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2025 Annual Meeting and Proxies

By Dawnmarie Swanberg Desjardins
Class of 1985

The 2025 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. The meeting link and dial-in information can be found in the enclosed letter and on our website at www.bothellhighalumniassociation.com.

During the meeting, changes to the BHSAA bylaws will be discussed and Officers and Board of Directors will be nominated and elected.

Enclosed in this newsletter is your **Annual Meeting Announcement** and **Proxy** form. We must have a quorum of 7 percent of our membership by attendance or proxy to hold the election. If you cannot make the meeting, please fill out the proxy and mail it to the P.O. Box on the form. **Note**: Because we must legally notify members by mail of the meeting and proxy, we are not able to send copies of this issue by email. We will resume PDF copies by request for the June 2025 issue. Thank you!

Former BHSAA Treasurer Passes Away at 95

By Bev Niemeyer Schmer
Class of 1967



Barbara Dines manning the sign in table at the BHSAA alumni picnic.

For 17 years, this was the first person you would see at the All-Alumni Picnic. Barbara Petersen Dines was the association treasurer from 2002 to 2019. She didn't just do a fantastic job with the association's money; she was involved in every aspect of the association. It was always amazing to see Barb, in her late 80s, being the first person to start setting up the picnic and the last one to leave. She began by running around to all the tables to lay table covers and tape them down. Then she set up all the sign-in tables, where she stayed for five hours, with seldom a break. She would sign people in, take their membership money, promote scholarships, or sell items to benefit the association. Selflessly, she gave hours and hours to keep the association going!

Barbara was born in 1929 in Lake City. Her parents moved to Bothell in 1943, and she graduated from BHS in 1947. Barbara started working in 1947, just out of high school, for Seafirst Bank at the Lake City Branch. She was there for 25 of her 43-year career with the bank, taking time off to have her three children, Patti, Onix, and John. Barbara retired in 1988 as a Liaison Officer with Bank of America (formerly Seafirst Bank). After three months, she returned to the bank to work part-time for ten more years. Following that, she worked part-time for a retirement living complex, showing apartments, keeping track of employee incentive awards, creating brochures, and handling many other tasks.

She bowled in three leagues at Kenmore Lanes for many years, becoming the league coordinator for 28 leagues, as well as organizing the spring and summer Leagues. In the mobile park where she lived in Woodinville, she was the treasurer of their residents' club.

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In 2004, she was honored for her contribution to the Association and the community as our "Honored Alumnus" for homecoming.



Barbara Peterson Dines, BHS photo. Date unknown.



Barbara Peterson Dines
Date unknown.

Starting in 1994, the Association honored an alumnus who had done good things for the community and/or the Association. Some of those familiar names, in order of the year, were Vernon Keener '24, Bud Ericksen '34, Bev Campbell Berto '31, Fern Anderson Vance '37, Royal Donelson '44, Helen Andersen McMahon '36, Ron Green Sr. '35, Richard Lance '42, Ted Johns '49, Judith Anderson Sorenson '53, Barbara Petersen Dines '47, and Lowell DeYoung '47. These people were honored at the BHS Homecoming, either at an assembly or at the game—there would also be a reception for them. The idea was that someone 50 years out of BHS could show the young people that they were still able to help in their community.

It is only because of dedicated alums that the Association has moved forward and is now in its 30th year.

Barb will be dearly missed!

A Word From the Prez'

By Al Nelson
Class of 1982

Moving Forward

As we emerge from the whirlwind of the latest election cycle, let's take a moment to reminisce about our good old high school days.

Remember those simpler times, when it seemed like the biggest controversy was whether pineapple belonged on pizza? Remember the cafeteria? A melting pot of culinary disasters, where the mystery meat could run for office and win based on sheer survival skills. We all came together in those chaotic lunch lines, united by a common goal: to avoid the green Jello salad. Maybe that's the secret to our common ground. If we could survive stale, cold fries, congealed mac-n-cheese, and hidden burgers, surely we can navigate the complexities of today's politics.

I also think it's important to remember the pep rallies. We cheered for teams we had no real stake in, but the energy was infectious. We painted our faces, wore ridiculous outfits, and screamed our lungs out for a group of teenagers we barely knew. If we could rally behind our school's team, who honestly just wanted to make it to the next level without embarrassing themselves, then we can certainly come together as a community, regardless of our political leanings.

Let's not forget those awkward group projects. We learned to manage differing opinions while trying to figure out who was going to bring the snacks, a critical role in any successful team, obviously.

If we could collaborate on a science project about the life cycle of a potato, we can come together to tackle the future of our community.

So, as we move forward, let's remember the laughter, the friendships, and yes, even the chaos of our high school years. Let's channel that energy into finding common ground, whether it's over pizza, pep rallies, or the shared hope that our local government can at least provide better lunch options than what we had back then.

I am not saying the issues are not important, but my wish is that we focus on common ground and a sense of togetherness. Let's move forward with unity and inclusiveness because, if we can agree on one thing, it's that we all deserve better than mystery meat!

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BHS Grad Jerry Battista Rocks at Local Music Venues



Jerry Battista and The Davanos Band

By Kathy Greenwood
Class of 1966

Local musician and 1976 Bothell High graduate, Jerry Battista, has been playing the guitar since he was ten years old, learning at home from his father and grandfather who played nostalgic Italian songs in recognition of their heritage. Jerry learned those songs, and eventually learned how to play popular rock and roll music too. There were six kids in Jerry's family but only he and his younger sister Lori attended Bothell High, while the rest of his siblings went to Inglemoor, because they lived in an area where the school boundaries converged. While in high school, Jerry taught other students how to play the guitar and was an assistant to Mr. Behrens in the Music department.

Jerry is most well-known as the lead guitarist for The Davanos band, but he also sings and plays guitar with The Jer-Kels, The Lazy Boys, The Daisyheads, and with his younger brother Jeff, as part of a duo they formed in 2009 called The Battista Brothers. Like Jerry, Jeff learned how to play the guitar from their dad with a few pointers from Jerry along the way. For many years, Jerry also played guitar and toured with The Dusty 45s, a popular Seattle area band. A highlight of that relationship was when they backed Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee, Wanda Jackson, as the opening act for Adele's "21" tour in 2011.

Another memorable experience Jerry had with the Dusty 45's was when they appeared in the musical "Grease" at the Seattle 5th Avenue Theater in 2015. In a YouTube interview with local country musician Joy Ann LeJeret, Jerry said that being in the Grease musical was the most difficult experience of his career, because the songs needed to be performed exactly the same way each time, and that was hard for him, because he is more of a 'free form' musician. He said he was glad he had the experience though. Jerry no longer plays guitar with the Dusty 45s, choosing to focus on performing with The Davanos at venues that are closer to his home in Everett.

Jerry formed The Davanos band in 2003 with himself as lead guitarist, Fred Holzman as drummer, and Greg Youtsey on bass guitar. The band's name is a play on the word 'daveno,' which was what Jerry's parents called their sofa. Davenport was the name of a company that manufactured sofas, and it became a genericized term for the item. Daveno was an abbreviated version that was popular in the 50's and 60's, especially in the Pacific Northwest. Jerry liked the word and thought it sounded Italian, but he changed the spelling from an "e" to an "a" for the band's name, so it wouldn't be mispronounced as 'the daveenos.'

The Davanos perform locally two or three nights a week at restaurants like Emery's on Silver Lake, Peabo's Sports Bar and Grill in Mill Creek, and the Oxford Saloon in Snohomish, as well as at many local festivals, casinos, and private events. They play a high energy combination of classic rock, blues, and country, along with some originals. Examples of the rock and roll songs they play are "Black Magic Woman" by Santana, "Dancing in the Dark" by Bruce Springsteen, and "Dance Hall Days" by Wang Chung. They were voted Seattle's Best Rock and Roll Band by the Seattle Weekly newspaper in 2018. You can find their show calendar at https://davanos.com and you can follow them on Facebook.

Jerry usually has five bookings a week, which allows him to earn a living playing music but makes keeping track of the calendar one of his biggest challenges, especially since his bookings are with different bands, and at various times and locations. He is always at the Oxford Saloon in Snohomish on Tuesdays, where he hosts 'open mike' night from 6-9 p.m., and he is usually at the Little Red Hen restaurant in the Greenlake neighborhood at least once a month with The Jer-Kels, a duo he formed with musician Kelly Van Camp. They play a wide range of popular music including some Beatles' songs, some country western music, and some original songs. Jerry and his brother Jeff usually perform as The Battista Brothers once a month at the Oxford Saloon, and they also play occasionally at Bits Eatery in Mukilteo. They play songs like "All the Air that I Breathe" by the Hollies and "Eleanor" by the Turtles. You can find videos of both groups on YouTube.

When he is not working, Jerry likes to play golf and spend time with his family. He also finds time to write some of his own songs, including one that was inspired by his dog Sofia called "Hey there, Pretty Girl." If you are looking for some live entertainment and want to make it an early night, Tuesday at the Oxford Saloon would be a good place to start, because Jerry always plays the first set, usually with other musician "friends" like Kelly Van Camp or Greg Youtsey, but sometimes solo. If you go, be sure to get there early, because the seating fills up by 6 p.m. The same is true when The Davanos play a Saturday night show at Emery's on Silver Lake—one is coming up at 8 p.m. on December 28, 2024. Parking at Emery's is very limited, so you need to get there early, or better yet, take an Uber!

2024 All-Alumni Picnic

By Dawnmarie Swanberg DesJardins
Class of 1985

Another successful all-alumni picnic is in the books. Despite some morning clouds and a few sprinkles, everyone stayed dry and enjoyed catching up. 119 BHS alumni attended the picnic to reconnect with old friends and meet other BHS graduates.

We welcomed several new members, received $150 in scholarship donations, $31 in donations for the general the fund, and sold keychains, bracelets, and t-shirts, the proceeds of which will go back into the association funds for 2025.

New this year was a 50/50 raffle for the 2025 scholarship fund that raised $460, and gift basket raffles. We'd like to give a huge thank you to the Bothell businesses and alumni who donated items for the gift baskets and our fabulous Treasurer, Laurie Green Edwards, class of 1984, for wrapping them so beautifully and making the signs:

Ivar's/Kid Valley - Gift Cards
Uncle Peteza's - Gift Certificates
Passion Tequila - Gift Certificates
Running Wild Spirit - Handcrafted Natural Bath & Body Goody Basket
Nicky Edwards - Wheat Montana Deli & Bakery Basket
Bev Niemeyer Schmer & Laurie Green Edwards - Bothell Memorabilia Basket
Terry Roth Realtor - Intelligent Plant Lights

If you've not yet attended one of the alumni picnics, we'll be meeting again on August 17, 2025, and invite you to drop by. Many classes schedule reunions the same weekend as it's a wonderful way to end the celebration with friends and family. Blyth Park has a playground on-site so grab your children and grandchildren and show them off.

Photos taken by Dawnmarie DesJardins, class of 1985. BHSAA sign in and memorabilia tables, raffle baskets and BHSAA scholarship recipients.











102nd Ave Bridge Closure!

By Dawnmarie Swanberg DesJardins
Class of 1985

On October 21, a truck struck the 102nd Ave NE bridge over SR 522, the bridge that crosses over 522 towards East Riverside Drive. It's a high-traffic bridge as it leads to the Bothell Senior Center, many assisted living establishments, and Blyth Park! An investigation of the damage was done and determined repairs are necessary before the bridge can be reopened for vehicle traffic. Here's what's happening immediately:

- **Pedestrian and Bicycle Access:** The bridge sidewalk is still open to pedestrian and bicycle traffic.
- **Vehicle Traffic Closure:** The bridge will remain closed to all vehicle traffic until repairs can be made.
- **Detour Information:** Due to the size of the area served by this bridge, there is no single detour for this closure. Alternate routes depend on your destination. The closest Sammamish River crossings for vehicles are I-405 or SR 202 to the east or 96th Ave NE to the west.
- **Emergency Services:** Emergency services are using alternate routes. If you call 911 for an emergency, you will still receive care, regardless of what side of the bridge you're on.
- **Proclamation of Emergency:** In light of these impacts and the expected need for increased coordination, the City Manager issued a Proclamation of Emergency to allow for streamlined decision-making and emergency response implementation.

What to Expect Next: Engineers are now working to design the repairs necessary to reopen the bridge. The construction time-line for repairs depends on materials availability and labor. The City of Bothell understands this is a true inconvenience for our community and asks for our patience while they ensure everyone's safety during this unanticipated interruption of service.

Bothell's Holiday Spirit

By Dawnmarie Swanberg DesJardins
Class of 1985

Tree Lighting Festival

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 7th, always the first Saturday of December, for a day filled with festive lights, holiday shopping, and family fun! Here's what's in store:

Holiday Market 2:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Browse unique gifts, crafts, and treats from local vendors. Find that perfect holiday gift while supporting our community.

Festival Activities 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Local merchants will be offering free goodies and activities for kids, making it a delightful evening for the whole family.

Meet Santa 5:00 p.m.
Head to 102nd Ave NE and Main Street to see Santa arrive on a decorated fire truck and light up Bothell's beloved tree, "Lucky."

After the tree lighting, you can take selfies with Santa at the First and Main Design Market on Main Street.

Can't make it?
Don't worry! "Lucky" will be lit every night from December 7th through New Year's to keep the holiday spirit going.

Holiday Wine, Beer & Spirits Walk

If meeting Santa isn't your thing, on Saturday, December 14th, the Holiday Wine, Beer & Spirits Walk from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. might be just what you're looking for.

Tickets can be purchased at the sign-in table or in advance at https://bothellkenmorechamber.org. The $40 price includes tickets for 10 tastings and a tote bag. Come to sip, chat, and listen to live music at shops and restaurants in downtown Bothell!

2024 Northshore Wall of Honor Inductees

By Dawnmarie Swanberg DesJardins
Class of 1985

In August, nine exceptional people were added to the Northshore School District Wall of Honor at Pop Keeney Stadium. In recognition of their leadership, selfless commitment to others, and contributions to our community, we'd like to recognize their achievements and add our thanks. The descriptions below are only a small part of the wonderful accomplishments submitted in their nominations. To see photos and read more, go to the Northshore School District's Wall of Honor page.

Nominations for 2025 recipients can be made at: https://www.nsd.org/get-involved/honoring-our-community/wall-of-honor.

2024 Recipients

Alan "Speck" Strand
Bothell High School, Class of 1963

Alan "Speck" Strand was a dedicated educator, coach, athletic director, and community advocate. A multi-sport athlete and student leader at Bothell High, he joined Bellevue High School as a teacher and coach in 1970, eventually becoming the school's athletic director. Strand prioritized student athletes and received numerous awards, including induction into the WSSAAA Athletic Director Hall of Fame in 2000. He was committed to giving back to the Northshore community, helping fund a new scoreboard for Pop Keeney Stadium and supporting Evergreen Health. Strand co-founded the Northshore Wall of Honor in 2010 to recognize outstanding alumni and staff. He also served as the Woodinville Parks and Recreation Commissioner. Known for his compassionate and supportive nature, Strand passed away in January 2024, leaving a lasting legacy in the community.

Dave Monahan
Bothell High School, Class of 1979

Dave has made a significant impact on the Northshore community through his dedicated service to the Bothell Fire Department. Starting as a volunteer firefighter in 1987, he became a career firefighter and EMT in 1999. Monahan was promoted to assistant fire marshal in 2021, a role he held until his retirement in 2023. He reviewed new construction for fire code compliance and educated citizens about fire safety. Monahan also served as a bicycle medic for local events and achieved numerous honors, including Community Transit's 4th Quarter Smart Commuter in 2018 and the fire department's Employee of the Year in 2019. Over more than 30 years, he volunteered at community events, led workshops, served on union boards, and developed the FireTrex software for firefighter training. Monahan was the Grand Marshal of the 2024 Bothell 4th of July parade, reflecting the community's deep gratitude for his unwavering dedication.

Ron Lucas
NSD Staff, 30 years

Ron had a profound love for teaching and the Northshore community. He began his teaching career in 1969 with the Northshore School District, later teaching at Woodin Elementary and Sunrise Elementary, where he was awarded the Golden Apple for excellence. Lucas retired in 1999 but continued to stay connected by teaching Driver's Education and driving school buses for various activities. His dedication extended to his church, where he drove for youth camps and choir events, and participated in global mission trips. Lucas's career reflects his unwavering commitment to education and community service.

Eric Lucas
Inglemoor High School, Class of 1984

Eric dedicated his life to sharing his passion for music with his students and community. Starting as an instrumental music teacher at Woodinville High in 2001, he became the Director of Instrumental Music and the Performing Arts Department Chair. Lucas taught various ensembles and had a unique ability to connect with students, inspiring them to achieve their best. His groups consistently excelled in competitions, and he was deeply involved in local music education initiatives. Lucas received numerous accolades, including the Educator of Distinction Award and the Washington Music Educators Hall of Fame induction. He also volunteered extensively, leading the Mills Music Marching Band and participating in community events. Tragically, Lucas passed away in 2017 while rescuing swimmers from a rip tide, demonstrating his selflessness and commitment to others. His contributions have left a lasting impact on his students, colleagues, and the broader educational community.

Robert "Bob" Knorr
NSD Staff, 28 years

Bob had a significant impact on the Northshore School District over his 28-year career. Starting in 1956, he taught at W. A. Anderson Junior High and later served as a counselor and vice principal.

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Robert "Bob" Knorr *(cont.)*
NSD Staff, 28 years

Bob became the first principal of Canyon Park Junior High in 1965 and moved to the central office in 1969. He was the director of personnel and guidance, and later the administrative assistant for secondary education, overseeing curriculum and district operations. After retiring in 1984, he continued to support the district by co-chairing bond and levy committees. Knorr also advocated for accessibility for people with disabilities, developing training programs and surveying local schools under the ADA. He was appointed to the Governor's Select Committee on Disability Issues and Employment in 1992. Known for his perseverance and creativity, Knorr passed away in 1999, leaving a legacy of leadership and commitment to education and disability advocacy.

John B Hughes
NSD Volunteer, 40 years

John has significantly contributed to the Northshore community since arriving in the 1960s. He was editor then later publisher (owner) of the weekly newspaper that changed its name from the Bothell Citizen to Northshore Citizen. Good school coverage was a priority under his leadership. When the economics of the newspaper business were changed by internet technology, he continued to be a communications asset with on-line commentary and reporting. He is deeply involved in volunteer work, notably with the Woodinville Rotary and the Scholarship Foundation of Northshore. His Rotary efforts include Operation Warm Coats, providing 7,500 coats to students over 15 years. Hughes also helped develop community parks, including Peace Pole Park. In 2022, he was named Rotarian of the Century for his 35 years of service. Hughes co-founded the Scholarship Foundation of Northshore in 1984, which has awarded over $4.3 million to 2,270 graduates. He organized the 2011 NAMI walk to support mental health programs. Hughes's dedication spans over five decades, greatly impacting the community's progress.

Carlton "Bud" Ericksen
Bothell High School, Class of 1938

Bud was a dedicated advocate for the Northshore community and local businesses. He played football for the University of Washington and the Washington Redskins, learning valuable lessons in teamwork and leadership. Ericksen owned a car dealership in Bothell and was deeply involved in local governance, serving as city councilman, mayor, and president of various organizations. He co-founded a men's luncheon group, the Polo Club, which has met monthly for 50 years. Ericksen was committed to education, often volunteering with high school students. Even in his eighties, he welcomed visitors to the Bothell Historical Museum. Ericksen passed away in April 2008, leaving a lasting legacy of community service and mentorship.

Les "Bud" Eaton
Bothell High School, Class of 1961

Bud dedicated his life to public service and community involvement. He began his 42-year fire service career as a volunteer with the Kenmore Fire Department, later becoming fire chief and then serving as a fire marshal. Eaton was committed to public safety education, teaching fire prevention and arson investigation across the state. After retiring in 1989, he continued his community engagement as president of the Kenmore Community Club and the Kenmore Heritage Society, helping restore landmarks and develop the city flag. For his exceptional community service, he received the McMaster's Award. Eaton was vice president of the Bothell Alumni Association in 2011 and president from 2012 until 2014. He believed strongly in volunteering to support the Northshore community. Eaton passed away in October 2014, leaving a legacy of service and dedication.

Carmin Dalziel
Bothell High School Class of 1989

Carmin significantly impacted students and education in the Northshore School District during her 13 years as executive director of the Northshore Schools Foundation. She facilitated support and funding for thousands of educators, students, and their families, providing classroom grants, musical equipment, financial aid for teachers, and school supplies. During the COVID pandemic, Dalziel ensured families received grocery store gift cards and personally visited those in need. She developed a strong support network and extended the foundation's reach through her energy and creative ideas. Dalziel was involved in local chambers of commerce, Kiwanis and Rotary clubs, and partnered with other nonprofits. She served on the Northshore School District Youth Advisory Council and was deeply committed to bettering the community. Her dedication and innovative efforts have left a lasting impact on Northshore students and families.



Photo credit: nsd.org

2025 BHSAA Scholarship Committee Planning

By Dawnmarie Swanberg DesJardins
Class of 1985

It's almost time! Every year, the Bothell High School Alumni Association chooses two very deserving BHS seniors as recipients of a $2,500 scholarship. Applications will be submitted to the Scholarship Foundation of Northshore from December 1, 2024 through March 15, 2025. That's when the fun begins and we are looking for your help!

Help Shape the Future: Volunteer to Select Scholarship Recipients!
Are you passionate about education and making a difference in the lives of students? The BHSAA is seeking dedicated volunteers to join our Scholarship Selection Committee. As a volunteer, you will have the rewarding opportunity to review applications and help select the deserving recipients of our scholarships.

Key Responsibilities:

- Review and evaluate scholarship applications.
- Collaborate with other committee members to discuss and select recipients.
- Ensure a fair and unbiased selection process.

Why Volunteer?

- Make a positive impact on students' futures.
- Support the educational goals of our community.
- Gain valuable experience and insight into the scholarship selection process.

How to Get Involved:

- Contact the Bothell High School Alumni Association at:
  Website: www.bothellhighalumniassociation.com
  Email: bhsalumniassociation05@msn.com

Join us in our mission to support and empower students in the Northshore School District. Your time and effort can make a significant difference!

Facts About the Northshore School District

By Craig Smith
Class of 1963

The Northshore School District was formed in 1959 when the Bothell and Woodinville school districts merged. Northshore covers 60 square miles and touches seven other school districts: Everett, Edmonds, Monroe, Snohomish, Riverview, Shoreline, and Lake Washington.

The district has 36 schools: 20 elementary schools, six middle schools, four comprehensive high schools, and six choice schools.

Northshore ranks seventh in the state in enrollment.

Ranking: The site Niche.com ranks Northshore as the second-best school district in the state. The site ranks Bellevue No. 1 and Lake Washington No. 3. The site grades districts on academics, teachers, clubs and activities, diversity, college prep, and administration. There are 295 school districts in the state.

Demographic Profile: The five major categories are Caucasian 47%, Asian 27%, Hispanic 13.6%, Multi-racial 9.5%, and Black/ African American 2.6%.

Total Enrollment: 23,277

Graduation Rate: 94.6%

Bothell Gets a New Fire Chief

By Dawnmarie Swanberg DesJardins
Class of 1985

With the retirement of Interim Bothell Fire Chief Mark Risen on May 31, 2024, the Bothell City Council authorized the city manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the Shoreline Fire Department for Fire Service Administration. The City of Bothell has officially announced that Shoreline Fire Chief Matt Cowan will also serve as chief of the City of Bothell Fire Department. Andres Orams, who works in Bothell City Hall, has been named assistant chief to oversee the organization. Fire Department personnel will remain employees of the City of Bothell.

As the Puget Sound region continues to expand, local jurisdictions have begun to explore alternate governance and service models, including regionalization, that align with their community values. By pooling resources, expertise, and coordinating efforts, fire services can achieve efficiencies in areas such as fire response operations, administrative functions, and large incident management. Additionally, this collaboration offers enhanced opportunities for employee professional development, ultimately aiming to improve service to our communities.

The City of Bothell states that Bothell Fire and Shoreline Fire have a strong, collaborative history of serving our communities together. This new agreement initiates the exploration of future regionalization, aiming to further enhance the quality of fire service administration and emergency response.

BHSAA Lifetime Members Answer the Call

By Dawnmarie Swanberg DesJardins
Class of 1985

We sent our BHSAA lifetime members a letter asking for help and boy did you come through! We are grateful for your generosity and unwavering support in response to our recent donation request. Your contributions are instrumental in helping us continue our mission and allows us to give back.

Your commitment to our association and its goals is truly inspiring, and the donations will significantly impact our efforts to support our BHS family, now and in the future. Thank you for being an integral part of our family and for your continued dedication.

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Susan Wulf VanDalen	Class of 1971
John Langkow and Better Rogers Langkow	Class of 1952

With heartfelt appreciation,

The Officers, Directors, and members of the Bothell High School Alumni Association

All Things Sports!

By Craig Smith
Class of 1963

Bothell's basketball court has been resurfaced thanks to the generosity of the BHS Cougar who plays in the NBA. Zach LaVine paid tens of thousands of dollars to have the court resurfaced. To thank and honor him, the court is now named Zach LaVine Court. LaVine, who graduated from BHS in 2013, played one year at UCLA before becoming a first-round NBA pick. The current Chicago Bull is in his 11th NBA season; he has won the NBA slam-dunk contest twice, has been an NBA all-star twice, and was on the 2021 Olympic Gold Medal basketball team. He is a 6-foot-5 shooting guard who has averaged 20.5 points in his pro career.

A former Bothell runner won a bronze medal in rowing at the 2024 Olympic Games.

Evan Olson, 27, who was home-schooled but competed for Bothell track and cross-country teams, was a member of the U.S. eight-oared crew that finished third. Olson had been inspired to take up rowing by the book "Boys in the Boat" about the gold medal 1936 University of Washington crew. He rowed at the UW, which contributed four ex-Huskies and coach Mike Callahan to the Olympic crew. One of the Huskies in the boat was coxswain Rielly Milne, 28, a Woodinville resident who prepped at Brentwood College School, a boarding school on Vancouver Island in British Columbia.

Other BHS grads who have won Olympic medals are Zach LaVine, men's basketball 2021, and synchronized swimmer Tracie Ruiz, who won two gold medals in 1984.

Because Pop Keeney Stadium is the home field for all four Northshore School District high schools with football teams (Bothell, Woodinville, Inglemoor, North Creek), not every home game is on Friday night. This year Bothell had only two regular-season Friday night games.

The BHS baseball team finished third in the state 4A baseball tournament last spring. The Cougars lost their semifinal game 1-0 to Puyallup, then beat fellow Northshore school North Creek 6-3 to take third. Richland beat Puyallup 4-3 to win the state title. Bothell won the state baseball title in 2011.

On the 10th anniversary of the 2014 state-football championship, the 2014 Cougar football team was honored at this year's Homecoming game.

In the most recent school year, Bothell girls won the state flag football tournament that was held at the Seahawks training facility. Bothell coach Kathy Crowe was honored by the Seahawks as state coach of the year. The Seahawks are helping fund flag football for high school girls in the state. The sport is played in winter months.

Duane Lowell, who was BHS head football coach for the 1961, 1962, and 1963 seasons, died on June 13 at age 87 of Parkinson's disease. Lowell, who played under coach Jim Owens at the University of Washington, had been a standout football and baseball player at Lincoln High School in Tacoma. Bothell had won only three games in three years before Lowell's arrival. He left Bothell, where his record was 9-15-3, to start the football program at Shoreline Community College, where he also coached baseball. He later earned a Ph.D. in educational administration and served as superintendent in the Orting and then Anacortes school districts. Lowell's son, Greg, is the long-time boys basketball coach at Inglemoor High School.

This year is one of enrollment reclassification in Washington, and longtime KingCo rivals Juanita and Lake Washington have moved up after years at 3A to 4A. Bothell has been in the largest classification category, which was AAA before being renamed 4A.

Editor's Note - Stay Informed

Visit these school/community sites:

- BHSAA: www.bothellhighalumniassociation.com
- City of Bothell: www.ci.bothell.wa.us
- Northshore School District: www.nsd.org
- The Bothell Bridge: www.bothellwa.gov/bridge
- City of Woodinville: www.ci.woodinville.wa.us
- City of Kenmore: www.kenmorewa.gov
- Kenmore Heritage Society: www.kenmoreheritagesociety.com
- Bothell Historical Museum: www.bothellhistoricalmuseum.org
- Woodinville Heritage Society: www.woodinvilleheritage.org

MEMBERSHIP

Annual Association renewals are in August. Payments can be made through the BHSAA website or by mail. We appreciate your continued support.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A Bothell High scholarship is another way to honor a friend or loved one who has departed. The scholarship fund is a great way for a friend or fellow classmate to express their love or friendship. Show your appreciation or sympathy during times of sorrow or note the anniversary of someone's passing. If you wish an acknowledgement recognizing your contribution, inform us and provide name & address. The amount of your gift is not disclosed.

IN *MEMORY* OF…

The following graduates made donations to BHSAA in memory of a deceased alumnus, friend, or loved one:

Phyllis Nelson Draughn, class of 1957,
in memory of Bob Olson, class of 1957, Erlene Eastgard Grosvenor, class of 1957, and Marie Todd Oren, class of 1957

Bill Schmer, class of 1963 and Bev Niemeyer, class of 1967
in memory of Speck Strand, class of 1963, Cliff Schroeder, class of 1963, Chuck Kaysner, class of 1963, Barbara Peterson Dines, class of 1947, and Ron Smethurst, class of 1966

Don Denny and Cathy Mackay Denny, class of 1966
in memory of Ron Smethurst, class of 1966

Linda Nelson Forell, class of 1965
in memory of Sid Nelson, class of 1963

Gary Wieland, class of 1962
in memory of Les Johnson, class of 1962

DONATIONS

General Fund:

Marilyn Ross Kidd, class of 1955
Yakima Fruit Market, Karin Bagnall Poage and Stuart Poage, class of 1974

Scholarship Fund:

Susan Onsum Harrison, class of 1953
Jan Wedekind Kelly, class of 1966
Lana Nelson Stephens, class of 1963
Glen Browman, class of 1976
Leslie Norton, class of 1970
Judith Heppenstall Steele-Lanfranco, class of 1958
Joan Erickson Zimmerman, class of 1959

The membership form at the back of this newsletter has options for donations; general, scholarship, and "in memory of."

NOTICES

The Association is always in search of old newspaper clippings, annuals, programs, and other BHS keepsakes and memorabilia. If you can contribute, email the BHSAA board at: bhsalumniassociation05@msn.com.

We still need commencement programs for 1912-1918, 1920-1921, 1923, 1925-1926, 1929-1930, 1933-1934, 1937, 1942, 1970, 1972, 1975, 1979-1982, 1988, 2005, 2015, & 2016. We have originals or copies of all other years, we only need to find these last 30. If you have a family member or friend in any of these classes, please ask if we may have or copy their commencement programs.

We do have *copies* of the following, but would still like originals: 1919,1924, 1927, 1928,1935, 1938, 1943, 1944, 1947, 1951, 1952, 1954-1956, 1958, 1961, 1971, 1977, 1978, 1983, 1995, & 1996.

We do not have the following yearbooks: 1932-1937, 1982, 1983, 1987, 1988, 1993, 1994, 2002, & 2003

Send to our PO Box 554, Bothell WA 98041 or email to bhsalumiassociation05@msn.com.

The first BHS annual was produced in 1929, the Association is only missing fifteen out of a total of 92 years!

DIDN'T RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER?

Inform the Association right away. Mark your calendars for June and December, when they are distributed.

ADDRESS CHANGES, SNOWBIRDS, AND TRAVELERS:

The Post Office charges for returned newsletters so snowbirds, travelers, and those who have moved are often a "cost" to the association. The Post Office will not deliver bulk mail, even if you have a hold or forward on your mail; it is returned to us with a fee. If you will be temporarily away, please let us know by emailing us at bhsalumniassociation05@msn.com with information. Newsletters are sent to printers at the end of November and May.

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DECEASED ALUMNI

(Not Previously Published)

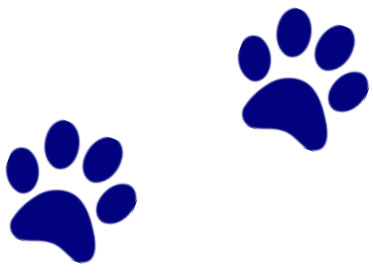
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Betty Attebury Clintworth	1941
Elinor Fuller Opel	1941
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Jessie Ragsdale Moser	1942
Charles Ogburn	1942
Jim Pettit	1942
Charlotte Pursche	1942
Marian Price Sanford	1942
Constance Andrews Sansness	1942
Dick Sigl	1942
Luise Scott Smith	1942
Allan Wright	1942
Clarence Zylstra	1942
Peggy Miller	1943
Frances Vitulli Lindquist	1944
Stan Berry	1946
Barbara Petersen Dines	1947
Larry Anderson	1951
Ted Uerling	1951
Richard Rettig	1953
Robert Allender	1956
Robert Olson	1957
Marie Todd Oren	1957
William (Bill) Sinnett	1958
William (Bill) Brown	1960
Mary Weinbergen Miles	1960
Jerry Wedekind	1962
Kip Gunderson	1963
Steven Keller	1963
Sharon Johnson Fassett	1964
Judy Weinbergen McMillan	1964
Daniel Davies	1966
John Gideon	1969
Virginia Deyoung Dublin	1970
Kenneth Nesheim	1972
Penny Draper Duex	1975
Roberta Wikel Chaffins	1976
Lorraine Haight	1976
Bruce Karakash	1976
Mark “Chewy” Nuss	1978
Karen Allen Sadler	1978
Knute Fenstad	1979
John Lee	1979
Alex McMillan	1979
Diane Johnson Askay	1980
Douglas Sheets	1984
Stephanie Russell Dishneau	1986
Drew Albrecht	1988
Daniel Myers	1993
Adam Beal	1996

BHSAA Members - Class Demographics

By Dawnmarie Swanberg DesJardins
Class of 1985

As of our monthly meeting on November 9th, the Bothell High School Alumni Association is 326 members strong. We can boast 182 active members and 144 lifetime members! This is how those members break down by graduating class:

Graduation Year (by decade)	BHSAA Members
1930 - 1939	1
1940 - 1949	12
1950 - 1959	64
1960 - 1969	132
1970 - 1979	48
1980 - 1989	21
1990 - 1999	13
2000 - 2009	11
2010 - 2019	13
2020 - 2024	11



The graduating classes of the 1960’s clearly have every other decade beat, by a lot! If you know anyone who is not a BHSAA member, get them to sign up!

Association Meetings

Association meetings are held via Zoom and in person. The meeting link will be added to the BHS Alumni Association website, as well as our Facebook page before each meeting. Email bhsalumniassociation05@msn.com for in person locations or additional information. We invite everyone to attend!

2025 BHSAA Meeting Dates:

Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month. General meetings begin at 9 am:

January 12, 2025 (Election of Officers)
February 8, 2025
March 8, 2025
April 12, 2025
May 10, 2025
June 14, 2025
July 12, 2025
August 9, 2025
September 13, 2025
October 11, 2025
November 8, 2025
No meeting in December 2025

2025 All-Alumni Picnic



Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 17, 2025 for the annual all-alumni picnic!

Location: Blyth Park, Bothell
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

All Bothell High School alumni are welcome. Look for tables marked with your class year and mingle with other classes. Bring a picnic lunch, plates, silverware, and non-alcoholic beverages for your party. You may also want to bring extra folding chairs or a blanket to spread out on the lawn. Children and grandchildren are welcome; there is a playground on-site. This is a great time to renew your membership for 2026! Spread the word!

REUNIONS * REUNIONS * REUNIONS * REUNIONS

ATTENTION BHS CLASSES WITH MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES TO CELEBRATE IN 2025:

Class of 2015:	10th Anniversary	Class of 2005:	20th Anniversary	Class of 1995:	30th Anniversary
Class of 1985:	40th Anniversary	Class of 1975:	50th Anniversary	Class of 1965:	60th Anniversary

Contact the Association with your event information so it can be posted on our BHSAA website and in the next issue. Venues fill up quickly, start planning now!

Class of 1966, 60th Reunion

Hold the Date: Saturday, September 12, 2026
Time: Information to follow
Location: Information to follow

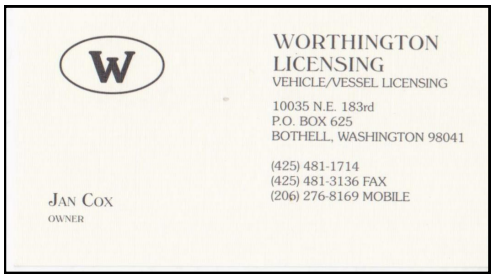


ALUMNI BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Association offers advertising in the newsletter and our website to promote alumni businesses. Proceeds are used to publish the newsletter and maintain the website. If you would like to participate, send a business card with your name, address, e-mail address, class year, and maiden name, if applicable. Cost is $10.00 per newsletter issue and $10.00 for 6 months on the BHSAA website. Newsletters are distributed twice a year to members, the website is open to all. Please use the form to reserve your advertising spot. Be sure to complete form below and include your business card.

A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS:

Business / Graduate	Class Year
Worthington Licensing Jan Vodder Cox	1958



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COST (includes tax & shipping)	Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large sizes:	$25.00
	2X-Large size:	$27.00

Order them online on the Association website: https://www.bothellhighalumniassociation.com or mail a check to BHSAA, PO Box 554, Bothell WA 98041-0554. Make sure to include your size!

Pass this application on to another BHS alumnus if you don't need it. Help spread the word so our association will grow. We need more alumni to join and support the fine volunteer organization that is BHSAA.

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Add your business to the BHSAA Cougar Tracks newsletter, the BHSAA website, or both!
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MISSION: Communicate with alumni, students, and staff; support scholarships, and preserve the history of Bothell High School.
Since 1994