



# BRENTWOOD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## The Alumni Connection

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### Report From George Clements, Your BAA President

The reconstruction of our school buildings is now in the third phase. Mark Twain elementary school is closed for a complete remodel for the school year of 2023 through 2024. All students will be transferred temporarily to the newly built and remodeled McGrath School.

Our Scholarship committee has awarded seven scholarships this year in the amount of \$5,000 each. Here you will find a brief story of each student explaining their accomplishments and the colleges they will be attending in 2023. Also, our Board of Directors has added a new member to our board, **John Manestar '82**, who has recently retired as a Sergeant at the St. Louis County Police department with over 30 years of experience.

Please remember the 2023 *Third Weekend in September* celebration which will be held on Friday, September 15, 2023 beginning at 4:00 pm through 7:00 pm at the High School. Tours will be available at 5 pm and 5:30 pm for the newly remodeled High School. View new commemorative bricks in the inner courtyard, and a highlight - the **Hall of Fame Wall** on the second floor near the library. Snacks and soft drinks are to be offered for purchase. On Saturday, September 16, the City of Brentwood will sponsor its annual "Brentwood Days" celebration beginning with a parade starting at **2 pm** (note new time) from West Swan Circle and ending at Brentwood Park on Russell Avenue. Grounds will open following the parade, and there will be free rides, food booths, and craft booths, concluding with a fireworks display at 9:00 pm.

Enclosed is a prepaid envelope for sending your annual dues payment, contribution to the scholarship fund, and any other news you would like your Alumni Association to know.

Hope to see you in September.

*George Clements '57*

### BRENTWOOD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS SEVEN 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS



Thanks to the generous donations of our alumni, the Brentwood Alumni Association was able to provide seven \$5000 scholarships to graduating seniors from Brentwood High School's Class of 2023. The scholarship committee received many qualified applications and had the difficult task of choosing just seven recipients as all applicants were deserving. Brentwood High School has once again done an outstanding job in educating and preparing its students for their next chapter. Congratulations to The Class of 2023!

*Lisa Deimeke Featherston '80,*  
Scholarship Committee Chair



#### 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.

# SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



## **Eloise Ayotte: FOSSETT FOUNDATION SCHOLAR**

Eloise will attend Butler University in the fall to major in Environmental Studies and Journalism. They hope to become an Environmental Project Manager for a non-profit someday. While at Brentwood, they were the editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, vice president of the Student Council, co-president of the Feminist Club, member of the National Honor Society, and played on the soccer team. Eloise is exceptionally grateful for all the opportunities Brentwood has given them and cherishes their time in the wonderful district. They cannot wait to return to visit as an alum.



**Jazelyn (Jazzy) Herrera** will be attending Missouri State University in the fall to major in nursing. She wants to become a nurse anesthetist after receiving her bachelor's degree in hopes to provide valuable care to those in need. Jazelyn was president of the Student Council, a member of National Honor Society, and team captain for both varsity volleyball and soccer while attending Brentwood High. She is incredibly grateful for the opportunities Brentwood and the Alumni have given her and for encouraging her to accomplish her future goals. Jazelyn is so excited to be an alum.



## **Ian McAllister: BRENTWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SCHOLAR**

Ian will be attending Truman State University in the fall. He wants to study in a STEM field in college and participated in robotics all 4 years of high school. Ian also loves music and hopes to be a gigging musician in college and play in Truman's jazz band. He loves meeting new people and is excited to explore his interests in college, and is grateful for the opportunities created by receiving this generous scholarship from the Alumni Association.



**Nicholas Moomey** will be attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale, majoring in Automotive technology. He participated in soccer, wrestling, and tennis in his freshman year, as well as varsity tennis in his junior year. This scholarship has greatly helped him in being able to afford his education.



**Andrew Moran** will be attending St. Louis University but is undecided about his major. He is interested in Math and the Sciences. At Brentwood, he participated in many extracurriculars including soccer, tennis, and scholar bowl. He is proud to be a twin and will miss his brother and all his classmates and teachers at BHS college.



**Nicholas (Nick) Moran** is attending the Kansas University school of Architecture to get a five years' Masters of Architecture. He left his legacy at Brentwood through the sports he played and extracurriculars he participated in. In college, he plans on doing intramurals, club soccer, community service, and making the most of study abroad.



**Amelia Van Uum** will be attending the University of Michigan to major in Political Science. While at Brentwood, she was a National Honor Society co-officer, and involved with Feminist Coalition Club, Student Council, volleyball, and wrestling statistics. She is incredibly grateful for all of the support she's been given from the Brentwood community, and she will miss everyone once she graduates. Receiving this scholarship means a lot to Amelia, and she is excited to continue her education!



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## **MISSION STATEMENT:**

Our mission is to perpetuate the spirit of Brentwood High School, to keep communications open between graduates and BHS, and to help students with future educational opportunities - be they university, community college, or technical scholarships.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

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**November 1, 2023**

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# GRADE SCHOOL MEMORIES

## MARK TWAIN

From Nelson Morgan '66 – *Last Continuation from February, 2023 newsletter*

Mark Twain was so memorable in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Our teacher was **Miss Pauline Heflin**. She could be fierce, but I admired her so much. I remember her first name because we became friends for many years. When I decided to become a teacher, it was with her in mind. Two things happened at the same time in the fall of 1959. First, the new construction was completed. The gymnasium was bright and airy with big windows on both sides. The gym, new halls, and new classrooms were all painted blue and white. The old gym had a new, raised floor and became the cafeteria. The old cafeteria, a cramped, narrow space with tall stools to sit on and a tiny kitchen was turned into a huge kitchen that the cooks loved. For five years I had usually walked home for lunch, but with this new space, I ate at school almost every day that last year. The other happening actually began in 1954 with Brown vs. Board of Education in the Supreme Court, but it took Brentwood five years to integrate its schools. For the first time on the first day of school I looked at faces that were different from mine. **Rene Boyd, Odessa Gray, James Mays, and Vernon Edwards** were reassigned from **L'Ouverture School** to **Mark Twain**. I think (hope) the situation went smoothly for everyone. Certainly **Miss Heflin** (who had taught school in Brazil for five years) had a plan to show our similarities rather than differences. We had an early project of making a large Mercator map projection of the world on our long bulletin board. We marked our spot on the map and then everyone had to go home and research their family's beginnings. Pieces of string connect Brentwood on the map with distant parts of the world. Four bits of string came from different parts of Africa. The others were from Europe. Hey! We ALL came from somewhere else. We fit in very well together after that. During February and March, **Miss**

**Heflin** adapted something she found in LIFE magazine. Two incubators were built and about four dozen fertilized chicken eggs were obtained. One of the incubators was in the classroom, the other was in the home of a class parent. We learned all about the development of the animal. We learned how to make tiny incisions in the eggs and every day we would make the incision and watch the development of blood vessels. How exciting when we first saw the heart beating! Then came the development of the eyes, the beak, the legs, the feathers! We came up to the classroom on Saturdays and Sundays so we wouldn't miss a day's development. Our last egg in the classroom never hatched, but we did have a hatchling at the student's house. It was a black chicken which we named Elvis. At that point we had to write our stories about the experience. Parents typed the stories, and **Miss Heflin** made copies of each. All 29 students received their completed class story books. **Mrs. Har-rigan**, whom I mentioned earlier, became a special writing teacher that year. Four of us; myself, **Ellsa Adams, Jim Nowell, and Phil Cunetto** spent about an hour twice a week in the new building learning more about how to write stories. I really enjoyed the experience and have been something of a writer ever since. One other thing about 6<sup>th</sup> grade was another new guy in class, **Bill Fortner**. We hit it off almost immediately and became best friends throughout the next many years. Sixth grade was memorable. So was **Mark Twain Elementary**.

*Thanks, Nelson!*



## McGrath Elementary School



*Brentwood School District Superintendent Dr. Brian Lane is surrounded by School board members, district staff, and members of the public as he cuts the ribbon dedicating the new McGrath Elementary School*

## Girl Scout Troup 741 in Forest Park, '61 alums



*Caption: LtoR: Row 1, Pat Pifat Sarantites, Judy Bishop Condren, Sally Eskeles Richards, Janet Mays McAlpin, Ann Biggs Zuvekas, Diane Schall,*

*Row 2, Judy Ruesing, Pam Dunham Binggeli, Mary Beth Jacobsen Wurtz, Sue Robertson, Judi Turner Peckham*

**If you have any more memories or pictures of any grade school that you would like to share, please send to the editor Judi Peckham, listed on page 2.**

# ALUM NEWS

40's

**1941 Bette Strong Pickrel – Gladstone, MO** – I am looking forward to celebrating my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in September with family and friends! There have been many blessings in my life, and I cannot believe I've lived this long!

**1948 Ron Parsons – Fredericksburg, VA** – Spouse and I continue to live on our own. Both are 93 this year. Spouse is excellent classical pianist who plays her Steinway daily for one or two hours. I listen. We gave up driving in 2022 but employ a driver for shopping and medical outings. Formerly attended operas in season until I fell down theatre interior stairs three years ago. No broken bones. I am a third rate pianist and still play (poorly), but never for other people. Spouse does.

**1949 Shirley Eoff Brom – Louisville, KY** – Established artist and published author. Enjoying life with my family.

**1949 Marlene Scharf Hanks – St Petersburg, FL** – I am aging gracefully in the warm weather here in Florida. My son, his wife and two grandchildren live near me. We get together several times a week for dinner. I miss Brentwood High and the Brentwood neighborhood and old friends.

50's

**1953 Marie Ruhl Hay – Fenton, MO** – I recently rang the bells at the radiology and chemo centers! I jumped the hurdles, but still feel crappy!

**1953 Grant (Richard) Oscarson – Chesterfield, MO** – Still busy with 24 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, so far. More on the way.

**1954 Marian Hounsom Lewis – New York, NY** – Still in New York City – 62 years. End of May went to oldest grandson's graduation from Kenyon College in Gambier, OH. Those four precious days reminded me of my Midwestern Roots – with great joy!

**1955 Darlene Brink Roland – Town and Country, MO** – Keeping active between hospitals and doctors. I now have a darling great-great granddaughter two years old added to the family. Miss my classmates and wonder if we will ever get together again!

**1956 Larry Armentrout – Marietta, GA** – Retired five years ago. Traveled abroad with my wife, Wendy. Currently volunteering at a local hospital.

**1958 Jacqueline Schuster Thursby – Provo, UT** – Writing family history, music coordinator in my church congregation, attending Temple weekly, and serving family and friends continues. Four children, 13 grandchildren, and a 63 year happy marriage make for a great old age!

60's

**1960 Sue McWhirter Davis – Fenton, MO** – I'm back being a case worker at Circle of Concern Food Pantry. Covid shut us down for almost two years. I still weight train twice a week, but have to admit I hurt a little more now that I'm older. Never ever thought I would enjoy weight lifting. Oldest grandson graduated from Mizzou in May, 2023. Family trip to Florida in June was fun. Wishing all, the best in life.

**1961 Judy Bishop Condren – Ventura, CA**—Judy's son, Joel Condren, sent this note. On July 26, Judy celebrated her 80th birthday. I recently took about 200 old family photos to her and she enjoyed the photos and was able to identify people and places from her childhood. Unfortunately, her Alzheimers continues to become more advanced. She has her good and bad days. My guess is that she will soon be wheelchair bound as her physical condition worsens as well. She really enjoys postcards and letters from everyone, even though she may not recall who wrote them. Her mailing address is 1200 Cypress Point Ln #232, Ventura CA 93001. Thanks, Joel

**1962 Richard Dunham - Greensboro, GA** - Our family has 14 graduates from Brentwood High, nine Dunhams and five Sprattes. **Janet Spratte Tuthill '38** just might be the oldest BHS grad; 103 years old and still going strong.

**1964 Jeff Johnson – O'Fallon, MO** – Retired. Playing golf. Active in Kiwanis.

**1964 Keith Kramer – Windsor, CO** – My wife, Tami, and I finally went on the European trip we have been planning for the last three years. In March of this year we flew to Lisbon, Portugal and drove to several cities starting with Lisbon, then driving into Spain visiting Saville, Granada, Malaga, Madrid, and Barcelona. From there we drove through the Pyrenees Mountains into southern France and then to the small country of Andorra. All in all, we drove about 3600 miles. We then flew to London to spend the last week of our seven week vacation, seeing all of the sites just prior to the coronation of King Charles. This was a trip of a lifetime viewing a myriad of monuments, museums, and castles, but it was nice to be back in the good ol' USA.

**1964 Scott Marshall – Saint Louis, MO** – I went bird watching in Colombia and Panama in February, 2023.

**1969 Katherine “Muffy” Phillips Reeder – St Petersburg, MO** – On a whim in January 2023, I went to Cuba, because it was open for US citizens to fly in. My life changed when I met two Cuban artists that I now represent in the US. My website is [STRIKEAPOSE@gmail.com](mailto:STRIKEAPOSE@gmail.com). It will tell you everything about my new career!!!

70's

**1977 Kevin Madras – Brentwood, MO** – Retired in 2022. My two grandchildren keep me busy. Celebrating 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary in 2023. Spend my spare time traveling.

# ALUM NEWS

## 2023 Ian Thornton – Brentwood, MO –

The *St Louis Post Dispatch* has named Ian as Scholar Athlete for BHS this year. In addition to his high grades, his sports were basketball and baseball for four years. He was also a member of the National Honor Society and volunteered. He plans to enjoy baseball at Truman State University and pursue statistics as a career.

## ORE Jo Ann Hughes – Chesterfield, MO –

Retired in 1989 from teaching first and second grades at McGrath and Mark Twain Schools.

## BOARD PROFILE



### JOHN MANESTAR '82

John attended the University of Missouri-St. Louis, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences-Administration of Justice and a Minor in Sociology. After he was hired by the St.

Louis County Police Department, John graduated from the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy, and was assigned to the North County Precinct. In his career, John served in the Division of Patrol in the North County, Affton, and South County Precincts. In addition, John served as a detective in the Division of Criminal Investigation and the Division of Operational Support. In 2010, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and made a Watch Supervisor in the South County Precinct, and was later placed as Commander of the Background Investigations Unit, a position he held until retiring in 2016 after 28 years. John was awarded four Chiefs Commendations and 27 Awards of Excellence during his career. He currently holds a part-time position with Ameren Missouri as a safety officer, a position he's held since 2017.

John has been married to Mary Jo for 31 years; they have three children, one daughter-in-law, and one grandson and reside in South St. Louis County. He volunteers at his church as a security coordinator and assists with church activities.

John remembers his days at BHS fondly. His friend groups were spread out among several class group years which made school fun. Everyone knew everyone, and all got along. He still keeps in contact with many of his classmates, and they recently had their 40th reunion.

## A Message from former 1st and 2nd grade teacher, Jo Ann Hughes, and her gift quilt



It was sixty-two years ago when I began 26 happy school years with McGrath and Mark Twain 1st and 2nd graders. I cherish the delightful memories of those ever-changing days, working and learning together, but best of all, caring for each other. Those were peaceful, innocent days, and to all the children, parents, and

Brentwood administration, I am grateful.

This 1978-1979 quilt was a wonderful gift from Chris Weber, the lovely mother of a precious student, **Jill Weber**. I have lost touch with Jill and would like for her to have the quilt to enjoy as I have for these many years. Please give her my address if you know her.

If we cannot find Jill, I would be pleased to give the quilt to any of you who shared the '78-'79 McGrath years together. The embroidered names are **Billy Mayer, Kelli Kullum, Kieron Logan, Don Wilkerson, Marlin Sanders, Suzanne Stack, Chad Froesel, Pat Tallus, Darron Jones, Robert Swope, Anjanette Savage, Johnnie Mitchell, Andrea Martin, Wesley Keller, Sheri Collie, Nick Sherillo, John Dixon, Tomiko Kennedy and Jill Weber**.

I would love to hear from any of you or other former Brentwood School students or friends. My email is [jafoxhughes@outlook.com](mailto:jafoxhughes@outlook.com) and address is **15201 Olive Blvd, Apt 283, Chesterfield, MO 63017-1814**.

*Jo Ann Hughes*



*Jim and wife, Yvonne*

**Jim Flint '61** attended the **Permian Basin Honor Special** held in Washington D.C. for three days, with all expenses paid. Veterans of the Vietnam and Korean Wars attended as a group and were greeted by volunteers, applauded and hailed as heroes on arrival flight to Washington D.C. (**Larry Schimweg '61** also attended with his daughter a few years ago.) Emphasis was about “they are not

forgotten.” Service was unpopular on returning veterans from Vietnam, and little was known here about the Korean War. The veterans expressed that they were committed to their country and most were grateful that they could serve and return home. Eighty-five attended (six from Vietnam.) Many veterans told their stories and this is included in the great program **2023 Permian Basin Honor Special** on YouTube. Check it out!

**Note from Sandy, our class rep:** *I am very proud of them, as well as all of you others from our class, who served our Nation to help protect and to keep us free.*

# BRENTWOOD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME 2024 NOMINATION FORM

The Brentwood School District's rich heritage of exceptional education will be celebrated by nominating distinguished alumni for the Brentwood Alumni Association's Hall of Fame. Finalists will be inducted during the **3rd Weekend in September** All-School reunion celebration September 20, 2024.

**Allison Reed '82**

Hall of Fame Committee Chair

1. Nominees must have attended school in the Brentwood School District for a significant part of their education or graduated from Brentwood High School.
2. Nominees must have achieved distinction in a particular area including, but not limited to academics, athletics, business, community service, science, medicine, military service, public service, visual arts, or performing arts.
3. Nominees must have demonstrated good character and citizenship.
4. Both living and deceased alumni are eligible for nomination.
- 5.. Nominees must present resume information of accomplishments, both professional and volunteer, with some documentation.

**Nominee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ [  ] Living [  ] Deceased

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone No.:

(    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Years attended Brentwood High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary School: \_\_\_\_\_ Years attended in District: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Distinction:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Attach one page, printed or typed, which details and documents the nominee's achievements and accomplishments within this area.*

**Nominator Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation with nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a BHS graduate? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, year: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Visit [www.brentwoodhsalumni.org](http://www.brentwoodhsalumni.org) for more information.

Mail this completed form and one page documentation to:

**HALL OF FAME - Brentwood Alumni Assn. – 2221 High School Drive, Brentwood,  
MO 63144-1911**

**Nomination must be postmarked on or before November 18, 2023  
Supporting documentation must be postmarked by January 20, 2024**

# ALUM SPOTLIGHT

## IVORY CROCKETT '68

It was hard to catch up with our Spotlight Alum this month... but that shouldn't be surprising. For years, nobody could catch up with Ivory Crockett ('68). In fact, he was known as "the fastest man in the world" in 1974 after setting a world record of 9.0 seconds in the 100 yard dash. Since track records are now kept by meters, he still holds that record.

Ivory attended Brentwood schools for many years, transferring to Webster Groves after his sophomore year at BHS. Though he didn't graduate from Brentwood, he is remembered fondly by classmates and staff along with other members of the Brentwood community; and Ivory has good memories of life in Brentwood. "We never had any racial issues of any kind at Brentwood. We were like a family." That feeling extended to his community, the Evans Place neighborhood, which was located where the Promenade is now. Ivory attended the Evans and Howard Place reunion gathering in February of 2019 as part of the Brentwood Centennial celebration. His love for Brentwood was obvious from his remarks.

While at Brentwood High, Ivory was a member of the junior high (2023 translation: "middle school") basketball team as a 7th and 8th grader. Since back in those days, freshmen couldn't play on varsity teams, Ivory had to wait till his sophomore year to make an impact on Eagle teams...and that he did. He was part of the undefeated Little 9 Championship football team and also wrestled. That Spring, Ivory was a key member of the Eagles State Championship Track Team. The yearbook photo shows a smiling young man holding the trophy, a young man who would soon be known around the nation and world for his track achievements.

After high school, Ivory attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale ("a school big enough to do what I wanted to do") and competed at top level meets, once defeating Olympian John Carlos in the National AAU Championships. He



*Ivory addressing crowd at Evans Place Reunion at 2019 Centennial Event*



*Ivory holding trophy on BHS State Champion 1967 Track Team*

was twice the USA champion in the 100-yard sprints. The city of Webster Groves recognized his achievements by naming a park in his honor, Ivory Crockett Park, at Bell and Thornton Avenues. Ivory has given back to the Webster community with his annual RUN4Webster, held this year in October.

Though a Webster graduate, Ivory still recognizes the positive impact on his life by the Brentwood schools and individuals. I recently had the pleasure of sitting down with Ivory and long-time BHS football coach **John Titus**. Ivory has always given Titus credit for helping him through a rough time in his life when his parents split up. "Coach has continued to be in touch with me and we've stayed close ever since. I owe my life to him. He and **Coach Burgoyne** and wrestling **Coach Long** meant a lot to me. And my English teacher, **Mrs. Calderwood**, worked so hard to help me read and write better."

Ivory, Coach, and fellow BHS athlete **Russ Lake '67** smiled and laughed as they shared football and track stories. Ivory's older brother, **Curtis**, was also quite an athlete and runner. Ivory swears that the only time Curtis beat him was because "Curtis jumped the gun! I was yelling at him all the way down the track but **Coach Sadler** let him get away with it." He still laughs about it (sorta). Though his brother has passed on, he still thinks of him daily. Speaking of family, he "loves how bright my grandchildren are." One of his highlights in

high school, Ivory says, was when he was at the top of a cheerleader pyramid in front of the whole school.

Ivory's life path has taken him to 50 states and numerous countries. He went from college to careers at IBM, Anheuser-Busch, and Coors (in marketing) and in recent years, he has been a leader in the healthcare industry, supporting independent wellness centers, Forest Park, and St. Alexius hospital in the St. Louis area. As in his athletic endeavors, Ivory has always seemed to be several steps ahead of people in his professional pursuits.

When asked what advice he'd give to current BHS students, Ivory said that BHS "was the foundation for my life. When I started at Brentwood, I wasn't well-liked, but I kept at it and by the time I left, they were my family. Stick with it. Work hard. That whole school, from teachers to the cafeteria workers, did not give up on me and I've had a good life because of it."

Many of us remember watching Ivory run on the cinder track at Brentwood High School but I'm not sure many of us realized what a rare treat we were watching. Brentwood is proud to claim **Ivory Crockett** as one of its own and proud of where the race in life has taken him over the years.

Submitted by **Ed Wright '67**

# SCHOOL NEWS

## SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU NOTES 2023

Dear Brentwood Alumni Association, I am so grateful for the scholarship in honor of Peggy and Steve Fossett. It is truly an honor to be recognized by your incredible Association. I appreciate all of the work you all do for the Brentwood community and this wonderful opportunity. This scholarship will help me greatly as I pursue a higher education at Butler University. It was a pleasure interviewing with your committee and thank you once again.  
Sincerely,  
**Eloise Ayotte**

Dear Brentwood Alumni Association, I highly appreciate being chosen to receive your scholarship. I will be attending Missouri State University next year and your contribution towards my education will allow me to pursue my passion for nursing. I greatly enjoyed the interview process, and am glad we were able to connect despite the long distance. I appreciate all you do for the Brentwood community. Thank you again for this opportunity.  
Sincerely,  
**Jazelyn Herrera**

Dear Brentwood Alumni Association, Thank you so much for selecting me for this amazing scholarship, as a Brentwood Congregational Church scholar. It is truly an honor to even be considered among so many of my bright classmates. This money will help me pay for college at Truman State and help me avoid loans. I promise to be an active member of the alumni association going forward and give back to future graduates.  
Sincerely,  
**Ian McAllister**

Dear Brentwood Alumni Association, Thank you so much for this scholarship. This will help greatly in being able to afford my first year of college. I am forever grateful!  
Sincerely,  
**Nick Moomey**

Dear Brentwood Alumni Association, Thank you for choosing me for your scholarship after reviewing my application. I'm glad you enjoyed my essay about beating a spicy ramen challenge, because I myself really enjoyed writing about my experience! I am very grateful for your scholarship to pay for

my tuition to St. Louis University. This is a big relief to my parents because, now they won't have to pay as much to send their kids to college. I also enjoyed the interviewer's kindness and cheerfulness. I was first nervous about the interview, but when I entered the room, all my nerves went away and I was excited to share my experiences. Once again, thank you very much!  
**Andrew Moran**

Dear Alumni Association, Thank you for giving me the scholarship! With the money granted, I will have better access to the study abroad opportunities at Kansas University. With this, I can learn about different cultures and architectural styles around the world, and thus, be more creative and inspired.  
Thank you!  
**Nick Moran**

Dear Brentwood Alumni Association, Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient of your scholarship. I greatly appreciate the support this will give me as I continue my education at the University of Michigan. Once again, thank you so much for your generosity.  
Sincerely,  
**Amelia Van Uum**

**Marcia, Debbie, Linda, Sandy and Lisa,**  
Thank you, thank you, thank you for once again going above and beyond to support our seniors in their pursuit of higher education. We are wonderfully blessed to have this partnership with the Alumni Association. Please let your members know how grateful we are!  
On a personal note, I'm thankful to know you individually and enjoy all of our conversations. You all are the best!  
Thanks again – **Emily Diaz**

## BRENTWOOD HIGH ENTERS NEW FOOTBALL PARTNERSHIP WITH CLAYTON HIGH

The Brentwood and Clayton School Districts formed a high school football partnership for the 2023 - 2024 school year. It is called a "cooperative sponsorship," but is actually a merger of the football programs from each high school. This was a solution for a sport that has seen a decline in participation in recent years.

Both Brentwood and Clayton High Schools and their athletic departments will manage and plan all football related activities. Players will wear blue and orange uniforms with both schools on their jerseys and wear a custom helmet with new logo.

**Dr. Stephen Ayotte** is the BHS Athletic Director.

## 2023 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 25 vs. St Pius X @ Clayton 7:00 pm  
Sept. 1 vs. Wesclin @ Wesclin @ 7:00 pm  
Sept. 8 vs. Jennings @ Jennings 6:00 pm  
Sept 14 vs. Parkway Central @ Clayton 7:00 pm  
Sept. 23 vs. Normandy @ Normandy 1:00 pm  
Sept. 29 vs. Hazelwood East @ Clayton 7:00 pm  
Oct. 6 vs. Riverview @ Brentwood 7:00 pm (Brentwood Homecoming)  
Oct. 14 vs. U City @ Clayton 12:00 pm (Clayton Homecoming)  
Oct. 20 vs. Affton @ Brentwood 7:00 pm (Senior Night)

**NOTE: The Brentwood-Clayton Football Team will host Parkway Central at Gay Field in Clayton on Thursday, September 14 at 7pm, if anyone is in town early for 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend in September All-School reunion and wants to watch some high school football.**

Submitted by **Lisa Newton Magee '97**

# SCHOOL NEWS

## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

### PATRICIA HARRIS - ORE

#### Memories...

American Literature

British Literature

Research Papers

Journalism I

Journalism II

The Eagle

The Eaglet

Advisement

Purple & Gold



#### Memories....Memories

Today, how am I keeping busy and enjoying life?

Family first: my son and daughter-in-law live in Peoria, Arizona (just outside the Phoenix, Arizona area.) I am the proud grandmother of two very active middle school age grandsons. So, you know that I travel there often. My daughter and her husband reside in Kansas City, MO and such an easy trip that is!

Currently, I am President of the Community Development Commission for the city of Rock Hill, MO. In addition, I volunteer in a variety of other positions including capacities at Marian Middle School. I am one of the founders of this school which addresses the many needs of underserved girls. I have served on the Board of Directors, the Academic Affairs Committee.

I continue to be actively involved at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Brentwood.

One of the greatest joys of retirement is hearing from and/or meeting my former students and together remembering and sharing all of those special memories of the past. It is extremely fulfilling to note their successes, growth, and accomplishments.

I am so blessed and grateful!

**Note from editor:** Pat helped in creating the early BAA alum newsletters for us, for which we are also grateful.

## A Special Visit with “the Coach”

(Photos were taken at Aberdeen Heights Care Center in Kirkwood on May 5, 2023 on occasion of visit with Coach by former students.)



Photo L to R: Ivory Crockett '68, John E. Titus, Ed Wright '67, Russ Lake '67

**John Titus** coached football and track at BHS for many years and the young men who played for him speak in glowing terms of his positive influence on their lives. “Coach” had been living in Aberdeen Heights Retirement Living Center in Kirkwood and recently was visited by two of his star athletes from the ‘60’s...and one former student who watched a lot of games from the bleachers.

**Ivory Crockett** attended BHS until his senior year and was a standout member of the football and track teams. **Russ Lake ‘67** was a key member of the successful Eagle football teams in the 1960’s. **Ed Wright ‘67** went to a lot of games. On May 5, 2023, they all shared memories, laughs, and smiles with the Coach. They enjoyed the opportunity to relive some of their past “glory days” and left hoping to get another opportunity to share more in the future.

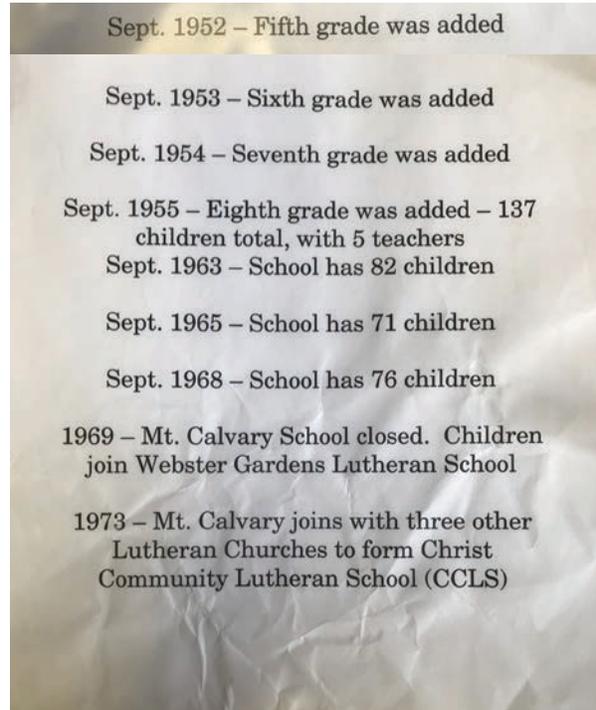
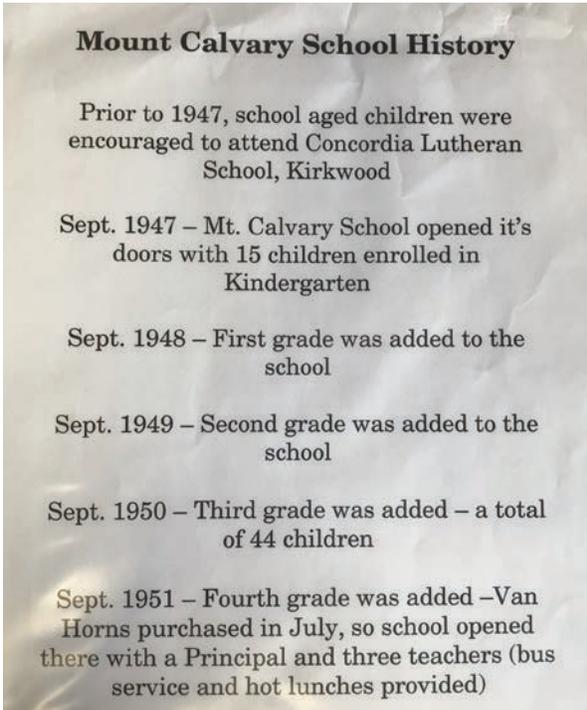
*The above meeting took place on May 5th. After a fall in his home, Coach Titus was relocated by family to Florida. On Sunday, July 9, 2023, he passed away. His sister-in-law said that Coach was “ready and at peace.”*

Photo submitted by **Ed Wright ‘67**



## Mt. Calvary Lutheran Grade School

Mt. Calvary Grade School began as a vision of the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church at Rosalie and Brentwood Blvd. Kindergarten began there in 1947, with a grade added each year. In 1951, the congregation purchased 7.8 acres on Litzsinger Road, the site of well-known Van Horn's Restaurant. Mt. Calvary relocated to the property and continued adding a grade each year, completing in 1955 with the eighth grade. The School was closed in 1973 and merged with others, becoming Christ Community Lutheran School.



### Additional news from Mt. Calvary's past...

**Feb. 1948** - Construction will be finished for the dedication 10/14/48 and first kindergarten graduation was 06/04/1948.

*This Mt. Calvary kindergarten picture and school history were scanned from a scrapbook and submitted by Tracy Sanchez from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church.*



### ***Fading Memories of Brentwood***

Sorry to see new buildings going up at the site of the old beloved Brentwood Bowling Lanes, but that's progress...I guess. As teenagers this was a place for us to hang out and bowl. Many friendships were made there. Adults enjoyed bowling at the alley, also. Can still hear those pin setters in my mind. What a wonderful time in Brentwood! Would be nice to have a new bowling alley in the area. The new Brentwood Park near Hanley Road is complete and now officially open with a grand opening held on June 2... The former Brentwood Park on Russell is now named The Brentwood Sports Complex. Lots of memories of this park and not too much has changed.,, Nice to see a drive and parking in front of Brentwood High School. For years it was just a grassy area... back in the 40's there was a drive,,,. Many nice new homes are being built in Brentwood, replacing countless older homes...this is an improvement in most cases, but still sad to see some of my old friends' homes gone.

# PAST REUNIONS

The following past two reunion articles and photos were omitted from the last newsletter due to lack of enough space. So here they are! - editor

1957 65<sup>th</sup>



## Janet Fridley Ignatius

Just trying to keep warm in Ohio this winter, instead of my usual location in warm and sunny Florida.



## Janet Slater Darwin

I share a lovely home in Lake Elsinore, CA, with my son Jim, his wife Theresa, and my grandson Andrew, a freshman at UCLA this year. My older son Tom lives in Santa Barbara and visits us often. I don't have any reason to travel anymore. Life is good right here in Southern California.



## Ray Ebert

Dineen continues to volunteer at Assistance League of St. Louis. The pandemic ended my volunteering at Habitat for Humanity after 19 years. Our daughter and her husband live in the Chicago area. Their daughter is a senior at the University of Minnesota, and son is a sophomore at DePaul in Chicago. Older son and his wife live in Colorado. He's working for a company developing autonomous driving technology. Our younger son, wife and two young sons live in Wildwood, MO, close to us. They are both teachers and also coach cross country and track.



## Jim Harris

I am living the good life. I enjoy camping with my RV camper group, going to RV shows, and spending time with Patti, my significant other and the 2 dogs. Hanging out at my waterfront home in Rocky Point, Mexico as often as I can, too. Of course, I have to have one trip overseas, at least annually. I probably was a nomad in a previous life.

*At Quartzite, AZ for 40th Anniversary Sports, Vacation and RV show. Jim is 3rd person from the right.*



## Charlie Kreichelt

I am retired and enjoying life at Beacon Hill Senior Living. I am still volunteering at The 150 year old Maple Street Chapel Preservation Society, and allowing golf to play me!

## Betty Millican Barnes



In October 2022, Fred & I gave ourselves a party for our 60th anniversary. At the same time, we had a family reunion. As of today, our 5 children have given us 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren with another one on the way. It was a wonderful day. Our 6-year-old great-granddaughter, Piper, said it all when she enthusiastically proclaimed that "This was the best day of my life."



## Barbara Wichlan Gadalla

Living the quiet life in my townhouse in San Diego. Enjoying my kids (two sons and two daughters (by marriage), a granddaughter and three grandsons and one each great grand daughter and son. Was on a cruise to Mexico in October and planning one to Alaska in spring.



## Cathy Hoskins Gillis

For the past 12+ years we (with husband Gaylord "Skip" Gillis) have lived in a Senior Community in Oakmont PA, just outside Pittsburgh. Both are retired pastors..... still in ministry informally. Also enjoy hosting sons and grandkids who live nearby. Thankful pandemic is over, but the 'collateral damage' is still present in unknown and unexpected ways.

In picture: Sid Hoskins, '54 Cathy (Hoskins) Gillis '57. Milt Hoskins '52 all together in Missouri earlier in 2022.

1977 45<sup>th</sup>

These photos are from the 1977 class reunion held September, 2022. Submitted by *Marie Shoemaker Olten*.



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# PAST REUNIONS

1977 45<sup>th</sup>



1953 70<sup>th</sup>

The Class of 1953 met June 10, 2023 at Hacienda to celebrate its 70 year reunion. Several were unable to join us and others were not reached because their contact information was no longer valid. (Please update your information with **Sue Weber Young (314) 961-4243 [suecyoung@aol.com](mailto:suecyoung@aol.com)**). We missed those who were absent, but enjoyed our time together with lots of good memories to share. Submitted by **Sue Weber Young [suecyoung@aol.com](mailto:suecyoung@aol.com)**



*Ann Hysmith Reckelhoff, Sue Wineke Cross, Dick Oscarson, Sue Weber Young*

1964 Sylvia Leezy Stoll '64 sent in this photo from a 1964 class reunion.

*Thanks, Sylvia*



*L to R: Pat Turner Krehbiel (deceased), Sarah (Sally) Henkel, Cheryl Bozeman Riegelsberger (deceased)*

# FUTURE REUNIONS

**1961 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

The Webster location of CJ Muggs closed its doors June 14. The new location for our 80th Birthday party on September 30 at 4:30 pm is still on at CJ Muggs in Clayton at 200 S. Central at the corner of Brentwood Blvd. and Bonhomme. Dress casual because after dinner, you are invited to Sandy LaGarce's house. We'll have beverages, a pit fire, and S'mores.

Questions? Call or email Sandy at [sjlaga@gmail.com](mailto:sjlaga@gmail.com) or **636-236-3286**.

**1963 60<sup>th</sup>**

**SAVE THE DATE-Saturday, September 16, 2023 for the 60th Reunion of the BHS Class of 1963.** Classmates may bring spouse/and or partner. It will be a luncheon and the location is TBD. Once we have confirmed the location, an email will be sent out. Your contact is **Jeannette McWilliams Horvath (618) 340-6631 [roosterhillfarm1@aol.com](mailto:roosterhillfarm1@aol.com)**

**1973 50<sup>th</sup>**

The Class of 1973 is having its 50<sup>th</sup> reunion on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at C J Muggs in Clayton beginning at 6 pm. On Friday evening, September 15, we will meet at the High School from 4-7:00 for the annual alumni gathering. Tours of the school will be available. Then, it's on to the Trainwreck for more celebrating. Hope to see you all there! If you have any questions, please contact **Debbie Sutterer Houlihan at [houlihan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:houlihan@sbcglobal.net)**.

**1983 40<sup>th</sup>**

The Class of 1983 is planning to have a 40-year reunion as part of the *3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend in September* celebration. Meet at Boardwalk Pizza, 15638 Manchester Rd, Ellisville, MO 63011 on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. No charge to attend. Pay out of pocket for food and drinks. Your contact is **David Heger, [djheger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:djheger@sbcglobal.net) (314) 943-3600**.

**2008 15<sup>th</sup>**

Anyone who is interested in planning a formal or informal gathering around Brentwood Days (September 15-16, 2023) or any other date, please share details on our **Facebook** group "**Brentwood Class of 2008**" or with **Leigh Durham at [leigh.f.durham@gmail.com](mailto:leigh.f.durham@gmail.com)**.

# IN REMEMBRANCE

## IN MEMORIAM

1941 Jeannette Kick Myers – Deceased 06/26/2023  
1947 William C Poe – Deceased 03/14/2023  
1950 Robert (Bob) Green – Deceased 05/31/2021  
1950 Agnes Denise Fieser Johnson – Deceased 01/02/2022  
1951 Jane Ellen Debandt Lochmoeller – Deceased 03/02/2023  
1952 Gary Gilbert Gütman – Deceased 01/22/2022  
1952 Wallace Patrick (Pat) Kelly – Deceased 01/17/2021  
1953 Dorothy Jean Marien Lange – Deceased 03/15/2023  
1954 Jacquelyn Ann (Jackie) Torbert Tindel – Deceased 04/21/2023  
1957 Mary Margaret Fischer Beckmann – Deceased 03/23/2023  
1958 Harriet Ann Riemer Padkins – Deceased 02/07/2023  
1959 Robert (Bob) Niemeyer – Deceased 07/11/2023  
1960 Betty Lou Pitman Bieber – Deceased 01/29/2023  
1962 Phillip Dale Howard, Esq. – Deceased 04/12/2023  
1963 John De Pitman, Jr. – Deceased 06/09/2023  
1963 David James (Dave) Riegelsberger – Deceased 05/29/2023  
1964 Dixie Lee Richardson Ewing – Deceased 02/09/2023  
1964 Stephanie Dorn Johanpeter – Deceased 05/27/2023  
1965 Barbara Collodi Lithander – Deceased 06/24/2023  
1966 John Martin (Marty) Mantei – Deceased 09/11/2021  
1967 Terry Albert Stewart – Deceased 10/06/2020  
1969 Steven Charles Much – Deceased 02/02/2023  
1973 Cheryl Ann Noonan Titus – Deceased 07/01/2023  
1974 Charles Anthony Dyson – Deceased 06/25/2023  
1975 Diane Kay Magee Schuh – Deceased 02/25/2023  
ORE Coach John Titus – Deceased 07/09/2023



**1950 J. ROBERT (BOB) GREEN**, architect and writer, passed away on May 31, 2021. He attended Frazier School where he played the sousaphone in the band. At the University of Arkansas, he graduated from the School of Architecture and later served in Korea as

an officer. Bob loved and practiced architecture for over 50 years and designed several building additions in Brentwood. He remodeled his family's homestead on White Avenue to have a modern interior with furniture built and designed by his brother **Jerry Green '57** where his sister, **Judy Green Arnett '55** hosted several BHS reunions. He enjoyed writing, published three architecture books, wrote comedy shows, and played the piano at various events. Bob also received an award for <Ageless Remarkable Saint Louisans> from the St. Andrews Foundation. *A very versatile alum!*

*Submitted by Judy Green Arnett '55 and Jerry Green '57*

### 1964 DIXIE RICHARDSON EWING – Woodbury, MN



On behalf of the City of Woodbury, we are incredibly thankful for Dixie's outstanding contributions to our community.

Today, Friday, Feb. 24th, City of Woodbury flags around town are lowered to half-staff in honor of Woodbury resident Dixie Ewing, who passed away Feb. 9, 2023. Dixie held numerous leadership positions in the Children's Hospital Association Woodbury Guild, Southeast Area YMCA, Woodbury United Methodist Church, Woodbury Yellow Ribbon Network, and the Woodbury Chamber of Commerce. In 2003, she was one of the founding members of the Friends of Woodbury, which grew into the Woodbury Community Foundation. Dixie faithfully served the Foundation for nearly 20 years in numerous leadership roles.

*Submitted by - Keith Haus and Randy Swinney '64*

### 1959 Chief Robert H. (Bob) Niemeyer - Deceased 07/11/2023



**Hometown Boy Became Fire Chief**  
Beloved husband of Lois (nee Lott) for 59 years; loving father of **Karen (Duane) Reeves '84, Mark Niemeyer '85, and David (Karin) Niemeyer '89**; cherished grandfather of Clare, Graham, and Emma Niemeyer; Luke, Katherine, and Meghan Niemeyer; Kelly and Alissa (Amy Moeller)

Reeves, and Jewel (Greg) Anderson; brother of **David (Terri) Niemeyer '61**; dear brother-in-law, uncle, cousin, and friend to many.

After serving in the Army Reserve, Bob found his home in the Brentwood Fire Department, with 50 years of service in Brentwood and the St. Louis Metropolitan area. He was awarded the Medal of Valor for a fire rescue and had been named Citizen of the Year by the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce. Chief Niemeyer was respected by firefighters throughout the area and loved by all Brentwood citizens. His smile and love for Brentwood will be missed.

### ORE Coach John Titus - Deceased 07/09/2023



**BHS Loses a Respected Coach and a Great Man** John E. Titus was a major part of the Brentwood High School scene from his hiring in 1958 until his death on July 9, 2023. John served as football coach from 1958-1973 and brought fame and recognition to our small but powerful school. "Coach" had 4 undefeated football teams, including a 27 game win streak. He also

coached track for 31 years. His track teams won 10 district, 4 indoor and 4 outdoor championships. The track at BHS is named for him. John also taught PE and Health as a member of the BHS faculty.

John and his late wife, Priscilla, had two children and five grandchildren. John was also a standout athlete himself at Raytown High School and in college at Warrensburg. John is a member of the St. Louis Hall of Fame, Missouri Football Coaches Hall of Fame, and the Raytown High School Hall of Fame. Even after retiring in 1989, John could be seen at many of the school's athletic events, cheering the Eagles on. He will be greatly missed for his integrity and spirit.

### 1964 REV STEPHANIE DORN JOHANPETER – Mattoon, IL

Stephanie, formerly a nurse, obtained her Master of Divinity in 2003 graduating with her son from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City. She served in various Baptist churches and organizations in Central Illinois for many years and had three children, and seven grandchildren and brothers, **Gaylord '62** and twin **Stephen '64** (deceased). Her legacy was one of liveliness, faith, and determination. Here is obituary <https://www.mitchell-jerdan.com/obituaries/Reverend-Stephanie-Johanpeter/#!/Obituary>

*Submitted by - Kathy White Silber '64*

## SCHOLARSHIPS IN MEMORY OF

- 1947 Lowell H Turner  
By Judi Turner Peckham '61
- 1948 Marianne Hill Vahlkamp  
By Ronald Parsons '48
- 1950 Don Oscarson  
By Grant (Richard) Oscarson '53
- 1953 Dorothy Jean Marie Marien Lange  
By Melvin William Marien '62
- 1958 Joseph S Stark  
By Dennis Kurre '58
- 1958 Bruce Swaine  
By Dennis Kurre '58
- 1960 Betty Pitman Bieber  
By Michele Pitman Magner '85
- 1960 Steve Davis  
By Sue McWhirter Davis '60
- 1960 Patricia Jean Eaton Wynn  
By Jerry Wynn '61
- 1962 Marilyn Menendez Forsythe  
By Betty Hughes Edelmann '62
- 1963 David Riegelsberger  
By Sam Jansma '64
- 1964 Dixie Richardson Ewing  
By Richard '62 and Jean Fischer Dunham '64
- 1964 Stephanie Dorn Johanpeter  
By Kathy White Silber '64
- 1964 Patricia (Pat) Turner Krehbiel  
By Judi Turner Peckham '61
- 1966 John Martin (Marty) Mantei  
By Christopher Alan Mantei, son
- 1966 Dave Shelton  
By Anonymous
- 1966 Judy Ann Olson Lay Weber  
By Susan Olson Lopez '71 and family  
By Nelson Morgan '66
- 1967 John Edwards  
By Jeanne Brunner Cavender '67
- 1967 Tim Paul  
By Stephen Gyore '67
- 1968 Don Dahlin  
By Gary Grindler '68
- 1968 Toby A Thomas  
By Carol Young Dean '70
- 1969 Steve Much  
By Katherine "Muffy" Phillips Reeder '69
- 1970 John T Carr  
By Rodney A Carr '73
- 1974 Robert L Carr  
By Rodney A Carr '73
- 1974 Jane Holstein Walter  
By Anne Kraft Petersen '74
- ORE Paul Buettenmuller (Teacher)  
By Judi Turner Peckham '61
- ORE Charles Duggan (Teacher)  
By Judi Turner Peckham '61
- ORE Vivienne Kueneker Schwab (Teacher)  
By Leslie Brann ORE

## SCHOLARSHIPS IN HONOR OF

BHS Class of 1955

By Darlene Brink Roland

## SPECIAL NOTES

### "Why We Give"

In addition to 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 *3<sup>rd</sup> 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 another edition of: "Why We Give".

"I sent money for the scholarship fund when my mother died in her name. Also in memory of **Susan White Slazinik '70 Pam McAliney Strueber '70**

"My education received in the Brentwood Public School System has been a foundation building block in my life and has played a role in any success I have achieved. The teachers in both my grade school and high school years all had an impact on me and will never be forgotten. The BHS Alumni Association activities help to ensure those values I received continue for future generations and all students are encouraged to excel. That is why I gladly donate."  
**Al Harper '63 and Member of BAA Hall of Fame**

"I enjoy sharing with others. I find that giving a small gift can make another person's life a little better. Besides it makes me feel good."  
**Diana Wessler Skogseth '66**

### "A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words but..."

We appreciate alumni sharing photos from reunions and other events of interest. However, the BAA board saw the need for a policy on photos for our website and our newsletter to clarify and simplify the procedure. Beginning immediately, the following guidelines will go into effect:

\*\*All photos should be sent to **pictures@brentwoodhsalumni.org**. Mark Madras will monitor these submissions and make sure they get to the right place.

\*\*Include the event, date, and location.

\*\*Include full names (e.g., maiden names) and graduation years of everyone in photo.

\*\*Include who is submitting the photos and their contact information.

\*\*Photos must be received by November 1<sup>st</sup> for the February newsletter and June 1<sup>st</sup> for the August newsletter.

\*\*We may not be able to use all of your photos in the newsletter, but they all will be considered for the website. We will probably include 3-5 photos of each reunion in the newsletter. Size of photos and cropping will be done as needed.

Your cooperation and support, as always, are greatly appreciated. Now, get us those great Eagle pictures.

**Ed Wright, Jr. '67**

**2023 "3rd Weekend in September"**

**ALL-SCHOOL REUNION**

**Friday, September 15, 4 pm**

**Saturday, September 16, 2 pm**

# SCHOOL NEWS

## New Class Rep for Class of 2023

Welcome to **Eloise Ayotte**, our new BAA Class Representative for BHS Class of 2023. Eloise will attend Butler University in the fall majoring in Environmental Studies and Journalism. She also is an animal lover. Eloise has worked at Pet Supplies Plus for three years. Three hours a week she volunteers as team leader at Equine Assisted Therapy in Wildwood. She has traveled to Bulawayo, Zimbabwe volunteering to help injured and orphaned wildlife.

## Class Reps Needed...

Please let me know if you would be interested in becoming your class representative. We are in need for the classes of 1968, 1988, 1991, 2000, and 2004. It's always fun to re-connect with old friends and keep connected to Brentwood High School, classmates and the city of Brentwood. Email **Sandy LaGarce** at [sjlaga@gmail.com](mailto:sjlaga@gmail.com) or call (636) 236-3286.

**\*PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE NEEDED** to take and submit digital pictures for our 2023 *3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend in September* All-School Reunion.

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

## Brentwood Administrators

### Brentwood High School

Dr. Ed Johnson, Principal  
Dr. Steve Ayotte, Assistant Principal/  
Athletic Director  
Michelle Grasshoff, Administrative Assistant, BHS  
Emily Diaz, College and Career Counselor  
Trista Lewis, Administrative Assistant, Registrar  
Dr. Melody Tamakloe, School Counselor, BHS  
Julie Cohen, Journalism Teacher

### Brentwood School District

Dr. Brian Lane, Superintendent  
Dr. Alex Tripamer, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction  
Kate Hastings, Administrative Assistant, Central Office  
Anthony Dobson, Director of Communications  
Andrew Hartnett, Director of Maintenance and Facilities  
Dr. Katy Chambers, Executive Director of Human Resources  
Mr. Matthew Norrid, Chief Financial Officer



## Sr. Citizen Brunch

On March 30, 2023 the Brentwood School District hosted its annual Sr. Citizens Brunch for residents and administrators at the new Mark Twain Elementary School. Welcome and Introductions were given by Dr. Alex Tripamer of BSD and closing remarks were given by Dr. Brian Lane, Superintendent. **Ed Wright, Jr. '67** talked about the Alumni Association. A great video about McGrath Elementary, created by Brian Wildgrube, Physical Education Teacher, was shown. Tours were then available, led by **Andrew Hartnett '05**.

## FUN STUFF!

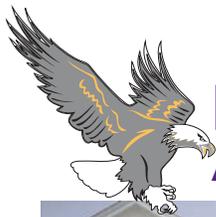
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Answer to be published in next newsletter.

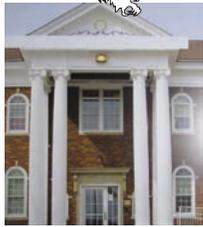


## Bricks on the BHS inner courtyard...

Did you know that we currently have 337 commemorative bricks in the BHS Courtyard? And there is still plenty of space if you are interested in purchasing a brick to celebrate your time at Brentwood. Commemorative bricks are personalized and cost \$50 each. We make accommodations for location preferences when possible. A minimum order of 10 bricks must be achieved for us to place our order. There is currently a grid system for placement and brick location with the goal of creating a handmade map of every brick in the courtyard prior to the *3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend in September* All-School Reunion in September this year. Please reach out to **Lisa Magee '97** (Brentwood Boosters Secretary) for an order form or with any questions (314) 341-3206. Make sure to follow Brentwood Boosters on Facebook to learn more about how we support all of the students and staff and BHS!



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## 2023 “3rd Weekend in September”

### ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

Friday, September 15, 4 pm

Saturday, September 16, 2 pm

#### Friday:

Beginning at **4 pm**, through 7 pm, join alums for the popular “*3rd Weekend in September*” All-School Reunion in the Commons Room.

- High School tours are available and view the new **Hall of Fame Wall** near library.
- Visit the inner courtyard to see commemorative bricks.
- Drinks and snacks offered in the Common Room for purchase.

#### Saturday:

- See the Brentwood Days **Parade** at **2 pm** beginning on West Swan Circle and ending at the Brentwood Sports Complex, 9100 Russell (formerly Brentwood Park.)
- Brentwood Days continues at Brentwood Park after the parade. Fireworks at **9 pm**.