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For Tomorrow

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1975 AAA State Championship Baseball Team



Don Penrod '77, Ron Bird '77, Gregg Steger '75, Dave Dillie '76, Head Coach Dave Koblentz, Harold Williams '76, Bob Truelove '75, Dave Poole '76, Kevin Tharp '75, Mark Kimmet '77, Dominic Verrilli '76 and Fred Rake '75.

On Monday, May 5th a reunion was held at West High School of the 1975 AAA State Championship Baseball Team. Many team members were present to relive the pride and glory of this amazing win. There were also many classmates, alumni, teachers, and coaches on hand to share in this 50th Anniversary celebration. Several team players and Head Coach Koblentz told stories about their win against Parma High School. This editor had a chance to hear these stories and also met team member Gregg Steger '75. Here are his responses to these questions:

Were you the captain of the team?

First of all, I was not team captain. Our team had no captains. Dave Koblentz' teams did not have team captains. Every member of our team was encouraged to step-up and demonstrate leadership. We also didn't award team Most Valuable Player (MVP) after the season ended. Our team belief was that every team member contributed to the team's success. Everyone on our 1975 State Championship was recognized as Most Valuable Player.



Can you retell the story about the Parma High School championship game?

The State Championship game against Parma H.S. was the culmination of several previous seasons. Our team members had either played together or against each other since Little League. We knew each other and we knew that our team was talented. The entire Columbus City League had great baseball teams in the early 1970's. Besides West, schools such as Eastmoor, Whetstone, Northland, to name a few, also had tremendous talent. We competed very successfully against those programs and developed confidence to compete against anyone. Parma Senior H.S. had a very good team in 1975. Despite their overall record being under .500, we knew we'd

Dugout Plaque dedicated on May 5th

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President's Message



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Deadline for Submitting Articles to the Occident

To be printed in the West High Alumni Occident, all articles and suggestions for articles must be submitted to the editor by the following dates:

November 20th - February 20th - May 20th - August 20th

President's Message

Dan Martin '72



We were thrilled to be welcomed back to West High School (WHS) on April 10th for the annual Open House event featuring Minelli's Pizza, a tour of the building and viewing of the renovated Hall of Champions. I will share a summary of the exciting updates and developments shaping the future of West High School presented by Principal Dr. Daniel Roberts: West High School, moving forward, is committed to cultivating a culture of excellence, innovation, and compassion—a space where students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Our mis-

sion is to empower students to explore, create, and address real-world challenges.

West is proud to offer College Credit Plus (CCP) courses embedded directly into student schedules. Courses are led by West High teachers or co-instructed with Columbus State faculty. Students also have opportunities to serve as paid peer mentors, fostering leadership and

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*Grant Burns, Chi-Lynn Roddy, Montrea Forrest, Vanessa Galvan-Salinas
Congratulations, Columbus State Graduates!*



2025 Hall of Fame Honorees

The Alumni Association is very pleased to announce our 2025 Hall of Fame Honorees: **Robert W. Coles III, Class of 1965; John Morlan, Class of 1965; Moses Carreker, Class of 1972; and Douglas S. Lowery, Class of 1976.**

We will print the biographies about the honorees in a later newsletter. Congratulations to each of these individuals on their outstanding accomplishments.

We are also very pleased to announce the return of the Hall of Fame Ceremony to West High School. It will be held in the Library on Sunday, September 14, 2025. The reception will begin at 3:00 p.m. and the ceremony will start at 3:30 p.m. Whether you know (or knew) any of these new honorees, this is always a great time to socialize. We always have several former honorees attend, along with friends and family of the new honorees.

This year the Hall of Fame Committee, chaired by **Sara McPeck Sampson, Class of 1969**, had 2 newly nominated alumni to consider in addition to the 40 who had been nominated previously. Sara asked each committee member to review all the nomination materials and then select his/

her top five. Regardless of who is on the committee, they always struggle to select the honorees for the upcoming year.

Committee members this year include **Dorance Nichols Hornsby, 1963; Patty Krizinski Drumheiser, 1965; Greg Large, 1970; Georgia Martin Ward, 1970; Danny McVay, 1971; Dan Martin, 1972; Rosalie Martin Williams, 1972; and Dave Dobos, 1973.**

Reservations are requested by September 10th, so that enough seating is available. Please email me, **Sara McPeck Sampson** at: sampson@columbus.rr.com or text/call 614-746-7251 with your reservations. There is no charge for this event, but a donation to the West High Alumni Association would be appreciated.

We hope that you will be able to attend and join us in celebrating the accomplishments of these distinguished West High Alumni.

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18th ANNUAL WEST HIGH ALUMNI GOLF SCRAMBLE

(PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025 – GROVEPORT MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

1005 Richardson Road, Groveport, OH 43125, (614)836-5874

ENTRY FEE: \$75 PER PERSON – INCLUDES GOLF, CART, MEAL, AWARDS

OPTIONAL FUN EXTRAS: 50/50 DRAWING \$1-5-10, and more

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7:15 A.M. SHOTGUN START 8:30 A.M. ON THE DOT!

4 PLAYER SCRAMBLE *****LOW GROSS + SKILL PRIZES*****

ENTRY FORM AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED (PLEASE) BY SUNDAY, JULY 27th

****WE ARE IN NEED OF DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS AND/OR HOLE SPONSORS (\$50/60)****

PLEASE DIRECT THOSE ITEMS AND QUESTIONS TO ANY OF THOSE LISTED BELOW

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Eli Bowen '74

PLEASE MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: WEST HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MAIL WITH THE FORM BELOW TO: 5010 VININGTON PLACE, DUBLIN, OH 43016

DEADLINE = SUNDAY, JULY 27th

If not an alum, circle one: R-relative, F-faculty, S-staff, or Guest

Player 1 _____ Alum. Year _____ WHS (R/F/S) Guest
Address or e-mail _____ Phone # _____

Player 2 _____ Alum. Year _____ WHS (R/F/S) Guest
Address or e-mail _____ Phone # _____

Player 3 _____ Alum. Year _____ WHS (R/F/S) Guest
Address or e-mail _____ Phone # _____

Player 4 _____ Alum. Year _____ WHS (R/F/S) Guest
Address or e-mail _____ Phone # _____

OF RESERVATIONS ENCLOSED _____ X \$75.00 = \$ _____

State Championship, continued from page 1

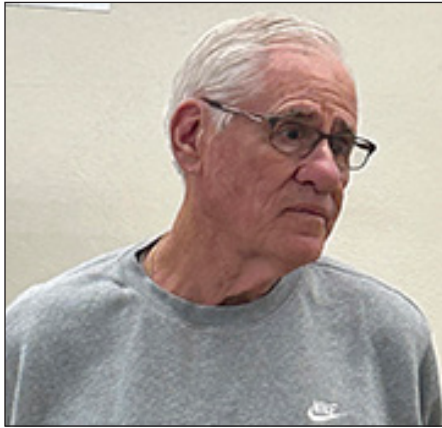
have to do our best to win the State Championship. And since we lost in the Regional Finals in 1974, we were very determined to take the State Championship back to West in 1975.

In the first few innings of the game against Parma, our hitting was unstoppable, and our pitching and defense shut down Parma's offense. Our lead was 23-4 heading into the 5th inning, at which time most of our starting lineup was replaced. Then, the momentum swung in favor of Parma. They scored 12 runs in the 5th inning and four more runs in the 6th inning. Our starting lineup re-entered the game in the 6th inning, scored a few more runs and then shut down Parma in the 7th inning for our State Championship victory. Final score: West 28 - Parma 20. The highest scoring State Championship baseball game in Ohio high school history. It's still the record. West H.S. center fielder Dean Smith set the individual record for most runs scored (6) in a State Championship game, and West H.S. first baseman Harold Williams set the individual record for most RBI's (8) in a State Championship game. Both of those are still Ohio High School Athletic Association records. And it remains the longest State Championship baseball game in Ohio history which lasted over 6 hours!

What life lessons did you learn from Coach David Koblentz?

Dave Koblentz taught his players lessons on the field which were ultimately life lessons:

Have "High Expectations." Always try to "Outwork Your Competition." Keep in mind that "Pressure is Privilege." Whatever you're doing, "Prepare, Anticipate and React." Always be "Humble in Victory and Gracious in Defeat." Most importantly, Dave taught us the value of competing - not for ourselves or individual honors, but for each other.



Head Coach Dave Koblentz

Which team members have already passed on?

Assistant Coach **Gary Link '57**, Athletic Trainer **Dave 'Doc' Thornton '56**, Equipment Manager **Greg Walp '76**, Players **Jim Propst '75**, **Angie Bendoff '75**, **Dean Smith '76**, **Joe Clark '75**, and **Tim Tatman '75**.

Surviving team members are Head Coach Dave Koblentz; and players, **Harold Williams '76**, **Fred Rake '75**, **Gregg Steger '75**, **Dave Dillie '76**, **Ric Lainhart '75**, **Dan Schmid '75**, **Bob Truelove '75**, **Kevin Tharp '75**, **Dave Poole '76**, **Dominic Verilli '76**, **Ron Bird '77**, **Mark Kimmet '77**, **Don Penrod '77**, **Doug White '77**, and **Bob Friebis '77**.

What else do you think would be interesting or important for alumni to know, understand, or feel about this 50th year reunion of the state champions from 1975?

It was the confluence of great coaching, previous experience, outstanding talent, and the selfless commitment to competing as a team. We simply tried to be the best teammates for each other.



*Gordon Jackson '72
Biggest cheerleader
at WHS!*



Dave Dillie '76



Gregg Steger '75



Harold Williams '76

Congratulations, Class of 2025!

By Chuck Patterson, 1983

On May 19th at 9:00 AM, the West High School auditorium filled with students, faculty, friends, and family to recognize the seniors of the class of 2025. The event began with an absolutely beautiful rendition of the national anthem, performed on alto saxophone by **Markus Dixon '25**.

Several of our scholarship recipients were recognized for many achievements during this final year of high school. They were well represented among the four students from West High school that received associate degrees from Columbus State Community College last week.

As the 2025 chair of the scholarship committee, it is my pleasure and honor to express extreme gratitude on behalf of the West High School Alumni Association membership, to board members, **Greg Large '70** and **Dan Martin '72** for their dedication and assistance in meeting with our scholarship candidates this year and helping us to help them pursue their goals. Furthermore, a tremendous note of appreciation must be acknowledged for Dr. Daniel Roberts and Mr. Matthew Eyers, the school principal and secretary, respectively. Their assistance was invaluable, and their leadership is truly changing the direction of our beloved WHS in a very positive way!

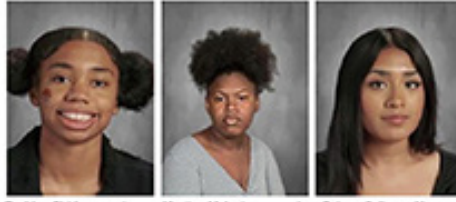
I am equally honored to present the names of our scholarship recipients. The Alumni Association's 2025 contribution to their futures in total was \$14,000! This is made possible due to the generosity and dedication of our benefactors. Congratulations!



Lara Andrix, Elizabeth Morales Rodriguez, Genesis Padilla Martinez, Lizzeth



Espino, Alexa * Burns, Grant * Bartley, Tremble



Roddy, Chi-Lynn * Martin, Malacia * Galvan-Salinas, Vanessa

ELIZABETH ANDRIX plans to attend Columbus State Community College and will major in the Skilled Trade of Electricity. Elizabeth is an honor roll student who was active in soccer, track, and cheerleading. English teacher, Carlee Beatty states that "Elizabeth is incredibly bright and works very hard. She is responsible and attentive and makes clever connections in class."

TREMBLE BARTLEY plans to attend the University of Rio Grande and will major in History Education. Tremble is an honor roll student who was active in bowling, volleyball, soccer, and choir. English teacher, Justin Newsome states that "Tremble has tremendous ability and potential. He is helpful, always asks questions, and tries hard on his work."

GRANT BURNS plans to attend The Ohio State University and will major in Journalism. Grant is an honor roll student and was on the Dean's List while at the Columbus State Community College. Teacher, Connor Perry states that "Grant's ability to learn and his critical thinking skills are second to none. He loves to master new skills and be challenged."

ALEXA ESPINO plans to attend Columbus State Community College and will major in the Skilled Trade of Electricity. Alexa participated in the J.R.O.T.C. program with the Color Guard and with the COSI Steam Program. Mathematics Teacher, Carrie Ebright states that "Alexa is a very bright and responsible student. She earned one of the highest grades in the school on the Geometry Ohio State Test."

VANESSA GALVAN-SALINAS plans to attend The Ohio State University and will major in Electrical Engineering.

Vanessa was on the honor roll, Dean's List at Columbus State Community College, the National Honor Society, and she is the Valedictorian of the 2025 class. History teacher, Connor Perry states that "Vanessa is ambitious and curious, loves to learn new content and to master new skills."

MALACIA MARTIN plans to attend Wright State University and will major in Pre-Pharmacy. Malacia was on the honor roll and was a Supplemental Instructor for the Columbus State Community College. Chemistry teacher, Jeff Branson states that "Malacia keeps her scholastics at the top of her priorities and is a very trustworthy student."

GENESIS MORALES-RODRIGUEZ plans to attend Columbus State Community College and is undecided yet as to her major. Genesis was on the honor roll, the tennis team, and was a senior class officer. School Social Worker, Joanna Orozco states that "Genesis is an amazing person and student. She is reliable and shows amazing leadership skills."

LIZZETH PADILLA MARTINEZ plans to attend Columbus State Community College and will major in Early Child Development and Education. Lizzeth was on the honor roll, was on the tennis team, and in choir. Teacher Justin Newsome states that "Lizzeth is very motivated in class, does all of her work, and is a role model."

CHI-LYNN SHANTE RODDY plans to attend Capital University and will major in Criminology. Chi-Lynn was on the honor roll and was in the National Honor Society. Science teacher, Kelsea Gray states that "Chi is ambitious and hard working. She has always been a star student and has taken pride in her academic achievements."



West High Alumni 2025

All-Class Summer Potluck is ON!

Sunday, July 27, 2025

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Crossroads United Methodist Church

1100 S. Hague Avenue

(Corner of Hague Ave. and Briggs Rd.)

Join us as we get together to catch up and eat great food provided by us all.

It's a potluck!

Bring your favorite dish or snack to share.

Your Alumni Association will provide place settings, soft drinks, water, and Sloppy Joes.

All WHS alumni, family, and friends are invited. If you have never attended before, make this your first year to attend. For those that have attended in the past, we look forward to seeing you again.

Spread the word.

We would love to see representation from all of the West High School alumni classes.
Door prize donations are welcome!



Florida All-Class Reunion



We had another great luncheon at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Sarasota on Saturday March 8th. As always, the food was great with an amazing variety of it, and no one left hungry! There were 30 folks in attendance from the late 50's graduating classes to the late 70's. Everyone had a wonderful time as usual, and many got to catch up with friends they had not seen in years.

We started off with **Tom Ramage '67** and his wife Phyllis selling tickets for our 50/50 raffle. They did an excellent job. We collected an all-time high this year of \$169.00. There was a slight mix up though when the winning number was read.



Cheryl Decker Sparks '68, Jim Kincaid '70, and Laurie Decker Kincaid '72

I know you are looking down from above smiling at us when we use it! Then, once everyone was full of lunch - and the great desserts, too, we did our nostalgia question and answer part of the luncheon. For some reason, this year, the groups didn't do as well as in the past at getting the correct answers. But one group of three stood out and won \$10 each for their effort. Again, they all decided to turn the money back into the scholarship fund too. Between the raffle money and nostalgia money we had \$199 to add to that fund.



Class of 1979 - Nancy Lloyd Laver, Toni Covington McQuillen, Barb Lloyd Farrell

Nancy Lloyd Laver '79 thought her ticket was the winner, ending in 027 but she read her number wrong. The correct number ended in 072 so the winner was actually **Karen Barnard '65**. Karen decided not to keep her 50% share of money, so everything went back to the scholarship fund. (Note from the editor: I am not a numbers person!)

At high noon, we used the video we have of **Rev. Ed Sensenbrenner '50, Jan.** doing the invocation. Thanks Ed! I



Florida Hosts - Connie Jarrell Castorino '68 and Joe Castorino '67



Class of 1960 - Sherry Blakely Kerber, Patti Heischman Boylan and Kaye Thivener Elliott

Did you know that one of our alumni owned Wyandot Lake and Geauga Lake? Come next year to meet him! We have some very interesting people as alumni! Many of the attendees are already looking forward to next year's luncheon on March 14, 2026. We would love to have you join us! New attendees eat free! Save the date.

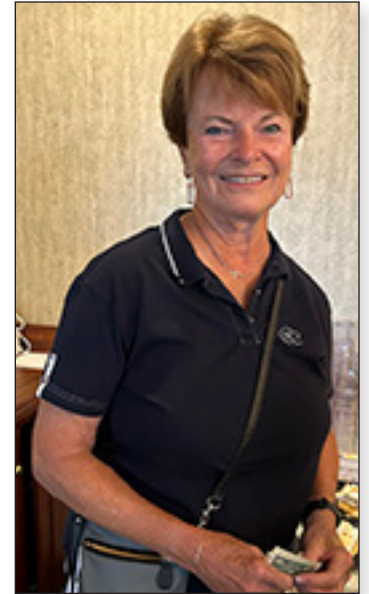


Class of 1975 - Brad Laver, Scott and Sheryl Janney, and Jamie Kennard

Florida All-Class Reunion



Florida Reunion Table



*Raffle Winner -
Karen Krueger Barnard '65*



Lois and Brad Brown '63



Luann White Murray '69



*Linda Hoffert Marx '65 and
Lowell Marx '63*



Phyllis and Tom Ramage '67



Sally and Mike Blackmore '63



Rick and Alice Stortz Laipply '68



Tim Miles '65



Class of '75 | 50th Reunion Saturday July 19, 2025

Embassy Suites, Dublin, 5100 Metro Place
6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Registration:

Early bird registration and payment prior to May 15, 2025, \$70.00 per person. After May 15, 2025, registration and payment, \$75.00 per person.

Please RSVP no later than July 1, 2025

Payment:

Payment can be made via:

Square: <https://square.link/u/UfSL86mi>

Venmo: Kathy Redmond@Kathy-Redmond-4

Check: Payable to West High Class of 75. Mail to Kathy Redmond, 1852 Hickory Hill Dr., Columbus, OH 43228

Hotel rooms available for \$149.00.

Contact Embassy Suites (614) 790-9000

Schedule of Events:

6:00 – 7:00 Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar) Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 – 8:30 Dinner – Three Entree Buffet

8:30 – 11:00 Music by Shamrock Sounds

We will have a photographer for the Event.

Please note:

Friday, July 18, 2025 – There will be a Happy Hour at Lucky's Grille, 5387 Roberts Rd., Hilliard, OH 43026 beginning at 6:00 pm.

More Information:

Email:
reunion@whsclassof75.org for more information

Class of 1970 55th Class Reunion Saturday, August 9, 2025

6 p.m. - ???

LUCKY'S Grill & Sports Pub, 5387 Roberts Road, Hilliard, OH 43026

No Cover – Cash Bar & Food

No Reservations Necessary BUT RSVP's are WELCOME

Please contact Susie Griffith Lockard at

smaneff@gmail.com

Or respond at this link:

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Also this Weekend:

All Class Luncheon, Friday, August 8, 2025

Olive Garden, Trabue Road, Hilliard, OH

1 p.m. – RSVP to:

Jill Eichenberger Idzkowski, at 614-570-4084 (call or text) By EOD Wednesday, August 6

WHS Alumni Association, Annual Golf Outing

Friday, August 8, 2025 8 a.m.

Location – Groveport Municipal Golf Course

Contact:

Georgia Martin Ward for details/t-times
georgiamward@gmail.com



Class of 1966 59th Class Reunion Sunday, Sept 21, 2025

Yes, it's been 59 years since
running the halls of West High.

We have planned an informal gathering to
socialize and rekindle old friendships.

*Please Join Us in Celebration of
Our 59th High School Class Reunion*

If you know of someone who is not receiving this information,
please pass this along and get their new information to me
so we can keep everyone up to date.

For questions, please email or call

Norm Parrish parrishn@aol.com or 614 889-9668

Ginny Hane-Wittkugle vlwitt816@gmail.com or 614 288-7905

Cindy Echols-Hilling cindee7465@gmail.com or 614 562-5848

Looking forward to seeing everyone's smiling face!

DATE: Sunday September 21, 2025

TIME: 3 pm - 6pm

PLACE: Lucky's Grille & Sports Pub
5387 Roberts Rd,
Hilliard, OH 43026

COST: No Cost
Purchase your own Food &
Drinks from Bar or server

RSVP: Would be appreciated for
setup of tables and chairs



**JOIN US FOR
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**60TH ANNIVERSARY
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Questions? Contact Steve or
Karen (614) 745-2388, or
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**ICE CREAM SOCIAL
scoop walk**
SUNDAY, JUNE 29 @ 3PM
West High School Stadium Track
179 South Powell Avenue, Columbus, OH
Walk and talk with all invited
by joining other Alumni, Students,
Staff and Family Members!
Free Ice Cream for Those Who Complete the Scoop Walk
Walk a mile (4 laps around the track) = 1 SCOOP
Walk two miles = 2 SCOOPS
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Please email Rosalie Martin Williams at formwilliams@yahoo.com
with the names and number of walkers

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reinforcing academic growth. This program is supported by West High School Alumni Association scholarship dollars that produced students from West to graduate from Columbus State before their West High School Graduation. Two students received this honor in 2024. This year, four students have the same honor. Congratulations!

West High remains the only 9–12 school in Columbus City Schools with a formal STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) designation from the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce. This distinction prepares students for Ohio's growing STEM career market and aligns with CCS's evolving academies model. West was the only school, this size, in the state to receive this designation.

West will be transitioning to an Academy Model launching in 2025-2026. The design will consist of a career academy structure to personalize learning and deepen real-world readiness. Career paths will be patterned in the following format: Freshman Academy, Engineering/Manufacturing Academy, Marketing/Business Academy, and Public Health & Community Medicine Academy. These will provide students with themed learning communities, interdis-

ciplinary instruction, and real pathways to college and career success. Each center is supported by relevant academic coursework and industry-aligned skills development.

West High is actively seeking alumni and industry partners to support the academy model. Get involved by mentoring, offering job shadowing, contributing expertise, or joining an advisory committee. The West High School Alumni Association has been a staunch Community Supporter, presently through donations that assist the students with special projects, scholarships, team meals and special events. Additional volunteerism is welcomed.

In Closing, Dr. Roberts addressed those in attendance by stating: West High School Alumni Association Board, members, and guests, Thank You for Your Support! We're proud of where we've been improving as a school and even more excited about where we're going. Thank you for continuing to champion West High School. Let's keep growing leaders together!

THANK YOU for Your Donations!



The Alumni Association is designated as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

All Scholarship donations qualify as a tax deduction on your federal taxes.

Checks should be made payable to the WHSAA and
mailed to Treasurer, P.O. Box 28056, Columbus, OH 43228.

THANK YOU for donating in memory of, or in honor of, an individual

William L. Daugherty
in memory of Beverly Kimball Daugherty '63

Lisa Roach Leasure '76
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Dorance Nichols Hornsby '63
in memory of Larry Alban, Jan. '49

Lowell '63 and Linda Marx '65
in memory of Robert K. Slee '63

Jill Maxwell Bradway '75
in memory of Julie Schaub '75

Michael Porter '63
in honor of the Class of 1963.

Patricia Krizinski Drumheiser '65,
after 60 years, in honor of the Class of 1965.

WELCOME New Member

Randall Horn, 2007

Chuck Patterson 1983

WELCOME New Life Members

626 life members
never have to remember to pay their dues!

Lisa Roach Leasure, 1976

Wanda Estepp Ross, 1973

Jennifer Volkmar, 1978

Katie Muir Brintlinger, 1974

Bill Brintlinger, 1974

Gene E. Beard, 1959, Jan.

Thank You for Your Scholarship Donation

Carol Blum Jackson, 1960

James Hughes, 1964



\$10,500 Donation!

Eli Bowen '74 and Rosalie Martin Williams
'72 presented Dan Martin '72 with a \$10,500
donation from the concession stand proceeds.

Thank you!

Update Your Alumni 2025 - '26 Calendar!



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

July 27, 2025 Sunday	3:00 PM All Class Picnic. Crossroads United Methodist Church. 1100 S. Hague Ave. All are welcome! Bring a dish to share. Yum!
August 8, 2025 Friday	Golf Outing. All are welcome! Reservation details are in this newsletter. Please join us.
September 7, 2025 Sunday	5:30 PM Board Meeting Bob Evan's Restaurant 1660 Georgesville Square Dr. S, Columbus 43228
September 14, 2025 Sunday	3:00 PM Hall of Fame Ceremony. West High School Library. Don't miss it! Save the date! Details are in this newsletter.
October 16, 2025 Thursday	6:00 PM General Meeting York Steak House, 4220 W. Broad St., Columbus 43228 Nomination of Board officers. All are welcome!
November 20, 2025 Thursday	6:00 PM General Meeting York Steak House, 4220 W. Broad St., Columbus 43228 Election of Board officers. All are welcome!
December 6, 2025 Saturday	Christmas Luncheon – JP's Barbecue Bolton Field 2000 Norton Rd., Columbus. Save the date! More details to come.
March 14, 2026 Saturday	11:00 AM Florida All-Class Reunion in Sarasota Der Dutchman Restaurant. Save the date! First timers eat free!
June 27, 2026 Saturday	Hilltop Bean Dinner sponsored by the Grove City Rotary Club at Westgate Park. Proceeds to benefit West High School and Westgate Park



NEWSLETTER MAILINGS

If your Alumni Occident newsletter is 'snail-mailed' to you it is mailed in a bulk mailing which is not forwarded if you move. It is not returned to the Alumni Association, so we do not know you have not received it. Contact the Association Editor with the dates that you will be in another location, and we will mail your newsletter to that address.

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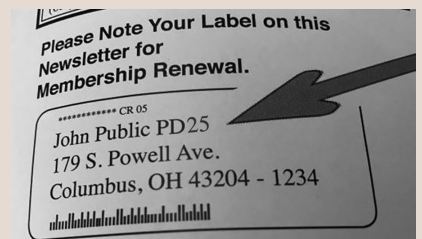
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PLEASE RENEW YOUR DUES BY MARCH 1.

Membership Renewal – Check your label!

If you have already paid your dues for 2025 before January 1, you will see a PD25 after your name on the mailing label.

If you are a Life Member, you will see LM. If your label does not show either of these, please renew your membership dues now.





In Memoriam - Alumni No Longer With Us

(If you know the graduation class of anyone listed without a year, please contact the Association editor so we may update our records. Also, if you know of any alumni deaths that we have not reported, please also let us know of those.)

Class

1940s

Lt. General Richard E. Carey, April 25, 2025	1945
2001 Hall of Fame Honoree	
Clara Cassell Horn, March 22, 2025	age 93
Ruth Carter Belknap, May 9, 2025	1949, Jan.
Kenneth Collins, December 25, 2023	1948

1950s

Nancy Hardy Smith, March 15, 2025	1950
Dixie Miller Musser Irwin, April 13, 2025	1958
Pat Hanawalt Six, January 24, 2025	1958
Jeff Cheek, March 19, 2025	1958
Joseph J. Petitti, March 2, 2025	1951, Jan.
Marilyn Warren Randall, April 7, 2025	1956
Thomas L. Shields, March 23, 2025	age 86
Richard E. Izzard, March 4, 2025	1955
Robert L. Delph I, April 28, 2025	1954

1960s

James Doycheff, March 11, 2025	1965
Carol Kendall Wilke, October 24, 2023	1960, Jan.
George "Rick" Hamilton, March 20, 2025	1968
Linda Troutman Wallace, March 17, 2025	1967
Nancy Friend Walters, March 15, 2025	1967
Sue Sutphen Sloan, March 2, 2025	1961
Freida J. Coleman, May 2, 2025	1966
Dorothea Wirtz Rice, May 13, 2025	1968
Clarence A. Fladt, May 13, 2025	1967

Class

1970s

Timothy McFarland, February 26, 2025	1976
Bonnie B. Slane, April 18, 2025	1973
Robin Fyffe Taylor, April 2, 2025	age 66
Gloria Delewese Stephens, April 20, 2025	1972
Jeffrey L. Schirtzinger, April 10, 2025	1975
Russell Townsend, April 13, 2025	1976
Dale A. Thomas, April 6, 2025	1978
Germaine Brunner Alexander, March 10, 2025	1972
Robin Germany Ejindu, March 3, 2025	age 68
Gerald E. Beasy, March 1, 2025	age 69
Annette Foster Shaw, March 16, 2025	1970
Bill A. Compton, May 6, 2025	1975

1980s

Phyllis Berrill Tudor, April 23, 2025	1982
Carla Keelin Myers, March 30, 2025	1986
Deidre Dixon Wagner, March 21, 2025	1983

Staff

Arthur Darnbrough III, March 12, 2025	T	eacher
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*Thank you to our Alumni and friends
who informed the Association of the passing
of these cherished alumni, teachers and staff
of West High School.
Without your help
we would not have this section.*

Membership Cards

***The WHSAA board decided at the last board meeting that we will no longer be mailing membership cards. We do not ask members to see their membership card to participate in any function so we decided that we would discontinue this practice. ***



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2025 Annual Membership Dues



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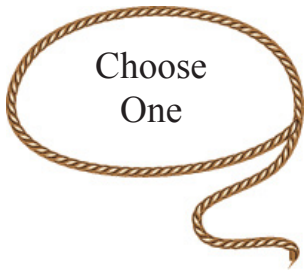
Year Graduated _____ January or June _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____ + _____

E-Mail Address _____ Phone (_____) _____



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Golf Outing – August 8th

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