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A Tradition
For Tomorrow

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Christmas Luncheon



Bev and Steve Finkel, 1971



Class of 1973
Vickie Racer Leonhardt, Wanda Estep Ross,
Carol Graves Cox, and Linda Bill



Carol Rood, 1963 and Roberta Flugge Conner, 1958



Linda Boots Cash, 1958 and David Cash, 1957

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



Hello Cowboys! Welcome to 2026!

For this newsletter I would like to share a few updates on our upcoming activities for this year. It is certainly good news to report that WHS principal, Dr. Daniel Roberts, has officially named the West High School Alumni Association as a Community Partner of the school. As such we can now hold, in addition to our annual General Meeting/Open house, Board Meetings and Special activities without being charged an activity fee.

With this change we can hold our next WHSAA Board meeting in the West HS Library on Sunday, March 8th, 2026, starting at 5:30 p.m. We would like to invite all class representatives (and volunteers that may be interested in representing their class) to join us at the school to have open discussion on formal reunions and/or what several classes have developed which involves more frequent gatherings at local venues and establishments throughout the community. These more frequent gatherings have increased comradery in a more relaxed social setting. If you are unable to attend but have ideas or suggestions on ideas for the association, please share with any board member listed on our website at westhighalumni.com.

A glowing example of a successful event, an all-class luncheon is held at the Hilliard Olive Garden location, every second Friday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Attendance continues to grow. If you have time to join us, please RSVP to **Jill Eichenberger Idkowski '69** at 614-570-4084 or on Facebook at **Columbus West High Alumni Lunch**.

Florida Alumni gathering will be held March 14@11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Sarasota, Florida. Please contact **Joe Castorino '67** at 352-683-5135 for more information.

Last year over \$15,000 was awarded in scholarship money by WHSAA for students planning to enroll in two-year or four-year colleges or technical training centers. In fact, four of our student recipients have graduated, due to your generous donation assistance, from Columbus State before graduating from West. Thank you in advance for your continued support of West High Students. Student applications will be due March 30, 2026, for review before the interview process begins the week of April 13, 2025. If you would like to assist with the interview process, please contact by text to the Committee Chairman, **Chuck Patterson '83** at 614-233-1229.

West High School Hall of Fame Nominations are due to Chairperson **Sara McPeak Sampson '69**, by April 1, 2026. Nominations are never discarded and can be amended or revised at any time. Look online

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President's Message, continued from page 2

for the nomination form. The official induction will take place in the West High School Library, September 20, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

All are welcome at *The Annual Alumni/General Meeting Open House* at West High School to be held Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The gathering will begin in the cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. with remarks from Principal, Dr. Roberts, with an academic update. Minelli's pizza and salad will be served before a self-tour of the building takes place. If you were involved in athletics, clubs, vocal, musical, and other academic groups; Why not call a few old-time classmates to have them join you in this activity to share a little about the good ole days!

If you have family friends or acquaintances that will be graduating from West this year, the WHSAA supports the Senior Dinner activities and awards distribution to be held in the West High School Cafeteria on May 20, at 6:00 p.m. Check with current senior students for details on how to support them by attending.

A WHSAA board member and 1985 West High Graduate, **Larry Titus**, has been very influential in bringing back the Hilltop Bean Dinner in a **BIGGER AND BETTER MANNER** on June 27th 11:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. Once again, the WHSAA will be manning a booth at the event to sell WHSAA gear and past year books that are available. New membership sign up will also be available. The Alumni Dance Band will also be performing at 11:00 a.m. starting with the Star-Spangled Banner. Contact **Brad Laver** at 614-563-4981 for more information about the band. All alumni are encouraged to stop by and to say hello.

July 25, at 3:00 p.m. is the scheduled time and date for the Annual WHSAA Picnic/Potluck. Location and format will be changing as we will be relocating from Crossroad Church to our home venue at 179 South Powell. West High, West High, West High! Details to follow. Text Committee Chairman, **Randy Horn '07**, for suggestions or willingness to volunteer at 614-506-2389.

August brings us back to the start of School. The alumni have, in the recent past, set up the concession stand for food items to be distributed to guests. The purpose of this event allows all community partners to set up displays and distribute information and share services to the students that will be attending during the 2026-2027 school year.

August is the time we schedule our annual WHSAA Golf Outing. Details To Be Determined. The funds raised during this event go directly to West HS scholarships. If you would like to volunteer or participate, please reach out by text to **Georgia Martin Ward '70** at 614-203-4068.

LAST SATURDAY IN JUNE

BEAN DINNER



AT WESTGATE PARK | CIVIL WAR CAMP CHASE SITE
JUNE 27TH @ 11 - 7PM


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The last bit of news is regarding our annual Christmas Luncheon to be held on December 5, 2026. The venue will be The Makoy Center, 5462 Center Street, Hilliard, OH 43026. This is the closest establishment we could find near the westside that has easily accessible parking, convenient access to the building and nice restroom facilities. The excellent food will be reasonably priced at \$40 per person and will include a Pasta Buffet, Salad station, along with two entrees and bread sticks. A cash bar will be available. Vice President, **Stacy Neff Campbell '78** (614-580-3584) worked diligently to secure this prestigious facility that allows a direct entrance and ample space. The Makoy will certainly outmatch the golf course that we used for many years. The same cozy atmosphere will be maintained with the spirited cheer of the Christmas holiday provided by the alumni band and donated items will be on display for the silent auction.

Please check our website at westhighalumni.com for additional updates or contact information.

Here's to a New Year and as always GO COWBOYS!

Christmas Luncheon



The 2025 West High School Alumni Association met for their annual Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at JP's Barbeque on Norton Road. Around 110 guests were present for our festive Holiday gathering. The buffet lunch included pulled pork and chicken with various delicious sides. The West High Alumni Dance Band entertained us with fun music, new and old musical selections and the traditional Alma Mater sung by all at the end of the event.

President **Dan Martin** gave remarks on the accomplishments throughout the year and reported on upcoming events for the Alumni Association.

The Silent Auction was a big hit with \$900.00 in profit, and guests enjoyed bidding on many gift baskets, OSU Basketball tickets, framed pictures, and homemade food items. These funds go toward our Scholarship funds.

We had many familiar faces and plenty of new guests and alumni present to enjoy this event.

We look forward to the 2026 Christmas Luncheon and hope to see you then! A new location and details will be coming later this year.

Stacy Neff Campbell, 1978
Chairperson



*Marita Georgiton Karonis, 1961, Georgia Martin Ward, 1970
and Nancy Lloyd Laver, 1979*



Donna Edwards Burgstaller, 1980 and Jim Edwards, 1954



Ron Thomas, 1975 and Carolyn Sue Thomas, 1955



Mike Miller, 1970 and Stacy Neff Campbell 1978

Holiday Fun!



Brad Laver, 1975 and Aaron Jackson, 1972



Eldest Alumni Jim Edwards, 1954



*Youngest Alumni
Pastor Tim Lee, 1986*



Tom Shook 1970, Bryan Finley 1967, and Bob Larson 1967



Trent Bishop, 1985, Stacey Thomas, 1983, and Dianne Krebs



*Sisters - Kathy Williamson Diedrich, 1972
and Peggy Williamson, 1979*



*Cheryl Meinberg Kochansky, 1976, Randall Kinzel, 1976
and Lisa Roach Leasure, 1976*



Wreaths Across America

By Ginger Thrush '79

The annual **Wreaths Across America** wreath laying ceremony was held December 13, 2025 at **Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery** located at 2900 Sullivant Avenue on the Hilltop. Each December, **National Wreaths Across America Day** is held across our nation and abroad, with wreaths being placed at Veterans graves. The first ceremony was held at **Arlington National Cemetery** and has expanded to over 5,500 locations in all 50 states, at sea, and abroad. Wreaths are purchased by private individuals, charitable and fraternal organizations, and corporate sponsorships to be placed on graves in designated cemeteries.

This year over 500 wreaths were placed on veterans' graves at Camp Chase. During the Civil War, Camp Chase was a large Union Army camp where soldiers were mustered in and out of military service. It was also a large prisoner of war detention Camp for captured Confederate soldiers. The cemetery is the only part of the vast camp that remains. 2,260 men are buried in the stone fenced enclosure, men who would never return to their southern homes.

An act of Congress in the late 1950's officially designated these men as U.S. military veterans. The stone arch which stands in the center of this hallowed ground was erected in 1902, a statue of a soldier sits atop the arch, above the word, "Americans."

This year over 50 volunteers braved the blustery weather to decorate over 500 graves. **The John Hoover Chapter of**

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) raised funds for many of these wreaths. This DAR chapter meets in Grove City, Ohio and some of the organizing members are West High Alumni, **Ginger Thrush '79** and **Lora Thrush Yank '83**.



The **Hilltop Historical Society** organizes this event with the permission of **Dayton National Cemetery**, which manages Camp Chase. Additionally, members of the **Hilltop Historical Society** organize a commemoration ceremony held the second Sunday of June and this year it will be on June 14th on Flag Day at 3:00 pm. The public is invited, and it is a rain or shine event. Several West High Alumni serve on the board of directors of the Hilltop Historical Society and organize this event:
Dave Dobos '73,
John Ward '67,
Stacy Neff Campbell '78,
Dave Northrup '73,
Lora Thrush Yank '83 and
Ginger Thrush '79.



Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery





In Remembrance of Dennis McDonald '57

This Association was recently informed of this Hall of Fame Honoree's passing in February. His wife, **Charlene Smith McDonald '58**, is requesting donations to the Scholarship Fund in his memory.

Dennis McDonald, age 86, took his final walk through the tunnel on February 13, 2026, in Palm Harbor, Florida. While he may have left the field, he leaves behind a stadium's worth of fans, players, and family members who are better for having known and loved him.

Born on March 3, 1939, Dennis was "Columbus through and through." A 1957 graduate of Columbus West High School, he was the definition of a Renaissance man—equally comfortable acing a chemistry exam or an architectural draft as he was leading the football, basketball, and baseball teams with All-City honors. His induction into the Columbus West High School Hall of Fame in 2015 was a fitting tribute to a man who truly did it all.

Dennis didn't just play the game; he shared it. At just 19 years old, he founded the Westgate Hawks Youth Football Program, spending over two decades teaching the kids of Columbus's west side that teamwork and dedication matter more than the score on the board. His impact was so profound it earned him a Congressional recognition and the honor of being the first head coach of the Columbus Metro Semi-Professional team.

Dennis was employed by Dun & Bradstreet in Columbus, Ohio and Tampa, Florida, as National Business Analyst, Division Operations Manager and National Utilities Analyst. He was a Presidential Citation Award Winner three times.



After his retirement from Dun & Bradstreet, Dennis was active in Senior Olympics basketball competition organizing, qualifying and successfully competing at the National Senior Games held at various locations throughout the United States. Dennis has been awarded numerous gold, silver and bronze medals in individual and team senior basketball related events, both on a regional and state level in Florida, over the years.

Off the field, Dennis was the man who could build and repair anything. Whether it was a broken toy, a complex problem, or a discouraged spirit, Dennis had the patience and the skill to make it right. He was our handyman, our teacher, and our rock. While he achieved much, his greatest "win" was his 66-year marriage to his wife, Charlene (Class of '58). Together, they built a family founded on the same loyalty Dennis showed his teams.

Dennis is now reunited with his son, Darin, who has been waiting for him since 1983. He is survived by his wife Charlene (Smith) McDonald, his son Brook (Adona) McDonald, his grandchildren Taylor (Jonathan) Murphrey-McDonald, Sage (Isiah) Simmons, and Seth McDonald, and two great-grandchildren Summer and Kai. He was also preceded

in death by his parents, John (Mac) McDonald and Louise (Coble) McDonald.

We like to think he's currently scouting the best seats in the house, dressed in Scarlet and Grey, and catching up with Darin. A celebration of Dennis's remarkable life will be held in Columbus, Ohio, at a later date. In the meantime, the family asks that you honor Dennis by coaching a kid, repairing something for a neighbor, or simply cheering extra loud for the Buckeyes.



Alumni Hall of Fame Nomination

Nominations should be received by April 1st of each year to be considered for that year. Nominations not selected for that year will be kept and reconsidered in future years. None will be discarded.

Nominee name _____ Graduation Year _____

Nominee is: Living _____ Deceased _____ (**if deceased, please complete the section below*)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____ E-mail _____

**Name and relationship of a deceased nominee's key family member* _____

Address _____ *City* _____ *State* _____ *Zip* _____

Home phone (____) _____ *Cell phone (____)* _____ *E-mail* _____

Your name _____ Graduation Year _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____ E-mail _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Please submit as much information as possible as to why your nominee should be inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame.

On a separate paper, include the following information:

- 1) Activities, accomplishments, awards, etc. while a student at West High School (if known).
- 2) Post high school education, training, military, etc.
- 3) How the nominee has demonstrated achievement in his or her chosen career and/or endeavors. Please include awards, honors, or other recognitions conferred upon him or her.
- 4) Any notable contributions to the local, state, or national community and evidence of these activities and accomplishments.
- 5) You may include signatures and endorsements of others who support your nomination.

Mail your submission, along with any pictures, newspaper articles, etc., to:

West High School Alumni Association
Alumni Hall of Fame Nomination Committee
P.O. Box 28056
Columbus, OH 43228

Notice!



Scholarships for Students

Are you the parent or grandparent of a current senior student at West High School? The West High School Alumni Association will once again be awarding scholarships to members of the 2026 senior class. Up to eight \$2000 non-renewable scholarships will be awarded for students enrolled in a 4-year college or university.

Up to eight \$1000 non-renewable scholarships will be awarded to students accepted into an apprenticeship program, trade school, or 2-year associate degree program. If you know any eligible students and they are interested in applying, requirements and applications are available in the guidance office. Deadline is March 30th.

Hall of Fame Nominations

Hall of Fame applications are due on April 1.

Please use the form from this newsletter on page 9 or print the form from our website if you would like to nominate someone for consideration. Nominations are never discarded and are considered yearly by the Nomination Committee.

https://westhighalumni.com/wp-content/uploads/HallofFameIMG_20200424_0001.pdf



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Class of 1964

The Class of 1964 will turn 80 this year!

You are invited! Please join us! Celebrate! Enjoy!
You are invited to join us and help plan a birthday party.

The location of the planning meetings will be announced at the monthly Olive Garden luncheon. Thank you in advance.

For more information call: 614-743-5542

Barbara Thomas Rutledge '64

Cecelia Gentry '64



Spirit of '76

50 Year
REUNION

West High School
Columbus, OH

SAT Jun
6th

Gidget's Event Center
5975 Lambert Rd
Orient, OH 43146

6PM

Tickets: \$50 per person - Payment due by May 1st, 2026

Cash bar, music, mixed appetizers & casual food by *Emelio's*

Venmo



CashApp



Zelle



Checks made payable to: **West High School 1976 Class Reunion**

Mail checks to:

Tammy Flowers
1859 Belmead Ave
Columbus, OH 43223

Questions? Contact Jim at -- crushr2007@gmail.com





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.**

Pat Stewart '64
in memory of **Larry Moore '64.**

Pat Stewart '64
in memory of **Susie Griffith Conrad '64.**

Anonymous donation
in memory of **David N. Pence '57.**

Jill Maxwell Bradway '75
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Sandy Chase Doult '64
in memory of **Diana Brown Struve '70.**

Lindsey Pence Todd
in memory of **David Pence '57.**

Margaret Barnhill Berendsen '57
in memory of **Joseph 'Skip' Balthaser '51.**

Margaret Barnhill Berendsen '57
in memory of **Jack C. Wilson '60.**

Jamie Kennard '75
in memory of **Rick Burns.**

Jamie Kennard '75
in memory of **Dale Thomas '78.**

Rosemary Betts Huey '63
in memory of **my brother Don Betts '69.**

Melanie Jones Wellman '70
in memory of **Charlotte Jones.**

Kimberly A. Cordetti
in memory of **Sharon Clay '64.**

WELCOME New Members

Melanie Jones Wellman, 1970

Linda Dillon Pennington, 1963

Peggy Williamson, 1979

WELCOME New Life Members

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

Kenny Grant, 1979

Donna Barnhill Wilson, 1962

Shirley Barnhill Connors, 1956

Ruth Barnhill Ricketts, 1963

THANK YOU for your General Fund Donation

Erin Stone McLaughlin, 1999

Pat Stewart, 1964

James W. Worthington, Jan. 1957

David A. Matern, 1979

Ann Steece Edmonds, 1979

Pete Block, 1968

THANK YOU for Your Scholarship Donation

Pat Stewart, 1964

James W. Worthington, Jan. 1957

Carol Jones, 1962

Ann Steece Edmonds, 1979

! 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.

Update Your Alumni 2026 Calendar!



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

March 8, 2026 Sunday	5:30 PM Board Meeting West High School Library, 179 S. Powell Ave., Columbus 43204
March 13, 2026 Saturday	1:00 All-Class Luncheon - Everyone is invited! Olive Garden, 5450 Renner Rd, Columbus 43228
March 14, 2026 Saturday	11:00 AM Florida All-Class Reunion in Sarasota Der Dutchman Restaurant. More information in this newsletter! First timers eat free!
April 10, 2026 Friday	1:00 PM All-Class Luncheon - Everyone is invited! Olive Garden, 5450 Renner Road, Columbus 43228
April 15, 2026 Wednesday	6:00 PM General Membership Meeting. West High School Cafeteria. Minelli's Pizza. Tour the school. Everyone is invited! Bring your family! Please come.
May 8, 2026 Friday	1:00 All-Class Luncheon - Everyone is invited! Olive Garden, 5450 Renner Rd, Columbus 43228
May 17, 2026 Sunday	5:30 PM Board Meeting. West High School Library, 179 S. Powell Ave., Columbus 43204
June 12, 2026 Friday	1:00 All-Class Luncheon – Everyone is invited! Olive Garden, 5450 Renner Rd, Columbus 43228
June 27, 2026 Saturday	11:00 AM Hilltop Bean Dinner sponsored by the Grove City Rotary Club at Westgate Park. Proceeds to benefit West High School and Jordan's Crossing. Stop by the Alumni booth!
July 26, 2026 Sunday	All Class Picnic. New Location – West High School! All are welcome! More details coming soon! Save the date.
August 14, 2026 Friday	Golf Outing. All are welcome! More details coming soon! Plan ahead and save the date!
September 20, 2026 Sunday	3:00 PM Hall of Fame Ceremony. West High School Library, 179 S. Powell Ave., Columbus 43204 Don't miss it! Save the date!
December 6, 2026 Saturday	Christmas Luncheon – New Location! Better parking! Makoy Center in Hilliard. Save the date!



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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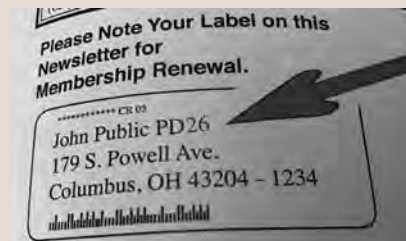
money! Please follow the directions on our new website to see how to join the Community Rewards Program.

PLEASE RENEW YOUR DUES BY MARCH 1.

Membership Renewal – Check your label!

If you have already paid your dues for 2026 before January 1, you will see a PD26 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

Fred W. Braithwaite, December 27, 2025	1948, Jan.
Marjorie Jackson Jones, December 5, 2025	1947
Donna Hicks Castle, January 21, 2026	age 97
Jean Weidner Hedges, January 1, 2026	1946
James C. Osborn, December 18, 2025	1948
Marjorie Jackson Jones, December 5, 2025	1947

1950s

Dennis L. McDonald, February 13, 2026	1957
June Amelia Moore, December 23, 2025	1955
William "Bob" Bunner, February 10, 2026	1957, Jan.
John E. Thompson, February 17, 2026	1954
Kay Hudson Patterson, January 24, 2026	1957
Robert Brooks, January 8, 2026	1951
Carolyn Burnett Wilson, January 8, 2026	1957
Nicholase Boase, December 17, 2025	1959
John W. Neimeister, December 19, 2025	1959
Sandra Bohanan Caldwell, December 26, 2025	1956
John W. Jackson, Sr., December 12, 2025	1954

1960s

Susie Griffith Conrad, January 21, 2026	1964
Ron Crist, December 26, 2025	1967
Sue Stilwell Gorslene, December 12, 2025	1965
William Hunter, January 10, 2026	1962
Betty Coon James, January 8, 2026	1962
Ray Nader, December 11, 2024	1962
Lonnie E. Lee, January 20, 2026	1969
Diane Thompson, September 26, 2023	1962
Ralph P. White, January 12, 2026	1968
James Richard Colvin, January 6, 2026	1962
Clayton Leo Morgan, January 29, 2026	1960
Larry G. Moore, January 1, 2026	1964
Richard W. Ansel, October 25, 2025	1962
Shirley Kazee Simpson, August 18, 2025	1962, Jan.
Ronald Groom, December 5, 2025	1962
Richard Luzader, January 10, 2026	1960
Susan Finlinson Headlee, January 15, 2026	1969
Carol S. Eckstein McPeak, November 30, 2025	1961
Brenda Holycross Dupler, August 29, 2010	1962, Jan.

Class

1970s

Chris Melfi, January 4, 2026	1970
Thomas K. Brown, Jr., February 12, 2026	age 66
Mark Vernon, January 9, 2026	1973
Ethel "Jeannie" Brown Jackson, January 3, 2026	1971
Floyd R. West, Jr., February 12, 2026	age 69
Robert L. Criner, February 2, 2026	age 67
Blythe Ann Hitch Cooper, January 6, 2026	1972
Frederick "Rick" Scott, January 18, 2026	1972
Deborah L. Moore Copley, November 27, 2025	1972
Debra J. Funk Irvin, November 28, 2025	age 69
Diana Brown Struve, December 21, 2025	1970

1980s

Willie Daniel Lyles, January 17, 2026	age 57
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1990s

Lisa Pleasant-Turner, January 21, 2026	1990
Mark O. Monfort, December 20, 2025	age 52

2000s

Rachel N. Gahn, February 14, 2026	age 45
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Staff

Susie Griffith Conrad, January 21, 2026
Work Study Teacher

Dr. Jacob Julian Ashburn, December 20, 2025
English Teacher

Sue Stilwell Gorslene, December 12, 2025
Aide

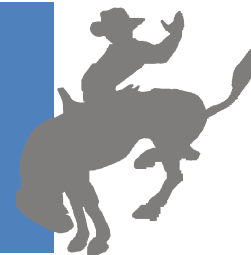
*Thank you to our Alumni and friends
who informed the Association of the passing
of these cherished alumni, teachers and staff
of West High School.*

*Without your help
we would not have this section.*



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Columbus, Ohio



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Membership Application

2026 Annual Membership Dues



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 West High School Alumni Association
 P.O. Box 28056
 Columbus, Ohio 43228
 www.WestHighAlumni.com

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- Renewal New Membership Address Change E-Mail Change

Member Information

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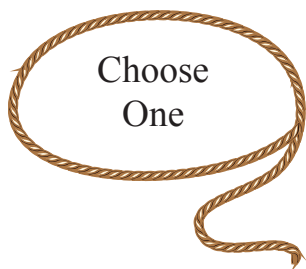
Year Graduated _____ January or June _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Street Address _____

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E-Mail Address _____ Phone (____) _____



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\$25	\$30	\$250	\$275	\$140	\$150

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Special Gift Newsletter

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Roster of Members

The Alumni Association Board decided at our February 15, 2026 meeting that a roster of members in a PDF format will now be sent via email as a courtesy to any paid Alumni Association member upon request. Please email our Database Manager **Mike Wright '90** at **whsalumnidata@gmail.com** for more information.

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