for the *Eaglet*. He also wrote a record review, and after writing a review for Iggy Pop's album, *Raw Power*, he was given the nickname "Iggy", which has stuck for over 40 years. "I'm not sure my 15 nieces and nephews even know my real name. It's Uncle Iggy," he stated.



After a few years of college at Meramec and UMSL, Iggy started waiting tables at some of St Louis' finest restaurants; Tony's, Nantucket Cove and the Breckenridge Inn. It was an old boss from the Breckenridge who offered Strode a job in the gourmet restaurant at the Sonesta Beach Hotel in Bermuda. That led to what Iggy described as "The funniest five years of my life -- money, fishing, diving, golf and meeting people from all over the world. It was a learning experience, but a blast as well." The job also allowed him to travel over the next five years; England, Cairo, France, Amsterdam, and almost every island in the Caribbean.

Upon his return from Bermuda in 1992, Iggy heard that a newly formed all sports station, KASP 1380, was looking for a producer. His knowledge of sports landed him his dream job that is now going into its 24th year. In those 24 years, Strode has been an executive producer, host, writer and reporter. His job has afforded him the opportunity to

branch out into other avenues of journalism. He was recognized by his peers for the work he did with Bob Costas in producing "The 50 Greatest Moments in St Louis Sports," coverage of the 2006 and 2011 World Series wins, "9/11, The Year After" in 2002, and "The Life of Stan Musial." Strode is currently the producer and co-host of The Front Row on 590, "The Fan."

Iggy lists golf, cooking, gardening, and bowling as his hobbies. He is very close to his family and loves spending time with his 15 nieces and nephews. Iggy is always available when it comes to charities. He has worked with Cardinal Glennon, Friends of Kids with Cancer, Three Little Birds, Edgewood Children's Home, and the Brian Boehringer Foundation. Iggy is currently on the Board of the Megan Meier Foundation, an anti-bullying Foundation that Tina Meier started when her daughter Megan committed suicide after being bullied on Social Media. Iggy's admiration of Lady Gaga is no secret, and after learning about the great work the Megan Meier Foundation does in helping young kids, Lady Gaga, who has her own anti-bullying foundation, invited Iggy backstage after her St. Louis concert in 2013. "It was an honor and privilege to meet such a remarkable and kind human being," Iggy said. "We spent 20 minutes talking music and about both of the foundations we are part of. This is the most famous female in the World, and she treated me like I was an old friend. And she did something for my date that I can't go into. All I can say is that there were tears and hugs. And she did all of that for a complete stranger. Gaga is truly the kindest, warmest, most compassionate person walking the face of the Earth."

Iggy's induction into the BAA Hall of Fame in September wouldn't have been possible without his years at BHS. "I can't tell you how many teachers and coaches mentored me and told me to pursue my passions," Strode says. "From Coaches Long, Burgoyne, Mabery, Penn, Taylor, White and Lauer, to Mr. Becker and Mr. Frye, they all helped in one way or another -- even Mr. Martin, who never kicked me out of the library. And trust me, he had many opportunities." And your thoughts of going into the Hall of Fame? "I'm in the process of writing a book on my 24 years in Sports Radio, and the final chapter will be about this honor. I'm not big on awards, but this one is special and I'm truly grateful."

Jack E. Weigle, MD '57

Jack, in fall after graduation, started Washington University in a biology and pre-med curriculum. He graduated in 1961 with a B.A. in Zoology and was accepted into the University of Missouri School of Medicine, where he graduated with an M.D. degree in 1965. After deciding to spend some time in the cooler north country, he selected and was accepted by Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, MI. This is a large community type hospital with all specialties and is partnered with the U. of MI. and M.S.U. for medical student education. During his Internship he met his wife to be, a pediatric nurse. After that, he took his Ob-Gyn Residency





40's

1940 Dot Martin Zumwalt Shreveport, LA - Thankful for good health and old age. Enjoy church, family, cards, friends and doing for myself.

1941 Bette Strong Pickrel Rogers, AR - Last November, at 92 years old, I took a week long cruise to Western Caribbean with my daughter, granddaughter and one of my great-granddaughters. It was amazing and fun!

1945 Joy Reinhardt Allen Ballwin, MO - My husband, Chuck, and I have been married 66 years. We have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. I keep in touch with 2 alumni from the Class of 1945 - **Sue Russell Scurr** (Salt Lake City, UT) and **Anne Hitt Hegwer** (Escondido, CA). I enjoy reading, playing bridge, and visiting with friends from my church.

1945 Anna Schneider Burkhart Ramona, CA - Still going! They can't get rid of me. Keeping track of who is left in the Class of '45. Love you all!

1945 Leonard Pronko Claremont, CA - I retired two years ago after teaching at Pomona College for 47 years. I taught French and Spanish for 27 years and theatre for 33 years, directed 17 Kabuki plays in English and 33 western plays, was decorated by Japanese government, won prize by Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle, and spent a month in Tokyo and 3 weeks in Bali this past spring.

1947 Betty Whitford Clark Fort Worth, TX - Broken hip, broken pelvis, pneumonia 3 times, all in 4 years - feel fine, walk well! Started smoking at 15, quit at 85 - No cancer! God is good. Eight grands, 5 great-grands - last one named Clark for first name. John would be happy.

1948 Jerry Voelkers Bakersfield, CA - Had to sell my Oregon home and return full time to Bakersfield. I could no longer make it upstairs. I now have an electric scooter, but it's not much fun as it only goes 10 mph and there is no way to enhance the speed. Diabetes "done got me."

50's

1955 Lorean Ruhl Hay Rapid River, MI - Putting my home on the market. Hope to move back to Missouri soon.

1956 Edward Alsbury Imperial, MO - My mother, **Lorraine Alsbury**, taught English and French at BHS from 1943 to 1952. I attended Frazier Grade School K-6 and Grade 7 at BHS. Those years, I enjoyed Brentwood and actually graduated from Kirkwood HS in 1956, while continuing to see BHS friends.

1956 Elaine Lieberthal Kahn Collinsville, IL - Glad we are having a 60th reunion for our class and hope we find a class representative soon.

1958 Barbara Higginbotham Novotny Valley Park, MO - Retired from my manufacturing rep job for 20 companies and have been seeing the world. Bought a lake house for fun and still buying and selling fun stuff.

1958 Jacqueline Schuster Thursby Provo, UT - Retirement begins officially for me September 1, 2016. Family, volunteer work, and homemaking look good to me! (Though I will miss the BYU (Brigham Young University) students.)

60's

1960 Walter Henkel St. Louis, MO - After 8 years of labor and \$23,000 in parts, materials and supplies, the Museum of Transportation (MOT) rolled out a fully restored St. Louis Public Service Company Bi-States Predecessor PCC Car #1743. It was built for PSC in 1947 and retired in 1958 when the #22 line (Jefferson) was abandoned. By that time there were 5 car lines left and PSC sold a bunch of cars to Municipal Railways of San Francisco. MUNI ran the St. Louis PCC's till about 1980 when by that time, the salt air had eaten away at them and they were declared unserviceable and shipped out to private collectors and museums. Number 1743 wound up someplace in Wisconsin and after a 2 year legal fight with MUNI over ownership, MOT took possession and started the long road to full restoration. It now looks as it did when St. Louis Car Company delivered it to PSC in 1947. We rolled it out on May 21, 2016,

which is the 50th anniversary of the last trolley line (#15 Hodiament) to run in St. Louis.

1963 Elaine Henson Lentz Ballwin, MO - Still making dolls and quilts. Wish I could travel like some of you do. Thank our paper for honoring our military men and women and thank them for their service. I enjoyed the picture of **David Pentland '56**. My sister says he used to be the best looking boy in BHS.

1964 Nelson Koopman Darien, IL - Mary and I visited Vietnam and Cambodia in December, 2015.

1965 Rick Bond Overland Park, KS - Spending time enjoying college and pro sports. I am also selling pro athlete bobble heads. If you are wanting one, call me (913) 262-5069. Thank you.

1965 Susan Rooney Brighton Longmont, CO - We had a nice visit and dinner with Hugh and Linda McKnight Jesse '65 while visiting our daughter and granddaughter in Missoula, Montana.

1965 John Jaegers Fenton, MO - Being Grandpa is the best job I ever had!

1969 Herta Burbach Feely Washington, DC - My book, "Saving Phoebe Murrow", is coming out September 2016. The Book House in Maplewood is hosting a reading on Saturday, September 17th. All are welcome! Tina Meier will also be there! See Spotlight article on page 10.

70's

1971 Debbie Zimmerly Giggins Lake Ozark, MO - My husband and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary with a trip to Jamaica. I also retired from Lake Regional Cath Lab in May. I have been an RN for 45 wonderful years.

1971 Randy Seagrist Webster Groves, MO - I have retired after 38 years of teaching and coaching primarily in the Rockwood School District.

1972 David Giacopelli Rock Hill, MO - I retired 9/1/15 after 40 years as a police officer - Captain - Assistant Police Chief for Warson Woods, MO.

1972 Greg Kornfeld

St. Louis, MO - I'm in my 40th year of selling radio advertising; 20 years with KMOX/KLW (76-96) and 20 years at KTRS Radio (1996-2016). My wife, Debby, and I celebrated 37 years of marriage in June. My son, Chris, married Lindsay September 26, 2015.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

1960 WALTER HENKEL

I joined the US Army in August, 1962 after being booted out of Mizzou for being broke. I did basic at Ft. Leonard Wood and preliminary electronics at Ft. Monmouth, NJ. After that, I spent 6 months at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, AL training on the Hawk missile radar system. After a 30 day leave, I shipped out to Kaiserslautern, Germany in October, 1963. I spent 2 years at the general depot on the east side of K-town and rotated out in July, 1965. By that time, Vietnam was heating up, and I missed going by 5 days due to my ETS falling as it did. The main thing I was able to do during my time in service was ride both rail routes between NYC and STL. I rode the New York Central round trip over Christmas leave 1962-63 and the Pennsylvania when I shipped out over seas and 2 years later when I came back.

1965 GERARD GANAHL

My service was US Air Force January 1966 till January 1970; crew F104 in Texas '66 and '67 - F-4's in Germany, Ramstein '68 and '69. Rank Sgt. when discharged.

MORE ALUMNI News

PAM PLAGENZ ROSS '68 HELPS YOUNG MOTHER

Pam Ross organized a group of people who came to the aid of Jeannetta Maclin, a young mother of two boys, 2 and 5. She left the boys alone when she went to work. The boys started a fire. They were rescued, but she was jailed on felony neglect charges. She had been living in her car with the boys in the past and went to work to pay her rent so she wouldn't be homeless again. St. Louis Post-Dispatch reporter, Tony Messenger, wrote five stories about our group, Veteran Feminists of America, helping Jeannetta get released from jail, find a good job at Square, get a new apartment with child care on site, and even a car. She was given a diversion program so that her felony charges will be dismissed at the end of her probation period. This case highlights the problems many young mothers face because of the cost of child care and low wage jobs. The group of activists are looking to engage retired women and men to work together to create more low-cost child care.

THERESA PETERS NIGUS '86 HONORED

Theresa Peters Nigus was recognized at the Shakespeare Festival of St. Louis as the 2016 Maryville University Educator of the Year. Theresa was nominated by a student, parent and colleague from Fort Zumwalt North High School, where she teaches theatre. She was invited to attend the June 18th production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, along with the two other finalists, and was presented the award on stage by one of her students and Rick Dildine, the Artistic Director of Shakespeare Festival of St. Louis. Nigus, who is also a board member for the Missouri State Thespians has been teaching at Fort Zumwalt North High School since 2001. She received her master's degree from Lindenwood University and her undergraduate degree from Truman State University.

CHARDIAL SAMUEL '86 HELPS TEENS

Chardial Samuel shows St. Louis Department of Health employees the lab for the SPOT Clinic at Jennings High School. The free clinic, operated by Washington University School of Medicine, connects at-risk youths ages 13 to 24 with medical and behavioral health services from St. Louis. The SPOT, short for Supporting Positive Opportunities with Teens, also seeks to increase contraception use and reduce STDs, plus they are building relationships with a medical staff who understand they may have histories of trauma.



*From St. Louis Post Dispatch dated 4/8/2016
Photo by Christian Gooden, St. Louis Post Dispatch*

GENERAL STORE IN ELSAH, ILLINOIS DORY WRIGHT SMITH '73

When driving down the River Road from Alton, stop in Elsau, IL and check out the Elsau General Store at 22 LaSalle Street. **Dory Wright Smith '73** and her husband, Blair, have renovated this 1877 building adjoining their home of 13 years, and have filled it with staples-farm fresh eggs, bacon, gooey butter cake, vintage bottled sodas and even such old-time candies as Smarties and Squirrel Nut Zippers.



Blair worked in student life departments at Principia School in St. Louis and Principia College in Elsau. Dory has been involved in high school athletics in St. Louis for 25 years, both at Principia and Villa Duchesne Schools. She is currently mentor coordinator for the Missouri Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and through her company, Athletic Principles, speaks on high school athletics.

*From St. Louis Post Dispatch 04/03/2016
Photo by dcarson@post-dispatch.com*

SON OF LISA DEIMEKE FEATHERSTON '80 IN WORLDWIDE ATHLETICS

Nick Featherston '13 begins his senior year at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. He has been involved in team handball, competing in tournaments and at other military academies. His team represented the United States in the World University Games in Gwangju, Korea. More than 140 countries participated, with at least 560 American athletes competing. What an incredible opportunity they were given. *From 40 South News*



PAST BHS REUNIONS 2015

10TH REUNION BHS CLASS OF 2006

A great time was had by all at Tilles Park on May 21, 2016.



L to R: Top row: Taylor Arft, Lauren Brinkman, Katie Walker, Kristin Gibson Humiston, Branden Freiner, Julia Madras, Rana Jordan, Kyle Boyd, Eric Farlow, Julia Montefalcon, Lindsay Schumert Marentette, Nathan Bruning Second row: Ted Mayer, Dan Keuss, Kelsey Risman, Kim Glowski



L to R: Julia Madras & Carrie St. Cyr



L to R: Ted Mayer, Dan Keuss & Eric Farlow



L to R: Kim Glowski, Todd Plein, Julia Montefalcon, Nathan Bruning

FUTURE BHS REUNIONS 2016

****The BHS Class of 1989 invites ALL CLASSES to happy hour at the Trainwreck any time after 7 pm or the all-school reunion and football game, Friday night, September 16, 2016.****

1948 - 68th

It's hard to believe that 68 years have passed since our graduation. If you would like to get together, call Shirley Strebler Tully (314) 962-0470 or Marianne Hill Vahlkamp (314) 966-8562. It will be fun to hear from you.

1956 - 60th

Let's attend the All-School Reunion beginning at 4 pm in the BHS Courtyard on Friday, September 16th. Afterwards, France has invited us to walk down to his house at 8929 Bridgeport to finish celebrating our 60th anniversary. Contact Ellie Keller White elliewhite1@att.net or France Langan (314) 968-0392. We would also appreciate your help.

1961 - 55th

The Class of 1961 is planning its 55th reunion on the *3rd Weekend in September*. We have made plans to go back to C.J. Mugg's in Webster Groves on Friday, 9/16/2016. Cocktails begin at 6 followed by dinner at 7. Looking forward to hearing from you all and seeing you again. Sandy Kurre LaGarce (636) 236-3286 or sjlaga@gmail.com.

1966 - 50th

THE EAGLE has landed. The planning and "work" is now complete and it's time to celebrate our 50th! On Saturday, September 17, the Brentwood Forest Club House will open at 6:30 pm. It's not too late to register for The Celebration or Saturday morning golf. Can you still sing our Alma Mater? Barb Chandler Strathman barbstrathman@hotmail.com

1971 - 45th

The Class of 1971 will celebrate its 45th reunion with a casual gathering on Saturday, October 8, 2016 from noon till they throw us out at the Sugar Creek Winery on State Highway 94 just South of Defiance, Missouri in St. Charles County. Food is allowed to be brought in. Members of surrounding classes are invited to join us there. Contact David Stukenbroeker (314) 221-1444 stukenbroeker@gmail.com

1976 - 40th

The class of 1976 will be holding its 40th reunion on September 17, 2016, which coincides with the Brentwood Alumni Association's *3rd Weekend in September* All-School Reunion. The celebration will be held at Llywelyn's in Webster Groves at 7p.m. The cost is \$15 per person or \$25 a couple for appetizers and a cash bar. Please go to Facebook **BHS '76 Reunion Group** for updated information. Looking forward to a great celebration and hope for an amazing turn out! Anne Drury Matheis ataroo@sbcglobal.net

1981 - 35th

BHS Class of '81 would like to have its 35th reunion get together later this year. Please provide feedback if you are interested in having one and let me know when would be a good time. Contact Doreen Farwig cakesrme62@aim.com or on Facebook Doreen Jorn Farwig. I am looking forward to hearing from everyone.

1986 - 30th

Hey class of '86! Our 30 year reunion is coming up! Join the Facebook page "Class of 86 Reunion" or email your contact info/ideas to theresaacts@hotmail.com. Save the date for the *3rd Weekend in September*, as it looks like we will be joining the regular alumni festivities during Brentwood Days, as well

as trying to get together as a class, possibly at someone's house. More specifics are to be determined! Please join the Facebook group and weigh in! Hope to see you all there! Submitted by Theresa Peters Nigus

1989 - 27th

I'd love to see all of you at Brentwood High School, Friday, September 16th any time after 4 pm. There is a Hall of Fame induction at 6:30, a football game and when you are ready, join us for happy hour at the Trainwreck. Submitted by Yvette Trokey

1991 - 25th

Come to the Brentwood Alumni All-School Reunion in the BHS Courtyard after 4 pm and the BAA Hall of Fame Induction at 6:30 on Friday, September 16th. After that or the football game, we can casually gather at the Trainwreck to enjoy each other's company. Submitted by Angie Wahlig Hulshoff

1996 - 20th

Save the date and join the fun September 16 - 17, 2016. **Sept. 16** - Watch Brentwood Eagles Varsity Football take on Cuba R-2 at 7:00 pm. After the game head to the Trainwreck for happy hour with other alumni.

Sept. 17 - Family Day at City Museum (750 North 16th Street, St. Louis, MO) 10 am - 2 pm. Stop by the Trainwreck in Rock Hill (9243 Manchester) 7:30-11 (or until we get tired at our age!) to catch up with classmates. Please RSVP by Sept. 1st to Chandra Gines at bhs96reunion20@gmail.com for more details.

FUTURE BHS REUNIONS - 2017

1957 - 60th

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES OF SEPTEMBER 15 AND 16, 2017. We are working on plans for our 60th Reunion to coincide with the All-School Reunion, the *3rd Weekend in September*, 2017. You will be notified of these plans later. Ray Ebert (636) 227-6555.

Dinner With Alumni Board

YOUR ALUMNI BOARD HAD ONE OF OUR OCCASIONAL GET-TOGETHERS AT AMI'S IN ROCK HILL.

THIS WAS INSTEAD OF A SUMMER MEETING, AND WE ENJOYED SPECIAL CAMARADERIE, AS USUAL. (EACH OF US PAID FOR OUR DINNERS, OF COURSE.)

JOIN THE BOARD, WON'T YOU?



L to R: Marcia Hunsinger Werremeyer '66, Maxine Gray Reisenleiter '41, Phil Chandler '64, Allison Reed '82, Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61, Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '59, Mark Madras '74, Joan Beeman '61
Photo by Judi Turner Peckham '61



Herta Burbach Feely '69

On our arrival in St. Louis from Germany (1958) I knew half a dozen words in English. To learn the language, my cousin, **Gunther Weimann '68**, and I used to sit in the back of Kleisly's drugstore and read comic books. Archie and Supergirl were part of my intro to American culture! I read voraciously each summer and used to write a few plays, acted out by neighborhood friends, including **Joyce Hodapp '68** and **Linda Jeck '69**.



Though becoming a writer was often in the back of my mind, life had other ideas. After completing UC Berkeley's graduate journalism school in 1982, I moved to Washington, DC, met Jim Feely and got married. In 1987, along with a pediatric trauma surgeon, I co-

founded Safe Kids Worldwide, an organization aimed at preventing unintentional injuries to children. Then I had children of my own, Max and Jack, and quit full-time work to be a stay-at-home mom (and secretly began to write). I received several fellowships for a work-in-progress, got a few stories published, launched Chrysalis Editorial.

My dream to be an author will finally come true with the publication of "Saving Phoebe Murrow" this fall, in both the US and the UK. The story is about the struggles between mothers and teen daughters, about a mom juggling career and family, and about that same mom trying to protect her daughter from harm, but failing when a mysterious boy named Shane "friends" Phoebe on Facebook. The novel is loosely based on the "Megan Meier" incident, which happened in Missouri in 2006. I'll be doing a reading at The Book House in Maplewood during BHS reunion weekend. (Saturday, Sept. 17, 7 pm) with Megan Meier's mom, Tina, who founded The Megan Meier Foundation. Part of the evening's proceeds will be donated to the foundation. Hope to see some of my BHS friends there! (www.hertafeely.com)

SCHOOL *News*

ANNUAL BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS' BRUNCH, MARCH 29, 2016

The following was taken from an article by Steve Bowman, editor *The Brentwood Spirit*.

Around 50 Brentwood residents enjoyed jazz, drama, singing and a hot breakfast at the Brentwood School District Senior Citizens' Brunch on March 29. It was held at the district's office in Hanley Industrial Court.



David Faulkner, BSD Superintendent
Photo by Steve Bowman, *The Brentwood Spirit*

The school district has hosted this event annually for about 20 years to thank seniors for their support. As he has done over this past several years, superintendent David Faulkner gave an update on district news.

He told the crowd that the school district has served from 600 to 700 students annually in recent years, with growth limited by the city's scarcity of new housing. One of the district's biggest challenges is improving its aging facilities. It is working on a plan to that end. He remarked that the BSD's centennial will be on March 3, 2020, three months after Brentwood's official centennial date.



Coach John Titus and Jack Head, at the Brunch.
Photo by Judi Turner Peckham '61



Regina Gahr '58
Photo by Steve Bowman, *The Brentwood Spirit*

School board vice president **Regina Gahr '58**, who left the board in May after 21 years of service, was honored. The Brentwood High School Jazz Band played music. BHS senior, **Tedi Craren**, performed a dramatic monologue which earned her numerous awards at speech and debate competitions. Preschoolers from the Early Childhood Center led the crowd in the pledge of allegiance. Second graders from Mark Twain closed the event by singing a smile-generating rendition of "Fifty Nifty United States."

The following was taken from an email newsletter, South Forty News, written by Jorie Jacobi, and published February 25, 2015. To view the entire article, go to the link <http://stlcurator.com/st-louis-schools-brentwood-high-school-ed-johnson/>

Dr. Ed Johnson, BHS Principal



Dr. Ed Johnson, principal of Brentwood High School, prides himself on being vulnerable and honest—which means he readily divulges that he watches Super Soul Sundays on the Oprah Network. “It captures life’s most natural moments. You see raindrops and they’ll hit a flower leaf, or a kid on a random run. It just captures those simple moments in life,” he gushes. He has a pep assembly at school today at 2:20, and has dressed for the occasion: a festive red sweater with a matching black and red-speckled bowtie. He’s the kind of person who you might talk to for a few minutes and then discover yourself running your large life decisions by him—he gives great advice. The bookshelves facing his desk hold many photographs of his wife and young son, a chubby, smiling toddler named Tristen, who is just four years old.

Dr. Johnson has worked in education for over 20 years, from coaching basketball at Ladue High School, his alma mater, to earning a Ed.D from Maryville University in Educational Leadership. Today, he is Brentwood High School’s first black principal. In the life of a high school administrator, no day ever looks the same. The one constant in his routine is his morning cup of coffee, which he’ll typically have around 7 or 7:15 when he arrives at school in the morning. If he has time, he might break a sweat on the elliptical beforehand—then it’s time for meetings, teacher evaluations, budget reviews, and his favorite: wandering up and down the halls, just talking to kids. He makes himself available as a mentor for hundreds of students, past and present. Recently, some of his current students staged a walkout in response to the decision not to indict Darren Wilson, a white police officer who shot and killed a black teenager while on duty in St. Louis County. As an educator, it was a difficult teaching moment, but he was thrilled to see his students impassioned about an important cause and exercising their rights.

While he’s surrounded by hundreds of students every day, some of his greatest mentoring moments are reserved for Tristen. “I get to be a dad. I get to go home and kiss my son and do all of the loving things I always wanted,” he says cheerfully. “He is the sweetest, kindest little kid in the world.” In one of the photographs on the bookshelf, Dr. Johnson is holding Tristen, a wide smile spread across his face. The shiny photograph is encased in a frame that says, “Daddy and Me,” in large letters on the bottom. When Dr. Johnson was that age, his mother was raising him without any help from his father, and worked 12-hour days to support them. His father lived in the basement of their house, but was absent for almost all

of Dr. Johnson’s life. His mother would take him to daycare at a foster home during the day and pick him up at night until he was old enough to go to school. When he turned five, she moved them to Indian Meadows, where he was able to attend the well-respected Ladue School District.

Growing up, Dr. Johnson didn’t like school at all, which is ironic now that he’s a high school principal. But most of his early life was about just getting from one day to the next. “I come from a broken situation,” he says. “I never had a real relationship that I would have wanted with my dad.” A drug addict, alcoholic, and what Dr. Johnson calls “a street guy,” his father would sometimes disappear for months, or even a year, at a time. “He went and took off to San Francisco a couple of times. We didn’t notice. Some days he just showed up out of nowhere.” When he was young, Dr. Johnson found confidence in sports, and won almost 100 trophies while playing competitively on traveling teams. One night, his father came home after a bender and smashed almost all of them. Painted plastic was shattered everywhere.

His father was also physically abusive. “I was wearing a scar like you wouldn’t believe. And I was just too afraid to share my story with people.” He pauses, trying to put together the words the right way. Looking back, there are large parts of his childhood he doesn’t remember. “I very seldom ever talk about this stuff. It’s difficult to recall,” he says. He often thinks about his students at Brentwood and what they might be going through—things they feel they can’t share with anyone. “I think about kids and our expectations on them to learn when they come to school. Never at any point, from kindergarten through high school, was school the priority for me.”

Even so, he graduated from Ladue High School and attended Jackson State University on a basketball scholarship, hoping to create his future around sports. He played there for about two years when his mother had a stroke, and he transferred to Missouri Baptist University to be closer to home. While he didn’t get drafted to the NBA, he thought he still might have a chance to play professionally overseas. “I had my mind set on basketball—hoop dreams, they call them. I never really looked at pursuing the academic side of my life. I was always trying to rely on sports, and I realized quickly that basketball wasn’t going to work out,” he says.

It was at Missouri Baptist that he began applying himself as a student. After he

graduated and received a business degree, he began substitute teaching in the St. Louis Public School District. It was spontaneous, unpredictable, and he loved it. One day he’d be at Vashon High School, then the next day he might be at the Juvenile Delinquent Center or Continuing Ed, a school for pregnant teenagers. “I got a chance to meet young people and hear what was on their minds,” he says. “Teachers would leave behind a worksheet, and I’d be like, ‘Let’s not do this—today we’re just going to talk.’ I’d answer questions and mentor on the spot—‘What’s going on? What are your biggest fears in life?’” he remembers.

Teachers began requesting him, and a well-respected teacher he worked with who’d been in the field for years encouraged him to get his teaching certification. “I never forgot that,” he says. It was then that he decided to be a teacher. He took a job at Ladue High School as a hall monitor while going to school, earning his teaching certification. He remembers reviewing flashcards in the hallways while making sure all of the kids got to class. Eventually, his persistence paid off: Dr. Johnson was asked to coach high school basketball at Ladue, while also working as an administrative assistant. He then came to Brentwood to accept an assistant principal job, which he held for eight years before being promoted to principal two years ago.

While Dr. Johnson was working at Ladue, he felt like he’d made it through the tougher times of his youth—which mostly meant that he hadn’t spoken to his father in years. “I’m like, ‘Yes! I can’t believe I made it!’” he remembers. One day, his mother called to ask him over for Christmas dinner at her house, and said she was planning to invite his father. Dr. Johnson was stunned. “I’m like, ‘Mom—you’re asking me, at this key part in my life, to sit down and invite this monster back into my life? Do you know what it took for me to cleanse myself of all of that hurt?’ And she’s like, ‘Honey, I want you to do it.’” he recalls. “Well—when mom asks you to do something, and she’s got a certain tone and a certain amount of persistence, it’s for a bigger reason. And you need to get by her.” Dr. Johnson agreed to go. He remembers it being painfully awkward. His father gave him a Christmas present for the first time: \$50 cash. Rather than huddling around a tree, unable to sleep in anticipation, Dr. Johnson received it in his mid-thirties. “I couldn’t believe that. I think I almost lost it and found it 10 days later,” he says. “I just was not

IN MEMORIAM

1947 Margaret Russell Dudley

1947 James B Rafferty

1949 Willey E (Bill) Hulett IV

1955 David E Graves

1957 Barbara Mariano Alvarez

1959 Judith Anne Heynen Robinson

1959 Judith Maginnis Rosa

1959 Arley Maud (Ginger) Nisbet

Willenborg

1960 Richard G Sussenbach

1960 Robert A (Bob) Wamser

1963 Robert M Hickel

1979 Dorothy Ann (Dodie) Tolish

2004 Jocelyn D Peters

SCHOLARSHIP GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

1942 Bill Martin

By Dot Martin Zumwalt '40

1947 Iris Martin Gabauer

By Dot Martin Zumwalt '40

1947 A J Hitt

By Anne Hitt Hegwer '45

1947 Joe Langhardt

By Betty Whitford Clark '47

1951 James R Hoag

By Shirley Callaway Holman '50

1952 Edward Schuster

By Jacqueline Schuster Thursby '58

1956 Rita Boshans

By John Boshans '57

1956 Lois Luecking Halamicck

By Royanne Chipps Bailey '55

1957 Bill Weston

By Joan Ledbetter Weston '60

1959 Bob Weston

By Joan Ledbetter Weston '60

1960 Barb Krause

By Walter Henkel '60

1960 Sue Frossard Taylor

By Joan Ledbetter Weston '60

1961 Thom Hudson

By James '66 and Barbara Watkins Dobernic '68

1962 The great sacrifice of Dave Clements and the amazing service of the Clements family.

By Anonymous

1963 Charles Mantei

By Marty Mantei '66

1966 Sarah Carter Brown

By Linda Schall Powell '63

1975 Jim Henry

By Janice Wuestling Mathews '74

ORES Earl Brown

By Donald Drake '56

By Sylvia Lumb Frank '59

By Judy Miler Jung '59

By Joan Ledbetter Weston '60

ORES Vivian (Kuenek) Schwab

By Leslie Brann ORES

Peter Tkach, a former music teacher at BHS, passed away in summer, 2015. He taught in 1964 to 1965 and had a national reputation as a harpsichord builder of harpsichords for universities, churches, and homes across the country.

SCHOLARSHIP GIFTS IN HONOR OF

'67ers Turning 67

By Ed Wright, Jr. '67

THANK YOU NOTES FROM 2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Thank you so much for taking the time to review my application, interview me, and choosing me as a scholarship recipient! This money will allow me to take less student loans out in order to pay for tuition, and be ahead in life. I appreciate everything you do for our school!

Thanks again,
Kate Gilmore

Thank you for the very generous scholarship. I am thrilled to be able to pursue my dream of Special Education. Thanks for your help. I also feel extremely blessed to have been chosen and cannot wait for when I can pay it forward. Thank you again.

Lindsey Jones

Thank you for awarding me the BHS Alumni Scholarship. I appreciate you for giving me the opportunity to finance my education and for trusting that I will use my education to help my community and the world.

Sincerely,
Sotiria Karanikolas

Thank you for awarding me the Alumni Scholarship. It will be a big help for my finances and I will use it wisely.

Sincerely,
Noah Lee

Thank you for awarding me with this scholarship. It is reassuring to have the support and confidence from those who were in my place in years past. This will definitely have a positive influence on me.

Sincerely,
Justin Redfering

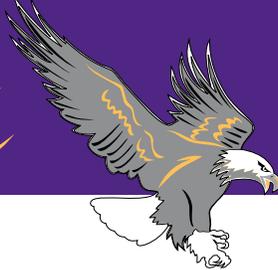
Thank you very much for a generous scholarship to help me attend college. I appreciated the fact that you gave one to all of us and thought it very kind. I know that you will keep giving and helping students like me in the future, so I thank you on behalf of me and anyone else that is lucky enough to receive this scholarship.

Thank You!
Yumi Sasaki

Thank you for the scholarship. It will come in use when I go to Maryville this fall. I can use all the help I can get. Thank you Brentwood Alumni.

Sincerely,
Eddie Wright

SPECIAL Notes



THANK YOU to all alums who joined or continued to support BAA last year. Your dues pay for the printing and postage of the newsletter and other organization expenses.

WE ARE IN NEED OF CLASS REPS for the classes of 1956, 1988, 1992, 2000, and 2001. Contact **Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61** at sjlaga@gmail.com.

Please use your dues envelope to let us know if you have discontinued your telephone land line or changed your mailing or email address.

ALUM NOTES are now on the BAA website. Check it out! www.brentwoodhsalumni.org

HELP NEEDED! The Newsletter Committee is looking for a graphic artist/designer to help prepare our composed newsletters for printing (pre-press). All can be done by email, so you don't have to be in the St. Louis area. Contact Judi Peckham, editor, at ironhsfarm@aol.com if you have expertise in this area and want to discuss in further detail.

CAPS in purple or gold are now available. See order form below.

IMPORTANT WEBSITE TO KNOW:

The Brentwood School District website is www.brentwoodmoschools.org, which includes Brentwood High School's website.

BHS Oak Tree A swamp white oak tree was recently planted on the BHS front lawn, a short distance north of the post oak, which did not make it. It is a large species tree, and will provide much shade in years to come.

IN NEXT ISSUE, (February, 2017) we would like to have some comments and stories about the cars you drove to BHS. Submit to editor, Judi Turner Peckham '61, at ironhsfarm@aol.com. Thanks!

MANY THANKS to Steve and Toni Bowman of "The Brentwood Spirit," an online and printed newsletter, for much information about Brentwood and BHS. We obtain lots of news from them, including great pictures! www.thebrentwoodspirit.com



BAA COMMITTEES

3RD WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER

George Clements, Jr. '57, Chair
All Board Members

CLASS REPS AND MEMBERSHIP

Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61, Chair
Joan Beeman '61
Debbie Sutterer Houlihan '73
Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '59
Judi Turner Peckham '61
Marcia Hunsinger Werremeyer '66

EVENTS & PUBLICITY

Roy Richter '68, Chair
Judi Turner Peckham '61
David Pentland '56
Maxine Gray Reisenleiter '41

FINANCE

Debbie Sutterer Houlihan '73 Chair
Herb Hitchings '48
Mark Madras '74
Marcia Hunsinger Werremeyer '66
Ed Wright '67

2016 HALL OF FAME

Phil Chandler '64, Chair
Debbie Schott Bott '69
Annette Seigel Heller '63
Judi Turner Peckham '61
David Pentland '56
Allison Reed '82
Moir Brown Stevens '47
Sylvia Leezy Stoll '64
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NEWSLETTER

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JACK WEIGLE, MD '57 HALL OF FAME

for three years at Butterworth and has been in the Grand Rapids area ever since. Jack was in the Army from 1965 until 1972; first as a reserve officer and then active duty for two years. He retired with the rank of Major. He was in private practice in the Grand Rapids area from 1971 until 2006, during which he served in many administrative positions: Assoc. Clinical Instructor 1971-2001, Chief, Div. of Perinatal and Neonatal Medicine 1981-1990, Secretary Dept. of Ob-Gyn 1974-1988, Vice-Chair, Dept. of Ob-Gyn 1988-1992, Chairman, Dept. of Ob-Gyn 1992-1996, Emeritus Physician Award 2005, and Distinguished Physician Award 2007. Jack belonged to multiple professional organizations including A.M.A., Mich. State Medical Society, Kent Co. Medical Society, American College of Ob-Gyn (Fellow), and The American Board of Ob. and Gyn. (Diplomat).

In the suburban community of Grandville, he served on the Grandville School Board for 12 years, was on the Advisory Board of Young Life for six years, and on the Adult Leadership Committee of Grandville Boy Scout Troop 292 for six years. He also served on multiple committees for Beverly Reformed Church during these years.

Growing up in Brentwood, a smaller community near a larger metropolitan area, provided him with those “small town” people skills that are important in day-to-day activities. It is the same situation that led him to stay in Grandville, MI. Family values are of utmost importance. The Brentwood school system stimulated your individual importance and your role in the community. Relationships with fellow students and school staff were honest and respectful. The high school experience with curriculum, sports and social interactions was unbeatable. All these things work to produce a well-rounded, productive individual. Jack is forever indebted to those growing-up years in Brentwood. He and his wife, Barbara, have raised three children; now have nine grandchildren; and have just celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. All this and it started in little old Brentwood, and all his memories are of Good Times!



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connected to him in that way.” On the Tuesday after Christmas dinner, his father wound up in the hospital. This wasn’t uncommon—Dr. Johnson remembers him undergoing many hospital visits in his earlier years. “I don’t know if he was going on dialysis, or if it was kidney failure,” he recalls. But something was different this time—something within him told him to see his father in the hospital. “The Lord spoke to me and said, ‘Go see your dad,’” he says. “I was trying to heal.”

Dr. Johnson arrived at the hospital, where a nurse exclaimed how lovely it was that her patient’s son had shown up. “It’s perfect, he can take you home!” she said. Dr. Johnson could feel his father preparing to get him off the hook, and relieve him of the responsibility. “It was kind of hard to say we didn’t really know each other like that.” Then Dr. Johnson heard himself say, “No, Dad—I’ll take you home.” It was an overwhelming feeling, the beginning of understanding and forgiveness. “I think he’d always wanted to get things right with his son,” he says.

That day in the car together was the first time his father had ever seen him drive. “He missed all those moments,” says Dr. Johnson. “So now, I’m driving and he’s a passenger, and this is my big moment.” He almost felt like a kid again, thrilled to show off what he had learned over the years. “Look Dad, I can drive you home!” he remembers thinking. When he dropped him off, his father said, “Man, it sure is good to have good friends.” Looking back, Dr. Johnson still remembers feeling heartbroken for both of them. “I’m like, ‘Damn.’ My dad didn’t even feel the confidence to call me his son. He knew that he had fallen short of that.”

The next week, Dr. Johnson’s basketball team

DR. ED JOHNSON, BHS PRINCIPAL

at Ladue was preparing for a big district game against MICDS, one of their rivals when he got another call from his mother. “She’s like, ‘How’s everything going?’ I’m like, ‘Everything’s going good, getting ready for the game.’ And she says, ‘You got a moment? Honey, your dad just passed.’ And I’m like—‘Whoa.’” He held on to the memory of the Christmas dinner, and driving him home from the hospital. “Those scars and those open wounds had to be closed for both of us,” he says. His father had no life insurance at the time he passed away, and his mother didn’t have enough money to pay for the funeral. Dr. Johnson had been diligently saving up money over the years, and he agreed to cover the costs. “I didn’t know how to bury somebody. Who knows how to do that?” he exclaims.

“Your dad’s going to need a suit,” he was told. “I thought, ‘This is so-weird.’ But I wanted my dad to be buried in a nice suit.” His father would need a full outfit: underwear, an undershirt, socks. He made sure his father’s burial attire was dignified. “I took so much pride in picking out the right clothes and clean underwear. I don’t know what came over me ... this man was very abusive.” He chose a tan suit with pinstripes. Dr. Johnson didn’t plan it, but one of his best suits at the time was very similar, and he wore it to the wake. “Me and my dad, we looked uniform—like how I look with my son when we go to the baseball game. We get a chance to wear our Cardinals shirts with each other. I finally got that opportunity for me and my dad.”

The landline on Dr. Johnson’s desk rings. It’s a short administrative call that he quickly answers before clicking the receiver back down. “Believe it or not, I’ve kept this so incredibly private,” he says. Outside of his

office, a group of teenage girls laugh and joke while walking down the hallway—you can hear them chirping through the wall.

“At the very end, we finally got it right,” he says. “My mom and I both were somehow able to grant this guy the forgiveness that he needed, bless his soul, because he just—fell short in life.” Forgiving his father opened up a new joy in himself he didn’t know he had. “Blessings like you would not believe started coming my way,” he says. He quietly surveys his office for a moment, looking at the indicators that he has moved through a difficult past: photographs, mementos, academic awards and certificates. Walking down the hallway and towards the door, he runs into a young student bogged down in duffel bags for school, sports, and extracurriculars, who excitedly shares her plans for the day with him.

In an email he sent over a few days after being interviewed, Dr. Johnson wrote, “All day I have been thinking about forgiveness. The process for initiating positive change towards solving our life’s biggest personal, family and societal issues must start, gain momentum and ultimately end with acts of forgiveness,” he continued. It’s not atypical for him to get this deep very early in the morning—he routinely meditates on forgiveness and gratitude, and often comes up with meditations of his own while exercising. “Sometimes people think it’s a cheesiness or a corniness,” he says. “It’s a choice. It requires a whole lot of work to be positive.”

For more information about Dr. Ed Johnson and Brentwood High School, visit www.brentwoodmoschools.org

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2016-17 BHS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

**Week 1 - CLEVELAND 8/19 HOME IN 2016,
(8/19 away in 2017)**

**Week 2 - GRANDVIEW 8/26 AWAY IN 2016,
(8/25 home in 2017)**

**Week 3 - TBD 9/2 AWAY IN 2016,
(9/1 home in 2017)**

**Week 4 - ORCHARD FARM 9/9 AWAY IN 2016,
(9/8 home in 2017)**

**Week 5 - CUBA 9/16 HOME IN 2016,
(9/15 away in 2017)**

**Week 6 - PRINCIPIA 9/24 AWAY IN 2016,
(9/22 home in 2017)**

**Week 7 - LIFT FOR LIFE 9/30 HOME IN 2016,
(9/29 home in 2017)**

**Week 8 - CONFLUENCE PREP 10/7 AWAY IN 2016,
(10/6 home in 2017)**

**Week 9 - STE. GENEVIEVE 10/14 HOME IN 2016,
(10/13 away in 2017)**



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Mark your calendar for a great weekend of friendship and fun. Here's a list of events:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- BHS Courtyard Gathering 4:00 – 6:30 pm
- Guided tours of BHS - 5 and 5:30 pm
- Art Display by BHS Art classes
- Refreshments available for purchase
- 6th Hall of Fame Ceremony 6:30 pm
- BHS Football Game 7:30 pm

Nightlife Gatherings and Reunions around town

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

10TH ANNUAL SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMNET

Check out the website for future information as available.

- Maddenfest Celebration and Parade – Noon
See our HOF honorees in the parade
- BAA Booth at Brentwood Park opens at 1 pm
- Fireworks Display at Brentwood Park at 9 pm