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### From Your BAA Board President, George Clements...

The *3rd Weekend in September* will be held on Friday, September 20 and Saturday September 21, 2024.

On Friday, festivities begin at 4:00 pm in the Commons area at Brentwood High School. Tours of the school will be available for our guests, refreshments will be served, and at 6:00 pm our **Hall of Fame** ceremony will begin. **This year we will be inducting** six Alumni into the Hall of Fame; see page 7 for information about them. Also, in this newsletter you will find additional information concerning the *3rd Weekend in September* events.

Scholarships were awarded for seven outstanding senior students this year. See page 3 in this newsletter.

In other news, I am pleased to announce that a long-time volunteer, **Jennifer Abernathy Paez '98**, has been elected to our board. The final phase of rebuilding and updating Brentwood High School, McGrath Elementary School and Mark Twain Elementary School is almost complete. In fact, the ribbon cutting and open house for Mark Twain School will be held August 17, 2024.

Hope to see everyone in September.

*George Clements '57, President*

### From Your Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer!

I want to thank all of you for your continued generosity. We were able to award seven \$6000 scholarships - **Amelia Favazza, Emelda Forney, Brooklyn Richter, Ethan Ritter, Adrian Sabeh, Will Schuering, Amelia Spencer** in the 2024 senior class. We could never have done this without your donations.

### Meet Our New BAA Board Member Jennifer Abernathy Paez '98

Jennifer has been very busy since graduating and is employed at a local Child Care Center in Brentwood, since 1998. She enjoys watching children grow and learning about the world around them. Having no children of her own, Jennifer and husband are the proud parents of three very spoiled fur babies (cats.) Her dad, uncle, aunt, and sister graduated from Brentwood – dad **Terry Abernathy '66**, uncle, **Steve Abernathy '70**, and aunt, **Lorie Abernathy Peats '74**, and sister **Tracy Abernathy Bate '01**.

She keeps busy with several organizations. Jennifer is an Assistant Scout Master, and holds several other positions for her nephew's Scouting Troop in Maplewood. She also works with the Brentwood High alumni, and uses her crafty skills to make posters, and whatever they need for her to create.

Jennifer has lots of great memories of Brentwood, and one most unforgettable and most impactful teachers/coaches was **Coach Jim Jackson**. He was like a second father to her, and she can still hear his introduction speech before he began each class. He was an amazing listener, and was always there for her when she needed advice, or just a bright smile to help her through a rough day.

September is right around the corner and that means the *3rd Weekend in September* will be here before you know it. Join us on Friday, September 20 from 4-6 pm at the high school and catch up with old friends. **This is also a good time to pay dues!** At 6 pm we will have our **Hall of Fame** induction, featuring some outstanding Alumni this year. Hope to see you all there.

*Deborah Sutterer Houlihan '73, Treasurer*

#### 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.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS



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## 2024 HALL OF FAME

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

Plaques of all honorees hang on the hall wall of the high school. It is with great honor that the Hall of Fame committee and the Brentwood Alumni Board of Directors introduce you to the 2024 inductees.

*Alison Reed '82 Committee Chair*

Note: The 2024 Induction ceremony will be held during the **3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend in September** All-School Reunion on **September 20, 2024**.

## CLASS REP & MEMBERSHIP

I want to thank the alumni who have stepped up to become their Class Representatives. We appreciate their desire to keep Brentwood alumni connected.

*Sandy Kurre LaGarce, Committee Chair*

## WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE...

**Yvonne Suess '69** reported that she has a part-time job answering phones at Schiller's (Camera Store) the only full-service camera store in Missouri. It has been in business since 1892 and is still run by relatives of the Schillers family. This store has served the Brentwood community for years and it offers a lot more than just cameras and equipment, by providing many related services and things to buy. Stop by to see what they offer and check out their equipment, classes, and field trips at [schillers.com](http://schillers.com). It seems that everyone in Brentwood has good memories about Schiller's. Also, Casey's Sports used to be located in the same location on Manchester Road where Schiller's is now. That's where many kids bought their first baseball glove.

Another memory...

I remember **Ron Kustra '64** living on the west side of Bremerton Road a block or so south of Manchester. Back in the '60's, he had a paper route that came north on Bremerton to Madge Avenue where he would turn east on Madge. I lived on the corner of Bremerton and Madge and would hear him yelling "POST AND GLOBE PAPER" and I'd go join him for a few blocks and chat.

*Ken Stroup '64*

### NOTE:

*The Brentwood Days 9 pm new show on Saturday, September 21 is described as a "choreographed lighted drone show" -- a captivating, aerial show that is choreographed to music, and will last between 15 and 20 minutes. It will culminate in a grand finale.*



### 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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**DEADLINE NEXT NEWSLETTER:**  
**December 1, 2024**

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*Please let us know if you have any interest in serving on a committee, the Board of Directors, or Class Rep. 314-962-4507 x6015*

# 2024 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Seven scholarships were awarded and presented for \$6000 each on May 1. The Scholarship Committee reported that this year's class was extremely difficult to select the finalists, as there were so many deserving students.

Note: The **John Titus Scholarship** went to **Ethan Ritter** and the **Peggy Viehland Fossett Scholarship**, went to **Amelia Spencer**.

*Lisa Deimeke Featherston '80,  
Scholarship Committee Chair*



**Emelda Forney:**

Emelda Forney will attend the University of Missouri this fall to major in communications. While at Brentwood, Emelda was editor-in-chief

of the school newspaper, was involved with the Student Council, National Honor Society, and National Thespians Society, and played varsity soccer for three years. She is so grateful for her time at Brentwood and will miss this community that has provided her with so many great opportunities.



**Amelia Spencer:**

Amelia Spencer will be attending Washington University in St. Louis to study Mathematics in the fall. While attending Brentwood she participated in Brentwood Robotics for four years and was the captain for the last two.

She was elected Student Council President her senior year after three years of participation. She was a member of many clubs, such as theater, the National Honors Society, the German National Honors Society, and Speech and Debate. She has really appreciated all of the support she received while at Brentwood and is very excited about the future. Emelia received the Peggy Viehland Fossett Scholarship.



**Adrian Sabe:**

Adrian Sabe will be attending Washington University in St. Louis in the fall. He will be majoring in Supply Chain, Operations, and Technology. At

Brentwood, he participated in varsity football and track, was an NHS officer, robotics team co-captain, mental health awareness club co-president, and was involved with student council. He is incredibly grateful for all of the support He's been given from the Brentwood Community, and he will miss everyone once he graduates. Receiving this scholarship means a lot to Adrian, and he is excited to continue his education!



**Ethan Ritter:**

Ethan Ritter plans on studying political sciences and going to law school to become a lawyer after he graduates. While at Brentwood he played

football, basketball, and baseball. He was a captain for the football team. He was also a member of the National Honor Society. This scholarship will help to alleviate some of the financial burden of college. Ethan received the John Titus Scholarship.



**William Schuer-**

**ing:** William will be attending SLU and is majoring in Secondary Education - Mathematics. He is interested in Math and feels that becoming a

high school math teacher is the best way for him to help as many people as possible. At Brentwood, he participated in many extracurriculars, including soccer, tennis, student council, NHS, theatre, and jazz/pep band. He is proud to have been a Brentwood student from McGrath to BHS and will miss his classmates and teachers in college.



**Amelia Favazza:**

Amelia Favazza will be attending Southeast Missouri State University this fall where she will be majoring in art and dance. She hopes to become a makeup

artist and dreams of working on movie productions or Broadway one day. She was the head of the hair and makeup department for theater, co-ran the Feminist Coalition Club, and was an NHS member. Outside of Brentwood, she also attended South Technical High School where she completed their cosmetology program. She would not be here without her teachers pushing her to pursue her creative interests, and she is so grateful to them and the Alumni Association for this incredible opportunity.



**Brooklyn Richter:**

Brooklyn Richter will be attending Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in the fall to study Nursing. She earned her Certified Nursing Assistant Certification while in High School. She hopes to become a Labor and Delivery Postpartum Nurse someday. She was honored to get this scholarship.



**BRENTWOOD ALUMNI SURVEY TO IMPROVE 3RD WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER**

To help us plan for successful future Alumni gatherings, please answer the following questions, and return to us by email to Admin@brentwoodhsalumni.org or by regular mail to: Brentwood Alumni Association, 2221 High School Dr., Saint Louis, MO 63144-1725

Have you attended a “3rd Weekend” alumni gathering in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

How many? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you like about the gathering? \_\_\_\_\_

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What could make it better? \_\_\_\_\_

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“3rd Weekend” is currently tied to Brentwood Days. Is that important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend Brentwood Days activities also? \_\_\_\_\_

If “3rd Weekend” were moved to a different weekend, would you be more or less likely to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your suggestions for our annual alumni gathering? All comments are welcome!

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Name and contact information (Optional)

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**PLEASE RETURN AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE  
THANKS A LOT!**

# ALUM NEWS

## 50's

**1954 Marian Hounsom Lewis – New York City, NY** – This is my 57<sup>th</sup> year in my apartment near Central Park. My bliss is sitting on a favorite rock in the park playing my harmonica.

**1956 Elaine Lieberthal Kahn – Collinsville, IL** – Current hobbies include crocheting, reading, watching Public TV programming, and club memberships. My husband enjoys swimming and reading. We try to keep as active as possible. Miss our reunions.

**1958 Barbara Higginbotham Novotny – Valley Park, MO** – Healthy, happy, sassy, traveling worldwide with my fabulous, fun daughter. Still working, buying and selling estate items. Enjoying my lake house with family and friends. My best to all.

**1958 Jacqueline Schuster Thursby – Provo, UT** – We are well and busy with family (expecting 11<sup>th</sup> great-grandchild), home and garden, family history, church work and some travel. Our family is close, and we actually like each other!

**1959 Nancy Pollard O'Loughlin – Frisco, TX** – I moved to Frisco (north Dallas) six and a half years ago and love my new home. Close to daughter and three granddaughters, all in their 20's. I play a lot of bridge and enjoy friends and family and neighbors. The weather is so much better and I love that.

## 60's

**1960 Suzanne McWhirter Davis – Fenton, MO** – Retired four years ago, now volunteer at Circle of Concern food pantry in Valley Park. Also still weight training twice a week. Have trip planned in early September to visit three national parks in Southern California. This time I go for pleasure, not for business.

**1961 Sandy Kurre LaGarce – Ellisville, MO** - One of our granddaughters graduated from Parkway North this year. She also had been going to Meramec Junior College for the past two years and graduated from there, this year, as well. Funny thing is, her college graduation was one day before her high school

graduation. **Charlie '59** and I are very proud of her. She will be attending the University of Arkansas and plans to become a traveling nurse and getting interested in watching

**1961 Judi Turner Peckham – Labadie, MO** -. Unbelievable rain this month of July. Had a big breach in my lake dam; can't get it repaired until everything dries out. Have 5 horses now and getting interested in watching polo - a player gave me two retired polo ponies-- beautiful, big, black thoroughbred mares. Love 'em! But shouldn't ride them. As a widow, all my animals here keep me going! **Class of 61:** Please submit more items for this column in the next newsletter. We need your input!

**1962 Ed Schimweg – Gold Canyon, AZ** – Always on the go. Summers at Beaver Creek, CO. Other times usually visiting friends. Love to cruise – 87 day cruise to Antarctica ... quite a great time.

**1963 Linda Schall Powell – Wentzville, MO** – Live in Fort Myers, FL one-half the year and live in Missouri one-half the year.

**1964 Nelson Koopman – Darien, IL** – I have been elected to the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Joliet, IL.

**1964 Ronald Alan Kustra – Brentwood, MO** – Born and raised in Brentwood. Am back living in the very same home I lived in on Bremerton while attending and graduating from BHS. Am retired after 45 years employment at St Louis Post Dispatch newspaper. I am a very active member of Vietnam Veterans of America and United States Marine Corps League. Favorite place to visit is Vietnam Veterans Memorial Monument in Washington, DC.

## 70's

**1970 Mark Joseph Boles – Albuquerque, NM** – I'm now in an assisted living place and liking it. Had to sell my car I call "Esther", a 1951 Kaiser Deluxe, but it went to friends who also love it/her. My brother, **Ed '67** lives nearby.

**1972 Cindy Keast Plowman – Hannibal, MO** – Still working as a court reporter for a judge in Lincoln and Pike Counties. Live in Hannibal and St. Louis. Just returned from European trip visiting granddaughter who is a foreign exchange student in Sardinia, Italy.

**1977 Joseph (Peter) Suntrup – Chesterfield, MO** – I've always lived in St Louis – have never moved. Have been married almost 30 years to Linda from Chicago, IL, two grown children – Joseph Peter and Anne Elizabeth.

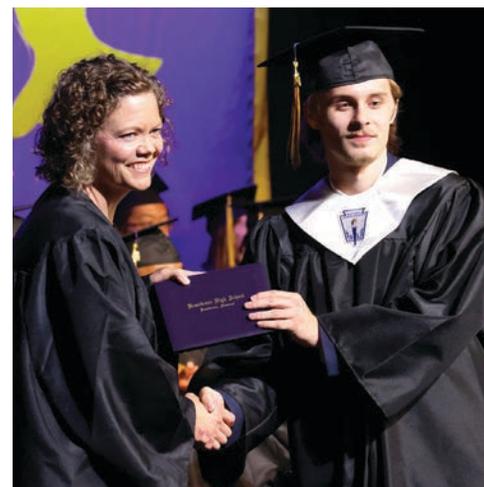
## 80's

**1980 Diane Madras – St Louis, MO** – Acquired a certificate in literacy from Missouri State University. Now I'm a Lion (Columbia University), Tiger (Mizzou and LSU), and a Bear. Oh my!

**1983 David Heger - St Louis, MO** – Our daughter, Carolyn, married Jack Terschluse in October, and they are living in University City. Our daughter, Elizabeth, married Christopher Rueve in June, and they just bought a house in Brentwood.

## 20's

**2024 Carter Bowman – Brentwood, MO** – *St Louis Post Dispatch* has named Carter as Scholar Athlete for BHS this year. He excelled in soccer, basketball, track and field and was also a member of the National Honor Society. His favorite subject was psychology.



## 90th Birthday Party for Ned Wicks

On February 24, 2024, the family of **Ned Wicks** held a 90th birthday celebration for Ned at Laclede Groves Retirement Community, where **Ned** and **Nancy** live. Ned was thrilled to have long-time friends from Brentwood and new friends from Laclede Groves in attendance. Family joined the party from as near as the St. Louis area and as far as Kansas City, Chicago, Florida, and New York. Ned is enjoying living at Laclede Groves where he sings in the choir and plays lots of bridge.



Children - LtoR: Front Row: Ned Wicks, Nancy Wicks.

Back Row: **Jerry Wicks '85** and his spouse, Penni, **Matt Wicks '82** and his spouse, Kristin, **Nedra Wicks Jeffress '80** and her spouse, Shelia Holt



Grandkids – LtoR: Front Row: Ned Wicks, Nancy Wicks.

Back Row: Marcy O'Dell, Taylor Churney, Alden Churney, Daniel Jeffress, Sara Jeffress, Brian Salter, Sammi Wicks

## “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”.*

“Education is critical for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. If my modest donation can help a BHS graduate afford college, I’m happy to send the check.”

**Dr. Ralph Craft '60**

“Brentwood and Brentwood Public Schools were foundational in my life and in the lives of my siblings. I am the youngest of seven, and all of us attended Brentwood Public Schools and feel fortunate to have done so. Being able to know most all of my classmates by name, receiving memorable lessons from excellent teachers, being coached and mentored by dedicated staff in music, clubs, and sports, and having access to a multitude of activities without having to endure cut-throat try-outs or auditions all stand out in my memory. Doors were opened for us to participate which made for so many positive experiences—some of which are still a big part of my life.

Why do I give? First of all, I give to honor people I love and who deserve to be remembered. Second, I give so that through their memory another life has a chance to be challenged and fulfilled. And third, it’s Brentwood, my whole life for 18 years...and where a big part of my heart still resides.”

**Ruth Pitman Pettit '78**

“I was a foster child growing up in the ‘system’ while attending BHS. It is because of people who gave their time, energy, money and love to me that allowed me the ability to achieve life goals. I give, because I want others to succeed as I did from others’ generosity. I give because I am able to because of others being generous. I give because it’s the Christian thing to do. I give to give back—pay it forward.

Some fun reasons? Give because you would rather give to BHS than the IRS. Give because you could use the tax donation. Give so when they become famous, you can take a little credit.

When you give, you get so much more in return.”

**Denise R. Doran '84**

*Ed Wright, Jr. '67*

# 2024 HALL OF FAME HONOREES

*The Brentwood Alumni Association proudly recognizes the Hall of Fame Class of 2024*

## **IVORY CROCKETT '68** **SAINT LOUIS, MO**



Ivory 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; 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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, he was a key member of the Eagles State Championship Track Team and held 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 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. Ivory has always given BHS football Coach **John Titus** credit for helping him through a rough time in his life when his parents split up. “Coach had continued to be in touch with me and we stayed close ever since. I owe my life to him. He and **Coach Burgoyne** and wrestling **Coach Long** meant a lot to me, too. 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 '66**, 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). Ivory is still close to his brother and “loves how bright my grandchildren are.” One of his highlights in high school, Ivory says, 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.” 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.

## **TIM DEIMEKE '82** **SAINT LOUIS, MO**



Tim is a proud second generation BHS graduate and has lived in the Brentwood/Webster area since graduation. He and his wife, Debbie, have four children, four grandchildren and one

great grandchild. Ice Hockey has been a favorite pastime with Tim, who started playing with his two older brothers and neighborhood friends at a young age. Brentwood High School had a Hockey Club team with a small, but mighty roster. After his BHS graduation, he continued with the BHS Club team as their Coach. This was just the beginning of his life-long coaching career. Next up was the Webster Wings during the 1984/85 season. He shares that as much as he loved the game, he really enjoyed helping the young players develop their love for the game as well. His involvement with youth hockey was also where he met his wife, Debbie. Deimeke noted he coached various youth hockey teams with the Webster youth program for 12 years through 1996.

His passion and talent as a coach was noted by the Webster Groves High School hockey program leaders. He was recruited to be an assistant coach for the

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Webster Groves High School hockey team. His next role in 1998/99 was the head coach for their Junior Varsity team as well as the assistant coach for their Varsity team. In 2017, he took over as head varsity coach and served in that role until 2020. Parallel to the Webster coaching positions, sometime in the early 2000's, Tim could be found on the ice helping the Gateway Locomotive Special Needs Hockey program, where their youngest daughter, Jessica, played. In 2017 the St Louis Blues adopted the program, and the Locomotives were renamed and is now known as Blues Special Hockey. Tim and Debbie took over coaching and managing the program in 2018. He, Debbie, and Jessica can all be found most Sundays from October through April on the ice at Centene. Under Tim's leadership, the Blues Special Hockey program has grown from 25 to 60 athletes, both male and female ranging from 7 to 50 years of age. With his life-long love for the game, both he and his wife have many hockey contacts in the St. Louis community. Their dedication to helping others is infectious and their teams can often be seen on the ice competing against some of the high school and youth programs. The program hosts an annual fundraiser for the organization. Funds raised are used to support the team's travel to other cities in the US to play in an all-weekend tournament against other Special Needs teams. This trip is a highlight of the year for many of the athletes and their families!

The St. Louis Blues organization has been a supporter of the team and Tim's efforts to provide each team member with a rewarding experience on and off the ice. Specifically, new game jerseys and sticks the Blues have given to the team are quite helpful. Throughout the Blues season, they often host Tim and many team members as their guests at a Blues game at the Enterprise Center!

When Deimeke is not on the ice, his career path started at Ranken Technical College, where he earned his certificate in collision repair. This was his steppingstone to his membership in the District 9 Machinist Lodge 777.

He worked in collision repair for a few years before a move to working for auto dealerships; at, both McMahon Ford and Dave Sinclair Lincoln, he served as a service advisor, union shop steward, and service advisor manager. After 31 years of service, Tim took early retirement only to return to the City of Webster Groves. He worked part time for many years at the ice rink. When the position of Supervisor of the Recreation Complex Maintenance Division became available, he felt it was the perfect opportunity to be close to what he loves.

When not working or on the ice, camping trips to Florida and their second home in Mountain Home, AR, Tim spends countless hours on the lake with family and friends! He has strong roots in Brentwood and when interviewed, noted he is quite humbled and honored to be recognized by his high school peers. He looks back and has fond memories of his time at BHS and the friends that were made during that time of his life. Being a team member of that very small club hockey team at BHS was the beginning of his commitment to giving back to so many who still look to him as COACH!!

**ELIZABETH HUGHES (BETTY) EDELMANN '62 BRENTWOOD, MO**



Edelmann was born and raised in St Louis, lived in Brentwood from age three and attended Frazier Elementary School from kindergarten through sixth grade. She attended Brentwood Junior High and High School, graduating in 1962 with a class of 125 students. Edelmann absolutely loved the high school years-- teachers (mostly), classmates, being a cheerleader, and elected Student Council President. She attended Southeast Missouri State and received a BS in Education, a Masters in Guidance and Counseling and certification as Psychological Examiner. Eventually Betty received licensure as a Professional Counselor and worked as a counselor and guidance director in the Northwest R-1 School District as well as doing evaluations for the state Public Defender's office and testifying. After

retirement, she taught at Lindenwood University and Missouri Baptist University and did special education consulting for the charter schools. Betty's volunteer opportunities included diagnostics and family interventions for physician referrals to social services, aiding at a senior center and doing odd jobs at the Center for Foster and Adoptive Children.

**JULIA EIBERT NICHOLSON '79 SACRAMENTO, CA**



After leaving BHS, Julia graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Missouri – St. Louis with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with emphasis areas in Finance and Management and Organizational Behavior. A few years later, as a single parent working full-time and raising two daughters on her own, she completed her MBA from the University of Denver.

Julia's career has taken her into some of the most dynamic, high-pressure boardrooms in the country.

During the early years of her career, she worked as an international consultant in the field of employee benefits for Mercer, Inc. She obtained her first CEO position of a \$450M organization less than two years after completing her MBA. Serving as a C-Suite executive in large organizations for over 17 years, she went on to become the first female CEO of the Motion Picture Industry Pension & Health Plans, a \$12B company in Hollywood serving the entertainment industry.

Not yet ready to retire, Julia recently decided to leave the C-Suite and "rewire" her career. Based on her own experiences of overcoming and thriving through many harrowing obstacles, challenges, setbacks, and failures, she wrote an award-winning book, "*Move Forward Stronger™: A Dynamic Framework to Process Change, Loss, and Grief*" to help others thrive through the rough stuff they encounter in their life.

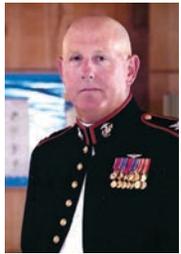
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Julia is a TEDx speaker, giving the talk “The Way We Think About Loss and Grief is Dead Wrong.” She is also a board governance expert, consultant, university business school adjunct professor, and sought-after speaker. With her speeches, “The Power Paradox™” and “Master Your Power™”, she gives conference and meeting attendees tools and actionable strategies to build confidence, courage, and resilience.

Julia is passionate about making a positive difference in the lives of others by helping them transform obstacles, setbacks, and loss, into advantage, self-confidence, and resilience.

Outside Julia’s professional life, her greatest joy comes from spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoys traveling, wine tasting, and meeting new people. She is an avid golfer, aspiring home chef, and passionate Denver Broncos fan!

### **COLONEL MARK SCHULTE USMC '73 Pascagoula, MS**



Mark entered the Marine Corps in February 1981 and attended Officer Candidate School and the Basic School. He received orders to Naval Air Station Pensacola and began

flight school. After completing Aviation Indoctrination and primary flight school, he was transferred to Naval Air Station Meridian for Intermediate and Advance Jets, flying the T-2 and A-4 and carrier qualified landing on the USS Lexington. Upon receiving his Wings in September, 1983, he was given orders to Marine Observation Squadron One at Marine Corps Air Station New River to fly the OV-10 Bronco.

In the next 10 years, Mark attended the Aviation Safety Officer Course at the Naval Post-Graduate School, the Amphibious Warfare School and the Weapons and Tactics School (the Marine Corps equivalent of Top Gun). He also went on numerous deployments in the desert Southwest, Okinawa, Korea and the Philippines. He flew in support of the Vice-President’s War on drugs flying out of South Florida, Key West and Puerto Rico.

In January, 1991, Schulte’s squadron deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He flew 18 combat missions and 63.6 combat hours, for which he received the Air Medal. For a mission in which he directed the air battle against an Iraqi tank battalion and Marine forces, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with Combat “V” for valor. Mark left active duty as a Captain in October, 1993 and joined the Marine Corps Reserve.

During the next 10 years, Mark was promoted to Major and Lieutenant Colonel in the Reserves. As a civilian, Mark was a consultant to some of the leaders in industry, Chevron USA, Frito-Lay, Applied Materials, and Lockheed-Martin. In January, 2003, Mark was recalled to active duty to support the rear-detachments of units being deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom.

In October, 2004, Mark was promoted to Colonel and assigned as the Director of Safety and Standardization to the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing and was given the task to improve the safety record of the Wing. Mark teamed up with Dr. Tony Kern to implement an innovative safety program titled the “Global War on Error.” The program was accepted throughout Marine Corps Aviation and as a result, the Secretary of the Navy awarded Mark the General James L. Jones Excellence in Safety Award. Because of his success as the Director of Safety, he was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal.

In April, 2008, Mark was given orders to Multi-National Force-Iraq in Bagdad to take command of the Armed Contractor Oversight Division working in General Patreus’ Strategic Operations Center. Mark’s team provided the necessary guidance and oversight to reduce incidents among the private security contractors and Iraqi citizens. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Mark retired from active duty in March, 2010. He is currently an account manager for a small software firm. He is married to his wife, Debbie, for 46 years and has four children, Greg, Scott, Catherine, and John and nine grandchildren.

### **DELYLA AULGUR (DEE) UEBEL ‘66 Lampe, MO**



Dee is a dynamic civic minded performer, educator and philanthropist. She has performed under the stage name “Delyla” throughout the U.S.

and internationally. For 25 years she shared her expertise in piano, voice, and guitar as a high school vocal director and accompanist in the St. Louis area. She also served as an arranger and keyboardist with the St. Louis Invera’ an Pipe Band and Drum Corps, and as a ocalist/guitarist/keyboardist for the Celtic rock group “Greyfriar’s Bobby” who headlined for Highland games in St. Louis, Chicago and Kansas City as well as “Focal Point” and other folk venues in St. Louis. Dee received a BM from the UMSL, and a MS in MIDI-Music Ed from the University of IL-Urbana. She retired from the Pattonville School District and relocated to Southwest Missouri, yet she continues to teach, accompany and perform.

Most recently, Dee has worked with students at the College of the Ozarks, Reed’s Spring School District, and with a variety of performing ensembles at the Branson Regional Arts Council. Dee was recently awarded the MSU (Missouri State University-Springfield) “Bear of Distinction Award” and along with her husband Rick, were the inaugural recipients of the Rick and Dee Uebel Award for outstanding support of the MSU Choral Arts Program. Dee and Rick have raised thousands of dollars to support the Branson Regional Arts Council and Neighbors and Friends of Table Rock Lake through their Villa Vista concert series hosted in their Lampe, Mo home. Dee attributes much of her success to the strong educational foundation she received in the Brentwood School District, and is honored to be inducted into the Brentwood Alumni Hall of Fame.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## News From Dr. Ed Johnson, BHS Principal



Greetings, Brentwood Alumni Association!

Brentwood High School is thrilled about the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. We are excited to announce that under the leadership of our new superintendent, Dr.

Amy Zielinski, and assistant superintendent, Dr. Ronni Zagora, we have embarked on a strategic planning process to enhance our commitment to academic excellence. Their expertise will ensure every student feels comfortable, confident, and eager to learn while discovering their **passion, purpose, and pathway to success!**

At BHS, we remain dedicated to personalizing and customizing learning for each student to help them reach their full potential and meet their post-secondary goals. We are proud of the new talent joining “Team BHS,” ensuring a future filled with collaborative problem-solving and excellence. Our initiatives include examining executive function to optimize student learning, embedding social-emotional learning across the curriculum, fostering a culture of inclusivity, and promoting leadership, character, and service. These efforts prepare our students for academic achievement and meaningful, impactful lives.

We cherish the relationships that define Brentwood High School and are committed to preserving your legacy. Strengthening our community partnership is a top priority, as we recognize the vital role of community support in our success. The pride and appreciation embodied by the Brentwood Alumni Association inspire us daily.

As I enter my 12th year as principal and 20th year as an administrator in Brentwood, I am grateful for the love and support I have received. Serving this wonderful community has indeed been an honor and a pleasure.

*With Eagle Pride,  
Dr. Edward M. Johnson Jr.  
Brentwood High School Principal*

## Welcome And Meet New BSD Superintendent, Dr. Amy Zielinski

The Brentwood Alumni Association is thrilled to introduce our new superintendent of schools, Dr. Amy Zielinski, who brings a wealth of knowledge and a deep commitment to our community. Dr. Zielinski is a St. Louis native with 23 years of experience in public education, including 13 years in school and district administration. She is also a devoted wife and mother of three children.



Since being selected by the school board last February, Dr. Zielinski has been overwhelmed by the warmth and hospitality of the Brentwood community. It has become abundantly clear to her why Brentwood is known as the “City of Warmth.” The reception from everyone she has met has been incredibly welcoming and supportive.

Dr. Zielinski is excited to lead our district into the future, including the implementation of a new five-year strategic plan and unified vision: Passion. Purpose. Pathways for Success. One of the plan’s top priorities is connecting our community to achieve shared goals, and Dr. Zielinski is looking forward to collaborating with the Brentwood community and our esteemed alumni group to support learning, growth and achievement for all students. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Zielinski to our Brentwood family. Her leadership and dedication will play a crucial role in shaping the future of our district. Together, let us continue to uphold the values and traditions that make Brentwood such a special place.

### 2024 Football Schedule

Aug. 29 vs Principia at Clayton High School	7 pm Thur
Sept. 6 vs Westminster Academy at Clayton High school	7 pm Fri
Sept. 13 vs Gateway STEM High School at Gateway Institute of Tech High School	6 pm Fri
Sept. 20 vs Windsor C-1 High School at Windsor C-1 High School Stadium	7 pm Fri
Sept. 28 vs University City High School at Brentwood High School	1 pm Sat
Oct. 5 vs Affton High School at Clayton High School	12 pm Sat
Oct. 10 vs Jennings High School at Brentwood High School	7pm Thur
Oct. 18 vs Normandy High School at Brentwood High School	7 pm Fri
Oct. 26 vs Riverview Gardens High School at St. Louis Spirits Riverview Gardens High School Stadium	11 am Sat

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Thank You Notes From 2024 Scholarships

Dear Brentwood Alumni Association,  
I cannot thank you enough for your INCREDIBLY generous scholarship. My family is going through a rough patch with my dad being unemployed and your scholarship has helped more than you know. Thank you once again!

**Amelia Favazza**

Dear Brentwood Alumni,  
Thank you so much for awarding me with the Brentwood Alumni Scholarship! I cannot express how much it means to me and my education. This scholarship is huge for me! Because of it, I do not have to take out a loan for my entire first year of college! Thank you for believing in my future and I am so proud to say that I come from the Brentwood community, which has given me so many great opportunities. I am truly honored to be one of the few recipients.

With sincere gratitude,

**Emelda Forney**

Dear Brentwood Alumni,  
I was so grateful to receive your generous scholarship. That money will go a long way towards my next chapter at SIUE! I enjoyed meeting you all and talking about my future. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

**Brooklyn Richter**

Dear Brentwood Alumni,  
I would like to thank you for awarding me with the John Titus Memorial Scholarship. I feel very honored to receive a scholarship dedicated to a man (**John Titus**), who played such a big

part in the Brentwood community. The scholarship will help to pay for my tuition at the University of Mississippi, where I look to further my education to one day become a lawyer.

**Ethan Ritter**

Dear Brentwood Alumni Association,  
Thank you all so much for awarding me with the \$6,000 scholarship. I am truly grateful and the money will very much help me pay the rest of my tuition. I had a wonderful time talking to you all and I hope to stay in touch in the future!!

Thank you,

**Adrian Sabeh**

Dear Brentwood Alumni Association,  
Thank you so much for the financial aid you have given me to continue my studies. The thirteen years I have spent in the Brentwood School District have been nothing but wonderful, and have inspired me to pursue a career in education. I look forward to repaying the kindness you have shown me as an Alumni and hopefully someday as a Brentwood educator.

Sincerely,

**Will Schuering**

Dear Alumni Association,  
Thank you so much for awarding me with the Alumni scholarship. It will be very helpful funding my education at Washington University. I really enjoyed meeting the board for my interview. I look forward to being a member of the Brentwood Alumni!

Thanks again,

**Amelia Spencer**

## Demolition of the old McGrath Elementary School



# SPECIAL NOTES

## Meet our New Class Rep for Class of 2024

### BROOKLYN RICHTER

Hello everyone! I'm excited to be the new class representative for the Class of 2024. Although I'll be pursuing my nursing degree at Southern University Edwardsville, Illinois, I'm looking forward to representing and supporting my class throughout this journey. In my free time, I enjoy traveling, spending time with my family, and babysitting. I'm eager to meet each of you and work together!

*Brooklyn Richter '24*

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## REMAINING 2024 BAA CALENDAR

August 6	BAA Board Meeting, Middle School meeting room	4:30 PM
September 3	BAA Board Meeting, Middle School meeting room	4:30 PM
September 20	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend in September</b> ALL-SCHOOL REUNION	4:00 PM
	<b>Hall of Fame</b> Reception BHS Commons	4:00 PM
	<b>Hall of Fame</b> Induction	6:00 PM
September 21	Brentwood Days Parade	Noon
	The new Lighted Laser Drone Show	9:00 PM
October 1	BAA Board Meeting, Middle School meeting room	4:30 PM
November 5	BAA Board Meeting, Middle School meeting room	4:30 PM
December 1	Deadline for February 2025 Newsletter	

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### • CLASS REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED

These classes are not receiving information to pass on to their classmates. **Won't you step forward and be your alumni class representative for 1988, 1991, 2000, and 2004?** Sandy Kurre LaGarce '61 [sjlaga@gmail.com](mailto:sjlaga@gmail.com) or (636) 236-3286 can help you. You do not have to live near Brentwood; many of our good reps live in other states.

### • ADDRESS CHANGE

The Brentwood School District and Brentwood Alumni Association, as well, are now located in the high school. **Our new postal address is: Brentwood Alumni Association, 2221 High School Dr., Saint Louis, Missouri 63144-1725**

### • PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED



*Do you like and can take pictures?* We would like photographers to take and submit digital pictures, mainly at our forthcoming **3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend in September** All-School Reunion, Hall of Fame induction, and Scholarship Awards. We sure could use some help with identifying alums in many photos, also. The newsletter and website committee members would greatly appreciate hearing from you if you can help. Contact **judi.peckham@gmail.com**

**Dick Dunham '62** sent in this photo from a few years back. See In Remembrance article about **Jim Torbert '62** on page 15.



*Jim Torbert '62, wife Marilyn, Maggie Fischer '62, Jean Fischer Dunham '64, Dick Dunham '62*

## FUN STUFF

What is this and whose? See next newsletter. If you have anything you would like to place in "fun stuff," please let the editor know. We'd like to hear from you!



# FUTURE REUNIONS

50's

1959 65<sup>th</sup>

We have set the Date and Time – Saturday, September 21, 2024 – 11:30 to 4 pm. We have set the Place – CJ Muggs – 200 S Central Ave, Clayton, MO 63105. At our lunch gathering, we will be able to order off the menu and have separate checks. Food is excellent and reasonably priced. Steps are at the front entrance with a ramp accessible on the side. On Friday, Sandy and I will be at the **3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend in September ALL-SCHOOL REUNION** in the Commons with a reception beginning at 4 pm. Our new Hall of Fame honorees will be there and their induction begins at 6 pm in the BHS auditorium. Hope you will join us. **Charlie LaGarce (636) 346-8633** [clagarce@me.com](mailto:clagarce@me.com)

60's

1964 60<sup>th</sup>

**SAVE THE DATE! MARK YOUR CALENDAR! START MAKING PLANS!** Why????? Because September 20 & 21, 2024 are the dates of the 60<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion for the Brentwood High School class of 1964. The weekend will begin Friday at 4 pm with a reception in the Commons room at BHS to meet our Hall of Fame honorees. This will be a chance to meet and greet all BHS reunion groups. Let's gather there and reminisce about the "good old days!" The Hall of Fame ceremony will take place in the BHS Auditorium at 6 pm.

The plan is for the group to continue the conversation at the Country Club Bar and Grill in Chesterfield - have drinks, snacks, or dinner. Saturday is the Brentwood Days parade at noon - still working on organizing a float but not getting much interest. Then the celebration continues Saturday with a buffet dinner at Helen Fitzgerald's in Sunset Hills from 6:30- 10:30 pm. We are putting together a slide show to recapture memorable moments from our high school days at Brentwood so if anyone has pictures to contribute, please send them to **Tammy Stefanoni Rhomberg (tjrh3@earthlink.net)**.

Also, feel free to bring any BHS memorabilia/ stories, etc. to dinner to share the memories. Details for reservations have been sent to everyone that we have addresses or emails for, but feel free to pass the information along to anyone we may have missed. Please consider joining your classmates at this 60<sup>th</sup> reunion and renewing your BHS Alumni Association dues so you get the scoop on what is happening at Brentwood High School.

70's

1974 50<sup>th</sup>

Come to Brentwood High Friday, September 20, 2024 to meet other alums, old neighbors and teachers in the Commons from 4 to 7 pm. A reception begins at 4 with tours of the renovated high school at 4:30 and 5:00. Enjoy the 2024 Hall of Fame induction in the auditorium at 6 pm. Then on Saturday, September 21, a parade starts in Brentwood Forest at noon and ends in Brentwood Park on Russell. That evening, we will celebrate our special 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion at CJ Muggs, 200 S. Central Ave in Clayton. The reunion will begin at 6 pm.

**Jan Wuestling Burris (619) 888-4363** [jwuestling09@gmail.com](mailto:jwuestling09@gmail.com)

1979 45<sup>th</sup>

If you're able, join us at The Trainwreck on Friday evening, September 20, 2024. Watch for emails from your class representative, **Dave Oppenheim - dave@daveoppenheim.com**, for other potential events.

80's

1984 40<sup>th</sup>

A committee is working on planning a reunion for this year. If you would like to help, contact your BAA Class Representative **Cindy Canman Manestar (314) 629-9354** [cstar1118@aol.com](mailto:cstar1118@aol.com).

20's

2014 10<sup>th</sup>

A committee is being formed to plan a reunion for 2024. If you would like to help and have updated contact information, let **Deja Price** know at [pricedeja1027@gmail.com](mailto:pricedeja1027@gmail.com).

## Past Gatherings & Get-togethers

1966 Class met for lunch

**Nancy Schaper Crump** came to town in July and had lunch with some fellow 1966 classmates.



*Pictured L-R are Kay Wickiser Bizelli, Marcia Hunsinger Werremeyer, Nancy, Jim Dobernic and Jean Clemens Lovegreen. Attending but not pictured were Linda Pribble Hamberg (photographer), Doug Ritterskamp and wife, Linda, and Brian Casey.*

*Submitted by Marcia Hunsinger Werremeyer '66*

1970 Mini Reunion Dinner Gathering



*L to R: Gary Rinck, Bob Behymer (Bolling), Robert Brunk, George White, Terry Krause*

*Submitted by Vicki Beekman Mansfield '70*

1972 Another great get-together

On Wednesday May 8, 2024, a group from the BHS Class of '72 got together at Llywelyn's Pub in Webster Groves as **Rick Reece** was in town from Salem, Oregon.



*L to R: Mike Conley, Tom Ginos, Dennis Janssen, Gary Byrd, Cathy Roper Noll, Tom Terry, Laura Snyders Ehret, Alex Munoz, Larry Bush, Jim Darlington, Gary Mitchell, Cindy Keast Plowman, Rick Reece and Greg Kornfeld. Mary Wheat Brown had to leave early prior to the photo.*

*Submitted by Greg Kornfeld '72*

# IN MEMORIAM

1949 Shirley Jean Eoff Brom – 12/08/2023  
1953 Betty Lou Rick Dilthey – 07/02/2024  
1953 Grant Richard (Dick) Oscarson – 03/28/2024  
1954 Suzanne Dale Metzger Millar – 10/07/2022  
1955 John Michael (Jack) Fuchs – 09/23/2023  
1955 Darlene Beverly Brink Roland – 03/11/2024  
1958 Linda Louise Key Buller - 09/09/2023  
1959 James Allen Summers – 07/07/2024  
1960 Mary Josephine Watson Noble Huggans – 02/25/2020  
1961 Patricia Louise Kleisly (Pat) Brinkhorst - 04/04/2024  
1962 Donald Wayne Hounsom – 11/19/2023  
1962 James Robert (Jim) Torbert – 02/17/2024  
1964 Alma Jean Watson Copeland – 08/21/2023  
1964 Nancy Jeanne Krewson Huber – 06/20/2022  
1964 Ronald Albert Stahl – 05/17/2024  
1964 June Ellen Wartenbe – 10/2023  
1964 Carol Christine Watral – 06/16/2023  
1967 Charles Joseph Aulgur – 07/05/2024  
1970 James Thomas Hasty III – 10/22/2023  
1990 Brian Robert Randolph – 04/03/2024  
ORE Coach Eugene Starbuck (Gene) McArtor – 07/29/2024  
Richard Samuel (Dick) Ross – 12/28/2022

## SCHOLARSHIPS IN MEMORY OF

1945 Anne Hitt Hegwer  
By Dan Hitt  
By Dorothy Hitt  
1948 Carl E Day, Sr  
By Barbara Cullman, Friend  
1950 J Robert Green  
By Judith Green Arnett '55  
1953 Dick Oscarson  
By Sue Weber Young '53  
1955 Darlene Brink Roland  
By Carol Kottmeier Cooper '56  
1958 Barbara Fieser Brown  
By Sue Wells Bauer '58  
1958 Harriet Riemer Padkins  
By Sue Wells Bauer '58  
1958 Jackie Estell Sedden  
By Sue Wells Bauer '5  
1958 Joe Stark  
By Dennis Kurre '58  
1958 Bruce Swaine  
By Dennis Kurre '58  
1959 Larry Moskoff  
By Nancy Pollard O'Loughlin '59

1960 Steve Davis  
By Suzanne McWhirter Davis '60  
1961 Pat Kleisly Brinkhorst  
By Mary Ann Eckler Koetting '61  
1962 James Robert Torbert  
By Richard '62 and Jean Fischer Dunham '64  
1964 David Riegelsberger  
By Ronald Kustra '64  
1964 Brian Watral  
By Janet Watral Meyer '74  
1964 Carol Watral  
By Janet Watral Meyer '74  
1965 Peggy Sutton Greene  
By Janice Brunner Stahl '65  
1965 Terry Kurre  
By Marvin Ketchelmeier '58  
1966 Linda Watral Doisy  
By Janet Watral Meyer '74  
1966 William Young  
By Nelson Morgan '66  
1967 Jane Cole  
By Jeanne Brunner Cavender '67  
1967 Ruby Davis  
By Jeanne Brunner Cavender '67  
1967 Laura Muench  
By Ed Boles '67  
1968 Lee Morris  
By Gary Grindler '68  
1968 David Sapp  
By Cynthia Richardson '68  
1986 Daniel Bauer  
By Sue Wells Bauer '58  
BHS Class of 1969 - All Who Passed  
By Terry Gaines '69  
ORE Sharon Enzenauer –  
Physical Education Teacher  
By Linda Dollar '66  
ORE Al Frye –  
Mathematics Teacher  
By Thomas Smith '77  
ORE Vivienne Kueneke Schwab –  
Mark Twain Teacher  
By Leslie Brann - ORE

# SCHOLARSHIPS IN HONOR OF

**ORE Ned Wicks**, Principal and Math Teacher

By Sylvia Leezy Stoll '64

Sending our best wishes to Ned Wicks for many fun years with family and friends. Thank you for being a respected role model as an educator and administrator at BHS. Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

## IN REMEMBRANCE

Sadly, Brentwood Alumni **Hall of Fame honoree, Grant Richard (Dick) Richardson '53**, passed away March 28, 2024. Dick was a strong supporter of Brentwood High, especially reunions, even last year for its 70<sup>th</sup>. Very active in the Church of Latter-day Saints, he and his wife Linda were called to preside over 200 missionaries in Stockholm Sweden, moving there with their five children for three years in 1975. He returned to his career at Edison Brothers in St Louis, and in 1995, became president of non-profit Mentors International, traveling to and assisting entrepreneurs in the Philippines, Guatemala and Peru.

**Reflections...** *I apologize...Accidentally lost and omitted a snippet about Bud and Joanne Stark in the last newsletter.*

*Here it is!* *The Editor*

**Joanne Robertson Stark '54 and Harold (Bud) Stark '54** had both passed away in 2023. As a child and friend of Joanne's sister, Susan, I used to see both of them studying in Joanne's garage and driveway, as Susan and I frequently played there. I thought they were so cute studying and I loved Joanne's small, yellow coupe convertible, which was right next to them. Two teenage sweethearts, who stayed together after high school and were married for many years... They had a family, and both had successful careers in Indiana ... Bud in insurance, and Joanne at Avon. Harold (I knew him as Bud) was the older brother of **Joe Stark '58**, who passed away in 2003 also, and was the husband of **Barbie West Stark '59**.

**1955 John Michael (Jack) Fuchs, Jr** passed away September 23, 2023, at age 87, in St. Clair, Missouri. Born on August 4, 1936, in St. Louis, Missouri, Jack's life was marked by determination and lifelong learning. His career at McDonnell Douglas Corporation as a plastic tool and die maker rose to Senior Manufacturing Engineer, earning several awards for his inventions. After retiring, Jack devoted over 37 years to antique clock repair, revolutionizing the field with his innovative tools. Jack was a devoted father and stepfather, leaving behind three children, two stepchildren, several grandchildren and one great grandchild.

**1961 Patricia Kleisly (Pat) Brinkhorst, BAA Board member**, died suddenly April 14, 2024

Pat graduated cum laude from Southeast Missouri State University in 1965, with a BS in Education. After teaching Junior High Math several years, home and children beckoned. A return to teaching math seemed to be the natural choice when Beqi and Will were in school and preschool. Volunteering at the Wildlife Rescue Center kept her life busy. After both children were teens, she earned an MAT in Computer Education at Webster University.

Then Pat's interest turned to volunteering with greyhound adoption groups and the Greyhound Planet Day committee. When grandchildren came along, her interest turned to working on the Fair Trade Market at Manchester United Methodist Church every November. Note: Most of us remember Pat's family drug store and fountain on Brentwood Blvd.

**1962 James Robert (Jim) Torbert** of Marietta, GA, passed away peacefully on February 17, 2024. Jim was a U.S. Army veteran, a pilot, and recipient of a bronze star. He was affectionately known as Torbie; could light up a room with his positive energy. A wonderful, all around guy!

**1964 Ronald Albert Stahl** died peacefully on May 17, 2024. Ron and **Jan Brunner Stahl '65** (wife of 56 years) loved to travel, riding in corvettes, and pursuing volunteering activities. They were most active at BHS and BAA events and were very well known. Ron held the Missouri state pole vaulting

record and earned his Master's at the University of Missouri-Columbia. His military years were spent in Washington D.C. with the White House Communications Agency.

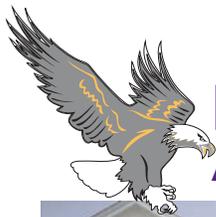
**ORE Eugene Starbuck (Gene) McArtor** passed away July 29, 2024 at age 83. He was a baseball coach at Brentwood High; also taught Geometry, Algebra, and General Math from 1964 - 1967. Prior to that, he won All-Conference and All-District honors as Mizzou's first baseman from 1961-1963. Returning to MU in 1969 as assistant baseball coach, he became a legendary head coach in 1974. The MU publication describes him as Tiger's all-time winningest baseball coach, compiling a 733-430-3 record in his 21 years there. He was inducted into the MU Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame in 1999 and the Missouri State Sports Hall of Fame in 2007. The Tiger's indoor training and clubhouse complex at Taylor Stadium was christened the McArtor Baseball Facility in 2010.

**ORE Richard Samuel (Dick) Ross**, age 89, passed away on December 28, 2022. Dick retired from Brentwood School District in 1993 after 33 years of service teaching Science 7, 8, General Science and Biology. A veteran of the US Army, he was active in American Legion Post 407 and his church. He and his wife, Margie, had been to 50 of the United States, 11 European countries, all of the Canadian Provinces, and three islands.

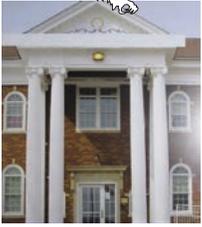
**ORE Jack Sadler** – Former Science and Math teacher 1953 - 1982

(Happy Jack), as us kids called him, was smart, witty and funny; he always had a slight smile...*Happy Jack!* He would always make comments about different things and leave us hanging without completing his lesson, leaving us to figure out the lesson, if that makes sense! Things like "you know it's possible to flip a coin 50 times and be heads every time but not likely"... referring to the possibility of something being true. He often referred to Aristotle and Plato when talking about philosophy... I believe he was a deeply religious man and wanted to teach kids about philosophy and how it applies to religion, and he was a caring person who loved his job. Mr. Sadler passed away on October 1, 2003.

*Joe (Pete) Suntrup '77*



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## *3rd Weekend in September - 2024* **ALL-SCHOOL REUNION** Friday, September 20, 4 pm Hall of Fame Reception Saturday, September 21

**Friday:** Join alums for the *3rd Weekend in September* ALL-SCHOOL REUNION at the BHS Commons. (Enter at Middle School entrance on High School Drive.) This annual alumni gathering begins at **4 pm**.

- Connect with alums on **High School tours** and view the new **Hall of Fame Wall** near library.
- Visit the inner courtyard to see **commemorative bricks**, just off the Commons.  
(You can purchase a brick at the sales table.)
- **Reception** refreshments for all in the Commons.
- Meet and greet the six 2024 **Hall of Fame** Inductees. **Induction Ceremony** begins at **6 pm** in the school auditorium.

**Saturday: Brentwood Days - Parade** begins in Brentwood Forest and ends at Brentwood Sports Complex, formerly Brentwood Park on Russell (not the new park.) 2024 **Hall of Fame** inductees will be in the parade.

Concluding the weekend, stay for a new **choreographed lighted drone show** beginning at 9 pm.

Note: **Brentwood Days** are both Friday and Saturday, beginning at 4 pm each day. There will be carnival rides for a \$20 wristband per day or \$35 for both days. For details on the new lighted drone show, see Page 2.

**NOTICE OUR NEW ADDRESS!!!**