



# BRENTWOOD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## The Alumni Connection

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### From Your BAA Board President, George Clements

Your Brentwood Alumni Association has been busy planning the 2022 *3rd Weekend in September* event to be held this year on Friday, September 16. and Saturday, September 17. Friday events will include tours of the remodeled High School and the 2022 Hall of Fame ceremony. (See pages 6 and 7.) On Saturday, the City of Brentwood will hold its annual parade. Meet at the Brentwood City Park on Saturday, where there will be entertainment, booths, rides, and a fireworks display. Visit the Brentwood Alumni booth, a good way to meet other alums and update your address information.

This year your Alumni Association has awarded scholarships to seven outstanding seniors in the amount of \$5,000 each. For those of you who attended McGrath and Mark Twain elementary schools, each facility is in the process of a major update and remodel.

In closing, please remember to pay your yearly dues of \$15.00 to keep your membership active and to support your alumni association. Also, many thanks to the Fossett Foundation (Peggy Viehland '62, deceased) for its continued support of our scholarship fund. We also appreciate the many contributions from our members.

**George Clements, Jr. '57**  
President

### BRENTWOOD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS SEVEN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2022

*Since 2003, the Brentwood Alumni Association has awarded \$316,000 to students, based on exceptional academic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities, citizenship, community service, and financial aid. Through the generosity of alumni and charitable giving partners, BAA has been able to increase its scholarship funding every year. The BAA scholarship program is the high mark of BAA's role in serving students, teachers, parents and the community. These seven 2022 recipients each received a \$5000 scholarship.*

**Mark Madras '74**  
Scholarship Committee Chair

#### **Justine Favazza: FOSSETT FOUNDATION SCHOLAR**

Justine will be attending Mizzou in the fall to study Film Production. While attending Brentwood, Justine was captain of the varsity cheerleading team and was involved in International Thespian Society, Student Council, and National Honor Society. She also spearheaded a video production branch of Brentwood's online newspaper and produced lots of content (most notably, a weekly broadcast titled "The Nest News".) Outside of Brentwood, she attended Webster University's Filmmaking Camp as an underclassmen and New York University's Filmmaker's Workshop as a junior. She would not be anywhere without the teachers that believed in her ambition and ability to create. Justine is very grateful for the Alumni Scholarship, as it will assist in her continued studies of the art form she loves!



#### **Jonas Wall: DAVID PENTLAND SCHOLAR**

Jonas will be attending the University of Missouri - Columbia in the fall to study Journalism. While at Brentwood he was Editor in Chief of the high school's paper, The Nest, co-president of Brentwood's Feminist Coalition Club, and co-leader of National Honor Society. He was also a member of the varsity tennis team, Speech and Debate team, Student Council, and German National Honor Society. He is incredibly grateful for the many opportunities he has been given by the high school staff and the greater Brentwood community.



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#### **SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

Contributions to the BAA Scholarship Fund and dues are tax deductible under Section 170 of IRS Federal Income Tax Code, section 501 (c) 3.

The Association is also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106 or 2522.

A copy of the approval document is available upon request. Checks should be made payable to Brentwood Alumni Association.

**Zach Bredenson:**

Zach just graduated from Brentwood High School. He plans on going to Southern Illinois University to become an aircraft mechanic. He is a big aviation enthusiast and loves learning about aviation!



**Penny Herrera:**

Penelope will be attending Missouri State University in Springfield this fall. She plans to major in Education and hopes to become an elementary school teacher and, one day, an administrator. While at Brentwood, she was a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society, and Spanish Club. She was also a member of Student Council and was appointed as Vice President her senior year. She also participated in volleyball, wrestling, and soccer. Penelope has been a Brentwood student since elementary school and is extremely grateful for her teachers; their kindness and never-ending support have kept her motivated. She is very grateful to receive this scholarship and is looking forward to following in her teacher's footsteps by making school feel like home, thanks to the generosity of the Brentwood Alumni Association.



**Griffin Krause:**

Griffin will be attending Southern Illinois University - Carbondale to major in Automotive Technologies where he will learn to be a technician. While attending Brentwood High School, he was involved in the Varsity Soccer and Tennis teams as well as the German Club and National Honor Society. He also played hockey as a goaltender for Clayton High School until his sophomore year. He is very grateful to have been given this award and is excited to make the Brentwood community proud.



**Henry Ritter:**

Henry will be attending Northwest Missouri State University studying Marine Biology. While at Brentwood, Henry played football, baseball, and wrestled all four years. He was a member of the National Honor Society as well as the German National Honor Society. His senior year he was very involved with the Student Council. He enjoyed his time here at Brentwood and is extremely honored to have been chosen as a recipient of one of the alumni scholarships.



**Nirmita Vijayalingam:**

Nirmita will be attending the University of Missouri-Kansas City this fall for their 6 year accelerated BA/MD program. Nirmita has been a part of Student Council for four years and was Student Council President her senior year. She was co-captain of the volleyball team her senior and freshman year and was also a part of the varsity tennis team. She also took part in Speech and Debate and was a double state qualifier and state finalist. Nirmita was involved with Friends of Rachel and was president her junior year. Nirmita has been an avid dancer in Bharatanatyam (Indian classical dance) for the past 12 years. She appreciates the Alumni Association and Brentwood schools for all of their support! Thank you for this generous scholarship!



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# ACROSS THE DECADES

## BRENTWOOD FADING MEMORIES...Almost forgotten

*This article is fading, but if you have anything to contribute, please send it in. Thanks to our readers who responded and shared their memories of Brentwood.*

**1950 Shirley Calloway Holman** – Daytona Beach, FL – I was a member of the Brentwood Congregational Church and was married there by Rev Pronko on December 19, 1953. I have special memories of the grand times held in the basement for teens.

**Job's Daughters**, the character-building organization for young women, met at the Brentwood Masonic Temple on Eulalie. The building is no longer there, where the new Fire Station is now located. Many of my friends were members and met there for serious meetings as well as participation in fun activities, such as dances and bake sales. (editor)

## Grade School Memories

*Thanks to those alums who have shared their memories of Brentwood elementary schools. This article will feature **Mark Twain Elementary**.*

Note: The next grade schools, **L'Ouverture, Mt. Calvary and St. Mary Magdalen**, will be highlighted in the February, 2023 newsletter. Send your memories and photos, including names, if possible, to **Judi Peckham**, editor, by the **December 1** deadline, [judi.peckham@gmail.com](mailto:judi.peckham@gmail.com).

### Mark Twain

Thanks to **Susan (Sue) Olson Lopez '71** who sent in several pictures of Mark Twain and **Jim Bender '55** who submitted a group picture. Due to space limitation, these will be placed in next Newsletter, February, 2023.



**Vince Punzo '79** wrote: After attending Frazier for grades K-4th, my family moved from Audubon Park Apartments to Litzsinger Drive, just a few houses down from Mark Twain. It was at Mark Twain that I met and formed a lifelong friendship with **Mark Wilson**. I remember well the excellent,

caring teaching of **Mrs. Moore** and **Mrs Doll** as well as the friends and classmates with which I shared that formative part of my life's journey: **Dan Chapman, Richard Coleman, Terry Johnson, Kathy Siegreest** and so many others. They all remain close in my heart.

**Nelson Morgan '66** wrote:

**Mark Twain:** Wow, the memories just flood in... .. School began the day after Labor Day back then, September 8, 1953. My mother walked me to school that day for afternoon kindergarten with **Miss Hawkins**, in her first year of teaching; she was small, with short dark hair, wearing a white blouse, with an ankle-length tight skirt and red shoes. There were 19 of us. Seven of that number graduated together in 1966: **Myself, Ellsa Adams, Bill Young, Mike Cook, Kathleen Locklar, Greg Niehoff, and Jim Dobernic**. Jim gave me my best memory in kindergarten. While working with clay in art class, he took a wad and threw it to the ceiling where it stuck. **Miss Hawkins** was unaware, and I remember admiring it months later, still stuck there on the ceiling when kindergarten became a thing of the past.

For first and second grades I had **Mrs. Green** both years when she taught a split class of first and second graders. We first graders sat on the right side of the class, second graders on the left. **Mrs. Green** was a master at keeping one side busy while she taught the other. I especially enjoyed the first year because two of the second graders were friends: **Rick Kinlough** and **Barb Combs**. Rick and I liked dinosaurs. First graders were learning to read, and I really took to it. Credit Dick and Jane for my oral reading skills today. Public television had arrived in StL via KETC, and Mark Twain had a big tv in a huge plywood box on wheels. **Mrs. Green** used it for educational programming. We had a holiday school program for parents and I was excited to play a shepherd on stage. Mother made my robe out of an old curtain. Second grade was not much different except we moved to the left side of the classroom. One first grader I made good friends with was **Buzz Engelhart**. We both liked baseball and were all introduced to Elvis Presley that year. Rock and Roll had arrived. I remember **Jim Dobernic** and I playing air guitars and shaking our hips on the playground. Personally, my reading skills took a giant jump. In the second book of the year, there was a story about an angry goose who just went off on everyone around him. As we sat in our reading circle I remember thinking, "I hope it's my turn when we reach that page." As luck would have it, it was! I just took off and read the page with speed and emotion, as I believed the goose was doing so. **Mrs. Green** and everyone else in the circle just looked at me with their mouths agape. They asked me to read it again, and I did. My love for the written word was locked in from that point on.

Third grade was a big change. **Mrs. Green** had about ten first and ten second graders each year. Another teacher, **Mrs. Harrigan**, taught the other kids my age. In third grade, we were all placed together in **Mrs. Maddox's** class. There were 30 of us! I made lots of new friends, including two girls

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# ALUM NEWS

40's

**1941 Bette Strong Pickrel** – Gladstone, MO – I have been truly blessed and in September, I will be 99. Although almost blind, I can see well enough to get around. My family is a blessing to me. I don't know what I would do without them.

**1941 Ron Vassalli** – Sullivan, MO – Celebrating his 100th birthday on September 5, 2022. You may remember him driving alums in his classic car in the Brentwood Days parades. Wish him a happy one at PO Box 117, Sullivan, MO 63080 or (573) 280-4984. *Submitted by Norma Hodges Murphy '41*

**1945 Jeanne James** – Redington Shores, FL – I moved to Florida in 2018 to live with my niece, Mellissa James Kruse. My brother (her father) was **Martin T James '42**. Doing pretty well for an old gal. Do not need a cane or walker. Still doing limited driving.

**1948 Ronald Parsons** – Fredericksburg, VA - Since classmates **Jerry Voelkers, Marilyn George** and **Marianne Hill Vahlkamp** died, I have no more BHS contacts. Have been married to second wife, Miriam, for 23 years now. We would enjoy hearing from friend **Marlene Scharf Hanks '49** in Florida. It has been 74 years since I joined the U. S. Marines.

**1949 Marlene Scharf Hanks** – Saint Petersburg, FL – Participating in church activities.

50's

**1950 Shirley Callaway Holman** – Daytona Beach, FL - I was sorry to hear that my friend, **Marlene Sitze Wynn '49** had died. We'd been friends since I was 12 years old. Our fathers worked at White Bakery, which no longer exists.

**1952 Charles Combs** – Ballwin, MO – Still around. Retired 23 years,

5 children, 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**1952 Norman Ramsey** – North Fort Myers, FL – In the late 50's, I was an SCCA licensed road racer for 6 years. My bucket list is to be the oldest licensed driver. As some are 90, I must stay in good health!

**1953 Grant (Richard) Oscarson** – Chesterfield, MO – Served three years as volunteer President of the Saint Louis Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints Temple located on Highway 64 in Town and Country, MO.

**1953 Helen Hounsom Stein** – Tuscaloosa, AL – Travels took me to doctor's appointments, grocery store and Home Depot. Books, jigsaw puzzles and eating kept me really busy at home. When time permitted, I dusted a little. Married at Brentwood Congregational Church 65 years ago. Attended Sunday School and church for many years there.

**1954 Marian Hounsom Lewis** – New York, NY – Travel restrictions for 2 years kept me close to home – New York City. Living near beautiful Central Park, I roam there every day in all kinds of weather. My companions – squirrels, birds, toddlers, dogs – all make me smile and be glad.

**1955 John (Jack) Fuchs** – St Clair, MO – I am enjoying my 30th year of retirement, 26 years with my loving wife, Carole. We traveled over 300,000 miles in our motor home. My life and health have been a total blessing. I welcome calls – (636) 629-2354.

**1957 Mary Ann Wenger Graves** – Berkeley, CA – Stayed alive through Covid!

**1958 Irene Ledbetter Christenson** – Lake Barrington, IL – Retired from United Airlines after a long companionship that I enjoyed very much. I look up when I hear a plane overhead; a memory

reminder resulting in pleasure. Taking one day, one week, and one month at a time. Life is good.

**1958 Jacqueline Schuster Thursby** – Prrovo, UT – I am still writing and publishing some, working on a family history, and enjoying family, church, and temple work.

**1959 Nancy Pollard O'Loughlin** – Frisco, TX – I moved from Ballwin to Dallas in 2017 to be nearer my daughter, Lynn, and 3 granddaughters. I purchased a house in a Del Webb community. Best decision I ever made! I have a whole group of new friends – and I love the milder weather.

**1959 Bill Walters** – Cedar Park, TX – I live in a suburb of Austin, TX and look forward to receiving "The Alumni Connection" Thank you.

60's

**1960 Susan Herminghaus McLeod** - La Jolla, CA – We are now living in a retirement community in La Jolla, just north of San Diego. Doug and I are both retired from college teaching; he's a mathematician, my field is rhetoric and writing studies. We've been married 56 years; two kids, one grandchild. Hello to everyone in the class of 1960!

**1966 Tana Heilig Buerger** – Sanford, NC – During the pandemic, after putting together several jigsaw puzzles and learning to cross-stitch, I decided I'd better have more to show for all the quarantine time than boxes of puzzle pieces and a few threads on a square of linen, so I wrote a novel ... Money, Murder, Mayhem, a grownup fairytale. I'm querying agents right now, then on to publishers. Life's never dull, is it?

**1966 Linda Dollar** – Springfield, MO - I continue to broadcast Missouri State University Volleyball matches as a color analyst on ESPN. Otherwise, catch me on the golf course.

# ALUM NEWS

**1966 Sandra Brick Roberts** – Cumming, GA – Just completed travel to all 50 states. Have already visited all 7 continents. Canadian provinces next?



**1971 Deborah Henne Clary** – Springfield, MO – After spending the last 27 years in the classroom teaching, I retired in 2020. My mom, **Joyce Henne**, a former BHS Home Economics teacher, moved in to live with me in 2020 at the age of 92.

**1972 Alex Munoz** – St Louis, MO – Retired in 2014 after 33 years at Boeing.

**1972 Thomas Craig Shore** – St Louis, MO – Retired from BJC Healthcare in December, 2019.



**1983 David Heger** – St Louis, MO – I'm still working as an equity analyst at Edward Jones following stocks in the communication services and tech sectors. My wife, Lynne, has retired from teaching pre-school. My daughter, Carolyn, is working at Edward Jones. My daughter, Mary Catherine, works for EY, and my daughter, Elizabeth, works for Royal Canin.

**1986 Rebecca (Becky) Jundt Whitmore** – Dittmer, MO – My daughter, Kyerstyn and her family, just bought the house across the street from us. We couldn't be more excited. We can't wait to be able to spend even more time with them, especially our 3 1/2 year-old grandson, Gavin. He is the best thing since sliced bread!



**1999 Ernest E (Tres) Garrett III** - Baton Rouge - Tres has defended his dissertation, "Employing People with Disabilities for Leadership Positions: A Phenomenographic Study, and is now Dr. Ernest Garrett! We are so proud of him and his amazing accomplishments. *Submitted by Maryann Shephard ORE*

## MORE ALUM STORIES...

**1966 Linda Dollar** – Springfield, MO – Our very own BAA Hall of Famer, 1966 BHS senior "Most Athletic" is listed in an article in the *Springfield News-Leader* entitled

### FIFTY YEARS OF TITLE IX: Meet the 50 women who have impacted women's sports in the Springfield area.

#### Linda Dollar, Missouri State University Volleyball

When Dollar retired from coaching, she ranked second in NCAA history in career wins for a head coach with a 758-230-21 record. She's still one of 30 coaches to ever win 750 or more games. Dollar retired from coaching in 1995 after 24 seasons as head coach. She was a three-time league coach of the year and led the Bears to three NCAA Tournaments and ten Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) national tournament berths and a fifth-place AIAW finish in 1981.

Dollar was the first woman inducted into the Springfield Sports Hall of Fame and became MSU's first full-time compliance officer for the athletic department after serving as the assistant director of women's athletics in 1982. *Submitted by Nelson Morgan '66*

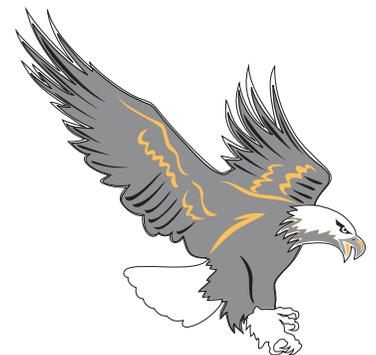
**2022 Zach Bredenson** – Brentwood, MO – The *St. Louis Post Dispatch* has named Zach as Scholar Athlete for BHS ranking in the top quarter of his class, honor roll and National Honor Society officer. He was District champion, two-time State qualifier and team captain in Wrestling. In Football, he was first team all-independent team and two-year team captain. His activities have been an internship at Spirit of St Louis airport, student pilot with 20 hours of flying. He plans to become an aircraft mechanic in college along with becoming a commercial pilot. He found his passion for aviation through his awesome physics teacher, **James Abshier**.

## Grade School Memories

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I would later take to prom at BHS: **Linda Watral** and **Judy Olson**. Enter multiplication, and short division, cursive handwriting (a disaster for me), and my first of many failed introductions to music. In music, **Mr. Johnson** had us all purchase tonettes, small wind instruments played by fingering. I was absolutely horrible. I could never see the correlation between those dots on the paper and the holes on my tonette. I was so bad that for the holidays program, **Mr. Johnson** told me to just stand with my class and flip my fingers up and down without blowing into the thing! **Mrs. Maddox** was an older lady, slender with glasses and her hair piled atop her head. She loved birds and at the end of the day we would listen to records of bird songs. We were assigned birds to research, write about, and illustrate. I really enjoyed doing that though **Richard Gillespie** was assigned my desired Cardinal bird. One memorable third grade moment occurred when our principal, **Mr. Duggar**, had everyone in the gymnasium to watch a Tarzan movie. We were enjoying it when all of sudden there was a "poof" and the movie stopped. Classmate **Teddy Bowman** had picked up the electric cord to the projector and chewed on it and almost electrocuted himself. He had a black smudge all around his mouth. We could have killed him. No more movies for us!

**To be continued in next Newsletter February '23**



# BAA proudly recognizes the Brentwood High School Hall of Fame Class of 2022

INDUCTION CEREMONY WILL BE FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2022 IN BHS AUDITORIUM AT 6:30 PM

*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. Plaques of all honorees adorn the halls of the high school.*

*Allison Reed '82, HOF Committee Chair*

## **CLARENCE J. SUTTERER '48** 1930 -- 2021 *Posthumous*



At Brentwood High, Clarence played Football, Basketball, and Baseball and was Captain of the Football Team. His grades were excellent despite working nights

and weekends at his father's service station, which he had done since the age of twelve. Clarence went on to attend Washington University and St. Louis University, majoring in Mathematics before taking a job with the Aetna Insurance Company as an underwriter. He married Jacqueline Welsch and began raising a family. While they were expecting their second child, he was transferred to Des Moines, Iowa and was given a promotion. They learned after a few short years that their many friends and family members in St. Louis were hard to leave behind. Clarence accepted a Regional Position for Continental Oil Company which allowed them to move back home. Jackie and Clarence had two more children and all four graduated from Brentwood High School.

Life had other career plans for Clarence however, because it soon became apparent with his father getting on in years and his brother away in the Korean War, that he was needed at Sutterer's Service Station; so he resigned and joined his father. With his automotive knowledge, adept people skills, drive and charisma he shepherded Sutterer's successfully for 40 years and made lifelong friends along the way. He was always willing to help someone in need and he even

made house calls. Clarence gave up the glory of climbing the corporate ladder, but his success in serving the Brentwood community was something he cherished and never regretted!

## **Regina Neal Reed-Henderson '89**



Regina obtained her BS in Sociology in 1993 from Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville and obtained her MA in Criminology and Criminal

Justice in 2011 from the University of Missouri - St. Louis. She was a member of Junior Achievement (1991-1992), as well as "Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges" (1992) and is an initiated member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (1993.)

Regina was a team leader for American Cancer Relay for Life (2015-2018) as well as Walk to End Lupus (2018.) As Founder of Fun Without Guns, Inc., a non-profit organization that works with children that have lost a parent to violence (2016), she has received Phenomenal Woman Award (2017) and Voice of the Voiceless Community Achiever's Award (2019.) Regina is the team organizer for MODOT's Adopt a Highway (2016 - Present).

She is the CEO of On Point Promotions and On Point Travel and a certified travel consultant with many years' experience. She is a trained child and adult care professional with 15 plus years of experience in behavioral development. Regina is a very proud mother of 2 daughters, Allyson and Asyra, and

grandmother of 3, Cally, Jasyr, and Calia.

## **Jeffrey D. Manestar '84**



After working for the City of Brentwood Parks Department for nine years, Jeffrey's police career of 25 years began in 1992 at the Clayton Police Department and continued with the Brentwood Police

Department, where he was promoted to Sergeant in 2003. He accumulated numerous commendation awards for various achievements, and retired in 2018. Also, Jeffrey coached for Brentwood Middle School football, and from 2002 to the present is a coach at Brentwood High football.

Upon graduating from the St Louis County Police Academy in 1991, Jeff's education continued at St. Louis Community College-Forest Park, and in 1991 Jeff received a Bachelor's Degree in Administration of Justice from University of Missouri-St.Louis. Jeff says his biggest accomplishment was mentoring many of the young people he met through both coaching and police work.

His family history in Brentwood goes back to the early 1900's. His wife, **Cindy**, also graduated from BHS in 1984. He is honored to be considered for the BHS Hall of Fame and is indebted to the wonderful families and students of the Brentwood community he met throughout the years.

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## Sakima Smith MD '95



Dr. Smith obtained his BS in Biology in 1999 from Truman State University School of Medicine in 2006. He completed

his internal medicine residency at Barnes-Jewish Hospital – Washington University in 2009, and completed his general cardiology and heart failure-transplant fellowships at Ohio State. He also completed a research fellowship and Masters in Public Health from Ohio State in 2014. Dr. Smith was awarded the James V. Warren Fellowship Research Award in 2014, and in 2017 he received the Denman Distinguished Undergraduate Research Mentor award. In 2019 he was the Landacre Research Honor Society Distinguished Researcher of the Year. Dr. Smith has established his independent research lab via funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Faculty Development Grant in 2015, a NIH K08 Grant in 2017, and a NIH R01 Grant in 2019. His research program spans basic cardiovascular research to population health, diversity, and health outcomes. He has an MPH in clinical and translational research, with a courtesy appointment in the College of Public Health at Ohio State. Dr. Smith is currently the Associate Program Director for the cardiovascular medicine fellowship program, Vice Chair for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Department of Internal Medicine, and the Chief Diversity Officer for the Heart and Vascular Institute. In March of 2022 he was named the Bob Frick Research Chair in Heart Failure and Arrhythmia. He resides in Gahanna (Columbus), Ohio.



## PAST REUNIONS - 2022

### 1957 65th

The BHS Class of 1957 held a mini Zoom reunion in May with 13 classmates attending---from California: **Dave Brummett, Betty Millican Barnes, Janet Slater Darwin, Barbara Wichlan Gadalla, and Judy Granger Opfer**; from Colorado: **Mary Fischer Beckmann**; from Illinois: **Charlie Kreichelt and Susan McManis Speichinger**; from Missouri: **Ray Ebert, Lura Lee Howe Roux and Don Wolff**; from Ohio: **Janet Fridley Ignatius**; and from Pennsylvania: **Cathy Hoskins Gillis**. In the one-hour visit, everyone had a chance to talk about what was going on in their lives. Since everyone expressed a desire to meet every three or four months, Dave and I will set up another class reunion in September. No date has been set yet. *Submitted by Betty Millican Barnes*

### 1982 40th

On Friday, June 3, members from the Class of 1982 celebrated their 40th Reunion with a party at OB Clark's. On Saturday, June 4, all gathered at Tilles Park for a BBQ/picnic. Kudos to **Andy Johnson** for masterfully handling the grill. The class reunion planning committee shared responsibilities for providing picnic supplies and food for the meal. Due to conflicting schedules, some were unable to attend but a video call or two was held to extend well wishes. After the past two years, the class was thankful to be able to gather again to share memories and renew friendships from so long ago. **Lucille Pickens Singleton** traveled the farthest to attend, flying in from Texas. *Submitted by Kim Ruhl Schimweg*



(LtoR), Front row: Kathy Callahan, Allison Reed; Middle row: Karen Jaenicke Carnesciali, Kim Ruhl Schimweg, Diana Dodson McDonough; Back row: Andy Johnson, John Manestar, Gerry Moreno



(LtoR), Front row: Richard Frazier, Anthony Johnson, Kathy Callahan, Kim Ruhl Schimweg, Debbie Ryan Boshans, Allison Reed; Back row: Ginny Bennet Myers, Tim Deimeke, Sharon Angle Herzog, Gerry Moreno, John Manestar, Lucille Pickens Singleton

# FUTURE REUNIONS

## Class Reunion? Let Us Help!

If your class is planning a reunion, we can help you out. BAA Board member **Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61** has put together a packet to help plan a fun and spirited class reunion.

Also, the Board has agreed to reimburse classes for reasonable reunion expenses up to \$100 (reimbursement to be paid after the reunion upon receipt of valid invoices or receipts.) This money can help pay for postage, printing, and appetizers. We hope you will take advantage of our offer of assistance as you work out the details of a fun Eagle reunion.

For information, contact **Sandy Kurre LaGarce** at [sjlaga@gmail.com](mailto:sjlaga@gmail.com).

## 1960 62nd (Second try for 60 years)

BHS Class of 1960 will gather at the high school Friday, September 16 after 4 pm; then on to dinner at CJ Muggs in Clayton Friday night. On Saturday, there will be an informal gathering at Hacienda in Rock Hill in the evening. Both evening events begin around 6:00 pm with drinks and dinner to follow. **Bill Moskoff (314) 623-1472** [wmoskoff@tylergroup.com](mailto:wmoskoff@tylergroup.com)

## 1962 60th

The BHS Class of 1962 will be gathering for a 60th reunion on Saturday, September 17 at 1:00 pm after the Brentwood Days parade. We will meet at Tilles Park and enjoy box lunches from McAllisters Deli. Orders will be taken by Betty at the beginning of September. I have not had much enthusiasm expressed for games; so we will just catch up with what we have been doing the last 10 years and can compare our aches and pains! Any questions or suggestions, please contact **Betty Hughes Edelmann** at [jmbedelmann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmbedelmann@sbcglobal.net) or **314-495-5228**

## 1965 57th

**Plans for our reunion weekend are actively underway.** The Reunion Committee is in contact with every classmate for whom we have a valid email address. **If you have not heard from us, please contact reunion coordinators David Serra and Jim Coleman** at [bhsmo1965@gmail.com](mailto:bhsmo1965@gmail.com) or at **(318) 617-7274** or **(573) 680-6836**. We want to hear from you.

## 1966 56th and 1967 55th Joint Reunion

It's a go! The classes of 1966 and 1967 will have a combined reunion weekend! We will convene Friday afternoon, September 16, at the BHS Commons area to socialize, reminisce, take tours of the beautiful updates, attend the Hall of Fame induction/reception and move along to the Trainwreck. On Satur-

day, the 17th, we will meet at the Brentwood Forest Clubhouse at 6:00 pm for more fun, food, conversation and a couple surprises. Email blasts continue to roll out so stay tuned! In the meantime, 1966 grads may contact **Marcia Hunsinger Werremeyer** [footballwidow@earthlink.net](mailto:footballwidow@earthlink.net) and 1967 grads may contact **Ed Wright** [wrikink@aol.com](mailto:wrikink@aol.com). We look forward to seeing you! (Information about other weekend activities can be found in this newsletter.)

## 1970 52nd

I am happy to announce that we are finally having our 50th reunion 2 years later! We call it The Class of 1970 celebrating our 70th!!! The reunion will be taking place at The St. Louis Elks Lodge #9, 12481 Ladue Road, Creve Coeur, MO on Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 6-10 pm. An invitation was sent out in July with all the details. Please try to make it; we need to celebrate us!! If you have any questions please contact me, **Cathy Stockwell Whitney** at **(858) 699-5528** or email at [50reunion1970@gmail.com](mailto:50reunion1970@gmail.com). Also, there will be Brentwood Days this year starting Friday, September 16th. Stop by BHS at 4 pm to visit with other alums and tour the school. Hope to see you all there!

## 1972 50th

The Brentwood High School Class of 1972 will have its 50th Reunion on Saturday, September 17 at Llywelyn's Pub, 17 West Moody Avenue in Webster Groves, MO. It will be in the McPherson Room of the Pub. For more information on the event, call **Greg Kornfeld** at **(314) 578-0452**, **Mike Conley** at **(314) 359-7385** or **Jim Foster** at **(314) 645-3806**.

## 1977 45th

Keep Calm and go to your High School Reunion! Get a flash back to 1977 (except with old people) by attending our class reunion. Let's keep it casual and meet at OB Clark's in Brentwood again around 7:00 pm on Saturday, September 17, 2022. This will be in conjunction with Brentwood Days. You can reach me **Marie Shoemaker Olten** at [mwingron@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mwingron@sbcglobal.net) or by phone at **(314) 608-6574**. Also look at the Facebook page "Brentwood High School Class of 1977" for updates.

## 1986 36th

We had such a good time at the Trainwreck for our 35th in 2021, but are looking for ideas for a BIG group gathering in 2022. Your contact is **Theresa Peters Nigus** **(314) 378-4450** [theresaacts@hotmail.com](mailto:theresaacts@hotmail.com).

## 2002 20th and 2003 19th Joint Reunion

Since our classes were so close, BHS Class of 2002 has invited the Class of 2003 to join in celebrating our 20th and their 19th reunions together. We will be at OB Clark's in Brentwood on Saturday, August 20 from 6-10 pm. **Blake Hasty Chambers** **(314) 570-7164** [cid52984@yahoo.com](mailto:cid52984@yahoo.com)

# SPECIAL NOTES

**Welcome to Elliot Wright**, our new BAA Class Representative for BHS Class of 2022. Elliot was involved in a variety of activities while at BHS. He was captain of the robotics team which won District and went on to the state tournament his senior year. He was also the voice and face of THE NEST, the high school's weekly video news program. Elliot will be attending University of Missouri Science and Technology at Rolla, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

**Won't you volunteer** to be Class Rep for '46, '48, '68, '88, '91, 2000 and 2004? You might enjoy keeping in touch with former classmates. We can help you. Contact **Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61** at [sjlaga@gmail.com](mailto:sjlaga@gmail.com) or (636) 236-3286.

**Keep your dues up-to-date** by looking for your Last Date Paid just to the right of the address label on this newsletter. Payment may be made with the envelope enclosed, which is also useful for adding comments about yourself. You can help make **Alum News** interesting.

**Photographers are needed** right now to take and submit digital pictures for our 2022 *3rd Weekend in September* All-School Reunion and Hall of Fame Friday, September 16 from 4-6 pm and a few pictures on Saturday for the Brentwood Days

Parade. Contact [judi.peckham@gmail.com](mailto:judi.peckham@gmail.com) if you can help us out.

**Good News! The Booster Club's commemorative bricks** have been moved from the old courtyard to a new inner courtyard just outside The Commons and the football field at BHS. Come find your brick and see the 33 new bricks added this year! Order forms will be available at the All School Reunion on Friday, September 16 from 4-6 pm. Questions, please contact **Lisa Newton Magee '97** at (314) 341-3206.

**Once again, thanks** for the many comments from alum readers of the newsletter. It's not always easy, but we enjoy it and like doing it. And thank you to our alumni who contribute in so many ways to make it a good newsletter.  
Your editors

**Again, also,** thanks to the many class reps who do such a good job keeping class information up-to-date and communicating with their class. It is so helpful to keep our database current.

A special thanks to **Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '59** for the excellent job of proofing on the newsletters...and our helpful alums who proofread in the past. All are the best!  
*The editor*

## FUN STUFF!

Guess Who? Let editor know if you think you know who this is.  
[judi.peckham@gmail.com](mailto:judi.peckham@gmail.com).

Answer to be published in next newsletter.



## A Memorable Quote

**Lost** – yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever.

**Horace Mann**



# 2022 "3rd Weekend in September"

## ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

Friday, September 16, 4 pm  
and Saturday, September 17, Noon

# SCHOOL NEWS

## From COACH TITUS...

### Eagles Greatest Track Season

In spring 1966, a large group of athletes reported to **Coach Titus** and **Coach Burgoyne** to prepare for the challenge ahead. Led by tri-captains Curtis Crockett, Lance Renfroe, and Gerry Waldrop (all '66 graduates), the Eagles would expect a good year, but probably couldn't imagine the success that followed.

In the first meet of the year, the team traveled to Columbia where we captured the Indoor championship. The Clayton Invitation was the next victory followed by 1st place trophies at the Class M District, the Class M State, the Conference Senior and Junior Varsity Championship and topped it off with the City-County District win.

Sandwiched in were duel meet victories over St. Charles, Mehlville, Wellston, Principia, Clayton and Maplewood with the only loss coming to large school powerhouse Lindbergh, approximately three times larger than BHS. **To be continued in next newsletter, February, 2023.**

### 2022 Brentwood Football Schedule

- Week 1** – @ St. Pius X – August 26 – 7:00 pm
- Week 2** – vs. Wesclin HS, IL – September 2 – 7:00 pm
- Week 3** – @ Confluence Prep (St. Mary's HS) – September 9 – 7:00 pm
- Week 4** – @ Orchard Farm – September 16 – 7:00 pm
- Week 5** – vs. Lift for Life – September 23 – 7:00 pm
- Week 6** – vs. Principia – September 30 – 7:00 pm
- Week 7** – @ Bishop Dubourg – October 7 – 7:00 pm
- Week 8** – vs. Soldan – October 14 – 7:00 pm



Coach Titus, Ed Wright '67, George Clements '57 - June 8, 2022

## EAGLE DIVERSITY

*(EAGLE DIVERSITY is an ongoing column by Ed Wright, Jr. '67 in the BAA newsletter to focus on groups that may have been out of the mainstream in some ways, but still contributed to the success of Brentwood schools.)*

### From a Big Continent to a Small School

Asia is a huge continent with quite a diversity of ethnic groups and populations. Over the years, many Asian and Asian-American students have attended Brentwood High School. This has included several kids (like my son, **Eddie**) who were born in Russia and adopted by Americans. We've also seen many students whose families came from China, India, Pakistan, and other nations to study or teach at area universities. In light of the recent sad upswing in hate crimes against Asians, it seems like a suitable time to remember a few of our alumni and their contributions.

My class of 1967 was fortunate to have an exchange student from Japan for our senior year. **Kaoru (Kay) Ando** was a smiling and polite student from Tokyo and lived her senior year with classmate, **Linda Rinck** (now **Koenemann**.) She was sponsored by the Brentwood Congregational Church Youth Group. Linda recalls that "Kay spoke great English and loved being in the states. She enjoyed becoming friends with the kids at BHS and was a great student. She didn't seem to have problems with her studies and, if anything, she was ahead of most of her classmates." (Speaking as one of her classmates, I can see how that might be true.)

Kay became involved in many school and community activities: GAA, Tri-M, Pep Club, FTA, Glee Club. The 1967 yearbook shows an enthusiastic student who loved being in high school. She also enjoyed visiting people in the Brentwood community and sharing her knowledge of Japanese fashion, including kimonos. Linda adds that "Kay did return with her husband, Jeff, and visited the school where I taught. My family and I also went to visit Kay and her family in Kyoto, Japan." Though we've lost touch with Kay now, those of us in the class of '67 have fond memories of our visitor from Japan.

From eastern Asia, we go west to the Mid-East for a family that has truly had an impact on BHS—the Rahaman family. **Reema Rahaman** is originally from Jordan and identifies herself as a "liberal Jordanian Arab". Her father brought her family to the US when he was able to get a green card after the 6 Day War between Israel and Arab countries in 1967. Settling in St. Louis, Reema became a teacher and taught for 27 years at Brentwood Middle and High schools before retiring in 2019. "I didn't see my ethnicity as a challenge" Reema recently said. "I just recognized that there were less than 10 staff and students with a similar ethnicity in all my years in Brentwood. My ethnicity may have given me an advantage to connect with and

understand some of the struggling African-American students. Some may have identified me as a caring but tough mom, a behavior they were familiar with. After some became adults, they shared this with me.”

Obviously, the events of 9/11 had a major impact on all Americans but in a unique way on Arab Americans. Reema recalls: “Before 9/11, I had a flag of Jordan hanging from my rearview mirror and after that, I found it better to take it down when driving in public. A BMS staff member commented how sorry he was that I felt it necessary to do that to be safe.”

Reema recalls many positive experiences and friends among the staff in Brentwood; teaching staff members how to belly dance; taking her advisory students to a Naturalization ceremony and going to an Arabic luncheon afterwards at St. Raymond’s; “and, of course, seeing both my children graduate from BHS with honors.” She remembers fondly the support she had from staff members/friends like **Susan Dikkers** and **Kelly Javier**. “I feel fortunate to have been a part of the Brentwood staff for so long and my children to be BHS alumni.”



Reema and Samirah and Yusuf from Samirah’s wedding.

The two children Reema refers to are **Samirah Rahaman Day ‘07** and **Yusuf Rahaman ‘09**. Samirah told me about her experiences at BHS. Since her mother was from Jordan and her father’s ancestors were from India, she usually refers to herself as Arab and Indian. I can tell you from personal knowledge that she was quite active at BHS: National Honor Society, Diversity Club, Student Council, cheerleading, and softball. She was class president her junior year and one of her brightest memories was her junior year prom. “Since I was class president, I got to crown prom king and queen. I wasn’t sure I’d be able to attend that year because I was quarantined due to a suspected case of mumps. I had no idea how much experience I’d get with quarantine 15 years later due to Covid.”

Samirah acknowledges some challenges in high school but says “most of my challenges were self-inflicted. I spread myself too thin and tried to be the best at everything. My ethnicity may have played a small part of that mentality; no one else at school looked like me (with 2 obvious exceptions). No matter where I go, I stick out and people notice me. My way to handle the attention was ‘give ‘em something good to look at’ whether it was good grades or a new hairstyle.”

Samirah and her mother both acknowledge that after the 9/11 attacks, some of her classmates and friends were especially supportive of her. “The friends I had at BHS are friends I am still in touch with today. They continue to be a positive and uplifting influence I draw upon in rough times.” Samirah also credits her teacher and coach, Kelly Javier, with helping her develop her “can do” “Samirah-tude”.

After high school, Samirah attended St. Louis College of Pharmacy (now University of Sciences and Pharmacy) and graduated with a Pharm.D in 2013. She married in July 2013 and now has two kids: Rami is 5 and Talia is 3.

Samirah’s advice for BHS students: “You will only go as far as you want to go. You have the tools to build whatever life you want at your disposal, all you have to do is use them.”

As these annual columns show, BHS is a diverse landscape of opportunity for our students—an opportunity to develop skills and foster life-long friendships with a variety of people from all lands. We’ll close with a quote Reema offered from Audre Lorde, an American writer, feminist, and civil rights activist:

“It is not our difference that divides us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences.”

**Ed Wright ‘ 67**

## Notes of Appreciation from Scholarship Awardees

*Dear BHS Alumni Committee,  
Thank you for the scholarship, it will greatly help pay for my college expenses. I can’t wait to go to college and start working toward my career and passion.  
Thanks again,  
Zachary Bredenson*

*Dear BHS Alumni Association,  
Thank you so, so much for the \$5000 scholarship! I can’t express to you how helpful it’ll be at Mizzou next year. I’ll be able to buy textbooks and all the tech equipment I need for my film major. I am so very grateful for all that you guys do and can’t wait to get involved in the future!  
Thanks again,  
Justine Favazza*

*Dear BHS Alumni Committee,  
I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Brentwood Alumni Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to help fund and further my education.  
As I complete my education at Missouri State University, I am very thankful for receiving your thoughtful gift. Because of your scholarship, I will be able to study to follow my dreams of being a first-generation college student and study education to become a teacher and one day administrator.  
Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift.  
Sincerely,  
Penelope Herrera*

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Dear BHS Alumni Committee,

Thank you, guys so much for the scholarship. It is a big chunk of my tuition costs, so it helps me and my family a lot. I am also extremely proud to have been chosen to receive the scholarship.

Thanks again,  
Griffin Krause

Dear Brentwood Alumni Association,

Thank you so much for selecting me as one of the recipients of the Alumni Scholarship. This money will ease the stress that college will inevitably put on me. Thank you for hearing me talk about my scuba diving endeavors and reading my essay about my bright orange P.T. Cruiser.

Thanks again!  
Henry Ritter

Dear Brentwood Alumni Association Committee.

Thank you so much for awarding me such a generous scholarship. Your generosity will help to take the financial burden off of my future and will allow me to pursue a wider range of opportunities as I enter Mizzou class of 2026. I hope to make the committee and all Brentwood Alumni proud with my future accomplishments and contributions to the world.

Thank you again,  
Jonas Wall

Dear BHS Alumni Committee,

Thank you so much for selecting me for this scholarship! I loved meeting and talking with you guys during the interview process. It means so much to me that I was selected and I am so grateful for all your support. Since I am going to medical school this fall, I know this scholarship will help me so much with my tuition. Thank you again for this opportunity and it was lovely meeting all of you!

With Love,  
Nirmita Vijayalingam

## “WHY WE GIVE”

***On top of paying their annual dues, many of our alumni donate more money to the Brentwood Alumni Association each year. This “extra money” goes toward our annual expenses including 3rd Weekend in September celebration, newsletters, AND scholarships for BHS graduates. The Board appreciates these donations and thought you’d want to know why some are made. So, here is the first of what we hope becomes a regular feature: “Why We Give”.***

Ed Wright ‘67

“In my old age, I make modest donations to BHS-associated causes because it has been part of my life since my earliest years. I had older cousins and neighbors who attended and most of my teenage friends went there. From time to time, I still page through a well-signed BHS yearbook I have kept since the 1940’s.”

**Ron Parsons ‘48** Fredericksburg, VA

“As a class rep for 1949 and 1950, I encourage classmates to join and support the organization as well. I make the donations to fund the activities for Brentwood students of today. It is a way of showing my appreciation for all that Brentwood has done for me.”

**Dave Ryan ’50** and former faculty member St. Louis, MO.

“We usually make quite a few donations. I can’t think of many that we make that would be better than the Brentwood Alumni Association. I really loved that school, and I enjoyed my years there. See you in September.”

**John Moser ’69** Union, MO

“I contribute to honor BHS classmates, teachers and other people that supported the school. I’ve so many great memories of the school and so many wonderful people made BHS a very special place.”

**William Jackson ’70** Overland Park, KS

# ALUM SPOTLIGHT

## Drew McCausland '90



The alum spotlight shines on Drew McCausland '90 who has taken an interesting path after BHS.

Drew became a welder traveling the country and world repairing steam turbines for electric companies. His skills led him to South America, Trinidad, and Puerto Rico. A change in his life led him to “a life of service to God and community”. Drew became a street preacher in St. Louis and an “independent missionary”.

His most recent achievement was graduation from Eden Theological Seminary in May of 2022 with a Master of Divinity degree, to go along with his three other degrees: Welding Technology from Rankin Technical College; BS in Information Technology from University of Phoenix; and Masters Degree in

Information Technology Project Management from Walden University.

Drew and Allison, his wife of 29 years, have two grown daughters and a house full of dogs, cats, and other animals. His missionary work has involved bringing toys to children on four different continents and supporting children in Iraq and Pakistan. He is now settling into a full-time position as pastor of Methodist churches in Gray Summit and Union, Missouri.

Drew has pleasant memories of his times at Brentwood High School and says: “My favorite teacher was Stephen Bradley [who taught Drama, Media, and Debate]. I learned so much from him that I still find useful in life. He was truly a teacher that shaped young lives.” Congrats to Drew on his accomplishments.

## NEW HALL OF FAME ESTABLISHED FOR BHS STAFF

At its April meeting, the Brentwood Alumni Association Board of Directors voted to move ahead with plans for a Brentwood High School Staff Hall of Fame. The purpose is to honor staff members of BHS who have had a significant positive impact on the students and school community. Honorees may be administrators, teachers, staff, and other BHS employees.

To qualify, the employee shall have worked in the district a minimum of five years and have been away from the district for at least five years. As with the regular alumni Hall of Fame procedure, a special Board committee will review nominations. Staff Hall of Fame inductions will begin in September of 2023

and occur in alternate years with the regular alumni Hall of Fame.

For the inaugural class, committee members will work with Class Reps to solicit names from each decade since the founding of BHS (1930's through 2020's). It is hoped that there will be two selections from each decade. Thus, the first class or two of inductees may be larger than subsequent classes.

While class reps will be called upon at first, any alumni may submit a nomination using the form found in this newsletter. Staff HOF forms will be available at **3rd Weekend In September** All-School Reunion.

# IN REMEMBRANCE



**1941 MAXINE GRAY REISENLEITER**, long time BAA board member and tireless supporter of Brentwood High School, passed away on July 4, 2022, at Creve Coeur Assisted Living at the age of 98. Her two children, **Harry '65** and **Melissa '71** also graduated from Brentwood. Maxine and her husband, Harry, lived in Brentwood for many years and were fixtures in the community. Harry was a Brentwood police officer and Maxine managed the Brentwood Lanes for over 15 years. Maxine's enthusiastic and giving approach to life led her to many adventures: twirling baton for the BHS marching band; serving on the BAA board of directors; volunteering with Wings of Hope and Hospice; modeling for Glamour magazine; even completing 7 tandem skydives at the age of 76 in honor of her paratrooper husband. She will be greatly missed.



*Maxine on far left*

## IN MEMORIAM

- 1941 Maxine Gray Reisenleiter – Deceased 07/04/2022
- 1944 Donald A Ruch – Deceased 02/26/2022
- 1947 Forrest Gregory Zinn – Deceased 02/16/2022
- 1952 George Harold Wilson – Deceased 02/21/2018
- 1954 David Alan Hahn – Deceased 05/14/2022
- 1956 Sidney Campbell Brown – Deceased 01/10/2022
- 1956 Francis Anthony Langan III – Deceased 03/05/2022
- 1959 James Jule (Jim) Hudson – Deceased 05/08/2022
- 1961 Jerome Donald (Jerry) Brueckner – Deceased 02/24/2022
- 1961 Leah Kahler Littlefield – Deceased 05/01/2022
- 1962 Donald Frederick Dilly – Deceased 05/04/2022
- 1963 David Dee Baumgartner – Deceased 05/11/2022
- 1964 John Robert Barrett – Deceased 12/19/2021
- 1965 William Edmund Armbruster – Deceased 06/07/2010
- 1965 Joseph Aaron Sadowsky – Deceased 05/19/2022
- 1966 Curtis A Crockett – Deceased 12/22/2016
- 1966 Nancy L McNaughton Engels – Deceased 03/03/2022
- 1966 Richard Allen Gillespie – Deceased 01/2020
- 1966 Odessa Gray Hull – Deceased 07/28/2007
- 1967 Kim Evan Rice – Deceased 01/08/2022
- 1967 Timothy Alan Paul – Deceased 04/12/2022
- 1972 Grant Leonard Calvert – 06/29/2008
- 1972 Paul Benjamin Ladd – Deceased 05/05/2006
- 1972 Deborah Sue Schmidt McFadden – 2020
- 1972 Benjamin Walter Philibert – 12/2019
- 1973 Thomas Edwin (Tom) Marshall – Deceased 04/05/2022
- 1977 Melvin Alan Rollins – Deceased 09/20/2017
- 1980 Tammilene Ward Finley – Deceased 04/08/2015
- 1984 Dawn Marie Maag Gocio – Deceased 07/05/2022
- 2010 Cory Patrick Nuernberger – Deceased 04/11/2022
- ORE Donald Wayne Cline – Deceased 12/02/2020
- ORE Lee Roy Wynn – Deceased 03/10/2022

**1947 FORREST GREGORY ZINN** passed away 02/16/2022 in San Marcos, TX after living most of his life in St. Louis. He is survived by children, Greg Zinn and **Shannon Zinn Koster**. He played basketball for BHS and enjoyed going to Clayton Park to swim and play basketball while in high school. He married Sharon Lee Williams in 1954, who preceded him in death in 2016. His career was spent in the finance industry and he was known for his great sense of humor. He loved playing tennis, jazz music and going to shows at the Fox Theater. He was very proud that his daughter, Shannon, taught at BHS from 1992 – 2016 and that her two sons, **Sean '12** and **Austin '16**, were Class Representatives for Brentwood Alumni Association. Forrest even volunteered at age 90 to be class rep for 1947. He lived a healthy and vibrant life until his health failed the last three months of his life.

**1952 GEORGE H WILSON** joined the maintenance department in the 1970s and became District Facilities Manager in 1987. He was a member of a subcommittee that did the research for the first central air system in the BSD schools. He retired in 1999 and passed away 02/21/2018.

**1954 DAVID ALAN HAHN** died 05/14/2022 in Grand Marais, MN. He graduated from Washington University School of Fine Arts and University of Minnesota, was a lifetime St Louis Browns fan and Art Director for Miller Publishing, putting out 6 monthly magazines. After retirement, he focused on watercolor, painting Lake Superior, North Shore, portraits, cards and Viking athletic teams. He was a Foster Grandfather at Cook County Schools for 12 years and especially loved spending one on one time with special education students.

**1961 LEAH KAHLER LITTLEFIELD** passed away 05/01/2022 after battling an aggressive and incurable cancer since March. She retired from the operatic stage in 1995 after a distinguished career as a mezzo-soprano in several opera houses in Germany, Belgium and Holland. She then taught voice at Middlebury College in Vermont and continued with fundraising concerts until 2019. She was also a community mediator and lay leader in her church. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Huber.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

**1956 FRANCIS ANTHONY LANGAN III** - Everyone in Brentwood knew Fran, whose tender heart failed him on 03/05/2022. He met his wife, Terry, as a Marine in Hawaii, and is survived by sons, **Francis Anthony IV '77, Timothy Michael '82** and **Robert Matthew Langan '87** and brother, **Timothy Richard Langan '64**. He was a former member of the Brentwood Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**2010 CORY PATRICK NUERNBERGER** – At age 29, an accident at his work tragically took Cory's life on 04/11/2022. He is survived by his wife, Codi, 2 children, father John (Sherry Hartnett) Nuernberger, mother Kathleen (Stephen) Taylor-Waite, brothers **Andy (Mary) Hartnett '05** – BSD Director of Maintenance and Facilities, **Eric Nuernberger '06**, Charles and Mathew Waite and predeceased by brother **George "Jake" Nuernberger '08**. Memorials are suggested to the Cory Nuernberger Kids gofundme account at <https://gofund.me/ef92767d>

**TEACHER DONALD WAYNE CLINE** passed away 12/02/2020. He began his teaching career in Cameron, MO where he also served as a pastor for several rural churches. In 1968, Don moved his family to St Charles, MO and taught Social Studies at Brentwood High School until 1990. He retired at Lake of the Ozarks.

**TEACHER LEE ROY WYNN** was called to his heavenly home on 03/10/2022. Lee graduated from Mizou, was in ROTC, played baseball and served 2 years in the Army. He spent 33 years teaching second and third grades, plus elementary PE and coaching football and baseball in the Brentwood School District. He was a City of Brentwood alderman for 24 years. Lee is survived by his wife, Emily, sons **Scott '84, Paul '86** and Gary and 7 grandchildren.

## TRIBUTES

**SCHOLARSHIPS IN HONOR OF**  
1945 Ann Hitt Hegwer for her birthday  
By Dorothy Hitt

1963 Al Harper  
By Annette Seigel Heller '63  
*Thank you for a wonderful weekend in the Smokey Mountains for your 1963 classmates.*

1965 Susan Rooney Brighton  
By Michael Rooney '62

**SCHOLARSHIPS IN MEMORY OF**  
1948 Marianne Hill Vahlkamp  
By Ronald Parsons '48

1952 C Edward Schuster  
By Jacqueline Schuster Thursby '58

1956 David Lee Pentland, Sr.  
By Clark Cole  
By Constance Costello  
By Chad and Constance Reis  
By James and Jessica Turner  
By Mary and Justin Williamson  
By Ed Wright, Jr.  
*David was a wonderful supporter of Brentwood High School and the young people who graduated and became alumni.*

1956 Sandy Pollard Schuchardt  
By Nancy Pollard O'Loughlin '59

1958 Joseph S Stark  
By Dennis Kurre '58

1958 Bruce Swaine  
By Dennis Kurre '58  
By Andrew John Wynn '58

1960 Charles Dilley  
By Judith Dilly Harris '64

1961 Mike Riegelsberger  
By Ellen Riegelsberger Hellwege '66

1962 Don Dilly  
By Judith Dilly Harris '64

1963 David Baumgartner  
By Jack Baumgartner '58

1963 Gretta Kraft  
By Sue Ammon Young '63

1963 Gary Niere  
By Annette Seigel Heller '63

1963 John Patrick Tallis  
By Mike Ramsey '63

1963 Ginger Walser Sailors  
By Sue Ammon Young '63

1965 Mary Lou Herminghaus Palmer  
By Ron '64 and Janice Brunner Stahl '65

1967 Tim Paul  
By Ed Wright, Jr '67

1968 Don Dahlin  
By Gary Grindler '68

1968 Larry Volkening  
By Cheri Bolling Hollensbe '68

1970 John T Carr  
By Rodney A Carr '73

1970 Paul Sorgenfrei  
By William Dev Jackson '70

1974 Robert L Carr  
By Rodney A Carr '73

2010 Cory Nuernberger  
By Ed Wright, Jr '67

ORE Ed Behr – Music Teacher  
By Diane Baker Keeter '59

ORE Sharon Enzenauer - Physical Education Teacher  
By Linda Dollar '66

ORE Vivienne Kueneke Schwab – Mark Twain Teacher  
By Leslie A Brann ORE



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## 2022 “3rd Weekend in September”

### ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

Friday, September 16, 4 pm  
and Saturday, September 17, Noon

#### Friday:

- Beginning at 4 pm, join alums for a very special **Third Weekend In September All-School Reunion/Reception**, including light refreshments in the Commons Room, meet **Hall of Fame** awardees
- High School Tours to see renovations
- 2022 **Hall of Fame** Induction Ceremony in Auditorium at 6:30 pm

#### Saturday:

The Brentwood Days **Parade** at noon with **Hall of Fame** awardees participating Brentwood Days continues at Brentwood Park with **BAA booth**.

Visit alums at the booth.



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