

Kenosha Bradford High School Alumni Association

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President's Corner

by Randy Vaccaro '73

Summer is slowly slipping away, and the cooler temps have our tree canopy in Kenosha just beginning to show signs of fall colors. Living in Wisconsin gives us the joy of experiencing all four seasons...let's keep our fingers crossed for a mild winter!

What a privilege it was to gather the "Bradford Nation" for our annual DAA Banquet & Silent Auction on June 22, to listen to the touching life stories of our DAA honorees and to recognize the scholarship recipients who are now beginning their college careers. Our 2019 Silent Auction raised nearly \$2,700 for the KBHSAA Scholarship Fund. We couldn't have done so without the generous support of the businesses and individuals listed on our website's *Thanks Silent Auction Donors* page.

KBHSAA has a busy year coming up, and we are pleased to welcome Oliver Debe (2009) to our Board.

If you'd like to nominate someone for the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award, you'll find more information in this Newsletter, or you may download the nomination form at our website: kenoshabradfordalumni.com.

As always, we encourage all who attended or graduated from Bradford to join KBHSAA. This year, the Alumni Association will celebrate its 129th anniversary. The generous support of our membership enables us to continue the traditions begun by the Class of 1891 when they founded the Alumni Association. Be part of that proud tradition – please pass along the Membership Form on page 7 to a friend or classmate who is not yet a KBHSAA member.

In closing, I wish you good health and happiness.

GO RED DEVILS!

2019 Bradford Scholarship Recipients



2019 Scholarship Recipients at the DAA Banquet on June 22, from left to right:
Chloe Wallach, Sierra Thompson, Madelyne Rossmann, Danielle Bauman, Alexandrea Rakowski, Anika Katt,
Savannah Kroeger, Claire Swartz, Garrett Olson, Alec Ruffolo, Amanda Yackley and Dylan Garofalo.
Not pictured: Sydney Strelow, Matthew Kaufmann, Sophia Loeffler and Jacob Hoening.

KBHSAA, Inc. - Joseph Brittelli (1948) Memorial Scholarships - \$1,500 each

Danielle Bauman Anika Katt Madelyne Rossmann

KBHSAA, Inc. - Judge James Carlson OFS (1962) Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500 Savannah Kroeger

KBHSAA, Inc. - Richard Firchow (1945) Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500 **Dylan Garofalo**

Jerry Bain (1957) Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500 Jacob Hoening

Dr. Ernie Pellegrino (1957) Memorial Academic Scholarship - \$1,500 Garrett Olson

John (1957) & Judy (Schuetz 1960) Wavro Academic Scholarship - \$1,500 Chloe Wallach

John (1957) & Judy (Schuetz 1960) Wavro Athletic Scholarship - \$1,500 **Sydney Strelow**

Bill (1957) and Barbara Serpe Scholarships - \$2,500 each
Sophia Loeffler
Sierra Thompson

Peter (1959) and Alice (1960) Jackson Schwalbe Family Scholarship - \$1,500 Claire Swartz

Robert C. Anderson, Ph.D. (1952) Scholarship - \$1,000

Matthew Kaufmann

The Valiere Anderson Petersen (1930) Award for Excellence in Music - \$1,000

Alexandrea Rakowski

1973 Class Scholarship - \$773

Amanda Yackley

1968 Class Scholarship - \$500

Alec Ruffolo



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News & Updates

For the latest news and information, visit www.kusd.edu/bradford



2019-2020 KUSD Theatre Arts Productions staged at Bradford High School

VIOLET

October 18-20 & 25-27

ADA AND THE ENGINE

November 7-9 & 14-16

SOMETHING ROTTEN

February 21-23, 28-29 & March 1

KINKY BOOTS

April 24-26 & May 1-3

THE BOOK OF WILL May 14-16 & 21-23

> QUILTERS: THE MUSICAL

> > June 3-6

For the full list of this year's KUSD Theatre Arts productions and to purchase tickets in advance, visit: www.kusd.edu/fine-arts-tickets

VISIT THE KBHSAA WEBSITE FOR A LIST OF UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS which includes school activities as well as events involving Alumni Association members. If there is an event you would like featured, please reach out to us via the Contact Us page.



Mary D. Bradford Stadium Benches

If you or your class are interested in purchasing a red or black bench at the Mary D. Bradford Stadium, please email Adam Sulko, BHS Interim Principal at asulko@kusd.edu for information.

KBHSAA, Inc. announces 2020 Scholarships

Applicants are to meet general eligibility requirements for the individual scholarships with a GPA of 2.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale unless otherwise specified. Complete a typed alumni scholarship application and submit it along with one copy of your high school transcript and a copy of ACT and/or SAT score by Friday, April 3, 2020. For complete details visit kenoshabradfordalumni.com.

- KBHSAA, Inc. Scholarships [2 available] \$1,500
- KBHSAA, Inc. Joseph Brittelli (1948) Memorial Scholarships [3 available] \$1,500 To students preferably pursuing degrees in Education, Engineering, Medical and/or Political Science.
- KBHSAA, Inc. Judge James Carlson OFS (1962) Memorial Scholarship \$1,500
- Jerry Bain (1957) Memorial Scholarship \$1,500
 Recipient must attend a UW school, seeking an undergraduate degree in Business.
- Class of 1957 80th Birthday Scholarship \$1,957
- Dr. Ernie Pellegrino (1957) Memorial Academic Scholarship \$1,500
- The Valiere Anderson Petersen (1930) Award for Excellence in Music \$1,000 To an outstanding student in music, preferably Piano.
- Bill (1957) and Barbara Serpe Scholarships [2 available] \$2,500 Recipients must attend a UW school, seeking an undergraduate degree in Business or Computer Science, and have a college GPA of 2.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale.
- Peter (1959) and Alice (1960) Jackson Schwalbe Family Scholarship \$1,000
 To a student preferably attending a UW school seeking an undergraduate degree in Engineering
- John (1957) & Judy (Schuetz 1960) Wavro Academic Scholarship \$1,500
- John (1957) & Judy (Schuetz 1960) Wavro Athletic Scholarship \$1,500

2020 Class Reunions

KBHSAA is happy to serve as your resource for finding the most current information for upcoming Kenosha/Bradford High School Class Reunions. Here is the list we have as the Newsletter goes to press in early October 2019; if your class reunion plans are not listed below, please contact Cheryl Pileski Hannah, Class Reunions Coordinator at 262-694-0244. Please watch our website for more information -- we'll post details as they are received.

1955 (65th)

Saturday, September 5, 2020 Italian American Club, 2217 52nd St. Details will be sent from the Reunion Committee.

1960 (60th)

Friday & Saturday, Sept. 11-12, 2020 A golf outing is being planned by Jim Chiappetta for Saturday at 10 a.m. Details to follow. Visit our class website: www.bradford60.com

CLASS NOTES

Have news to share? Mail to: Kenosha Bradford High School Alumni Association, P.O. Box 56, Kenosha, WI 53141.

CLASS OF 1959Claudette (Crook) Dassow Loveland. CO

I'm writing to let you know Carol (Hart) Hoferitza, Class of 1959, died on Tuesday, June 18. I moved in next door to Carol in 1945 at the age of 4. I was an only child, and Carol was like a sister to me. We did almost everything together growing up.

1968 70th Birthday Party

Friday, August 14, 2020, 7-10pm Brat Stop/Parkway Chateau Bristol Room, 12304 75th St. Cash bar in our room 'til 9:30pm Appetizers, pizza & birthday cake Cost: \$20/person More info to follow - hope you will join us! In the meantime, please stay in touch through our Facebook group: Bradford '68 Kenosha Contact: Margie Hannes, 262-496-9393 Mhannes65@gmail.com

1970 (50th) Save the Date

Friday, October 9, 2020

1980 (40th)

Details pending...just beginning the planning stage.

Contact: Dulcie Dissmore Schoff, 262-945-4318 or Theresa Cesari Anderson, 262-496-3976



The Class of 1974 cheered on the Red Devils on Friday, September 20, 2019 as part of their Reunion event. Sadly, Bradford lost to Oak Creek, but that didn't dampen their fun at all!

Alumni Websites

Visit **www.kenoshabradfordalumni.com** to find the latest news about reunions and special events, plus links to individual class websites and Facebook pages.

The Alumni Association has listed all paid alumnus members on its secure website. Find your name under your graduation year and follow the prompts to create your profile.





Alumni T-Shirts

Download the order form at kenoshabradfordalumni.com, for the official Bradford Alumni Association T-Shirt. Order today!

Newsletter Deadlines

All articles to be included in the Newsletter need to reach us by **March 15** for the Spring issue, and **September 15** for the Fall issue.

All Reunion Committees are encouraged to send a photo or two along with a summary of their reunion activities, including any reunion announcements.

New Lifetime Members

'61 ROBERT W. WIRCH
'69 JOHN M. CONTI
'69 JERRY MURPHY
'69 MAGGIE SCHUMACHER
'71 NANCY CHIAPETTA KAILAS
'74 RICHARD E. RITACCA
'74 PATTI WEBB KIRKORIAN

OLD MARY D. BRADFORD HIGH SCHOOL Reunion Tours

Kris (Winzer) Miller '73, gives free guided tours of the old Bradford High School and will handle all permits needed. The best time for group tours is 3:30-5PM on Fridays, but Kris can adjust tour times if needed. There is no cost to groups for the tours, but class donations to the Bradford High School Alumni Scholarship Fund would be gratefully accepted. To arrange a tour, call Kris at 262-818-5351 or email her at kristinamiller@wi.rr.com.



Thank you to all who have submitted updated information in regards to Alumnus.

We apologize for any errors sometimes we receive handwritten notes that are hard to read.

- '41 Bill Perry
- '46 Doris Alberto Hadley
- '47 Jim Oster
- '47 Alvin Pryse
- '48 Alan B. Becker
- '48 Betty Brankow
- '48 Beverlee Goirtz Guerrucci
- '49 Carol Katt Harris
- '50 Lorraine Stein Firchow
- '53 Agnes Marshall Walker
- '54 Jean Baril Bianchi
- '54 John McEvov
- '55 John Carlson
- '55 Joanne Schnell Dotson
- '56 Mary Czarnecki Doherty

Barbara Lee Knutson

- '56 Rita Vandenberg Daas
- '59 Carl Ishmael

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2019 CLASS REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

Class of 1940

The Class of 1940 held its 79th Reunion on May 16, 2019 at Perkins Restaurant.



Class of 1940 (L to R): Marie Goff, Emil Tenuta and Nell Bosman

Class of 1941

The Class of 1941 held its 78th Reunion on June 23, 2019 at Baker Street Restaurant.



Class of 1941 (L to R): Marion Hartung, Aline Ziesemer, Orville and Adele Haney, Ed and Peggy Adams.

Class of 1957 80th Birthday Party

One hundred classmates and guests from the Class of 1957 enioved an 80th birthday party reunion at Casa Capri on September 7, 2019. The lively group thoroughly enjoyed pizza, chicken wings, meat balls, salad, cupcakes and a decorated cake, featuring a picture of the Class of 1957 bench donated for the Bradford Stadium.

Classmates from 1957 have created a \$1,957 scholarship fund to be awarded to a graduating senior in 2020, an idea that came from a classmate who prefers to remain anonymous.

A vote was taken, and the group decided to meet again for a 65th reunion pizza party in 2022.



Class of 1957 80th Birthday Party



The Class of 1957 Reunion Committee (L to R): Bobbie Ellsworth Monson, Harry Lange, Jim Riese, Lee Doerring Arneson, Al Smestad (not pictured are Gabe Ruffolo and Don Fox).

Alumni Association Donations

The Alumni Association thanks all donors to the Operating, Distinguished Alumni Awards and Scholarship Funds. Your generosity makes it possible for the Association to perpetuate the memories – old and new - for all Bradford Alumni, and to award Scholarships to deserving Bradford High School Seniors.

Distinguished Alumni Banquet

Aiello Family Dental '73 Louis Covelli Kenosha Animal Hospital

General Operations/Postage Fund/ Newsletter

'44 Shirley Steinbach Forsberg
'51 Col. George F. Cudahy, USAF Ret.
'52 Shirley Schalkowsky Krause
'53 Carol Ann Bloxdorf Maglietta
'54 Lenore Giacomin Hinds
'56 Walter Hermann
'59 Steven Sepanski
'62 Kenneth Wermeling
'64 Diane Adelsen Pynaker
'69 John M. Conti
'69 Jerry Murphy

KBHSAA Scholarship Fund

'56 Walter Hermann '69 Maggie Schumacher The Valiere Anderson Petersen (1930)
Award for Excellence in Music
'54 Anita Hermann

'59 Jack & '59 Mary Hall Petersen

1957 Jerry Bain Memorial Scholarship Jon, Mark and Michael Bain

1957 Class 80th Birthday Scholarship

Ann Handley Bradshaw Manley Brudvig James Lura Roberta Boyle McMurray Victoria Cravotta Nelson Jim Riese LeRoy Weinbrenner

In Memory

Jerry Bain by Lee Doerring Arneson Jeff Cohen by Carol Wisocki Bergsbaken Rosella Connelly Williams by Pat Laudonio Gensicke Delores Duprie Ek by Carmella Ciotti Huser



Bob Holdsworth by Bill & Barbara Serpe
Roberta Huettle Bartz
by Lee Doerring Arneson
Barbara Lee Knutson by Judy Mikulsky Zacher
Joyce Michs Ireland by Harriett Backe Onan
Carol MacKenzie Younger by Anonymous Donor
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Ernie Pellegrino by Roberta Schilling Nellen
Ernie Pellegrino by Peter Zielenski
Tom Simmons by Ken Ludke
Mike Wilk by Lee Doerring Arneson

1962 Judge James Carlson, OFS Memorial Scholarship Judge Carlson Estate



2019 CLASS REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

Class of 1959



Class of 1959 Reunion Committee (L to R): Rita Savaglio Bisciglia, Barb Mallko Smestad, Heidi Kruger Marco, Marilyn Carlson Dunham, Keith Dunham, Becky Branbant Chovan, Peter Schwalbe, and Diane Pontus Mikic.



The 1959 Class Reunion was held Saturday, September 14, 2019, at the Parkway Château. About 130 classmates gathered for fellowship, a delicious buffet, and fun renewing friendships and acquaintances during our 60th reunion celebration.

Pictured L to R: Kathy (Cecchini) Ford, Carol (Ruebsamen) Bettendorf, and Alice (Jackson) Schwalbe '60

Class of 1964

The Bradford Class of 1964 celebrated their 55th Class Reunion on September 20, 2019 at the Kenosha Country Club. There were 143 attendees from Washington State, Florida, California, Illinois, Arizona, Wyoming, North Carolina, Indiana and Wisconsin. It was a wonderful turn out!

We had a cocktail hour with dinner following. Music was provided by DJ Ken Rosenberg. There was a lot of dancing, a lot of sore feet, a lot of laughing and a lot of reminiscing.

We were very fortunate to have had such a great group of people attending. Our class was the last class to graduate from the original Mary D. Bradford High School as a whole in 1964 as Tremper opened its doors in 1965.



Class of 1964 (L to R): Wanda Burch Hillmer, Carl Brugger, Roger Dubois, Eileen Kraak Cecchini, Dale Henry, Darlene Boehme and Beth Ahrendt Rizzotto.

Class of 1974

"We should have a get together." Famous last words. From that one statement, a 45-year reunion was born for the Mary D. Bradford Class of 1974. It began with creation of a Facebook page on April 6, 2019 and an idea that a full weekend of fun was the ticket to success! There were previous reunions, but nothing over the last 10 years, so everyone was anxious to relive some of the best times of our lives.

It started out with 40 classmates—many who had never seen our beautiful stadium—cheering on our Red Devils (see photo on page 3). From there, most of the group went to The Clubhouse where they "shut it down!" Saturday included a tour of our Alma Mater by Class of '73 graduate and former Librarian Kris Miller. Approximately 20 classmates got to experience the beautiful architecture we were



Rick Ritacca and Holly Harmsen Kangas Class of 1974 Reunion Committee

privileged to see every day in High School. The band room,

our gorgeous auditorium, gym, classrooms, hallways, tunnel, pool and even "The Pit!" One person commented that it smelled the same! And who knew we had a greenhouse?!?!





Members of the Class of 1974. Center front: Mark Kintis with (left to right):
Mike Lewis, Linda & Russ Tennessen, Joann Mleczko-Esser,
Randy "Bubba" Tennessen and George Liegakos



Kenosha Bradford High School Alumni Association, Inc.



NOMINATION FOR DISTINGTUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Anyone may submit a Nomination for Distinguished Alumni Award (DAA). The DAA is presented to individuals who graduated from Bradford High School during any school year, provided they meet the eligibility rules below. Nominees are persons who have made significant contributions and who serve or served as a positive role model. Major areas of contribution considered for the award are the following: art, business, criminology, education, entertainment, environment, government, humanities, law, medicine, military, music, science and writing. The field of sports will not be considered, since the Bradford "Hall of Fame" honors outstanding contributions in athletics.

Eligibility Rules

- Open to anyone who attended or graduated from Kenosha Bradford High School, living or deceased.
- Ten years or more since graduation and nominee must have demonstrated significant achievement in a chosen field and/or community service.
- Nominee may have been recognized for involvement in past activities.

Please type or print; complete all sections incomplete forms	s will not be considered	Nomination date:		
Use an additional sheet of paper if more space is needed.				
I wish to nominate:	Is nominee living or deceased?	Nominee Class Year:		
Nominee's mailing address (if deceased, provide next-of-kin contact info):	Nominee's Home Phone Number, including Area Code: Nominee's Cell Phone (including Area Code):			
	Nominee's Email address (if available):			
In <u>200 words or less</u> , tell us why you are nominating the above-referen	nced person:			
Submitted by:	What is your connection with the			
Your mailing address:	□ Business associate □ Community organization m □ Family member □ Fellow classmate □ Other (please specify):	nember R C E:		
Your Home Phone (Including Area Code):	If your nominee is selected, will yo him/her at the DAA Banquet on Ju			
Your Cell Phone (including Area Code):	Your email address:			

Please send nomination form to: KBHSAA Distinguished Alumni – P.O. Box 56 – Kenosha, WI 53141

DEADLINE: NOMINATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31, 2020.



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Did you know?

In 1891, the first graduating class of what was then Kenosha Central High School (first free high school west of the Alleghenies), founded the Alumni Association with the help of Mary D. Bradford, the teacher for whom the high school was eventually named.

Alumni Association Purpose

- To promote Bradford High School and its activities;
- 2. To give and facilitate scholarships to deserving Bradford seniors;
- 3. To recognize and honor distinguished Bradford alumni on their achievements;
- 4. To provide guidance to class reunion committees and financial assistance for all reunions (limited to once every 5 years, we will cover one-half of: 1) the postage for first mailing; or 2) creation or renewal of class year's domain name, to a maximum of \$100). (For ease of use/extensive features, we recommend http://www.classcreator.com/index.cfm?M=M1159803.)
- 5. To produce a bi-annual newsletter, available *online* to paid alumnus.

An invitation to join

Membership is open to all who attended or graduated from Mary D. Bradford High School. Membership dues and the generous donations of alumni enable the Alumni Association to provide scholarships and carry on the traditions started by that first graduating class. The Kenosha Bradford Alumni Association, Inc. is an IRS-recognized 501(c)(3) organization. Please note that membership in this organization is non-transferable. We hope you will consider becoming a member.

	Membership Du	es & Donation Form	Source: N
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