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8th Annual **MARDI GRAS**

Happy 
 St. Patrick's Day

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President's Message

John G. Hughes, Jr. '61

Well Connected

Reflecting on several of the articles in this month's Newsletter, one might assume that the Dieruff Alumni Association is "well-connected".

Applying the traditional definition of the phrase (having important and powerful friends; acquainted with people with prestige or influence), that would be a reasonable assumption. After all, we do enjoy a wonderful relationship with Principal Susan Bocian, Superintendent Thomas Parker, Allentown Mayor Ray O'Connell, and Hall of Famer Andre Reed.

For this message, I would like to take poetic license, and use a more up-to-date version of the term "well-connected", referring to modern communication techniques.

For example, in our front page article about our fun-filled Mardi Gras Party, we use colorful photos to portray the event. Let me invite you gain a better appreciation of the party by connecting with a YouTube video by clicking on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/kFLG7ozVc4w>

The article about NFL Hall of Famer Andre Reed's return to Husky High for a sophisticated question and answer program illustrates an exciting example of being "well-connected".

When the Alumni Association was informed by the Mayor's Office that members of our "Sew What?" Club had been selected as recipients of the "Catch a Young Person Doing Something Right" awards, it took a series of emails and text messages to connect with the students, and secure their commitments to attend the ceremony and arrange for appropriate transportation.

There is no better illustration of being "well-connected" than the Newsletter article about the demise of the telephone booths at Dieruff High School.

We realize that it is of paramount importance that our Alumni Association be "well-connected" to each and every Husky Alum. We hope that you feel plugged in to our activities and campaigns. We encourage you to take advantage of our Newsletter, Website, Facebook Page, and monthly meetings.

With lots of exciting events on our calendar, we want you to be plugged in, or wireless, and "well-connected".

With genuine Husky warmth,

John



Wall of Distinction Nominations Now Being Accepted

Written by Kay Kurtz '74



Criteria for Nominations –

All nominees must have conducted themselves in such manner to reflect honor upon Dieruff High School and have qualities of character and standards of conduct that are exemplary.

Additional clarification for nomination criteria is as follows:

1. Honor is reserved for DHS graduates. Individuals that have distinguished themselves through superb accomplishment on a local, state or national level of prominence.
2. This award recognizes accomplishments in diverse fields of endeavor. The following categories for consideration are:
 Arts * Business * Education * Entertainment / TV / Film
 Finance / Economic Development * Government * Historians
 Law / Criminal Justice * Media / Journalism / Writing
 Medicine / Health / Science * Military
3. Graduates are not eligible until more than five years have elapsed from graduation.
4. Recognition can be awarded to posthumous nominees.

Non-Dieruff graduates may be considered for an “honorary” status in the Dieruff Alumni Wall of Distinction.

Nomination Process – We welcome all community members’ nominations. Nominations must be in writing, and submitted on the official Nomination Form. This form will be included in our March and April newsletters, found online at www.dieruff-alumni.org or pick up a copy at the Main Office of Dieruff High School beginning March 1st and will run through April 30, 2019. (SEE NEXT PAGE FOR NOMINATION FORM)

Date Nomination Received: _____

Consideration Date: _____

Louis E. Dieruff High School
Alumni Wall of Distinction

NOMINATION FORM

Nominee: _____ Date of Graduation _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Reasons for nomination (attach additional pages if preferred):	
Education	
Professional/Work accomplishments:	
Philanthropy	
Local, State, National awards/recognition	
Publications	
Community Involvement	
Other	

Note: Nominees stay on the consideration list for a three-year period. Deadline for entry is April 30, 2019.



Nominator's Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Return completed nomination forms and picture of nominee, if available to:
DHS Alumni Association
815 N. Irving Street
Allentown, PA 18109

Hall of Famer Connects With The Huskies

John G. Hughes, Jr. '61

It took Andre Reed no time at all to connect with the people who had assembled in the Media Center at Dieruff High School on February 21st to welcome the NFL Hall of Famer back to his alma mater. As soon as he arrived, he began "working the room" with the warmth of an accomplished diplomat.

After greeting Principal Sue Bocian, Superintendent Thomas Parker, several members of the AFROTC staff, and dignitaries from Kutztown University (his college alma mater), Andre methodically engaged each of the 50 Dieruff students who had been selected to attend this special event.

No one in the room was prouder to experience the reunion than Mrs. Joyce Reed-Ebling, Andre's mother. Attired in a sporty Buffalo Bills blouse, Joyce beamed as she watched her son pay tribute to Dieruff and bask in the adoration.

The event was organized by the NFL

Hall of Fame, and is entitled "Heart of the Hall of Fame". The program is designed to bring those elite gold jacket recipients closer to the kids. Without hesitation, Andre agreed to participate in the impressive video conference program, and suggested that he make his contribution from Dieruff High School.

Positioned at the podium in the front of the room, Andre was flanked by two large video screens. The laptop computer on the podium was connected for the video conference, with a moderator located at the Hall of Fame Headquarters in Canton, Ohio. Several high schools in other parts of the country were also linked in to the conference for the question and answer program.

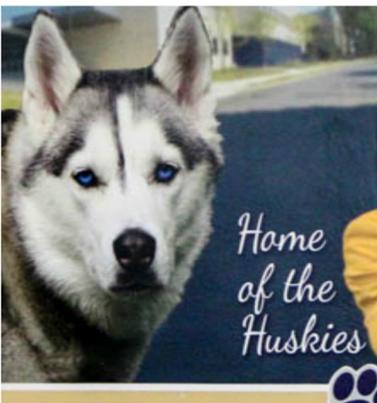
Fielding diverse questions, Andre provided candid and positive responses. One repetitive theme was his advice to maintain a clear vision or goal, work hard, and never give up.

In response to a question about his current life (after dedicating 30 years to the game of football), he shared the fact that a great deal of his focus is on working with the kids. Annually, Reed hosts a celebrity golf tournament at the Lehigh Country Club that has raised over \$300,000 for the Allentown Boys and Girls Club. He is also active in a reading initiative program entitled "Read with Reed 83", which encourages kids to read at least 30 minutes each day.

Click on the following link to view a short YouTube video:

<https://youtu.be/GTI0TVJVrWY>

How impressive it is to know that one of the most successful and recognized alum still embraces the philosophy that "Once a Husky, Always a Husky". Andre, we appreciate your Husky Pride, and we thank you for staying connected.



Dieruff "Sew What?" Club Cited at City Hall

John G. Hughes, Jr. '61

The spacious chambers of the Allentown City Council were packed with a standing-room-only crowd on Friday evening, February 28th as Mayor Ray O'Connell recognized honorees of the 2019 "Catch a Young Person Doing Something Right" campaign.

Launched seven years ago, the campaign is designed to honor young people who contribute to the well-being of Allentown. Proudly, eight members of the Dieruff High School after-school sewing group, known as the "Sew What?" Club, received certificates signed by the Mayor, and also by State Representatives Peter Schweyer and Mike Schlossberg. These students won their award in the category of "Volunteerism".

Being intrinsically motivated, the young people in the club don't need accolades to inspire their volunteerism. That's not to say that they don't appreciate hearing that they are making a difference.

During the year, the students have enjoyed receiving thank you notes from the hospital patients who are using the mastectomy pillows or the drain holders made by the club. The video illustrating the dramatic impact that the "fidgety finger blankets" had on the Alzheimer patients had a profound affect on the club members. The complimentary note and certificate signed by the Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House after receiving the children's pillow cases was certainly appreciated. And the image of a Pennsylvania Army Private stationed in a distant land opening his Holiday gift as part of the

"Stockings For Soldiers" campaign sincerely touched their hearts.

And now, this significant honor bestowed by the Mayor on behalf of the City of Allentown culminates another year of very impressive volunteerism and community service.

Sponsored by the Dieruff Alumni Association, the "Sew What" Club meets weekly, and is organized by 1961 alumnae Ruth O'Connell and Jinny Bankhard Hughes. We commend Ruth and Jinny for donating their time and talent, and for helping to inspire these dedicated young students.



Dieruff High School Alumni Association
Husky Pride... Unleashed

SAVE THE DATE

Dieruff Fandangle
A Mega-Reunion For All Classes

Saturday, July 21, 2019
2:00 7:00 PM

www.dieruff-alumni.org

Kiska's Korner

Kiska V w/Karen Coleman

Everyone knows that I am a rescue dog. My life would have been shorter and miserable had I not been saved by MaPaw Husky Rescue. I would like to honor the memory of Pat McDevitt, founder of this rescue. Pat died suddenly on February 22nd. He had been ill for some time. He would call Mom and their last phone call was hopeful, he was feeling so much better. His death saddened many of us. Over the years, Pat had rescued and homed hundreds of Siberians and husky mixes. Aunt Cindy's two boys came from MaPaw. Her red husky, Demon, was saved hours before he was going to be put to sleep at a kill shelter. Pat was a true dog whisperer. There was not a dog he could not calm and some huskies can be hyper. He worked hard - caring for a kennel is not easy work. Pat loved to hear stories of how I work at Husky High. The husky world is a lesser place without

him.

I often ask you to Google something, because Mom has limited computer skills. But please Google "The Rescuer at the Bridge". Do this to honor this man, who was a real champion to huskies. HUSKY PRIDE, Pat.

Rescue was what he did best. Mom and I are sad.

One way to help sadness is work and I am a working dog. The weather has been so against us, all the dreadful ice. We finally got to visit Dieruff. Aunt Cindy, Mom and I showed up for a surprise visit. Got to work, as we visited students and faculty. Got a caramel from Mrs. Bocian. She has a dish in her office, just for me. Aunt Holly, in Guidance, had some treats too. Got some pretty good belly rubs, too. This time of the year is the slow time for mascot duty.

Looking forward to better weather. I love to sunbathe. Can deal with the snow, but ice is dangerous to everyone. Cannot believe how much Mom chopped and shoveled. Our backyard was a sheet of thick ice. The ice was so thick, I did not break through it. Going to the bathroom is not a fun experience when your paws are going in four directions. But soon mud (yeah, love the stuff) and then green grass....play and long walks.

Love,

Kiska V, Diva Dog



Demise of the Phone Booths

John G. Hughes, Jr. '61

The questions begs: Now that the two phone booths at DHS have been removed, where is Clark Kent going to change into his tights, mask and cape?

Looking back 60 years, when our alma mater first opened its doors in 1959, everyone proudly boasted about the pair of modern telephone booths available for student use. The one was located just off the main entrance lobby, and the other occupied a location near the gym in the athletic office.

The inaugural edition of the Ledannus, our school yearbook, even featured a photo of the modern telephone booth, with three seniors vying for control. Quite candidly, I don't remember ever using the device. After all, I am very frugal, and it used to cost ten cents to make a call...and that was for the first three minutes.

Well, times have certainly changed. Everyone is "well connected". Every kid has a cell phone. I really don't know where they get the money. Anyway, Ma Bell pulled out all of Superman's changing rooms a long time ago.

So what occupies that space now? The alcove adjacent to the main entrance lobby hosts an original bronze sculpture created by the highly acclaimed sculptor Harry Ber-

Remember When...?

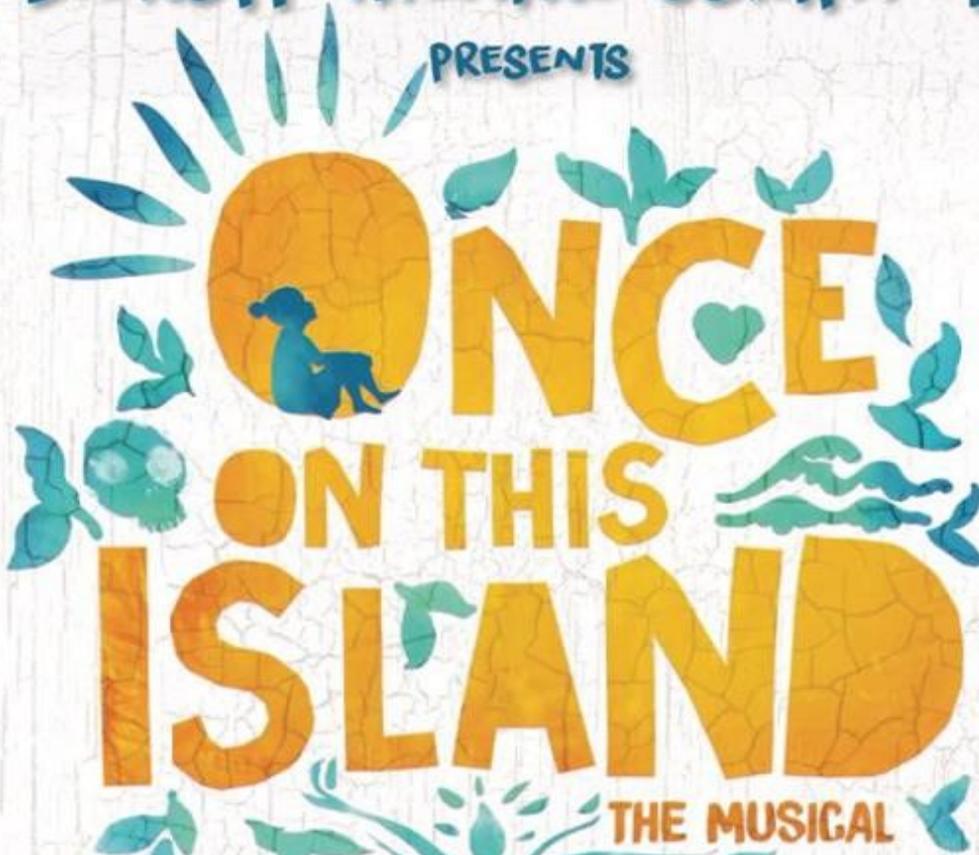
toia. This impressive piece, secured behind a clear protective shield, was a gift from the Dieruff Class of 1964.

To obtain more information about the Italian-born, American artist, you can Google his name, and read about him and his work. Or, you can just pull out your cell phone and ask Alexa. We know you're well connected.



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Make check payable to Dieruff High Class 1964 - due by May 20, 2019

Mail to: Kathy Dolgos 4297 Elm Drive Allentown, PA 18103

Questions: KathleenDolgos@aol.com or neiepnortheast@aol.com

1964

Classes of 1966-1967

5th Annual Mini-Reunion

Saturday June 8, 2019

Hosted by : Bobby "Bulldog" & Marylou Hontz

Email: hontzm@aol.com for more information

1966-1967

Class of 1969

50th Reunion Year Long Events

June 15 - Graduation Walk PPL Center

July 27 - Fandangle 2PM-7PM East Side Youth Center \$20.00

September 21 - 50th Year Reunion 4PM-10PM Coplay Saengerbund

1969

Class of 1974

45th Reunion

July 27 - Fandangle 2PM-7PM East Side Youth Center \$20.00

1974

Class of 1977

60th Birthday Celebration

July 27 - Fandangle 2PM-7PM East Side Youth Center \$20.00

1977



Send your Class Reunion/Birthday Party Announcements to:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

To get your event listed, please email event before the 24th of each month to: dhsalumninews@ptd.net

- April 3:** Alumni Association Monthly Meeting 6:30PM
Meilinger Center
- April 25,26,27:** DHS Theatre Company - Once On This Island
Peter Carpenter Auditorium (SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS)
- May 1:** Alumni Association Monthly Meeting 6:30PM
Meilinger Center
- July 27:** 7th Annual Fandangle 2PM-7PM
East Side Youth Center (DETAILS TO FOLLOW)

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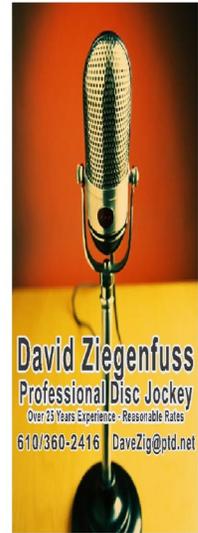
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