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MAYFIELD WILDCATS

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

January started off immediately with midterms after our change in schedule and threw off the start of this semester. Seniors dealing with 'senioritis' struggled to keep up with their school work as they worked through their second semester. Throughout this time, college decisions were made, halls were decorated, and goodbyes were said. Despite said struggles, Wildcats in all grades had a fulfilling year, and there is much to be proud of, regardless of the fact that it was gone in the blink of an eye.

The Mayfield Track & Field team had an amazing season this year. **Nick Biega**, **Luis De La Rosa**, **Ty Jackson**, and **Jake Watson** all headed to the Ohio High School Athletic Association Track & Field Finals, after a winning competition at the Division I State Track Meet. Mayfield has had 10 straight years with a representative in this meet. **Nick Biega**, a senior this year, has had a very successful career. This year alone he was state runner-up and a Western Reserve Conference Champion, holding a new meet record for the WRC Boys 100 Meter Dash. Other WRC Champions include; **Anthony Howard**, **Luis De La Rosa**, **Aidan Arth**, and **Nick Biega** for the Boys 4x100 Meter Relay; **Makena Bremec**, **Kamila Fekete**, **Sophia Palmisano**, and **Mai Ly Marella** for Girls 4x800 Meter Relay; **Sharnse Worthams** for the Girls 300 Meter Hurdles; **Ryanne Abernathy** for the Girls 100 Meter Dash; and **Ty Jackson** for the Boys 110 Meter Hurdles.

The Boys Baseball Team had a strong season as well, earning the title of sectional champions this 2023 season. They then unfortunately lost the District Semifinals to Hudson, 7-1. Mayfield congratulates pitcher/shortstop **Austin Ziance** with Northeast Ohio Baseball Coaches Association Division I Honorable Mention.

Mayfield's spring musical this year was Ragtime, a show about social and racial conflicts that celebrates human connections despite indifferences. It featured a beautiful soundtrack full of harmonies sung by the student cast and melodies played by Mayfield Band students. The roles of Mother and Father were played by Juniors **Lauren Peugeot** and **Michael Wellendorf**, Coalhouse Walker was played by Junior **Savon Harris**, and Sarah by Senior **Paris Bunch**. This play was then taken downtown to the Dazzle Awards, winning Best Musical, **Savon Harris** winning best actor, **Graham Wilde**, winning best supporting actor for the role of Younger Brother, and **Cidney Little**, winning Spirit of the Dazzle Awards. Other honorees in-

cluded **Paris Bunch**, nominated for Best Actress. **Elizabeth Axelrod**, who played Evelyn Nesbit, was nominated for Best Supporting Actress.

Prom gave the Juniors and Seniors a celebration of their year. Held at La Vera Party center, the Junior Student Council decorated the space in elegant detail, complete with masks provided for all of the students to go along with their theme of 'Masquerade Ball.' The After Prom Committee gave the students 'A Night to Remember,' in perfect conjunction with their theme. Held at Fun 'n' Stuff, there were many activities provided including go karts, laser tag, mini-golf, a game room, and most importantly, a Swenson's food truck. This night ensured many memories for Mayfield's upperclassmen.

On June 3rd, the 123rd commencement of Mayfield High School welcomed our 2023 graduates as Mayfield Alumni. The ceremony was held at the Connor Palace in Cleveland's beautiful Playhouse Square and featured heartfelt speeches from Valedictorian **Pranav Sompalle**, Salutatorian **Mohammed Zoraiz**, Student Council President **Hailey Inmon**, and Senior Class President **Jack Pickerill**. The opening remarks were delivered warmly by superintendent **Dr. Michael Barnes**. To lighten the mood with her proudest regards was the school board's president **Sue Groszek**, where she compared our success to the Roaring 20's. To conclude, principal **Jeffrey Legan** gave a sentimental speech leaving us with "the wise words of Ted Lasso" as he stated, "be curious and not judgemental." These words are important for both the graduates and their families to hold with them as they move into the next chapter of their lives.

As this is my last Alumni Newsletter, I'd like to thank the Alumni Association for giving me this opportunity to share my pride for our school in a way that very few get to do. It has been amazing to reflect back on these past four semesters as the student writer and has also helped me find a love for writing. As I move onto this next chapter of my life, I will always hold my memories I made at Mayfield close, and as always, go Wildcats!



Lydia Abbey, '23

Scholarship Awards for the 2022-23 School Year

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 Cartelone, and Mark Klang**. Remarkably, 25% of the senior class applied for an Alumni Association scholarship. Even more remarkably, 15% of the senior class received a scholarship - an amazing accomplishment!!

The Association thanks all alums who donated during the 2022-23 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 (47).

\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Mia Palmisano, The Ohio State University, Business.

\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Mai Ly Marella, The Ohio State University, Mechanical Engineering.

\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Rose Weintraub, Kent State University, Early Childhood Education.

\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Grace Sherlock, John Carroll University, Nursing.

\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Chloe Delisio, Miami of Ohio, Middle Childhood Education.

\$500 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Kyle Irwin, John Carroll University, Biology/Pre-Med.

\$500 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Domenic Menta, The Ohio State University (Mansfield), Business Management.

\$500 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Ava Glynos, University of Cincinnati, Nursing.

\$500 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Anthony Velotta, Ohio University, Business.

\$500 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Kylee Sills, The Ohio State University, Sports Management.

\$500 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Joseph Farinacci, Swagelock Intern Program.

\$1000 John Szuhay Memorial Theatre Scholarship, (1990): Noella Senra, Baldwin Wallace, Musical Theater/Acting.

\$500 Ron Ritner Memorial Scholarship, (1991): Nicholas Biega, The Ohio State University, undecided.

\$500 Alvarez Fine Arts Scholarship, (1992): Cidney Little, Kent State University, Musical Theater/Communications.

\$500 Tim Collaros Memorial Scholarship, (1995): Adrienne Fekete, The Ohio State University, Exercise Science/Physical Therapy.

\$1,000 Michael Patrick Colombi Memorial Scholarship, (1998): Alexander Schneier, The Ohio State University, Education & Computer Science.

\$1,000 Michael Patrick Colombi Memorial Scholarship, (1998): Efstratios Hliatzos, The Ohio State University, Biomedical Engineering.

\$1000 Norm Huelsman Memorial Scholarship, (2001): Lauren Schmidt, Cleveland State University, Special Education.

\$500 William Shaylor Memorial Scholarship, (2002): Calo Shiban, Cleveland State University, Film Production.

\$500 Butch Woodie Memorial Scholarship, (2004): Nicholas Januszewski, Kent State University, Exercise Science.

\$3,000 Scholastic Leadership Award, (2005): Pranav Sompalle, University of Pennsylvania, Biochemistry/History.

\$37,000 Awarded to 47 Students on Honors Day

\$500 Rich Vojticek Memorial Scholarship, (2005): Jilian Gambino, Gannon University, Mechanical Engineering.

\$1,000 Harvey Scheetz Memorial Scholarship, (2007): Emma Burkey, University of Cincinnati, Mechanical Engineering.

\$1,000 Harvey Scheetz Memorial Scholarship, (2007): Samuel Bremec, Cleveland State University, Mathematics/Secondary Education.

\$1000 Harvey Scheetz Memorial Scholarship, (2007): Anish Kulkarni, University of Cincinnati, Electrical Engineering.

\$1,000 Paul Gadke Memorial Scholarship, (2008): Isabella Robinson, The Ohio State University, undecided.

\$1,000 Nancy West Business Scholarship, (2008): Mia Bella DeVito, Penn State Behrend, International Business & Economics.

\$500 Judy Delfs Spirit Scholarship, (2009): Celina Liang, The Ohio State University, Nursing.

\$500 Ed Ferris Memorial Scholarship: (2010): Braeden Beck, Ohio University, Marketing.

\$1,000 John DeLauro Memorial Scholarship, (2010): Christopher Russo, The Ohio State University, Business.

\$1,000 Kim Grootegoed Soeder Nursing Scholarship, (2012): Anastaciya Kovaleva-Gasparyan, Cleveland State University, Nursing.

\$1,000 Wayne & Anna Farinacci Leadership Scholarship (2013): Lydia Abbey, The Ohio State University, Music/Arts Management or Business.

\$500 "Little Joe" Micale Literary Scholarship (2013): Sasha Kapinos, The Ohio State University, Psychology.

\$500 Tex N. Collaros Memorial Scholarship (2014): Justin Keptner, University of Cincinnati, Business/Pre-Law.

\$500 Andrew Revello Memorial Scholarship (2015): John Pickerill, The Ohio State University, Business.

\$500 Sandy Turner Community Service Scholarship (2015): Kaitlyn Cohen, The Ohio State University, Animal Sciences.

\$1000 Bruce Jurgovan/Mary Tucker Physics Scholarship (2018): Casper Dombrosky, The Ohio State University, Chemical Engineering.

\$500 Lori Robinson Cosmetology Scholarship (2019): Maya Russ, unknown.

\$500 Gene "Dutch" Schmidt Memorial Scholarship (2020): Jacqueline Lonsway, The Ohio State University, English Education.

\$1000 Katherine Kagy French Scholarship (2021): Payton Brown, Clemson University, International Business.

\$500 Herman Treu Band Scholarship (2021): Sarah Fricke, University of Akron, Human Resources.

\$1000 Mary Jane Reed/Jean Zasio English & Journalism Scholarship (2021): Mary Jo Baetzold, Loyola University, Political Science.

\$500 Carl Roth Political Science Scholarship (2022): Mary Decker, University of Miami, Florida, Sustainable Business.

\$500 Garber Family Scholarship (2022): Austin Ziance, Marietta College, Actuarial Science.

\$1,000 Sloe Family Scholarship (2022): Tyler Krueger, Ohio University, Business.

\$1,000 Emily & Arch McCartney Family Scholarship (2023): Hailey Inmon, Notre Dame, Finance/Marketing.

\$500 Marella Family Student-Athlete Engineering Scholarship (2023): Ben Greenberg, University of Cincinnati, Chemical/Electrical Engineering.

Thank You Donors!

The Mayfield Alumni Staff Hall of Fame

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 third in a series of historical articles that will appear in *The Alumni Voice Newsletter*.

****This issue's topic is our Staff Hall of Fame****



Looking Back.....

What exactly is a Hall of Fame? A hall of fame contains a list of individuals, achievements, or other entities, usually chosen by a group of electors, to mark their excellence or fame in their specific field. The Alumni Association honors, by enshrinement, those individuals who had exceptional careers or should be recognized for their significant achievements. In some cases, like we do in the Alumni Museum, the honorees are displayed on a plaque and/or have memorabilia on display for teachers, staff, and students to view. Two of our most significant displays created within our Alumni Museum have been established for **John Suzhay**, former Theatre Director, and **Lou Penfield**, former Chairman of the Art Department.

The Association created our **Staff Hall of Fame** 16 years ago to recognize outstanding teachers, coaches, administrators, counselors, and classified staff. The actual wording on the caption plate placed above their names reads as follows:

The graduates of this great high school greatly appreciate the teaching, guidance, and leadership provided by the following staff members. We will forever be indebted for the thoughtful commitment they extended to us in our formative years. Our success is directly related to the care and concern they had for our well being.

Those listed on the Staff Hall of Fame plaque include: **Edward Andrews, Chick Beach, Geraldine Beach, Jim Bezdek, Fern Borland Pfister, Harriet Bush, Joe Chilter, Dave Chordas, Kay Del Brocco, Judy Delfs, Clara Eagle, Anna Farinacci, Wayne Farinacci, Kenneth Faulhaber, Ed Ferris, Mary Grootegoed, Eugene Havas, Richard Huff, Bill Hunt, Carrie Jackson, Lee Johns, Bruce Jurgovan, R. Wallace Lackey, Betty Malmad, Margaret McKee, Rod Meadows, Rick Miner, Jim Mollenkopf, Rose Newman, Mike Niland, Mike Ostovic, Joanne Paller, Lou Penfield, Barb Pfender, Joe Popelka, Louis Ramicone, Frank (Nasher) Rivers, Carl Roth, Frank Russell, Paul Sabatino, Ernie Safran, Joseph Santora, Harvey Scheetz, Gene Schmidt, Bill Shaylor, Bob Sheridan, Ed Siebenhar, Cindy Six, John Steadman, John Suzhay, Herman Treu, Sandy Turner, Tony Ware, Phil Weinberg, and Jean Zasio.**

Let all those names sink in for a while. Think back to when you were sitting in their classroom, being coached by them, or just engaged in a conversation that had an impact on your development. These honorees are the foundation of Mayfield. They are probably among the most influential people you have ever come across in your lifetime. The Association thanks the alums who nominated these honorees. Thanks to your thoughtfulness, they deserve the recognition they have received.

This year at our **Alumni Homecoming Tailgate Party on Friday, September 8th**, the Alumni Association will be inducting four more outstanding educators. They include: **Frank Cikach, Tim Donoughe, Norm Rozell, and Mili-cent Sinden**. If you are aware of any staff member who you feel is deserving of induction in the Alumni Staff Hall of Fame, please take the time to nominate them for future consideration.

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Nominator's Name _____

Email Address _____

Year of Graduation _____ Phone _____

Or mail to Mayfield Alumni Association
6116 Wilson Mills Rd. Mayfield Village, OH 44143

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 8th at the Alumni Pavilion**. Congratulations to the following recipients:

FRANK CIKACH

Submitted by Al Hess, '72

TIM DONOUGHE

Submitted by Matt Pinto, '06

NORM ROZELL

Submitted by Diana Vitale, '63

MILLICENT SINDEN

Submitted by Glenn R. Hodges, MD, '59

Frank Cikach - In high school Frank was part of the Maple Heights outstanding wrestling dynasty. In 1979, Frank began his career as a teacher and head wrestling coach at Mayfield. Frank had a winning won/loss record in all of his years as head coach. He also had several state champions or state runners-up, as well as many more state placers and qualifiers. As a team, Mayfield was state runner-up in 2002, making the 2002 team the only Mayfield athletic team in modern history to reach this status.

In the early 2000's, Frank continued to coach wrestling but also transitioned from teacher to Department Head of the newly formed Mayfield IT Department. Through Frank's leadership, the foundation was laid for what Mayfield Technology has become today. Under Frank's leadership and philosophy of "move slow to move fast", the school district did not have to keep pulling things back for delays and corrections. This practice put Mayfield ahead of many other school districts. **John Duplay**, current Department Head of IT, worked with Frank before taking over the department.

The Mayfield Family owes a debt of gratitude to Frank Cikach for his many years of leadership in helping to keep Mayfield a top tier school district.

Al Hess, '72

Tim Donoughe - Mr. Donoughe was my sophomore year Algebra teacher and was a member of the Math Department staff for 30 years. During his tenure, Mr. Donoughe embodied the Mayfield spirit and was beloved by his students. His charismatic teaching style allowed him to connect with every student in the class, whether math was a

strength of theirs or not. He commanded the classroom while making learning fun. He definitely had the respect of his students and the rest of the Mayfield staff and administration.

I'm certain there are plenty of other former students who would echo my endorsement of Mr. Donoughe. As the AP Calculus teacher, some of Mayfield's brightest minds learned from him. I remember attending the Top 40 Dinner and Awards Program, where the top graduating seniors are honored and get to recognize a teacher from elementary school, middle school or high school. Mr. Donoughe was easily the most recognized educator that night, and for good reason. He is simply a great teacher and role model.

I have also had the good fortune to know Mr. Donoghue outside the classroom, as he is a close family friend. The same characteristics that make him a tremendous teacher carry over to his personal life as he is a wonderful human being. He is worthy of this honor and would be a great addition to the Mayfield Alumni's Staff Hall of Fame.

Matt Pinto, '06

Millicent Sinden - Miss Sinden taught mathematics and biology at MHS for many years. She taught my class of first year algebra in the mid 1950s. She was able to communicate the language of algebraic equations in a way that we understood and were able to learn. This established a firm foundation for further studies in geometry, advanced algebra, and trigonometry.

Although Miss Sinden did not teach my biology class she knew of my interest in biology. She encouraged me and provided supplemental readings in biology for me. Miss Sinden was one of the earliest supporters of my interest in medicine. I do not know when Miss Sinden began teaching in the Mayfield School District, but both my sister, **V. Jane (Hodges) Nau, Class of '48**, and my brother **Robert R. Hodges, Jr., Class of '50**, have fond memories of her from their studies in biology and mathematics.

Very importantly, it should be noted that Miss Sinden also wrote the Mayfield High School Alma Mater.

Glenn Ross Hodges, MD, '59

Norman Rozell - I would like to nominate Norman Rozell for his service through many years with our Mayfield City School District. He first served as a 6th grade teacher at Oakville Elementary. While Oakville does not exist any more, the memories that Mr. Rozell created in his students will last forever.

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CLASS REUNIONS



Class of '77

The Class of 1977 met for a summer bash to celebrate our 45th reunion on August 6, 2022 at the Highland Heights Community Center. Wildcats **Rick Cardinale** and **Bill Spanner** were talking and decided to put something together. Rick and his wife **Laura Berthold** (Class of 1976) had already booked the room and band for another reason so that venue was available. The committee of **Rick, Bill, Anna Ricciardella Zsinko, Steve Cadwell, Mary DiBlasi, Nina Shaft Rotondo and Gina Fioritto** put together a fabulous party. 68 people attended and danced the night away with 70's music from the Burning River Sound. Teacher/Coach Joe Santora also attended and it was great to catch up with him! The food was great, the decorations perfect and it was great fun seeing and talking to everyone.

Rick Cardinale, '77



Coach **Joe Santora** and **Rick Cardinale** celebrating a cocktail at our 45th Class Reunion.

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for all your Association Q's & A's.

Class of '65

The Mayfield High School **Class of 1965** will be holding their 58th class reunion September 9, 2023 at the Mayfield Alumni Pavilion from 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM. For updates, check the "Mayfield High School Class of 1965" Facebook page. Or contact any of the following:

Dennis Jensen, 440-336-6983

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Betsy Podgurski, 440-773-1405, bpodgurski@gmail.com

Tom Strickler, 216-870-9216, tstrickler@roadrunner.com

Class of '83

The **Class of '83** will be holding our 40th reunion on Saturday, September 2, 2023. It will be held at the Wood Room Martini and Wine Bar located at 34100 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills, OH 44194 440-278-4233.

What time? When you get there is when it starts.... but for most.... 7:00pm until you drop.

Cost? No cost to attend - but there will be a cash bar and appetizers provided.

The event is casual. If you want to wear your 80's faves and break out your flash dance sweatshirt with a pair of Guess jeans - or dust off that shoulder padded blazer and match with a pair of Jordache...do it baby!

Guys you can dig up your way too small Member's Only Jacket while splashing on a little Drakkar Noir or Polo with a pair of Ray-Ban Wayfarers - still looks good? Then go for it!

No need to respond. Hope to see you there!

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



Go Cats!



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Class of '68

MAYFIELD CLASS OF '68 Still making memories after 55 years!

After the success of our 50th reunion in 2018, the plan was to have a casual get together in 2019. As we all know, the crazy times we experienced during the last few years put a hold on those plans. Now it's time to fulfill that promise!

Come join us for a casual evening in the old neighborhood. No cover charge, no preplanning, no stress. Just show up.

WHERE: Panini's Bar & Grill
6237 Wilson Mills Road
440.771.4006

<https://paninisgrill.com/locations/highland-heights/>

WHEN: Saturday, August 19th - Committee members will arrive at 6:30pm, but you are welcome to come earlier or later. Panini's is open to the public from 11am until 2am so come and go as you please.

PARKING: Grab a spot in Panini's lot or in the shopping center lot located behind the building.

Panini's is a warm friendly tavern that offers a casual menu and full service bar. We will provide appetizers at the committee's personal expense; donations are welcome.

Everyone, however, is on his or her own to purchase other food or drink throughout the evening. Please send an email to let us know if you will be joining us so we can get an idea on how many will be in attendance. **Your response is important to us!** Don't forget to pass this on to anyone from our class who might want to attend.

Mayfieldhs68@gmail.com Hope to see you soon,
The Class of 68' Reunion Committee

Class of '63

Join your classmates for our memorable **60th Class Reunion August 4, 5, & 6, 2023**. Our out of town classmates requested a three-day celebration so the event will be more worth their time and money. All attendees will receive a unique and very special gift!

Friday, Aug. 4th We will socialize with a **Patio Party** at Wayne & Anna's house across the street from our old high school. Relax on the patio from 5:00pm to 10:00pm.


Saturday, Aug. 5th Fabulous Reunion Dinner hosted by Trevi Catering at the Mayfield Village Community Center from 5:30pm - 11:00pm. Dinner will be served about 7:30pm.

Sunday, Aug. 6th Brunch will be held in the Alumni Pavilion at the High School (Wilson Mills and Lander) from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Ample parking is available

Out of town classmates:

Mayfield Holiday Inn, 780 Beta Dr., \$129.00
440-461-9200 Use code "**Class of 1963**"


For detailed information please contact **Wayne Farinacci** at 216-509-4353 or mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net




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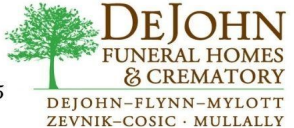
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Thank You Notes

The Alumni Association created the **Thank You Notes** program to give alums the opportunity to thank anyone connected with the Mayfield Schools. The **Thank You Notes** program is designed to enable alums to express their heartfelt appreciation to any past or present Mayfield Schools' employees for any acts of kindness bestowed upon the former student by the employee. Shoot us an email and we will send you a Thank You Notes Form, or just mail it to us the old fashion way. As humans, we often miss the opportunity to tell someone else "thanks" for something he/she did for us. Well..... its never too late to send us a **Thank You Note**.

Dear Mr. Roger Franklin,

Before you moved to the high school to teach 8th grade Language Arts, you were my 5th grade teacher at Mayfield Road Elementary School in the 1949-50 school year. During that year, you selected **Don Hall** and myself to teach us to make small wood-working items on some equipment you brought to school. This was done during "study periods" for the other students. Your kind considerations were all-new experiences for two young students for whom you took a "special" interest!

Don't know how you knew our own fathers were not probably spending similar time with us! I kept those small items for many years after, with affection. Years later when I was a high school student, I often saw you outside your classroom door awaiting your students. I was bashful in those years and never stopped to say "hello" nor "thank you." I now know you would have remembered me and deeply regret never having done so.

Let me tell you now, "I love, remember, and appreciate you greatly! Thanks for being such a positive influence in my life at an early age."

Rest in Peace, Mr. Franklin
Jack Walsh, MHS '59 Atlanta, GA

"The years between 50 and 70 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down." - **T.S. Elliot**

"I'm at that age where my back goes out more than I do." - **Phyllis Diller**

School District News

From: Laurie Uhlir, May 11, 2023
 Subject: Congratulations, Mayfield

NATIONAL VOICE: Mayfield proudly hosted a visit with Superintendents and education leaders from 8 states representing 12 districts from across the U.S. in partnership with @Batelle For Kids #EdLeader21. Our Mayfield teachers, staff and students spent the day talking about how the **Mayfield Portrait of a Wildcat**, pathways and personalized learning is preparing our Pre-K-12 students for college, career and life. Wildcats, our voice is being heard. #mychoicemayfield

Alumni Association Takes Over the Education Foundation

The Mayfield Education Foundation has provided exceptional service to the Mayfield Schools over the past 13 years. Addressing educational needs within the district has been it's major focus. As our members know very well, the Alumni Association also provides varied educational services to the district, provides outstanding scholarship opportunities to students, and has been providing enhancements to the Mayfield staff in a variety of ways. Thus, with a much greater base of membership and the resulting endless possibilities that exist, the Association has been asked to assume the responsibilities of the Foundation.

The Association has accepted the district's offer and pledges to do even more for the student body and staff. There will be opportunities in the near future for alums to provide assistance to students and staff. As we head down this new highway, we will be asking our members to be creative in ways you can expand the educational platform for our students. While just scratching the surface, career planning, internships, mentoring, and reinforcements for academic achievement are some of the ways our members' experiences can be of assistance.



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I/We are willing to work on or help with the following committee:
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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

A warm **WILDCAT WELCOME** to:

STAFF HALL OF FAME, cont.

When I entered the 6th grade, Mr. Rozell was entering his first year of teaching. Mr. Rozell had a wonderful personality that made you want to come to school to learn every single day. As I recall, he had a very patient approach with all his students. He had an even temperament and always seemed to be in a good mood. After many years at Oakville, Mr. Rozell was promoted to Principal of Millridge Elementary. While at Millridge, he was very respected by students and parents alike. Unfortunately, Mr. Rozell passed away in 2020. **Diana DiPuccio Vitale, '63**

Barbara Cesa Gollini, '59
Jim Burens, '61
Jan Mastrangelo, '63
John Primiano, '67
Charles Bixler, '72
Michael Garcia, '74
Pino Rosati, '76
Tony Paglia, '80

Julie Siskovic, '80
Whitney Neidus Swaney, '99
Lindsey Neidus, '01
Katherine Neidus Bak, '05
Vivian Rayborn, '22
Stuart Neidus, Friend
Bill Pope Jr., Friend

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

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Alumni 18 FORE Education & Football Program Golf Outing!!!

The Mayfield Alumni Association's 29th annual golf outing was fantastic event held at **StoneWater Golf Club on Sunday, June 25, 2023**. Big shout out to **Whitney Neidus Swaney, '99**, for handling all the arrangements flawlessly. Thanks to **Deacon Chrysler, Dodge, Ram, Jeep, Randy Stovsky, '80**, we had a great Hole in One car available. The winning team this year was **Mitch Opalich '82, Kevin Emerman '82, Todd Begun '82, and Vince Daher '19**. They shot a score of 13 under..



What handsome young men!

- Dan Valentino
- Mark Becka
- Mike Sloe
- Jim Wallis

Skins Winners of \$600 for the four skins were: Eagle on #18 - **Mark Gaspar, Matt Gaspar, Mario Gaspar, and Brian Stofko**. Eagle on #4 - **Tony Paglia, Mike Paglia, John Paglia, and Marco Gambatese**. Eagle on #5 - **Frank Brown, Dwight McHugh, Edward Bohnert, and Bob Crcar**. Birdie on #6 - **Dominic Piunno, Riley Canitia, Connor Gdovin, and Brandon Brunton**.

We drove the course 4 times making sure everyone was hydrated and fed.



Denise Valentino
JoAnn Pinto
Wayne Farinacci

Putting Contest winners received \$400: Harry Pierce, Chuck Day, Mike McTighe, and Nick Santilli.

Pin Shot winners: #3 **Vince Daher**, #6 **Brandon Brunton**, #11 **Mitch Opalich** and #17 **Joe Greve**.

Long Drive winners: Men's #2 **Joe Greve** and Women's #2 **Nancy Gaspar**. All PS & LD received a \$25 gift card from Pizzazz, Mill Tavern, or StoneWater/Rustic Grill.



Board Member
Jimmy Teresi

School District
Treasurer
Scott Snyder

Raffle Winners were:

- Bruce & Laura Rinker** - Lottery Basket
- Panini's, Mayfield Village** - Booze Basket
- Ken's Auto Service** - 4 FB Season Reserved Seats
- La Vera Party Center** - 25 Cigars

Silent Auction Winners were: **Nick Barille** - Foursomes at StoneWater, Little Mountain, and Quail Hollow.

- Anthony Valentino** - Glidden House Hotel Package
- Mike Sloe** - White Claw Golf Bag
- Mark Gaspar** - 4 Diamond Box Guardian's Tix
- Frank Brown** - Fine Dining Gift Card Basket
- Frank Brown** - 4 Guardian's Tix by Guard's Bullpen
- Mark Gaspar** - Brown's Town Wine Box

Time for:

Italian Dinner,
Awards Program,
Raffle Baskets,
Silent Auction,
Spirit Wear Sale,
and socializing.



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StoneWater GC

Outing Directors:

**Mike Sloe, Ross Bandiera, Larry & JoAnn Pinto, Vince Ruggieri,
Denise Valentino, Frank Brown, and Wayne Farinacci**

The Mayfield Alumni Association appreciates the efforts our Outing Directors put into organizing this year's event. They are responsible for all facets of the outing including: forms, signs, venue, recruiting teams, prizes, and obtaining sponsors. Thanks also to our volunteers Dale & Cheryl Orians for making the outing run smoothly.

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.

**Whitehouse Construction The Oswald Company
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Fioritto Funeral Service La Vera Party Center Panini's May. Vil.**

Glidden House Hotel, Tom Farinacci, '87
JoVann Tobacco Shop, Brent Gilberto, '79
DeJohn Funeral Homes, Ross DeJohn
DiCicco & Sons Funeral Home
Perspectus Architecture, Jim Wallace, '80
Hal and Nancy West, '55
SLOE Good, A Checkered Past Winery
Rustic Grill at StoneWater
Kevin Emerman, '82
The Abbey Family
The Rinker Family
Highlander Tavern
The Mill Tavern



Mayfield Athletic Department
DiStefano's Authentic Italian Foods
Pizzazz Restaurant, Mark Gaspar, '88
Total ID Solutions, Mike Slow, 80
H. H. Mayor, Chuck Brunello, '96
The Pinto Family
Rick & Polly Marabito, '81
The Tavern of Mayfield
Eddie Neer
The Village Butcher
George Hughes
Winking Lizard
Dave Snyder, '88



GO CATS!

Officers Elected and Chairmen Appointed for 2023-24

The leadership team of the Mayfield Alumni Association was finalized at our last Executive Board meeting of the year on May 8th.

OFFICERS	
WAYNE FARINACCI '63	President & Alumni Coordinator
JOE DEMARCO '73	Vice President
VINCE RUGGIERI '80	Secretary
FRANK BROWN '73	Treasurer

CHAIRPERSONS	
JERRY FUDURICH '58	Reunion Coordinator
JILL TURNER '85	Scholarship
KAYLA PINTO '06	Scholarship
JO ANN PINTO '80	Social
DENISE VALENTINO '80	Social
JOLENE GREVE '84	Spirit Coordinator
BOB ZAJEC '79	Fund Raising
ROBERTO MARINO '80	Historical & Web Coordinator
LISA BENEDETTI '77	Membership
CINDY SIX '66	Educational Services
Dr. MICHAEL BARNES	District Liaison
SCOTT SNYDER	District Liaison

Alumni Calendar for 2023-24

August 28 - Monday	Wayne's house
Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
September 8 - Friday	Alumni Pavilion
Homecoming Tailgate Party	5:15 - 6:45 PM
October 9 - Monday	Alumni Museum
Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
November 13 - Monday	Alumni Museum
Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
January 8 - Monday	Alumni Museum
Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
February 12 - Monday	Alumni Museum
Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
March 11 - Monday	Alumni Museum
Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
April 8 - Monday	Alumni Museum
Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
May 13 - Monday	Wayne's house
Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
May 20 - Monday	Alumni Museum
Memorabilia Night	6:30 - 9:00 PM
June 30 - Sunday	StoneWater
18 FORE Education Golf Outing	12:00 – Lunch/Reg.

IN MEMORIAM

Bertram G. Brehm Jr., '44 passed away Mar. 21, 2023
Carl "Beans" Fogel, '49 passed away Sept 9, 2022
JoAnne Barnes Hosa, '49 passed away 2019
William Sevier, '49 passed away January, 2023
Victor Piccoli, '51 passed away March 26, 2023
Joanne Quitter LaPorta, '55 passed away Dec. 26, 2022
Robert "Bob" Nyerges, '55 passed away Feb. 21, 2023
Peggy Webster Skerritt '57 passed away Feb 24, 2023
Elmira Delores Gollini Frate, '58 passed away Feb. 25, 2023
Gary Carnicom, '59 passed away May 10, 2022
Joyce Panella Cicirella, '60 passed away April 12, 2023
Sheila Tucker Black, '63 passed away Apr. 22, 2023
Marcia Swiger Haffey, '63 passed away March 4, 2023
Rosemary Stankus Nicholson, '63 passed away Aug. 30, 2022
Anita Sue Muni Bach, '64 passed away Feb. 26, 2023
Faye Boyle Consilio, '64 passed away March, 2023
Joseph Tosto Jr., '64 passed away Sept. 13, 2022
Stan Savran (Savransky), '65 passed away June 12, 2023
Deborah Ann Sewell Rogers, '66 passed away Feb. 13, 2023
Bill Ambrogio, '67 passed away Feb. 16, 2023
Kevin Cramer, '69 passed away Sept. 21, 2022
Paul Wells, '69 passed away June 2, 2023
Linda Biegelman Kvistad, '70 passed away Jan. 27, 2023
Gail Aplis Logan, '70 passed away June 5, 2023
Denise Nobilo Mazzeo, '70 passed away Sept. 29, 2022
Deloris Trozzi Caspio, '71 passed away Jan. 16, 2023
Jim Aker, '72 passed away June, 2022
Michael Golitko, '75 passed away Feb. 15, 2023
Thomas DiVita, '77 passed away June 4, 2023
Nan Rappaport Matelske, '77 passed away June 6, 2023
Jay Ozebek, '77 passed away Nov. 16, 2022
Bob Humanchuk, '79 passed away Feb. 19, 2023
Robert Koenig, '79 passed away May 9, 2023
Jodi Lansky Sack, '79 passed away Feb. 22, 2023
Tonya Franklin, '82 passed away March 7, 2023
Stephan Ley, '91 passed away Nov. 21, 2022
Michelle Columbo Benchek, '98 passed away Feb. 14, 2023

Staff Deaths:

Nancy Ostovic, Millridge Center for Hearing Impaired, 1972-76, passed away December, 2022
Doug Harber, H. S. Social Studies, passed away June 10, 2023