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MAYFIELD WILDCATS

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## SO, WHAT'S GOING ON AT MY ALMA MATER?

Another successful year for the Wildcats has come to a close, and with this we reflect upon the achievements of the students and staff. The **Class of 2022** was celebrated at Cleveland's Palace Theater, including 325 new graduates.

Mayfield performed their annual spring musical which was "**Beauty and the Beast**." It was originally scheduled for spring 2020, so it was very special for the cast, crew, and audience to see it come to life this year. Belle was played by sophomore **Aneila Baker** and the Beast by senior **Daniel Blum**. Both actors played their characters beautifully. The play was led by directors **Larry Braun** and **Brian Fancher** and was accompanied by Mayfield Band members. A few Mayfield students were nominated at this year's Dazzle Awards, a program made to honor talent in high school musical theater and showcase the importance of musical theater and arts education in Northeast Ohio. Daniel Blum won Best Actor for his role as Bobby Strong in "Urinetown". Sophomore **TJ Grzybowski** was nominated for Best Supporting Actor, and junior **Paris Bunch** was nominated for Best Supporting Actress.

The Wildcat spring athletes celebrated many successes this year including the boys swimming and wrestling teams who both earned Western Reserve Champion titles. The boys basketball team won the Western Reserve Conference Champion title while the girls cross country team were regional qualifiers. Additionally, the girls softball team won the sectional championship. Individual Mayfield athlete achievements include Baseball WRC player of the year Junior **Austin Ziance**, and OHSAA Division I Track & Field Championship State Runner-Up Junior **Nick Biega** in both the 100 M and the 200 M.

This year's prom was planned by the Junior Student Council, led by the 2021-22 president **Hailey Inmon**, and the theme was enchanted forest. A group of students came early to decorate the ballroom with flowers, gold butterflies, twinkling lights, and balloons. Held at La Vera Party Center, Juniors and Seniors arrived that evening greeting each other and taking lots of pictures. After-prom was held at Fun & Stuff which gave the seniors a chance for "one last field trip." This year's prom King and Queen were **Greg Siambo** and **Olivia Zak**. Siambo was also crowned Homecoming King this year and when asked about his experience he said, "Homecoming King was really a surprise, I didn't expect it at all. When they an-

nounced my name, it felt like a dream. Everyone was so happy for me and I couldn't believe it. Everyone, students and teachers, were congratulating me and saying how proud they were. Even people I'd never spoken to started talking to me. For Prom I was just as shocked, if not even more than Homecoming. Everyone was telling me before 'You're gonna win,' and I kept denying it because I didn't believe I'd win twice, but I did. What I learned throughout both experiences is to stay humble, no matter the circumstances, and you'll be rewarded." Prom was a magical celebration for the upperclassmen and a bittersweet goodbye to the seniors.

Lydia Abbey, '23

## Nancy West and Judy Delfs Retiring from Alumni Executive Board Lisa Benedetti Appointed

Sadly, **Nancy West**, '55 and **Judy Delfs**, '67 have retired from the Alumni Association's Executive Board. Nancy has taken permanent residence in Florida with her husband Hal, while Judy has decided to join her daughters in Maryland. Nancy has served on the Board for 33 years and Judy has served for 28 years. So much has been accomplished by the Association during this time and both of these ladies should be proud of what they have helped create. The Mayfield Alumni Association is one of the strongest public high school alumni associations in the state of Ohio, and Nancy and Judy have been a major part of our success. We wish them the best in whatever comes their way down the road.

**Lisa Benedetti**, '77, has been appointed by President Wayne Farinacci as Membership Chair. Lisa was an Administrative Assistant for the City of Mayfield Heights for 33 years. Lisa also has a long history of service to the community and volunteerism. She joins the Association with a wealth of experience and a variety of skills that will be put to good use for the students, staff, and support groups of the Mayfield Schools. We are excited to have Lisa become part of our Alumni Association Executive Board.

## Scholarship Awards for the 2021-22 School Year

Finally, Honors Day won over COVID! After a two year absence, Honors Day proved to be another memorable experience for many Wildcat Seniors. Our outstanding Scholarship Committee did their job carefully and thoroughly. Our committee consisted of **Co-Chairman Jill Turner, Co-Chairman Kayla Pinto, Steve Canfield, Diane Cartellone, and Mark Klang**. The Association set another record by awarding scholarships to 14% of the senior class - a remarkable accomplishment!!

The Association thanks all alums who donated during the 2021-22 scholarship drive. Alums can be very proud of the financial assistance they provide to seniors who work diligently in the classroom and who also manage to get highly involved in athletics, clubs, volunteerism, and extra-curricular activities. Following is a brief summary of this year's scholarship recipients. Unfortunately, we had to shorten the bios due to the high number of recipients.

**\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981):** Maya Webb plans on studying Veterinary Medicine at either Michigan State, University of West Virginia or U of Kentucky.

**\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981):** Kevin Bluffestone plans on studying Marketing at Cleveland State University.

**\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981):** David Kess will be studying Business Management at either OU, Kent or BW.

**\$500 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981):** Anthony Greve will be studying Technology or Criminology at BGSU.

**\$500 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981):** Gia Arnold plans on studying Architecture at U of Cincinnati, OU, or U of Toledo.

**\$500 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981):** Gianni Melaragno plans on studying Mechanical Engineering at U of Dayton, OSU or U of Cincinnati.

**\$500 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981):** Grant Woods plans to study Physical Therapy at Youngstown State University.

**\$500 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981):** Jaclyn Hasto plans on studying Business Management and/or Human Resources Management at U of Pittsburgh, Indiana University or CSU.

**\$500 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981):** Hayley Barna plans to study Early Childhood Education at BGSU, OU, or CSU.

**\$500 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981):** Jacob Arth is undecided in his major but plans on attending either OSU (Mansfield), WVU, or Kent.

**\$500 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981):** Vincent Scolaro plans on studying either Fire Science, Physical Therapy Technician or Exercise Physiology at CSU, BGSU, or KSU.

**\$1000 John Szuhay Memorial Theatre Scholarship, (1990):** Bella Vigilotti plans on majoring in Studio Art or English at either CSU, OU, or Kent.

**\$1000 Ron Ritner Memorial Scholarship, (1991):** Riley Schroeder is planning on studying Psychology at either Wake Forest, Furman, or Elon.

**\$500 Alvarez Fine Arts Scholarship, (1992):** Dominic Pistone-Nascone will be pursuing Culinary Arts at the International Culinary Arts & Sciences Institute.

**\$500 Tim Collaros Memorial Scholarship, (1995):** Tyler Nungesser plans on studying Pharmacy at either ONU or Findley,

**\$1,000 Michael Patrick Colombi Memorial Scholarship, (1998):** Jonathan "Jack" Dominish will be pursuing a Biochemistry (Pre-Med) degree at either OSU, FSU, or U of Cincinnati.

**\$1,000 Michael Patrick Colombi Memorial Scholarship, (1998):** Brynlee Stoll plans on studying Psychology/Pre-Med at either OSU, Penn State, or Xavier.

**\$1000 Norm Huelsman Memorial Scholarship, (2001):** Adriana Valetta will be pursuing a degree in Special Education at either JCU, Ursuline, or Notre Dame of Ohio.

**\$500 William Shaylor Memorial Scholarship, (2002):** Kelsey Mize plans on studying Communication & International Global Studies at either College of Wooster, Denison, or Kenyon.

**\$500 William Shaylor Memorial Scholarship, (2002):** Vaishnavi Nayak will be studying Biomedical Engineering & Political Science at either OSU, Miami, or Columbia.

**\$500 Butch Woodie Memorial Scholarship, (2004):** Nathan Conrad plans on studying Nursing at either KSU or Penn State.

## \$35,000 Awarded to 46 Students on Honors Day

**\$3,000 Scholastic Leadership Award, (2005): Aribah Hossain** plans on attending OSU to study Computer Engineering

**\$500 Rich Vojticek Memorial Scholarship, (2005): Peter Price** plans on studying Mechanical Engineering at ONU.

**\$1,500 Harvey Scheetz Memorial Scholarship, (2007): Mykenna Roy** plans on studying Biology on a Pre-Med Track at either Howard University, CWRU, or OSU.

**\$1,000 Harvey Scheetz Memorial Scholarship, (2007): Isabelle Gamerman** plans on studying education at OSU.

**\$500 Harvey Scheetz Memorial Scholarship, (2007): Kylie Fratantonio** plans on studying Biomedical Engineering and possibly Medicine at either OSU, CWRU, or U of Akron.

**\$1,000 Paul Gadke Memorial Scholarship, (2008): Nadia Gerbasi** is undecided on a major but plans on attending either OSU, OU, or JCU.

**\$1,000 Nancy West Business Scholarship, (2008): Lily Stenroos** plans on studying Marketing/Entrepreneurship at either KSU, BW, or Miami.

**\$500 Judy Delfs Spirit Scholarship, (2009): Maninder Dhillon** plans on studying Pre-Med with Biology at either OSU, CSU, or U of Cincinnati.

**\$500 Ed Ferris Memorial Scholarship: (2010): Colton Brandenburg** plans on studying Electrical and Computer Engineering at either OU, Miami, or OSU.

**\$1,000 John DeLauro Memorial Scholarship, (2010): Frank Ceraolo** plans on studying Finance at either OSU, JCU, or U of Akron.

**\$1,000 Kim Grootegoed Soeder Nursing Scholarship, (2012): Grace Smiley** plans on studying Nursing at either OU, Miami, or OSU.

**\$1,000 Wayne & Anna Farinacci Leadership Scholarship (2013): Lindsey Urban** plans on studying Film/Media Arts Production at either Emerson College, Ithaca College, or Florida State University.

**\$500 "Little Joe" Micale Literary Scholarship (2013): Chloe Campbell-Lee** plans to study Journalism and/or Psychology at Loyola University Chicago, NYU, or the University of Illinois-Chicago.

**\$500 Tex N. Collaros Memorial Scholarship (2014): Aaron Holodny** plans on studying either Electrical or Aerospace Engineering at OSU, U of Cincinnati, or Miami University.

**\$500 Andrew Revello Memorial Scholarship (2015): Kennedy Hammer** plans on studying Business/Marketing at either OSU, Miami, or U of Cincinnati.

**\$500 Sandy Turner Community Service Scholarship (2015): Alexa Draye** plans on attending BGSU to study inclusive Early Childhood Education.

**\$1000 Bruce Jurgovan/Mary Tucker Physics Scholarship (2018): Sam Stenroos** plans on studying Computer Science at OSU.

**\$500 Lori Robinson Cosmetology Scholarship (2019): Ava Carlone** plans to continue her career in Cosmetology at Texture Hair Studio while taking additional classes in haircoloring.

**\$500 Gene "Dutch" Schmidt Memorial Scholarship (2020): Leo Weissman** plans on studying Mechanical Engineering at either U of Cincinnati, OSU, or Miami.

**\$1000 Katherine Kagy French Scholarship (2021): Robert Curtis** plans on studying French and Spanish at an undetermined school.

**\$500 Herman Treu Band Scholarship (2021): Jillian Harris** plans on studying Music Therapy at CSU.

**\$1000 Mary Jane Reed/Jean Zasio English & Journalism Scholarship (2021): Sarah Carlile** plans on studying AYA Education (Integrated Language Arts Concentration & Creative Writing) at either U of Toledo, Xavier University, or BGSU.

**\$500 Carl Roth Political Science Scholarship (2022): Jennifer Liu** plans on studying Criminal Justice and Law at either U of Dayton, U of Cincinnati, or Butler University.

**\$500 Garber Family Scholarship (2022): Jessica Jennings** plans on studying Small Business Management at TRI-C.

**\$1,000 Sloe Family Scholarship (2022): Vivian Rayborn** plans on studying Cybersecurity at either Tiffin University or Mercyhurst University.

## Thank You Donors!

## How the Mayfield Alumni Association Began

Many members of the Mayfield Alumni Association have asked detailed questions regarding several aspects of our organization. The Executive Board has decided to highlight many of the topics that have been submitted. This is the first in a series of historical articles that will appear in *The Alumni Voice Newsletter*.

\*\*\*\*This issue's topic is **How the Mayfield Alumni Association Began**\*\*\*\*

The Mayfield Alumni Association was created in 1980. Back in the 70's and 80's there was a unique business plan that many companies and school districts used to make improvements. It was called **Management By Objectives (MBO)**. In a school district, this called for every administrator, department head, and many committee heads throughout the district to write 2-4 objectives each year. The Objectives would get published in a large booklet for all in the community to see in which areas the school district would strive for improvement. The idea was that if each objective was successfully accomplished, the school district (or business) would measurably improve itself. Most Objectives were small in nature because all staff members were trying to accomplish them in addition to their job. In the 1978-79 school year 232 Objectives were created by the staff throughout the entire school district. 231 Objectives were successfully accomplished. Only one objective was not accomplished!!

In the 1979-80 school year **Wayne Farinacci** was hired as Associate Principal for Curriculum and Instruction. **Jim Mollenkopf** was the Principal at the time. Before school even started, Jim called Wayne into his office, slammed the MBO booklet down on his desk, and explained how upset the Superintendent was that one very important Objective wasn't accomplished the previous year. Jim said "You graduated from Mayfield, so I need you to get this Objective done this year." Wayne replied, "No problem, I'll do anything for you. After all, you hired me so it's the least I can do. What was the Objective that didn't get done?" Jim replied by reading the Objective, "The high school will examine the feasibility for a public high school to successfully create an alumni association and determine the possible benefits to the school district as a result." Wayne took the booklet from Jim with a smile, went to his office, and said to himself (just like in the commercial) how am I gonna do that??

Long story short, Wayne contacted many of his friends from the late 50's and early 60's to start the process. Nobody had any idea where to begin, so we kind of talked about what private and parochial high schools did and tried to determine how we could fit in. By the second semester, the Mayfield Alumni Association was created. There weren't many public high school alumni associations in existence at the time, so we created our own



Looking Back.....

path. We established an Executive Board to guide our development. **Tony Patti, Class of '60**, was elected President and Wayne was elected Vice President. After the first year, Tony didn't want to be President any more. He was far too busy with work. So Wayne became President and has served in that capacity for the past 42 years. Tony continued to serve on the Board for another two years.

Looking back, the Association has been very fortunate to have many alums take on the responsibility of serving on the **Executive Board**. To date, there have been 67 alums who have served, anywhere from one year to 43 years. Their classes range from 1945 (**Aida Kinczel**) to 2006 (**Kayla Pinto**). Every single alum who accepted a position on the Board had the best interests of the Alumni Association and Mayfield High School in mind. They cared deeply about their responsibility and did everything in their power to make significant improvements each year. As the Association took on more projects each year, our Board grew in numbers. Today, there are 14 alums serving on our Board.

There are many accomplishments our 2500 members can be proud of. Through the years, the Association never backed down from a difficult challenge and always looked for unique ways to improve our services to alums, students, and staff. Our reputation as an efficient and effective public high school alumni association grew throughout NE Ohio. In our 43 years of existence, we have actually helped over two dozen area high schools start their alumni associations. Members can also be proud of our highly successful Scholarship Program that rewards students for hard work, leadership, and active involvement, building an Alumni Pavilion for alums, students, staff, and support groups to use throughout the year, creating an extensive Alumni Museum full of donated memorabilia, developing a highly effective Fund Raising Program, and reaching out to other support groups and employee groups within the school district through our Philanthropy Program.

Each future issue of *The Alumni Voice* will feature another unique aspect of the Mayfield Alumni Association, demonstrating to our members how you contributed to our growth, development, and success.

# Wildcattin' With Kitty



**Joyce Panella Cicirella, '60**, kindly donated a scrapbook she had kept all these years to the Alumni Association. Joyce wrote articles in the local newspapers under the heading **"Wildcattin' with Kitty"**. As space permits, we will peek into the past!!

## April 9, 1959:

Thursday, the basketball captains for next year were announced. Mike Kennedy and John Ferrara are co-captains. Congratulations boys and good luck next year.

Thursday night John and Don Lazar held a dinner for Guido Portante, Al Onigkeit, Jerry Dernar, Tony Patti, Dave Loynachan, John Heir, Ed Dye, Tom LaGatta, John Francescangeli, Gene Rocco, Chuck Patti, Frank Marval-

di, Les LaGatta, Mat Bassie, Graig Pesuite, Ed Crocket, Kent Millikan, Fraisue Sangstrom, Frank Vaccarello, Ron Farinacci, and Coach Ed Ferris.

Friday at the Canteen, everyone had a terrific time. Having a ball in the Senior and Junior class were John Frick, Steve Boros, Tony Patti, Butch Woodie, Bob Renard, Dave Thompson, Sandy Benedict, Ken Petrime, Nancy Thompson, Joyce Panella, Donna Fisher, Karin Smith, and Diane LaRich. Everyone had the dancing bug and they managed to bunny hop and do other trick dances.

Friday night Pat Petrime gave a surprise P.J. Party for Barb Pfender. The night owls were Karen Lackey, Linda Wennerstrom, Annette Tanno, Joan Hill, Gay Herke, Glenda Snow, Ginny Rogers, Sylvia Ricchuito, Jan Reidel, Barb Beck, Marilyn Starin, and Pat Petrime.



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**DARE TO DREAM:** Class of 2016 MHS Alumni Kotaro Umeda dropped by the district today to share a copy of his latest children's book, "Dare to Dream," a story about "the importance of hard work, resilience and gratitude."

Kotaro is a professional soccer player with the Joinville Esporte Clube in Brazil.

All proceeds from "Dare to Dream" will be donated to the Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

Kotaro published his first children's book "I'm With You" to support the United Way of Greater Cleveland.

"I am grateful for every opportunity," Kotaro said. "I am destined to glorify God in everything I do."

"Dare to Dream" can be ordered at the link below. Congratulations, Kotaro. Your Mayfield family is very proud of you. [#mychoicemayfield](#) [#mayfieldtogether](#)

<https://www.lulu.com/.../paperback/product-pmrqz.html...>



## ALUMS PAY TRIBUTE TO ROSITANO AND SAFRAN

**Vic Ventresca, Class of '78**, organized a dinner for two of his favorite coaches. Honored at the dinner, held on



June 2nd, were **Don Rositano** (wrestling) and **Ernie Safran** (football). The dinner was hosted by **Mike Albino, Class of '79**, who is the owner/operator of **Guido's Italian Restaurant** in Chesterland. Mike and his wonderful family, who run a top

class restaurant, created a memorable meal for all who attended. There were over 40 former athletes and former staff members in attendance to pay homage to these great gentlemen.

**Dave Todt** brought along a whole bunch of wrestling records and pictures so all could reminisce about their glory days. Many attendees were checking their stats! At the end of the night, Dave donated all the memorabilia to the Mayfield Alumni Museum for all to enjoy in future years.

Hats off to **Vic Ventresca** and **Mike Albino** for organizing a great evening for two illustrious Mayfield coaches.





# CLASS REUNIONS



## Class of '65

The Mayfield High School **Class of '65** will be holding their 57th class reunion on September 10, 2022 at the Mayfield Alumni Pavilion from 4:00pm - 10:00pm.

For updates, check the "Mayfield High School Class of 1965" Facebook page. Or contact any of the following classmates for more information:

**Dennis Jensen**, 440-336-6983,  
[drdennisjensen@yahoo.com](mailto:drdennisjensen@yahoo.com)

**Gene March**, 440-449-7223, [ecmarch@msn.com](mailto:ecmarch@msn.com),

**Phil Mikita**, 330-656-1849, [phil.mikita@gmail.com](mailto:phil.mikita@gmail.com),

**Tom Strickler**, 216-870-9216, [tstrickler@roadrunner.com](mailto:tstrickler@roadrunner.com)

## Class of '73

The **Class of '73** will be holding our Annual Picnic on **Saturday, July 16, 2022**. The time will be from 1:00pm - 5:00pm, rain or shine. Our picnic will be held at the Alumni Pavilion next to the football field.

The Alumni Pavilion has private bathrooms, kitchen facilities, an ice maker, large coolers, and a coffee pot. It also has roller curtains if we need them. Ample close-up parking is available.

Bring your favorite food, snacks, desserts and beverages. Alcohol is permitted. Last year we had about 35 classmates show up, even though the weather did not fully cooperate. We are hoping to have a cornhole tournament!

Everyone is welcome. No RSVP is necessary. Just show up! We are hoping to have a great turnout this year. See you there!

If you need more information, contact:  
**Laura Cardarelli at [cwtlaura@aol.com](mailto:cwtlaura@aol.com)**

## Class of '63

The **Class of '63** is all set once again to provide a **59th Mini Reunion** for our classmates. The date is **Saturday, July 30, from 5:00 to 11:00pm**. Dinner will be served at approximately 6:00pm. While a few out-of-state classmates attend, the mini reunions pull mostly from local alums. We started having mini reunions after our 50th because we had lost so many dear classmates. All find it very comforting to get together every year.

The mini reunion will be held at the home of **Wayne & Anna Farinacci**, rain or shine. For the exceptionally low price of \$10 per person, we can provide a great cookout. We have many skilled cooks and bakers in our class who love to create great dishes. Beer and homemade Limoncello are included! Casual attire is recommended: bikini's for the ladies and muscle shirts and speedos for the men! For more information, send an email to Wayne at [mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net).

**Wayne Farinacci, '63**

## Class of '71

The Mayfield **Class of 1971** will hold its 50th reunion (in the 51st year) on **August 5-7, 2022** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Mayfield Village.

Friday morning will be the high school tour for those who wish to come and see our alma mater.

Friday evening is an informal icebreaker party at Mulligan's Pub in Highland Hts.

Saturday evening is the big party at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Classmates can sign up on the class website, [www.mayfield71.com](http://www.mayfield71.com). All details are on that site. For additional information, contact reunion chair:

**Lynne Roche Matthews**, at [lynne@mayfield71.com](mailto:lynne@mayfield71.com)

## Class of '61

The **Class of 1961** had their 61st mini reunion on Saturday, June 25th. Thirty classmates meet at the Alumni Pavilion next to the Mayfield High School football field. All had a great time marching down memory lane. And of course, everyone enjoyed the good food. We will do it all over again next summer! Big thanks to Elli, Maureen, Marie, Carol, and Kathy for your much needed help.

Jo Ann Pellan Fiorino

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## Class of '67

The **Class of '67** will be celebrating our 55<sup>th</sup> reunion on **September 17, 2022** from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM at

“Regovich Catering at The Patrician”  
33150 Lakeland Blvd. Eastlake, OH 44095.  
Family style dinner & open bar!

**Tickets are also available to purchase for family & friends.** Invitations will be mailed soon. Please contact us with any questions at [hof63@oh.rr.com](mailto:hof63@oh.rr.com) or visit our Facebook page at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/503078396565247>

Jim Spisak [hof63@oh.rr.com](mailto:hof63@oh.rr.com)

*Why isn't your class  
listed here??*

## Class of '60

The **Class of 1960** celebrated our 61<sup>st</sup> Reunion on Saturday, August 21, 2021. **Ron and Joyce Miesz** graciously hosted a fabulous gathering at their home in Chesterland, Ohio for class members from California, Indiana, Missouri, South Carolina and all around Ohio. We enjoyed delicious food from LaVera Party Center and Cork-N-Bottle along with a colorful fresh fruit bouquet and wonderful homemade cupcakes and desserts, creations by **Kerri Egelston and Alyssia Wood**. Gratitude is extended to **Mark & Carrie Butorac, Bryan Annucci, Andy Egelston and Robin Hood** for their assistance in making the reunion so successful.

Since our theme was the iconic Euclid Beach Park, we relived the amusement park adventures of the fantastic rides and the famous Laughing Sal. The nostalgic sweet treats of Humphrey Popcorn Balls and Humphrey Salt Water Taffy were enjoyed by all. The ultimate was the excitement of riding the motorized original silver rocket ship car, traveling up and down Gates Mills Hill and around the grounds of our old high school on S.O.M. Center Road. Driver, **Joe Tamaro**, co-owner of the Euclid Beach Boys, piped in oldies but goodies music during the ride. A special thanks to Ron and Joyce Miesz for the generous complimentary rides and creating new memories for all of us.

The attendees had a wonderful time socializing and reminiscing about our days at Mayfield High School and the famous landmarks throughout our communities. The event was an absolutely delightful and memorable day. It was difficult to say good-bye to everyone, especially the few who traveled from a distance, but we hope to follow up with more frequent mini reunions.

A big thank you to our great hard-working reunion committee who made our 61<sup>st</sup> festivities so enjoyable: **Ron & Joyce Miesz, Marie Thomas Chess, Corinne Cetina Kotlarsic, Robert Selby and David Sobel.**

Marie Thomas Chess, '60



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## Class of '57

Our **Class of 1957** graduated 65 years ago from Mayfield. Wow, sure doesn't seem possible that all these years have gone by. The Committee met recently and decided that instead of a reunion we would have a casual "get-together" for classmates on **Saturday, August 27, 2022**. We will meet at 3:00 p.m. at Mayfield High School which is located at 6116 Wilson Mills Road. We will tour the **Alumni Museum** which is located in the 9-10 wing of the high school. There are many memorable photos, year books, composites, etc. Wayne Farinacci and the members of the Alumni Association have done a phenomenal job of recreating our past. We will then gather at the **Alumni Pavilion** next to the football field, where a "boxed lunch" will be available for \$25.00. This includes sandwich, chips, dessert, plus pop, water, iced tea and lemonade. Sunday, if classmates are still here, those who wish can gather for breakfast. This will be determined at a later date.

Local hotels are:

Holiday Inn, 780 Beta Drive, Mayfield, OH 44143 and Hilton Garden Inn, 700 Beta Drive, Mayfield, OH 44143. Please let us know if you will be attending by emailing: Carole DeMore Morris: [carolem924@gmail.com](mailto:carolem924@gmail.com)  
Rose Balawender Newman [rosealeenewman@gmail.com](mailto:rosealeenewman@gmail.com)

Apologies to all who didn't receive the first letter last November. My list of graduates was not in great order.

**Mea Culpa, Carole**

## Class of '72

The **Class of '72** will hold their **50th Reunion** Labor Day weekend September 1-4, 2022 with the main event being Saturday evening, September 3rd, at the Hilton Garden Inn - Mayfield Village with Music by **Ricky and the Rockets**. Tickets for the Saturday night event are \$75 and can be purchased online at [mayfield50reunion.eventbrite.com](http://mayfield50reunion.eventbrite.com) The Hilton Garden Inn - Mayfield Village has blocked rooms for our event at \$114/night (use code M50). Please forward any information about classmates to:

Don Negrelli [grelli@att.net](mailto:grelli@att.net)

Tom Strasshofer [strasshofer.t@gmail.com](mailto:strasshofer.t@gmail.com)

## Class of '02

Calling all Mayfield **Class of 2002** graduates! \*Please save the date\* We are excited to announce a 20th class reunion on **Sunday, September 4, 2022** at Stonewater Golf Club. More information, times and ticket prices coming SOON. Please follow @mayfieldhigh2002 on Instagram and Mayfield High School Class of 2002 on Facebook for updates!

Hosted by **Stephanie Gaspar** [smgaspar84@gmail.com](mailto:smgaspar84@gmail.com)  
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**Aimee Golub** [aimee.golub@gmail.com](mailto:aimee.golub@gmail.com)

Please feel free to contact any one of us with any questions, comments or how you can get involved!

## Class of '62

**MHS Class of 1962 - 60th Class Reunion Weekend, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16, 17, 2022.** Urgent Reminder...All classmates should have received a formal letter either by e-mail or snail mail. If you did not, please contact Karen Arvidson Chilcote at [kmac1125@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmac1125@sbcglobal.net) or 216-287-3095. Wayne Farinacci also has a copy if you contact him through the Alumni Assoc. Be sure Karen has your latest contact information, for communication as well as send her your bio info for the new directory we are printing. Our Reunion Committee has a very special elegantly catered meal planned for Friday night at the new Mayfield Village Community Room and a more casual get-together on Saturday afternoon at the Alumni Pavilion. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT EVERYONE IN OUR CLASS LETS KAREN KNOW IF YOU ARE GETTING THESE COMMUNICATIONS. **YES OR NO.** Reservation deposits (\$15 @) should be sent to Bob Tribby at 1952 SOM Center Rd., Mayfield Hts., OH 44124, Checks should be made out to MHS '62 Reunion Committee. Thanks, and hope to see you soon!

**Sharon Daviso and Committee**

[mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net)  
for all your Association Q & A's.



**MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We are pleased to acknowledge the following individuals for joining the Mayfield Alumni Association. Whether referred by a classmate, friend, or relative, the Alumni Association continues to grow and has become stronger through the participation of new members.

A lifetime membership to the Alumni Association is only \$35. It is the surest way to be located by your class reunion committee and stay up-to-date on your alma mater's activities. Also, it becomes much easier to participate in Association events. Remember, there is no fee for those alumni who are over 65 years old. Also, married Mayfield graduates can join for the same \$35 lifetime fee. Please feel free to copy the registration form from this newsletter and give it to a fellow alum.

Questions regarding membership, you may contact us at: [Mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net)

A warm **WILDCAT WELCOME** to:

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## Alumni & Football Program Golf Outing!!!

The Mayfield Alumni Association's 28th annual golf outing was successfully held at **StoneWater Golf Club** on **Sunday, June 26, 2022**. Big shout out to **Whitney Neidus Swaney, '99**, for handling all the arrangements flawlessly. Thanks to **Nick Mayer Ford - Lincoln**, we had a great Hole in One car available. The winning team this year was **Kyle Koski, '10, Fadi Haddad, '10, Paul Mann, '10, and Gary Martin**. They shot a score of 54.



Skins \$180 was rolled over into this year's skin pot because there was no winner last year. Winners of \$600 for the only skin, an eagle on #18, were the Pinto's: **Larry Sr., Matt, Michael, and Larry Jr.**

Pin Shot winners received a \$25 gift card from Pizzazz: #3 **Gary Martin**, #6 **Todd Osler**, #11 **Todd Begun, 82'** and #17 **Chris Mack**.

Long Drive winners received a \$25 gift card from Pizzazz: Men's #2 **Anthony Valentino, '06** and Women's #2 **Katie Dolciato, '08**.

The Putting Contest winners received cash awards totaling \$260: Two players won \$130 each for holing out the very long putt - **Mike Sloe, '80** and **Connor Gdovin, '21**.

Raffle Winners were:

**Kurt Treu, '78** - Lottery Basket  
**Mike McTighe, '75** - Booze Basket  
**Kris Treu, '76** - 4 FB Season Reserved Seats  
**Harry Pierce, '75** - Cleveland Guardians Tickets

Auction Winners were:

**John Marko '77** - Foursomes at StoneWater, Little Mountain, Quail Hollow, and Fowlers Mill.  
**Scott Coleman, '79** - Glidden House Hotel Package  
**Larry Corio, '81** - Johnny Walker Black 4.25 Liter  
**Anna Dolciato, '80** - \$500 Flooring  
**Scott Coleman, '79** - Cigar Package  
**Larry Pinto Sr., '80** - Men's Night Out Package

Finally, we wish to thank our organizers **Mike Sloe '80, Coach Ross Bandiera, Larry and JoAnn Pinto '80, Frank Brown '73, Denise Valentino '80, and Wayne Farinacci '63** for making all the arrangements and obtaining sponsors. We would also like to thank our outstanding volunteers: **Vince Ruggieri, '80** and **Dale & Cheryl Orians, '80**. They did a great job keeping everything organized and moving.

### Many Thanks to our Sponsors

We wish to thank our loyal group of sponsors who contributed to our golf outing. Your support for the Wildcats keeps us doing what we do.

### StoneWater Golf Club Nick Mayer Ford Lincoln

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**Mark your calendars**  
**Sunday, June 25, 2023**



# GO CATS!

# STAFF HALL OF FAME ADDS FOUR MORE

This year, the Association is proud to announce four new members who will be inducted into our Staff Hall of Fame. They will be honored at our **Homecoming Tailgate Party on Friday, September 23rd at the Alumni Pavilion**. Congratulations to the following recipients:

## RICHARD GLOVE

Submitted by Wayne Farinacci, '63

## KATHY GOULD

Submitted by Bob Zajec, '79

## WILLIAM HILD

Submitted by Diane Leonardi-Timlin, '63

## THELMA RILEY

Submitted by Ron Golobish, '69

**Richard Glove** - Richard served his entire career at Mayfield H. S. as a Mathematics teacher and Director of Technology. Mr. Glove was reere by this students. He had a very patient approach to his teaching, whether working with Honors and/of Advanced Placement students or other students who has a difficult time dealing with mathematics.

Richard was a valued member of the high school staff as well. He served as Mathematics Department Chairman for many years. Concurrently, he served as the school district's Director of Technology. In this capacity, he had a profound effect on the curriculum offered to students as well as the computer literacy and growth of technology skills within the high school staff. The professional staff regarded Mr. Glove as the consummate teacher, whether working with students or the staff itself. He also served as Assistant Principal for a few years.

Mr. Glove willingly served on many high school committees as well as county and state committees to promote the growth of mathematics and technology in public schools. He won several honors throughout his illustrious career. **Wayne Farinacci, '63**

**Kathy Gould** - Kathy Gould taught at Millridge Elementary for 28 years after her "job" as a stay at home mom allowed her to get back to her education roots. She went back to teach at Millridge Elementary in 1992 the same school that her three children were attending. Initially hired as a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher Kathy settled in with the 1<sup>st</sup> graders and then with Kindergarten until her retirement in 2019. Living in Highland Heights for over 35 years, just streets away from Millridge with her husband Tom and three children, Kathy was not just a teacher in Mayfield City Schools she was also a parent and a resident in our fantastic school system! Kathy worked on many committees at Millridge as an educator and as a PTG parent. She

was nominated for several teacher awards while at Millridge including two special ones from TV Channel 5 and TV Channel 8 through the years.

During her summers off from teaching at Mayfield Kathy continued with the kids. She was the Director the famous Sports 'n More Camp of Mayfield Village for 18 years. You had to sign up early for this camp because it would fill up very quickly. Part of the job Kathy really enjoyed was the hiring of the camp counselors. Many of the counselors were former students of hers who were now in Middle School and High School. Kathy also was on the Highland Heights Park and Rec. Committee for 25 years as she was always "giving back " to the community and to the kids!

All three of Tom and Kathy's children are Mayfield graduates. Sherlyn ('98), Tom ('00), and Jennifer ('03). They all loved the Mayfield Schools as they were involved in many sports and organizations through their years there! Between the three of them they were awarded 35 Varsity letters keeping Kathy very visible at numerous high school events. Kathy misses teaching but has the time to enjoy her 11 grandchildren more. **Bob Zajec, '79**


**William Hild** - Mr. William Hild was my 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and being in his class was a pure joy. He was a father figure to a lot of us; a kind and caring man who had a way of making every subject he taught interesting. He also had a great sense of humor. I remember the time when we were learning about the human body; he came into the class room with a skeleton rolling on wheels while singing, "**I ain't got no body!**"

If any of us had a problem in any subject, he always took the time to work with us until we got it right. When he shared with us the news that he was going to be a father, the class got together for a gift idea, and we decided give Mr. Hild a stroller for his new born baby. He was very appreciative that we did that for him.

Many years later, I attended my nephews program at Lander Road School where Mr. Hild was serving as principal and I ran into him. I was amazed that he remembered who I was! Mr. Hild, for me, will always be my favorite and most memorable teacher. **Diane Timlin, '63**


**Thelma Riley** - My mother, Gertrude Golobish, worked for years during the 1950's in the high school cafeteria as a kitchen worker. Mrs. Riley was my mother's direct supervisor the entire time. My mom had the opportunity to drive lunches to students in other school. She prepared lunches at the high school, then drove in her own car to

If you know of a deserving staff member who should be considered for the Staff Hall of Fame, please contact us.



**GO WILDCATS!**

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## IN MEMORIAM

Eugene Donald Phillips, '41, passed away Jan. 3, 2022  
 Josephine May Phillips Kiraly, '42, passed away May 25, 2022  
 Eileen Ericson Black, '46, passed away Nov., 2018  
 Nancy Lorenz Munthe, '48, passed away Aug. 22, 2021  
 Ruth Ozawa Harms, '49, passed away 2002  
 Charles O'Donnell, '49, passed away 2005  
 Zelda Hargrow Zachary, '49, passed away 1996  
 Pete DiCillo, '50, passed away June 2, 2022  
 Freda Thomas Warren, '50, passed away May 3, 2022  
 Thomas Sellitto, '53, passed away Nov. 14, 2021  
 Ken Kilbourne, '54, passed away April 17, 2022  
 Ingrid Carlson Hines, '55, passed away Feb. 2, 2022  
 Tom Richards, '56, passed away March 30, 2022  
 Ronald Pircio, '59, passed away April 15, 2022  
 Dennis R. Braun, '61, passed away Feb. 11, 2022  
 Francine Ippolito, '61, passed away Nov. 21, 2022  
 Darryl Shaw, '61, passed away Jan. 23, 2022  
 Ceila Ciannelli, '64, passed away Nov., 2021  
 Carl Anderson, '70, passed away Aug., 2021  
 Douglas Lees, '70, passed away Dec. 4, 2021  
 Mitchell Saltz, '70, passed away Sept. 2021  
 Joy Patek Schweitzer, '70, passed away March 7, 2022  
 Dale Breznay, '72, passed away March 10, 2022  
 William Eric Roediger, '95, passed away June 22, 2022

**Staff Deaths:**  
 Georgette Allison, Middle and High School Counselor, passed away March 25, 2022  
 Tom Doddridge, Millridge Principal 1997-03

## STAFF HALL OF FAME, cont.

Millridge to serve the disabled children there. My mother liked her job because it allowed her to be at home when my sister and I left for school in the morning and returned home in the afternoon.

When my mother retired from the Mayfield Schools, I remember how happy and satisfied she was hearing the very kind words which Mrs. Riley used when speaking about my mother at her retirement reception. Every time I drive down SOM Center Rd. and go past Mrs. Riley's small white house on the west side between Marsol Rd. and the cemetery, I remember how kind and fair she treated my mother as an employee.

It is with a great amount of gratitude and thankfulness that I make a very strong and heartfelt recommendation in full support of Mrs. Riley's inclusion in the Alumni Association's Staff Hall of Fame. **Ron Golobish, '69**