

Husky Connections



June 2022

Fandangle 2022 Set to Score a Perfect Ten

The inaugural Fandangle celebration was held back in July of 2013. Now we are slated to enjoy our TENTH Fandangle, and if all goes as planned, it will score a “perfect ten”.

Just reflect on those ten years. A decade of reunion hugs! Ten years of great food and cold beer! Ten years of dancing on the

grass... of class photos... of singing the Dieruff Alma Mater led by Mr. Peter Carpenter. The list goes on and on. And so does the joy.



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The continued success of our Fandangle can be attributed to you, our faithful alumni. You all appreciate the opportunity to reconnect with classmates and rekindle friendships. You enjoy showing your Husky Pride, and embrace those lyrics, “to you we ever will belong!”

President's Message: Countdown to Fandangle

The countdown to Fandangle 2022 continues! Remember, we only have **300 tickets** for the event, so order your tickets now!

Five huge party tents will be pitched on the spacious playing fields at the East Side Youth Center, providing a safe and comfortable fresh-air environment for all of our attendees. The center's large banquet hall offers an air-conditioned alternative.

Our food vendor, "Heaven on a Bun", will be conveniently stationed among the party tents. As always, the outdoor bar will be offering draft beer, water, and soft drinks. You are welcome to bring other adult beverages.



Kay Kurtz
President Alumni Association



Our 50/50 drawings and the gift basket raffles are extremely popular. And our live DJ will be providing a mix of easy listening as well as dance music.

Dress code is picnic casual, but always wear your best smile for the class photos, as well as the casual pictures. The complete photo album will be posted on our Website.

And so, as we boast ten years of experience conducting Fandangle, the ingredients for a successful *"mega-reunion for all classes"* are all in alignment. Just make sure to get your tickets in advance.

You can order your tickets on our Website, or just mail in the order forms found on the following page. If it's more convenient, you can stop in and purchase tickets at Stahley's, the Sherman Street Beer Company, or the Dieruff Main Office. **We must emphasize there will be no tickets sold at the door.**

Fandangle 2022 Ticket Order Forms

Just print this page, and fill in one order form for each ticket you want to order. Send in the completed forms, along with your check. Your tickets will be mailed to you.

Print form and complete for each ticket ordered



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Please send one ticket for the July 30, 2022 event to:

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Alumni Wall of Distinction Class of 2022

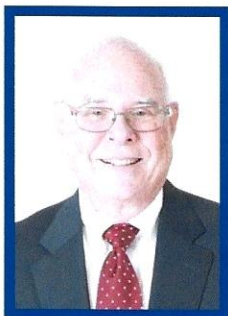
Joanne Ogrydziak, Class of 1976 and Chair Person of our Alumni Wall of Distinction Committee is pleased to report that her Selection Committee has successfully completed its very demanding task of finalizing the recipients who will be inducted into “The Wall” for our Class of 2022. Selecting five honorees from a list of seventeen highly-qualified candidates was extremely challenging; however, they got the job done. Here are the Huskies who will be inducted in October:

Karen L. (Benckert) Coleman – LED Faculty 1971-2004



- Kiska “Mom” for 46 consecutive years - 1976-2022 for Kiska II, III, IV, and V
- Brought our beloved mascot to all Dieruff events – football games, pep rallies, and graduations
- Accompanied Kiska throughout the school’s hallways to bolster a continued spirit of Husky Pride
- Demonstrated Husky Pride to players and students of opposing teams
- Loyal representative of all things Blue and Gray

David E. Fritchey, Esq. '65 – Law / Criminal Justice



- Federal prosecutor with the United States Department of Justice
- Served with the Organized Crime Strike Force
- Lead prosecutor in a high-profile case which secured the convictions of a notorious Philadelphia-area mob boss and his crime family after a more than 50-year reign
- Recipient of the coveted John Marshall Award which is the highest honor given to an attorney by the United States Department of Justice
- Graduate of Cornell Law School in Ithaca NY

Keith E. Groller '79 – Journalism / Sports Media



- Senior Sportswriter for The Morning Call – on-staff since September 1979
- Honored with The Morning Call Hero Award for his service to the Lehigh Valley community, and with the Publisher’s Excellence Award which saluted him as the top Morning Call employee
- Has been inducted into seven different Halls of Fame in the Lehigh Valley
- Popular sports, television, and radio host for more than 30 years
- Has covered Super Bowls, World Series, the Philadelphia 76ers and Eagles, along with high school football, basketball, softball, and Lehigh University Football

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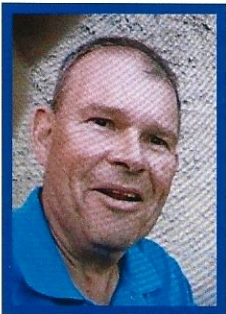
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Tony Hanna '69 – Community/Economic Development



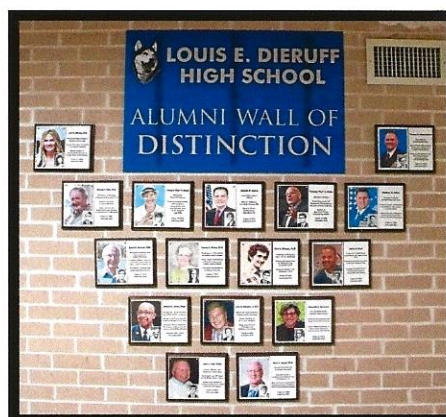
- Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Bethlehem
- Lead participant in the development of SteelStacks, a cultural arts/entertainment area on the former Bethlehem Steel site
- Served as the founding Executive Vice President of the Allentown Economic Development Corporation, Development Director for the City, Assistant Director of City Planning and Zoning, and Finance Director for the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown
- Received national recognition for work in economic development and urban revitalization
- Has served as an adjunct professor/lecturer in the College of Business and Economics at Lehigh University

(Mr.) Kim A. Koehler '74 – Oceanography / Meteorology



- Does consulting work for the United States Department of Defense for Hazardous Weather Detection and Display Systems in support of aviation/navigation safety
- Researched and developed programs for undersea warfare
- Tested and evaluated various experimental United States Navy air-deployed sensors developed by the Naval Research Laboratory
- Served in the United States Navy as a Lieutenant Commander
- Earned Masters Degree in Physical Oceanography and Meteorology

These five honorees will be inducted into the Dieruff Alumni Wall of Distinction at a formal ceremony in October 2022 to be held at The Palace Center in Allentown, PA. Their plaques will be added to the wall that currently contains sixteen recipients. Details will be published for the event. Nominees who were not selected for this year's class will remain under consideration for two more years.



FLASHBACK: Swamp Stompers



Mr. Donald R. Marushak

Pictured below are members of the Swamp Stompers taken from the 1969 and 1970 Dieruff Yearbooks. This environmental club was created by Donald R. Marushak, who taught biology and environmental science.

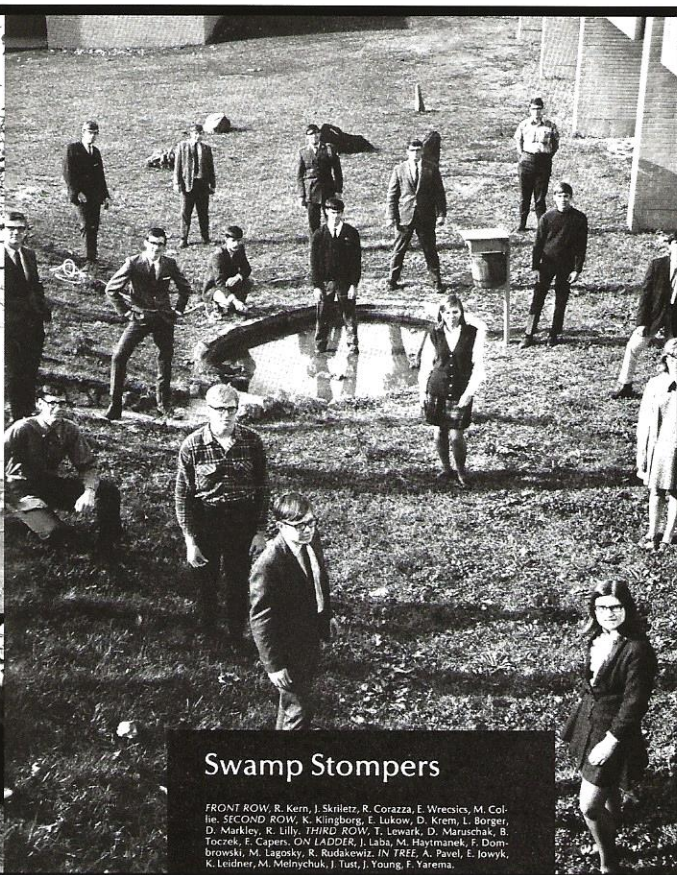
In 1970, Marushak shifted his career into city government, where he served as the first environmental coordinator for Allentown. He later became the superintendant of parks, working for decades before retiring in 1997. He is credited with the successful development of the city's park system, to include Trout Creek Park, Lehigh Parkway, Keck Park, and Buck Boyle Park. Donald Marushak died in 2014.

While at Dieruff High School, he had a profound influence on his students. One student in particular, Rob Bell from the Class of 1970, was genuinely touched. Rob is currently working on an exciting project that will transform the courtyard at Dieruff into a comprehensive outdoor classroom complex. He plans to name that complex in honor of Mr. Donald R. Marushak.



Swamp Stompers

Right, C. Skovronsky, S. Fischer, J. Sassaman, R. Engliert, C. Sassaman, R. Kohl, D. Bealer, E. Miller, J. Glibner, D. Marushak, P. Korpics, R. Ritter, D. Markley, J. Skritetz, L. Borger, M. Haymanek, T. Lowark.



Swamp Stompers

FRONT ROW: R. Kern, J. Skritetz, R. Corazza, E. Wreecies, M. Colhe. SECOND ROW: K. Kingsborg, E. Lukow, D. Krem, L. Borger, D. Markley, R. Lilly. THIRD ROW: T. Lowark, D. Marushak, B. Toczek, E. Capers. ON LADDER: J. Lala, M. Haymanek, F. Dombrowski, M. Lagosky, R. Rudakewicz. IN TREE: A. Pavel, E. Jowyk, K. Leidner, M. Melnychuk, J. Tunt, J. Young, F. Yarema.

Outdoor Classroom Envisioned

Rob Bell, Dieruff Class of 1970, has a vision. He would like to see the natural courtyard between the two buildings at the high school transformed into a sophisticated outdoor classroom.

A rendering of his vision includes spaces for benches and student work areas, a special teaching dais, risers for musical performances, a platform for telescopes, and many other amenities.

On Saturday, May 21, 2022, Rob rallied a group of alumni, faculty members, students, and other interested parties for a day of planting and grooming the picturesque courtyard.

With shovels flashing, native plants found new homes around the waterfall and

pond, among the large shade trees. During the work session, Rob was able to share his adventurous ideas with his receptive audience.

His plan is to name the area the ***Donald R. Marushak Outdoor Educational Center***. Marushak taught biology and environmental sciences at Dieruff during the school's early years. He also created the student environmental club named the Swamp Stompers.

Although final estimates for the project have not been calculated, Bell anticipates the total price will be between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Obviously, the struggling Allentown School District will be unable to fund the project. That means the project must be financed with donations. Details will be provided at a later date.



Husky Happenings - Husky Track Duo Heads to States

What a sendoff it was! A pair of Dieruff track stars were honored with a dramatic *"Hallway Parade"* throughout the high school on May 26th as they prepared to depart for the PIAA State Tournament in Shippensburg.

The Marching Band and the Cheerleaders escorted the accomplished athletes through the student-lined hallways, amid raucous applause and shouts of encouragement.

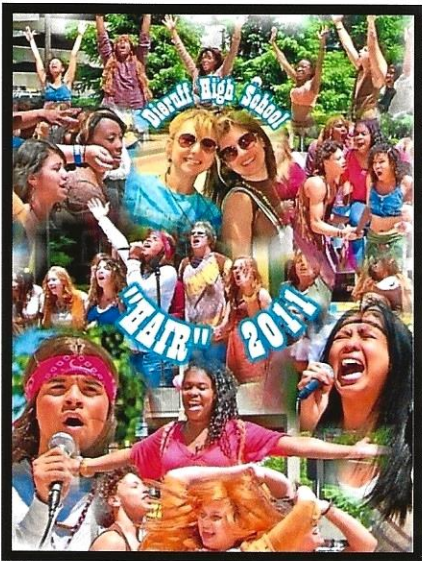
The duo performed brilliantly at the District XI 3A Track & Field Championships in early May, earning invitations to the State Tournament.

Senior Liberty Williams qualified for States by winning a gold medal in the long jump with a distance of 17' 1 3/4". It was in the 200 meter event that Junior Jake Sanchez Cuesta distinguished himself with a time of 22.44 seconds. That time was a personal record for him.

Dieruff Coaches Chris and Jaimie Newhard (shown below) escorted the pair of very excited athletes to the competition in Shippensburg.



Husky Happenings - Dieruff Theatre



It's become a coveted tradition. Each year, beginning with the Dieruff Theatre Department's performance of "Hair" in 2011, our Alumni Association has created and presented a framed photo collage of the musical performed. Proudly, these colorful posters adorn the school's main lobby. Sadly, the COVID-19 pandemic forced a two-year hiatus.

Fortunately, the performances have resumed this year. Under the creative guidance of a new director, assistant director, and choreographer, the Theatre Department was able to rally a cast of twelve (with 7 Freshmen) to perform "Godspell". With a very slim budget and less than eight weeks to prepare, the enthusiastic group pulled off three most impressive shows at the end of April.

Their valiant efforts were rewarded with four Freddy nominations: Outstanding Use of Scenery, Outstanding Use of Costumes, Outstanding Choreography, and Outstanding Chorus.

Shown here, smiling members of the cast and crew gratefully accepted the framed photo collage from the Dieruff High School Alumni Association.

They were each given a 4"x6" copy of the poster.

Their future looks bright!!!



Husky Happenings - 61st Kiska Banquet

For the last two years, the Kiska Awards were presented virtually, thanks to the pandemic. What a joyous occasion it was to finally celebrate "live". On Wednesday, June 1, 2022, the banquet was held at The Palace, with 175 student athletes, parents, coaches, and faculty in attendance.

After opening remarks by Principal Michael Makhoul, the 86 senior athletes filed into the banquet hall, were introduced individually, and then posed for photographs. A hearty buffet dinner followed.



In order of season, a short sports video was presented, followed by scholar athlete awards, and then head coaches of each sport presented the Husky Athletic Awards.

Next on the program were the Principals' Awards, presented by the Assistant Principals. Mr. Makhoul then introduced the recipients of the coveted Kiska Award, presented to the well-rounded female and male students who exemplify athletic ability, scholarship, citizenship, leadership, and loyalty.



The female Kiska Award Winner is Karina Silva, who has earned varsity letters in basketball and softball. She boasts a 3.8 gpa, and is headed to Bloomsburg University.

Gregorio Soto is the male Kiska Award Winner. He earned varsity letters in football, wrestling, and volleyball. With a 4.52 gpa, he ranked 10th in his class, and will be continuing his education at Wilkes University.



We sincerely applaud all of the Dieruff athletes, and wish them continued success.

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Total Amount Due \$ _____



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Upcoming Events

Dieruff Commencement:
June 17, 2022 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Class Reunion Idea Combine your class reunion with the Fandangle July 30th

- o Reserve a few tables or your own separate tent
- o No minimum to guarantee
- o 5 hours of beer, food, music, etc.
- o Great venue at East Side Youth Center
- o Unbeatable price



Reunions

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| Class of 1962 | 60th Class Reunion - July 30, 2022
Held with Alumni Association Fandangle |
| Class of 1967 | 55th Class Reunion - July 30, 2022
Held with Alumni Association Fandangle |
| Class of 1972 | 50th Class Reunion - July 30, 2022
Held with Alumni Association Fandangle |
| Class of 1977 | 45th Class Reunion - July 30, 2022
Held with Alumni Association Fandangle |



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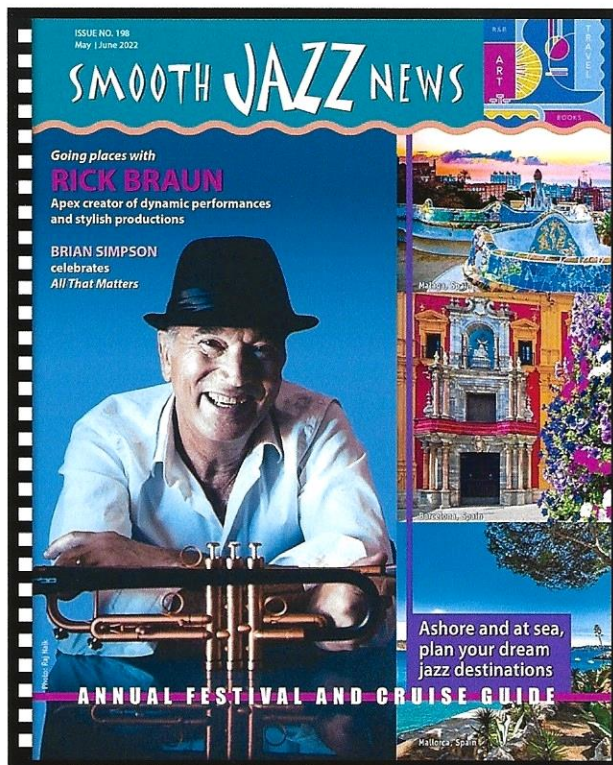
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Huskies In The News....



Our own Rick Braun, Dieruff Class of 1973, graces the cover of the May-June issue of Smooth Jazz News.

On May 13, 2022 a proud pair of Dieruff Huskies were inducted into the Millersville University Football Wall of Honor.

John Flamish IV, Dieruff Class of '95, and Michael Marcks, Dieruff Head Coach from 1989-1999, are shown together at the induction ceremony.

