



SO, WHAT'S GOING ON AT MY ALMA MATER?

At the peak of Cleveland's yearly cold weather, the Wildcats continued the year strong. Students eagerly waited for the week of midterms to be over—a stressful but fulfilling period to complete. Getting over the hump of the winter months during the school year can be extremely tiresome and grueling, but as usual, the Wildcats pushed through to the excitement the rest of the year had to offer. There were so many accomplishments and goals met during the year, and many students should be proud of the immense efforts they put in to reach success. The year went by rapidly, but it is vital to recognize the triumphs and outstanding achievements of Mayfield High School during the 2023–2024 school year.

The boys varsity baseball team had a standout year, performing especially well during the conference championship. The Wildcats became conference champions, winning a victory against the Chardon Hilltoppers. The Wildcats advanced to the Sectional Final against Massillon Washington, winning and advancing further to the District Semifinals versus Walsh Jesuit. The Wildcats unfortunately lost the District Final against North Canton Hoover, but the end of the season was met with nothing but pride and determination for the future. The News-Herald congratulated multiple Wildcats, naming **Holden Cope** as a first-team all-star, **Christophe Alexander** as a second-team all-star, and **Rocco Monastero** and **Ethan Claflin** on the honor roll.

Mayfield Track and Field also had an outstanding year, earning many victories during the season. The team welcomed new head coaches **Stephanie Buda** and **Daniel Murray** to the program this year. The girls track and field team won the conference championship for the first time since 2003. Mayfield had multiple athletes qualify for regionals at Austintown Fitch High School. The qualifiers included **Jaswant Singh** in the 3200, **Ty Jackson** in the 110-meter hurdles (regional champion in the 110) and the 300-meter hurdles, **Sharnise Worthams** (breaking school records last set in 2005) in the 100-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles, **Skylar Sanders** in the 300 meter hurdles, and the girls 4 x1 team comprised of **Gianna Condelli**, **Petra Webel**, **Estella Turner**, and **Adesewa Adeweso**. In the field events, **Gianna Condelli** qualified in the long jump, and **Rachel Gifford** qualified in the pole vault. **Ty Jackson** advanced on to becoming the 110-meter hurdles state champion with a 13.89 and had the state's fastest time. Ty was also the state champion in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 36.74. He went undefeated throughout the year in both events. Even fur-

ther, Jackson placed 4th in the 110 hurdles and 10th in the 400 hurdles at the prestigious New Balance Nationals. The Mayfield track and field program had so much success to be proud of this season, and the potential for both track and field is soaring.

The Mayfield Performing Arts program showcased their performance of **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** as their spring musical this year. Mayfield was one of the first high schools ever to perform the show, making the show extra special to our community. The production starred **Kasey Gerome** as Charlie Bucket, **Savon Harris** as Willy Wonka, and **Tyler Cameron** as Grandpa Joe, along with other very talented individuals making up the cast. The program was filled with charm, and lively songs and dancing graced the stage. The show follows Charlie Bucket's journey to Willy Wonka's chocolate factory, paired with the unique characters she meets along the way. A special thanks and congratulations to **Larry Braun**, who concluded his Mayfield directing career with this production. Braun has directed or choreographed 24 Mayfield musicals over the last 26 years. He has worked with hundreds of students on an array of musicals and plays, and his work will leave a strong impact on the Mayfield stage for years to come.

The Mayfield Excel TECC program had an especially eventful year. The construction trades program hosted their open house, showcasing the work of the students who devoted hours to building a simulated Wild West town. The junior and senior students worked tirelessly to design, plan, and create their very own town. Building designs and blueprints were produced by CADD students. This showcase displayed much of what Mayfield has to offer: a varied educational experience fit for every student's future plans. Mayfield takes pride in their student's; talents and interests and allows them to apply those aspirations in everyday life.

The Mayfield Service Learning Club ended the year with their trip to Ohio City. The club focuses on service and helping those in need. They help in various service events during the year, the main goal being to allow Mayfield students to get involved in community service and learn to be globally responsible citizens. The trip included many service opportunities in different sectors. Students volunteered at the West Side Catholic Center to serve breakfast in food lines, visited and aided homeless camps, and kayaked and collected garbage in the Cuyahoga River.

Scholarship Awards for the 2023-24 School Year

Honors Day was unveiled in a new and different venue by **Principal Brian Linn** this year. It was held at La Vera Party Center and included an excellent brunch. All students and parents who received scholarships were invited. Honors Day proved to be another memorable experience for many Wildcat Seniors. Our outstanding Scholarship Committee did their job carefully and thoroughly. Our committee consisted of **Co-Chairman Jill Turner, Co-Chairman Kayla Pinto, Steve Canfield, Diane Cartellone, and Mark Klang**. Remarkably, the Alumni Association received the most applications from the senior class. Even more remarkably, 15% of the senior class received a scholarship - an amazing accomplishment thanks to our caring and generous alums!!

The Association thanks all alums who donated during the 2023-24 scholarship drive. Alums can be very proud of the financial assistance they provide to seniors who work diligently in the classroom and who also manage to get highly involved in athletics, clubs, volunteerism, and extra-curricular activities. Following is a brief summary of this year's scholarship recipients. Unfortunately, we had to shorten the bios due to the high number of recipients (48).

\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Luke Durosko, Exercise Physiology (Pre-Physical Therapy), Ohio University.

\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981) Lauren Barna, Criminal Justice or Biology, Ohio University.

\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Natalie Braun, Speech-Language Pathology, University of Cincinnati.

\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): TJ Grzyowski, Exercise Science with Minor in Musical Theatre, Kent State University.

\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Felicity Engoglia, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Ohio University.

\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Arianna Brunello, Psychology, Miami University of Ohio.

\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Kaylee Tsevdos, Undecided, Tri-C.

\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Lauren Peugeot, Communications, The Ohio State University.

\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Lauren Furnas, Environmental Engineering, The Ohio State University.

\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Frank Palmisano, Nursing, Miami University of Ohio.

\$1000 Alumni Association Ancestry Scholarship, (1981): Luca Fiore, Finance, Miami University of Ohio.

\$1000 John Szuhay Memorial Theatre Scholarship, (1990): Savon Harris, Musical Theater with Minor in Communications, Kent State University.

\$500 Ron Ritner Memorial Scholarship, (1991): Adam Schumacher, Information Systems, The University of Cincinnati.

\$500 Alvarez Fine Arts Scholarship, (1992): Abigail Ekstrand, Fine or Studio Arts, Cleveland State University.

\$500 Tim Collaros Memorial Scholarship, (1995): Joey Agresta, Elementary Education, John Carroll University.

\$1,000 Michael Patrick Colombi Memorial Scholarship, (1998): Ryan Chen, Computer Science or Aerospace Engineering, Purdue University.

\$1,000 Michael Patrick Colombi Memorial Scholarship, (1998): Chloe Gerbasi, Undecided, The Ohio State University.

\$1000 Norm Huelsman Memorial Scholarship, (2001): Gabriella Fappiano, Education, The Ohio State University.

\$500 William Shaylor Memorial Scholarship, (2002): Danielle Grande, Forensic Science or Biomedical Sciences, Bowling Green State University.

\$500 Butch Woodie Memorial Scholarship, (2004): Gabriella Moore, Undecided, Bowling Green University.

\$4,000 Scholastic Leadership Award, (2005): Tina Nguyen, Biochemistry (Pre-Med), The Ohio State University.

\$500 Rich Vojticek Memorial Scholarship, (2005): Amelia Russell, Biochemistry with a Dentistry Profession pursuit, Miami University of Ohio.

\$42,000 Awarded to 48 Students on Honors Day

\$1,000 Harvey Scheetz Memorial Scholarship, (2007): Christine Rocco, Undecided, The Ohio State University.

\$1,000 Harvey Scheetz Memorial Scholarship, (2007): Leah Stiffler, Geographic Technologies, Kent State University.

\$1000 Harvey Scheetz Memorial Scholarship, (2007): Flora Shi, Biopsychology, Cognition and Neuroscience with intent of becoming a PA, The Ohio State University.

\$1,000 Paul Gadke Memorial Scholarship, (2008): Molly Snider, Biochemistry, The Ohio State University.

\$1,000 Nancy West Business Scholarship, (2008): Julie Blum, International Business, Ohio University.

\$500 Judy Delfs Spirit Scholarship, (2009): Christian Cifra, Education, Bowling Green State University.

\$500 Ed Ferris Memorial Scholarship: (2010): Salvatore Palmisano, Firefighter/Paramedic, Tri-C.

\$1,000 John DeLauro Memorial Scholarship, (2010): Dominic Casey, Accounting, The Ohio State University.

\$1,000 Kim Grootegoed Soeder Nursing Scholarship, (2012): Remy Engoglia, Nursing, Ursuline.

\$1,000 Wayne & Anna Farinacci Leadership Scholarship (2013): Alexis GiaMaria, Psychology, College of Charleston.

\$500 "Little Joe" Micale Literary Scholarship (2013): Ivy Puhalla, Interior Design, New York School of Interior Design.

\$500 Tex N. Collaros Memorial Scholarship (2014): Mary Isabella, International Marketing and Spanish, Jacksonville University.

\$500 Andrew Revello Memorial Scholarship (2015): Marisa Montoni, Biomedical Engineering/Anesthesiology, The Ohio State University.

\$500 Sandy Turner Community Service Scholarship (2015): Ermira Slegjekaj, Business/Marketing, John Carroll University.

\$1000 Bruce Jurgovan/Mary Tucker Physics Scholarship (2018): Peter Regas, Mechanical Engineering, University of Akron.

\$500 Lori Robinson Cosmetology Scholarship (2019): Sophia Smiley will be continuing her education in Cosmetology.

\$500 Gene "Dutch" Schmidt Memorial Scholarship (2020): Allison Spencer, Exercise Science with Pre-Physical Therapy track, The University of Dayton.

\$1000 Katherine Kagy French Scholarship (2021): Mackenzie Neal, International Business, The University of Cincinnati.

\$500 Herman Treu Band Scholarship (2021): Erika Gathy, Undecided, Slippery Rock University.

\$1000 Mary Jane Reed/Jean Zasio English & Journalism Scholarship (2021): Victoria Kunc, Environmental Science/Sustainability and Political Science/International Business (Pre-Law), Wright State University.

\$500 Carl Roth Political Science Scholarship (2022): Anna Rini, Political Science Pre-Law, The Ohio State University.

\$500 Garber Family Scholarship (2022): Aiden Williams, Marketing/Business or Criminal Justice, Miami University of Ohio.

\$1,000 Sloe Family Scholarship (2022): Amrithaa Ashok Kuma, Physics, The Ohio State University.

\$1,000 Emily & Arch McCartney Family Scholarship (2023): (\$1,000): Sarah Levak, Environmental Engineering, The Ohio State University.

\$500 Marella Family Student-Athlete Engineering Scholarship (2023): Samarth Katiyar, Computer Science Engineering, The Ohio State University.

\$1,000 The Douglas Harber Memorial Scholarship (2024): Christian Schroeder, Pre-Law, Miami University of Ohio.

Thank You Donors!
You are truly making a difference!

The Mayfield Alumni Staff Hall of Fame

Many members of the Mayfield Alumni Association have asked detailed questions regarding several aspects of our organization. The Executive Board has decided to highlight many of the topics that have been submitted. This is the fifth in a series of historical articles that will appear in *The Alumni Voice Newsletter*.

****This issue's topic is the
Centennial Celebration of Mayfield Middle School****



Looking Back.....

Sadly, there may not be anyone alive who was in the first senior class when **the old high school on SOM Center Rd. was opened in 1924**. The School Board and the community in general had to be on their toes because the Class of '25 was about to explode to a whopping 22 students. The previous year's senior class had only 5 students. So the Class of '25 began a long string of classes that had double digit students in it. Furthermore, the senior class didn't reach triple digits until 1957-58, when 113 students graduated from our dear alma mater. **William L. Shuman** was the Superintendent of Schools when the building opened. **Harvey Scheetz** was the Superintendent in 1957-58 when student enrollment in the Mayfield Schools really started to grow.

Concurrently, **Millicent Sinden** took it upon herself to write the *Alma Mater*, and not a single word has been changed or modified to this day! Miss Sinden was born in 1896 and passed away in 1974.

It should be noted that one of our greatest educators was hired in 1925. His name is **Harvey Scheetz**. Mr. Scheetz became the head football coach and the head basketball coach that year. In 1936-37 Mr. Scheetz became the Principal of Mayfield High School, taking the reins from **Harold Frank** who moved up to become the Superintendent. And when Harold Frank retired in 1943-44, Harvey Scheetz moved into the Superintendent's office. Mr. Scheetz concluded his long and illustrious career (41 years) when he retired in 1966-67. During Mr. Scheetz time as Superintendent, **R. W. Lackey** (18 years) and **Theron Gurney** (7 years) served as the high school principal.

Harvey Scheetz (2006), R. W. Lackey (2009), Millicent Sinden (2023), and Harold Frank (2024) have been inducted into the Alumni Association's Staff Hall of Fame. Theron Gurney was a member of the Class of '29.

The last senior class to graduate from this magnificent building was the Class of '63. Some people call this the greatest class that ever graduated from MHS!! Or.... maybe its just me. When the new high school was built on Wilson Mills Rd., the old high school became a junior high. The current high school received an addition in

1970 and finally became a comprehensive 9-12 high school. The old high school then became a middle school.

The largest class to graduate from Mayfield was 1975-76 with an enrollment of 575 seniors. "Dutch" Schmidt was the high school principal then. Following this class was a terrible period of declining enrollment, covering a large portion of the 70s and 80s. During this unfortunate period, many staff members received the dreaded RIF notice. RIF stands for Reduction in Force. Unfortunately, many competent, but youngest in seniority, staff members had to be let go because there just weren't enough students for the number of teachers the district employed. Enrollment got so low that the middle school was actually closed for several years. Eventually, enrollment started to rise and the building was reopened. Since the late 90s, the senior class has remained relatively steady with an enrollment between 300 and 340 students.

So you see.... our old high school has a rich history, and has seen a tremendous number of students graduate from it's hallowed halls. I bet there are many secrets embedded in those walls that will never be repeated. We would like to hear from those students who graduated from the old high school. I'll bet you have many memories to share!

In 2021, **Adam Yasenosky**, the Digital Media/Video Production Coordinator at the middle school, discovered a large wooden trunk that was found in the old auditorium film room's camera and lighting loft. The trunk is now proudly displayed in our Alumni Museum. During last May's Memorabilia Night it was cleaned up and many names or initials were discovered with their graduation year. The earliest name discovered was **Carl Haberecht, '27** and the latest names were **Charles Faulhaber, '59** and **Joyce Becker, '60**. There are a total of 38 student's names or initials inscribed on the trunk! These were the students who volunteered in the A/V Dept. and operated the "noon movies" during the second half of our lunch period. I think it cost a nickel to see the entire film over a period of 2-3 weeks! A large screen was lowered on the stage and chairs were set up in the auditorium for students to watch the latest and greatest movies of the day.

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STAFF HALL OF FAME ADDS FOUR MORE

This year, the Association is proud to announce four new members who will be inducted into our Staff Hall of Fame. They will be honored at our **Homecoming Tailgate Party on Friday, September 27th at the Alumni Pavilion**. Congratulations to the following recipients:

HAROLD FRANK

Submitted by Carole Dennis Smith, '49

DOUGLAS HARBER

Submitted by Kelly Harber, daughter

ADRIENNE POTTER STANLEY

Submitted by Ron Stanley, '73

JIM YOUNG

Submitted by Ronald Fornaro, '84

Harold Frank - Harold retired from education in 1961 after a 42 year career which included service as Superintendent of the Mayfield School System from 1936 to 1944. Prior to becoming Superintendent, he was the Principal of MHS from 1929 to 1936. A graduate of Kent State University, his first teaching assignment was in the Brimfield schools, where he served as a shop teacher for a few years. Harold began his teaching career at Mayfield Road Elementary School in 1921 and became Principal of the school until he ascended to the high school.

Harold was well liked and became a loss to the school system when, during WWII, he felt the urge to serve. After his military stint, Harold became a Director of the American Red Cross. He then returned to teaching in East Cleveland in 1946 and served there until 1961. He continued as a substitute teacher for 10 years following his retirement. His son and daughter both graduated from Mayfield. Harold Frank was the father of Glenn Frank, Kent State University Professor and inductee in the Mayfield Alumni Hall of Fame.

Carole Dennis Smith, '49

Douglas Harber - Doug Harber was hired at Mayfield in 1970 and retired in 2002. During his tenure at Mayfield, Dug served as a teacher, coach, advisor, and Social Studies Department Chairman. After my dad's passing in June of 2023, I stumbled across a box of gradebooks stored in the garage. Turns out that my father had saved every single gradebook he used since he started teaching at Mayfield. As I flipped through the pages, I was reminded of the many hours my father would spend at the kitchen table every weekend grading papers. It was at that table that I had my first glimpse into the world of education, which would eventually become my career as well. I

can remember several trips to visit the Social Studies department office where I would sit at my father's desk and pretend I had been hired as a teacher. At first I wondered why my father would keep these old gradebooks, many of which had started to grow a bit moldy. But as I turned the pages, I remembered how my father would speak about his students with such emotion, often commenting that a particular student was going to be a huge success after graduation. I also found many file folders of my dad's lesson plans, worksheets, tests, and even observations and evaluations. It was no surprise to read that my father received high marks on all of his observations and evaluations.

Kelly Harber, Daughter

Adrienne Stanley - Adrienne began her teaching career with Mayfield in 1977. She was a result-driven dedicated and highly accomplished leader with a history of successful teaching and education management experiences. Over her career, Adrienne gained experience in working with children with all disabilities. Throughout her career, she developed exemplary critical thinking skills and problem solving and curriculum assessment to enable student success. Adrienne became highly knowledgeable and experienced in program development, creating and executing individual educational plans, curriculum development, classroom management, team building and student-centered instruction. She was an early adapter of new technology to improve the classroom experience for students and received a grant for the innovative use and procurement of "Smart-Board" Technology.

Ron Stanley, '73

Jim Young - Jim is a 1959 Mayfield graduate. He was a Mayfield bus driver for 32 years. When you talk with Jim, you see the pride he has for the Mayfield Schools. You can see all the connections he has made with parents, students, and other district staff members. Thinking about what school districts are most responsible for, the first thought that comes to most peoples' minds is educating students. But unless you have had a student riding a bus, you never think about the crucial role school bus drivers play in ensuring students are transported safely to and from school, sporting events, field trips and many other events. Their skills, expertise, and commitment to safely driving and navigating routes are commendable. They are the safe hands that give parents peace of mind knowing that their most precious ones are in good hands. Jim was all of this for 32 years. His kindness, patience and professionalism did not go unnoticed. Just ask anyone who has had the privilege of calling him their child's bus driver. Jim was not just a bus driver; he was the students' companion on their journeys.

Ron Fornaro, '84 and School Board Member



CLASS REUNIONS



Class of '62

The Mayfield High School Class of '62 will be hosting an 80th Birthday Celebration at Alfredo's at the Inn at 780 Beta Dr. If needed, contact the hotel at 440-461-9200 for room reservations. **Save the Date - September 14th.** We will have a family style meal, cash bar, and entertainment for all to enjoy from 4:00 - 7:00pm. Details as to the menu and cost will be provided as soon as they have been established. We expect the cost to be under \$40.

Please contact **Sharon Daviso** at osivad@att.net

Class of '63

The **Great Class of '63** will be having our **61st Mini Reunion on Saturday, July 27th** at the home of Wayne Farinacci. Join your classmates for a fun and relaxing cookout celebrating our 61st year of graduation from 5:00pm until 11:00pm. We will eat at approximately 6:30pm. Come as early as you want and stay as late as you like. This Mini Reunion will be held RAIN or SHINE!

Attire - Casual - bikini's for the ladies and muscle shirts and speedos for the men.

Activities - Bocce - for those of you who still have the burning desire to be Italian! **Music** - Mike Niland will bring the great music that we loved in the '60's. Oh, the memories! **R & R** - Or just sit and talk to your classmates. We're cool with that.

Food - We request that all attendees bring an appetizer. The reunion committee will provide the dinner and beverages. Not bad for \$10!

Wayne Farinacci, Mike & Cheryl Arenswald Niland, Ellen Levak Maher, Gail Bicker Rye, Diana DiPuccio Vitale, Joe & Diane Leonardi Timlin, Faith DeNapoli DiPippo, Fred & Sherry Gloor, Jon Heavilin, Blue Germano, Anna Mottolese Henretta, Maggie Murphy, Fran Johnson Slifko, Dennis & Joan Francis, and Dan Newton (National Correspondent)

Why isn't your class listed here??

Class of '64

Sixty years ago, in 1964, we embarked on an adventure of a lifetime. Some of us went to war, others went to college, a few went to trade school and we all, eventually, went to work. We were fortunate then as we are now to have a Mayfield City Schools Education.

We will be celebrating our **60th Class Reunion on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at 1:00pm.** We will meet for lunch at Alfredo's at the Inn in a private dining room located at 780 Beta Drive Mayfield Village, OH 44143 in the Holiday Inn Hotel. A select menu of chicken, fish or pasta will be offered for a total cost of \$25.00. per person. A reservation is a must due to space limitations. Please contact **Jeff Day**, Reunion Committee Member, at jeffrey-hday@yahoo.com or cell **440-667-6644** to make your reservation by October 1st.

We also happen to be celebrating our class reunion on the same weekend that the Mayfield Alumni Association is hosting various events related to the **100th Anniversary** of the construction of our old Mayfield Central High School, now the Mayfield Middle School on SOM Center Road. There will be a **Centennial Celebration Saturday night October 5, 2024 at the American-Croatian Hall** in Eastlake, featuring the outstanding band "Disco Inferno". More details to follow.

Please pass this invitation on to classmates you might know so that everyone interested in attending our Class of '64 Reunion Luncheon and/or the Alumni Association event will have plenty of notice. Go Cats!!

Class of '67

Class of 1967 Birthday Party is for you! The classmates are celebrating our 75th (more or less for some....lol) personal birthdays. Please come & celebrate your birthday with others on Saturday, September 14th at the Baci Winery, 7800 Warner Rd, Madison OH 44057 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Enjoy food and drink (optional) and dancing to Jim Spisak's (Class of '67) band, Ricky and the Rockets. There is no cost, unless you are planning to eat or drink. This event is weather permitting, as we and the band will be outdoors. This is a public celebration & ALL are invited! Hope to see you there! Please contact Kathy Bencin on her Facebook Messenger with questions and to RSVP. <https://www.facebook.com/k.bencin>

Jim Spisak, '67

Class of '70

Here's the news about our upcoming **MINI-REUNION** taking place **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024!** **WHY**, you may ask. Because we felt like it and hope you will, too. And this one is **FREE!** We looked at the books, and we have a nest egg sufficient to pay for this event. So, you get a great hot Italian meal by Trevi Caterers, that includes pasta, chicken something-or-other, salad, the works, and of course, **CAKE!** Just **BYOB**. We'll have non-alcoholic drinks, as well.

This event will be held at the MHS Alumni Pavilion, adjacent to the football field. It's a covered facility with heaters, awnings, and all the equipment we will need. Come in the afternoon to shmooze and get re-acquainted. **Dinner at 5:00pm**, but we'll have access to the Pavilion all afternoon and late into the evening.

We are taking suggestions for other activities for the weekend. Pickleball, bocce, anyone? Email or text your suggestions to Karen (info below). The catch? **Please RSVP** no later than **Friday, September 6th** to qualify for your **FREE** dinner! You know the drill - we have to let the cooks know how many will be eating.

So....Based on the following list, your Reunion Planners concluded it's time to gather on an annual basis. Some will be simple, one-day affairs, like this one. We will still plan for more elaborate and involved parties for our Reunion Milestone years and for our Milestone Birthdays.

Let's **HEAR FROM YOU**, whether you plan to attend or not! You can direct your responses to yours truly (**karen.savransky@comcast.net**, or by text to **703.283.5757**).

Karen Savransky, '70 and the Reunion Committee

Class of '65

The Mayfield High School **Class of 1965** will be holding their 59th class reunion **September 7, 2024 at the Mayfield Alumni Pavilion from 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM**. Additional details will be made available later this summer. For updates, check the "Mayfield High School Class of 1965" Facebook page. Or you may contact any of the following classmates:

Dennis Jensen, drdennisjensen@yahoo.com
Gene March, ecmarch@msn.com
Phil Mikita, Phil.mikita@gmail.com
Betsy Podgurski, bpodgurski@gmail.com
Tom Strickler, tstrickler@roadrunner.com

The PRIDE of Mayfield Wildcat Marching Band Alumni Band Night

****Enter this URL to access digital document with active links <https://www.theprideofmayfield.org/updates/alumni-band-night>**

The PRIDE of Mayfield is excited to host our first **Alumni Band Night on Friday, September 27th, 2024**. We will be playing Eastlake North High School as well as hosting our Mayfield High School Homecoming this evening. Band Alums will be invited to sit on the sidelines with the marching band and play old favorites such as "Go Cats, Go" and "Go, Fight, Win" for the first half of the game. Additionally, Alumni will be invited out onto the field for the end of our halftime show to play "Hang on Sloopy" and the "Mayfield Fight Song" to end the show. We will rehearse behind the bandstands 2nd quarter in preparation for taking the field and playing the show.

Alumni Association President **Wayne Farinacci**, on behalf of the Alumni Association, has invited all Alumni participating to the Alumni Association Tailgate Cookout (at no charge) prior to the game. (Please RSVP by responding in the Alumni Band Night Participation form below.) Athletic Director **Keith Leffler** will be granting free admission to the game to all Alumni band members participating!

Schedule for the evening: 5:30 pm - Alumni Association Tailgate Cookout 6:10 pm - Band Alumni meet at Alumni Pavilion & are greeted by band director **Brad Treiber**. 6:15 pm - Band Alumni walk over and take seats in band stands 6:25 pm - Homecoming pregame/presentation of court 7:00 pm - Kick-off 2nd Quarter - Alumni & Band rehearse for half time. Halftime - Alumni watch from home sideline track/join the band for "Hang on Sloopy" & the Fight Song Conclusion of Halftime - Alumni free to hang out in band stands/audience until conclusion of game. Dress: Alumni are welcomed and encouraged to wear vintage Mayfield spirit wear/letter jackets. Alumni Band Shirts have been designed and are available for purchase below. (Shirts are encouraged but not required for participation.) Music: Music will be shared via email based on the participation form. (For copyright reasons the music cannot be posted on a public site) ****Please fill out the participation form and shirt orders by Friday, August 23rd**** Alumni Band Night Participation Form Alumni Band Shirt OrderLink (Works best from a computer when ordering) ****Please understand that we have an extremely limited number of school instruments that may be borrowed. We also have flags for any flag alum to borrow for the evening's performance. The spirit of the evening is to "get the band back together" to share memories, reminisce, and enjoy the Friday night lights again together. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions! btreiber@mayfieldschools.org I look forward to seeing you,**

Brad Treiber Director of Bands Mayfield High School

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Students also volunteered at the Ohio City Farm, which is one of the largest urban farms in the country and is managed primarily by newcomers from other countries. These are just a few of the impactful experiences students encountered on the trip. The values preached on this trip and in the Mayfield Service Learning Club are values that every Mayfield student is encouraged to employ. We are eager to serve others when we can, and seeing opportunities to help in our very own Ohio community was insightful.

The Mayfield Rainbow Run was another colorful success, bringing many individuals together for a shared purpose. The Head Student Council hosts this event, which is a 5K color run partnered with University Hospitals Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. All proceeds go to UH Rainbow Babies. The event brings together student councils in every grade to participate in and run the event. The tradition carries on and marks a noteworthy event at the end of the Mayfield school year.

Prom at the end of the year brought the junior and senior classes together. Students spent the night at Signature of Solon Country Club. The theme this year was "**Midnights at Mayfield.**" Students danced the night away together and shared good times throughout prom night. After Prom was held at the new Mayfield Heights Community Center. The event was a lively carnival theme. The event had so many fun experiences to offer. There were raffles, bounce houses, axe throwing, food trucks, and more. Every student in attendance received an extremely fun prom night along with individual gifts upon leaving. The event allowed the upperclassmen to celebrate the end of the year together.

At the 124th commencement of Mayfield High School, we graduated our 2024 seniors. The ceremony was held at the historic Connor Palace Theater in Playhouse Square. The event featured the Valedictorian of the class of 2024, **Tina Nguyen**, Salutatorian **Nikolas Lako**, Head Student Council President **Christine Rocco**, and Senior Class President **Lauren Peugeot**. The class was left with final wishes of luck for their futures and to always remember what Mayfield taught them.

Thank you for a fantastic school year. The 2023–2024 school year showed us immense achievements and proof of greatness every day. We await next school year to show even more of the determination that our school has to offer.

Gianna Condelli, '25

Centennial Celebration Cont.

Alumni, Former and Present Faculty, and Friends,

The olde Mayfield High School, currently Mayfield Middle School, will be reaching the ripe old age of 100 years this September. If you attended as a student or worked there any time in your life, you will want to become part of the celebration of the rich history of this building. The Alumni Association, Middle School staff, and the Mayfield School District would love to see you at this momentous event.

The cost for attending this memorable Dinner Dance will be nominal by today's standards. We are anticipating that 300 - 400 members of the community and former students & staff will want to attend and become part of this celebration. Ticket information will be emailed to members closer to the **October 5th Centennial Celebration**, which will be held at the **American-Croatian Hall in Eastlake** and feature the outstanding band **Disco Inferno!**

The Middle School students and staff have many, many activities planned throughout the next school year to commemorate this unique event. I want to thank Middle School Principal **Paul Destino** and his amazing Centennial Celebration Committee for doing much of the legwork to get this project off the ground. Everyone in the Mayfield School Community will know that this building has reached a historic milestone. Please mark your calendars and reply promptly when the ticket information is released later in the year. If you do not currently receive email correspondence from the Alumni Association, please send your email address to mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net.

Fun Facts of The Memorable Centennial Building:

- The Centennial Building housed grades 7-12 from September, 2024 to June, 1963.
- The building had at least three additions.
- The area of the building is now 165,400 sq. ft.
- The first senior class had 22 students.
- The last senior class had 228 students.
- 39 senior classes graduated from this building
- 2,788 students graduated from this building
- The average graduation class size was 71.5 students.
- There were four Principals during this time.
- There were three Superintendents during this time.
- We were in four different athletic conferences.

Looking forward to seeing you at the
Centennial Celebration,
Wayne Farinacci, President

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to acknowledge the following individuals for joining the Mayfield Alumni Association. Whether referred by a classmate, friend, or relative, the Alumni Association continues to grow and has become stronger through the participation of new members.

A lifetime membership to the Alumni Association is only \$35. It is the surest way to be located by your class reunion committee and stay up-to-date on your alma mater's activities. Also, it becomes much easier to participate in Association events. Remember, there is no fee for those alumni who are over 65 years old. Also, married Mayfield graduates can join for the same \$35 lifetime fee. Please feel free to copy the registration form from this newsletter and give it to a fellow alum.

Questions regarding membership, you may contact us at: Mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net

A warm **WILDCAT WELCOME** to:

Jacqueline Bauer, '63
Robert Riester, '63
Denise Scott, '73
Patricia Comella Muzila, '77
Laura Oliverio Maniglia, '82
Jeff Legan, '84
Tom Puhalla, '91

Eric Hoyle, '92
Frank Lazar, '94
Chris Durosoko, '95
Nicole Puin Durosoko, '95
John Jorcisek, '95
Aimee Puin Guzowski, '97
Jennifer Arndt Jorcisek, '97

Michael Puin, '01
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Alumni 18 FORE Education & Football Program Golf Outing!!!

The Mayfield Alumni Association's 30th annual golf outing was record-breaking event held at **StoneWater Golf Club**. 140 golfers turned out for this amazing golf outing. Big shout out to **Whitney Neidus Swaney, '99**, for handling all the arrangements flawlessly. Thanks to **Deacon Chrysler, Dodge, Ram, Jeep, Randy Stovsky, '80**, we had a great Hole in One car available. The winning team this year was **Dominic Piunno, '21, Conner Gdovin, '21, Riley Canitia, '21, and Brandon Brunton, '21**. They shot a score of 12 under..



Skins Winners of \$600 for the three skins were: Eagle on #7 and #18 - **Jeff Thomas, '82, Jeff Agresta, '82, Jackson Thomas, and Logan Thomas**. Eagle on #4 - **Brian Grzybowski, '91, Larry Braun, Matt Mecurio, and Rick McGuigan**.

Putting Contest winners received \$400: **Mike Conrad, Nathan Conrad, '22, Aaron Conrad, '22, and Ryan Tyler**.


All Pin Shot & Long Drive winners received a \$25 gift card from Pizzazz, Mill Tavern, or StoneWater/Rustic Grill.

Pin Shot winners: #3 **Aaron Hammer**, #6 **Chuck Day, '75**, #11 **Mike Garmone, '74**, and #17 **Tom Wischmeyer, '80**.

Long Drive winners: Men's #2 **Connor Gdovin, '21** and Women's #2 **Katie Dolciato, '08**.

Raffle Winners were:


- Katie Dolciato** - Lottery Basket
- Harry Pierce** - Booze Basket
- John Consolo** - 4 FB Season Reserved Seats
- Wayne Farinacci** - 4 Guardians Tix in Homerun Alley
- Jim Dasher** - Glidden House Hotel Package
- Nathan Conrad** - Set of Cast Iron Skilletts
- Patrick Garcar** - White Claw Golf Bag & Mirror
- Bob Gephart** - Fall Gift Basket
- Wayne Farinacci** - Captains Suite for 20 w/\$150 Voucher
- Jeanne Nally** - Foursomes at StoneWater
- Unclaimed** - Foursome at Little Mountain
- Al Gunner** - Foursome at Quail Hollow
- Ross DeJohn** - Foursome at Fowler's Mill
- Larry Pinto Jr.** - 2 Guardians Tix in Front of Bullpen
- JoAnn Pinto** - 4 Diamond Box Guardian's Tix
- Mark Becka** - Community Dining Gift Card Basket
- Tom Sloe** - Community Dining Gift Card Basket
- Frank Brown** - Community Dining Gift Card Basket
- Denise Valentino** - Community Dining Gift Card Basket
- Don Castellarin** - Tequila Basket
- Mike Sloe** - Whisky Basket
- Dan Valentino** - Libations Basket
- John Heinert** - Entry into 2025 Alumni Golf Outing
- Denise Valentino** - Cigars and Mill Tavern GC



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Outing Directors:

**Mike Sloe, Ross Bandiera, Larry & JoAnn Pinto, Vince Ruggieri,
Denise Valentino, Frank Brown, and Wayne Farinacci**

The Mayfield Alumni Association appreciates the efforts our Outing Directors put into organizing this year's event. Thanks also to our outstanding volunteers Dale & Cheryl Orians, Jolene & Dan Greve, and Anthony Farinacci for making the outing run smoothly.

Many Thanks to our Sponsors

We wish to thank our loyal group of sponsors who contributed to our golf outing.
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Officers Elected and Chairmen Appointed for 2024-25

The leadership team of the Mayfield Alumni Association was finalized at our last Executive Board meeting of the year on May 13th.

WAYNE FARINACCI '63	OFFICERS
JOE DEMARCO '73	President & Alumni Coordinator
VINCE RUGGIERI '80	Vice President
FRANK BROWN '73	Secretary
	Treasurer

JERRY FUDURICH '58	CHAIRPERSONS
JILL TURNER '85	Reunion Coordinator
KAYLA PINTO '06	Scholarship
JO ANN PINTO '80	Scholarship
DENISE VALENTINO '80	Social
JOLENE GREVE '84	Social
BOB ZAJEC '79	Spirit Coordinator
ROBERTO MARINO '80	Fund Raising
LISA BENEDETTI '77	Historical & Web Coordinator
Dr. MICHAEL BARNES	Membership
SCOTT SNYDER	District Liaison
	District Liaison

Alumni Calendar for 2024-25

September 9 - Monday	Wayne's house
Executive Board Meeting	6:30 PM
September 27 - Friday	Alumni Pavilion
Homecoming Tailgate Party	5:15 - 6:45 PM
October 5 - Saturday	Amer. Croatian Lodge
M. S. Centennial Celebration	6:00 - 12:00 AM
October 14 - Monday	Alumni Museum
Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
November 11 - Monday	Alumni Museum
Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
November 18 - Monday	Alumni Museum
Memorabilia Night	6:30 - 9:00 PM
January 13 - Monday	Alumni Museum
Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
February 10 - Monday	Alumni Museum
Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
March 10 - Monday	Alumni Museum
Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
April 14 - Monday	Alumni Museum
Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
May 12 - Monday	Wayne's house
Executive Board Meeting	6:30 PM
May 19 - Monday	Alumni Museum
Memorabilia Night	6:30 - 9:00 PM
June 29 - Sunday	StoneWater G. C.
18 FORE Education Golf Outing	12:00, lunch/reg.

IN MEMORIAM

Charles Howe, '38 passed away 2020
 Ann Steele Bluhm, '49 passed away October, 2023
 Robert Miller, '49 passed away August, 2022
 Ruth Porter, '49 passed away 2023
 Mary Evans, '50 passed away 2019
 Joanne Petrich Sterle, '52 passed away Feb. 1, 2024
 Don Cristy Christensen, '53 passed away Feb. 12, 2024
 John Krich, '54 passed away Sept. 15, 2024
 Ron McNamara, '56 passed away July 15, 2023
 Philip Haas Jr., '57 passed away Jan. 5, 2024
 Joan Dziejewicki Czudhra, '60 passed away Feb. 29, 2024
 William Patrick Sr., '60 passed away June 27, 2024
 Susan Harrivel Gorsha, '62 passed away Feb. 7, 2024
 Terrence McLeod, '62 passed away Feb. 24, 2023
 Ralph "Buddy" Young, '62 passed away June 16, 2024
 Paul Cramer, '63 passed away Feb. 23, 2024
 Ed Season, '63 passed away Feb. 20, 2024
 Wayne Skillicorn, '66 passed away Sept. 19, 2023
 George Householder, '67 passed away March 5, 2024
 Eileen Adornetti Kobunski, '67 passed away March 18, 2024
 Elizabeth Lentz, '71 passed away Jan. 24, 2024
 John Spetrino, '73 passed away Nov. 6, 2023
 Sharon Schultz Benning, '77 passed away April 12, 2024
 William "Bill" Hawkins, '77 passed away March 12, 2024
 Michael Caprara, '80 passed away March 1, 2024
 Dave Sylvester, '88 passed away June 30, 2024

Staff Deaths:

Anna Garris Farinacci, H.S. Guidance Dept. Chairman, 26 years. Passed away March 30, 2024. Wife of President Wayne Farinacci.
Elizabeth Lentz, secretary and librarian for 23 years. Passed away Jan. 24, 1924.
Jan Koster, worked in Adult Education 1994-2015
Nona Stella, ESL teacher at Lander Elem. and Middle School. Passed away May 26, 2024.



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