

Total Scholarship Awards Surpass \$1 Million



www.ahsalumnifoundation.org Summer-Fall 2015

The AHS Foundation awarded over \$90,000.00 in scholarships to members of the Class of 2015. This brings the total AHS Foundation scholarships awarded since 1987 to more than \$1 million (\$1,000,000.00)!!!

Scholarship amounts in 2015 range from \$200.00 for all Academic Top Ten Percent students to three awards renewable over four years totaling \$10,000.00 per student.

Since the AHS Foundation was reorganized in 1986, with the first award being presented in 1987, AHS graduates have benefited from these scholarships as they pursued their educational aspirations beyond high school.

The scholarship fund has grown from a transfer of a dormant Alliance Kiwanis Club fund of \$6,000.00 (known as the Alliance Education Fund) to its present balance of over \$2.5 million. This increase stems from donations by AHS Alumni and friends. Only the interest and dividends from these donations is awarded in the form of scholarships for advanced education. The principal is invested and managed by the AHS Foundation Board of Trustees.

Over the years, families, groups and friends have chosen to establish Named Scholarship Awards through the AHS Foundation. Currently there are twenty-three such funds that awarded scholarships to thirty-one students in 2015. The general Scholarship fund of the AHS Foundation presented nine additional awards. Some of the Named Scholarship Funds have specific requirements identified, such as pursuing a course of study in the medical field, math, music, foreign language, accounting/business, teaching or history, or participating in community service or athletics, attending Rockhill Elementary, or being a descendant of a U.S. veteran or from a single parent home. These special requirements go along with consideration of the student's academic standing, extracurricular activities, teacher recommendations, financial need and involvement in the community.

AHS alumni have responded to the need for support of our graduates as they seek higher education. The costs and expenses associated with college and career-specific training are growing faster than most of today's students and families can handle. Surveys continually report on the increasing amount of debt that students must repay after their schooling. The AHS Foundation is committed to continue to help AHS graduates with their expenses as they follow their dreams.

Thank you to all AHS Alumni who have responded to the call for support of these efforts. Thank you to all who will consider this a worthy endeavor and respond in the future. Scholarships continue to be the focus of the AHS Foundation. Plans are already being made to award "the second million."

You can read about the AHS Foundation, about the Named Scholarships, see a listing of past scholarship recipients and much more at www.ahsalumnifoundation.org. This website has been on-line since April 30, 2015. The website offers an opportunity for you to make a gift to the scholarship fund through PayPal. ✈

Paypal Contributions can be made through the Website

Support of the AHS Foundation Scholarship Program is, and always has been, through donations of AHS alumni and friends. Traditionally donations, dues and memorial gifts have been received via alumni checks. With the advent of the AHS Alumni Foundation website www.ahsalumnifoundation.org your gift may be made through PayPal. Just go to the website and click on donations at the Homepage. Please include your name (maiden name too, please), class year and, if you wish, memorial information.

AHS Reunion Plans for 2016

Class	Date	Place	Contact Information
1941	Committee needs feedback from classmates. Should a 75th reunion be scheduled?		Selma Kennedy 821-8814 or selmaree@att.net
1953	Sept 23, 2015 Picnic	Silver Park Log Cabin Wednesday 12:00 noon	Jean Carroll Webster 330-823-1218
1956	Reunion planning meeting in Sept 2015	Mthly breakfasts at Pancho's 3rd Tuesday 9:00 am	Joan Cracknell Trautman 330-325-9396
1961	Reunion plans will be announced in January 2016.		
1966	Sept 9-10, 2016	Alliance Country Club	Leigh Mainwaring mainleigh@gmail.com Facebook: Alliance High School Class of 1966 or ahs1966@sbcglobal.net
1971		No information available	
1976		No information available	
1981		No information available	
1986	Aug 13, 2016	Buffalo Wild Wings 6:00 to 12:00 pm	Kirk Miller 614-554-7444 kmille15@columbus.rr.com
1991		No information available	
1996		No information available	
2001		No information available	
2006		No information available	
2009 & 2010	November 28, 2015	Combined reunion at Pancho's 7:00 to 11:00	
2011		No information available	
For updated information about reunion plans, birthday parties or Class luncheons, go to the AHS Foundation website at www.ahsalumnifoundation.org			

Graduates Revisited

1930-1939

Jane Wilson Bennett '38 lives in Uvalde, Texas. Jane is ninety-five and enjoys reading the newsletter.

Dorothy Albrich Brunie '39 has lived in Alliance all her life. She worked at Alliance Manufacturing for forty-two years and has two children and now seven great-grandchildren.

1940-1949

Dr Dwight L Freshley '42 is Professor Emeritus of the University of Georgia. Dwight is 90, but stays active with tennis or 'pickle ball' three times a week. He does recordings for the blind/dyslexic and sings in his church choir and the Athens Choral Society.

Betty Stewart Randall '45-Ja and husband Robert have four children, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Betty lives with her oldest daughter, Judith, in Stafford, Virginia and celebrates her 90th birthday on July 30, 2015. Betty still likes to watch the DVD's of the Waltons and Shirley Temple.

Elizabeth Sondag Thorpe '47 taught three years at Riverside Elementary before marrying **John H Thorpe '49**. They had four children, and Elizabeth returned to teaching in 1970 in Marlinton Middle and High Schools, retiring in 1989. She now enjoys 'talking bridge,' local theater, several clubs, serving her church and treasures her dog, Daisy.

Richard C McFall '47 went to Chicago for graduate

school for Optometry. He retired from his Alliance practice in 2005. Dick was Mel Knowlton's first quarterback at AHS in 1946. He also played second base on the baseball team. He and his wife Carol have two sons.

Grace Stuckey Brinker '47 gives thanks for life-long friends, **Betty Sondag Thorpe '47** and **Jean Graham Babcock '47**. They went to South Lincoln together. Grace also remembers Eye Care mission trips to El Salvador with Jean and her husband Bill. She still collects used eye glasses for the mission trips.

Gordon Rinehart, Faculty celebrated his 90th birthday during Carnation week. **Mayor Alan Andreani '68** issued

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Amazon Smile is paying off

The AHS Foundation Scholarship Fund has received \$25.33 from Amazon over the last four months. This may not seem like a lot, but it represents purchasers on Amazon Smile who clicked on the AHS Foundation to receive one half of one percent of their total purchase price as a donation to our scholarship fund. It did not cost the purchaser anything and the scholarship fund benefitted. Oh, by the way, that computes to over \$5,000.00 in Amazon purchases.

Go to <http://smile.amazon.com> : As a group, AHS graduates have buying power.

AHS Foundation Presents Three \$10,000 Klusch Scholarships

The AHS Foundation presented a John and Roene Klusch Memorial Scholarship for \$10,000.00 to each of three 2015 Alliance High graduates.

The recipients are: Evan Cope, son of Tina Venables '84, Ryan Miles, son of Randy '87 and Beth Miles and Abigail Sierra Valle, daughter of Sandy Mitchell Sierra Valle '81.

Evan plans to attend the University of Mount Union to study Mechanical Engineering. While at AHS, Evan was a recipient of the Ohio Academy of Science Award in grades nine through eleven, a member of National Honor Society for two years, a member of Key Club his senior year and had perfect attendance for four years at AHS. Evan chose Mr. Dick Morris, his Dual Credit Pre-Calc, Calc 1 and Calc 2 teacher, as his Honored Educator, saying, "Mr. Morris has had a lasting impact on my education because he never stops until you are comfortable and confident with what you have learned. I will always remember all the effort he put in with not only me, but also all of his students, as well as his amazing ability to always have fun in the classroom."



Evan Cope, Sarah Morris Brown '61, Ryan Miles and Abigail Sierra Valle

Ryan will attend Kent State University majoring in Piano Music Performance with a minor in Computer Information Systems. At AHS, Ryan was a member of Key Club, Student Senate, Foreign Language Club, Marching, Pep, Jazz and Concert Bands, Orchestra and Select Choir for four years. He was recipient of Carnegie Royal Conservatory Honors Theory Award two years and a member of National Honor Society for two years. Ryan selected Mr. Chris Schillig, his Honors English, AP English Literature and AP English Language teacher as his Honored Educator, saying, "Mr. Schillig gave me a new found enjoyment of reading after introducing me to Stephen King's novels. He has helped me appreciate English and writing through his enthusiasm and humorous teaching style."

Abigail Sierra Valle plans to attend Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, to major in Baking and Pastry Arts. While at AHS, Abby was a member of Student Senate, Key Club Foreign Language Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Swim Team and the Tennis Team for four years. She was a member of National Honor Society for two years and her Church Youth Group for seven years. Abby selected Ms. Sally Ailes, her Spanish teacher for four years, as her Honored Educator, saying, "Ms. Ailes expects nothing but the best from me and encourages me to learn. She introduced me to how enjoyable learning another language can be."

Thank you to the Klusch family for their generous bequest in 2002. Their thoughtfulness and generosity continues to benefit AHS graduates with the achievement of their educational goals beyond high school. 🚀

Graduates Revisited (continued)

a Proclamation designating Gordon Rinehart Day. Mr. Rinehart was honored as Grand Parade Marshal in 1995. He taught at Stanton and AHS for twenty years and was Principal at Marlinton for thirteen years.

Lois Wank Thompson '48-Ja enjoyed celebrating her eighty-fifth birthday on January 28, 2015 with all her family.

Wilbur & Joyce Davidson '48 live in Florida. Joyce taught Speech and English in Alliance for one year (1952-53). She remembers her 'wonderful' students, especially those who acted in "Ah, Wilderness," "Harvey" and "Mademoiselle Moderate." Joyce has published three novels which are available on Amazon.

1950-1959

Marjorie Davidson Bishop '50 is retired, but still volunteering. She has two great-grandchildren and says, "Life is good!"

Gene & Betty Dawson Reda '51/'55 moved back to Alliance after Gene retired from MacDonald Douglas. They have three sons scattered across the country, Mark in Arizona, Matt in Akron and Joseph in California, and seven grandchildren.

John & Jean Snellgrove '51/'52 have been married for 62 years. They raised four children. John has been retired since 1990 from Rubbermaid.

John & Dawn Dregich Stauffenger '52/'73 live in Alliance. John owns and operates Aid Pest Control and Dawn owns and operates Norge Village Cleaners.

Imogene Simmons Williams '53 knows, first hand, why Chicago is called 'the Windy City.' She misses Alliance, and enjoyed looking through the Yearbook last winter. Imogene sends her best to everyone.

Neil Allen '53 is retired Purchasing and Property Manager of the YMCA of Metro Detroit. Neil is still active in ROTARY, National Model RR Association and National YMCA Retiree's Fellowship. (Continued on page 5)

2015 AHS Academic Top Ten Percent



(front row) Olivia Turney, Alley Franklin, Annie Conway, Samantha Jackson, speaker Robert Fountain, Bethany Cox, Kira Nicholson, Abby SierraValle and Cecilia Stone; (back row) Dane Johnson, Alex Duffy, Evan Cope, Ryan Miles, Tyler Reber, Grant Clunk and Tyler Comtois.

The Academic Recognition Committee and the John and Roene Klusch Foundation, in cooperation with the Alliance City Schools, presented the twenty-eighth annual Academic Recognition Dinner on May 6, 2015. The top fifteen students at Alliance High School were honored for their academic achievements, along with their parents and honored educators.

This year, Mr. Robert L. Fountain IV, a 2008 graduate of AHS, R L Styles Salon, owner, and Director of Activities at McCrea Manor Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center, was the principal speaker at the dinner. He

also spent the day at the High School speaking at a morning assembly of the entire student body and meeting with representative students from all grade levels for informal discussions.

Mr. Fountain began 'his plan' as a licensed Cosmetologist and after gaining experience he obtained his managerial and independent contractor license. In 2012 he purchased an existing shop and after much renovation, opened R L Styles Salon. He worked two other jobs to support the business in its infancy frequently voicing, "I have a plan." He was named 'Top Stylist for a Cleveland fashion show and every year since his AHS graduation he has given free haircuts to children going back to school.

Robert, in his spare time, has written several plays and skits for area churches and had the lead role for Let Go and Let God in Cleveland at the Playhouse Theater. Continuing to follow his 'plan,' he has applied to be an apprentice in a two year program known as Nest Generation, and will enroll in school this fall, taking up business/communication. Despite naysayers that tell him 'he is crazy' his response is always the optimistic, "I have a plan." Life is a series of ups and downs, highs and lows, hills and valleys, but Vision inspires.

During his talk to the Academic Top ten percent Robert called the group the "Elite." He used an analogy of Eagles being safe in the nest with the mother eagle nurturing them and the father eagle protecting from above, Gradually the mother eagle makes the nest uncomfortable, when it is time to fly, and pushes them out. They learn to fly and realize it is time to soar. Aviators Seniors have reached the time to soar. There will be resistance, but top ten percenters are ready.

Suggested keys to success are:

- You have to see it! (dream)
- Write it down! (motivation)
- Separate yourself! (from the crowd)
- Take a risk! (be willing to dare)
- Embrace the process! (failure is important for growth)

It will not be easy, but struggles will make you stronger. When you fail, 'fail forward.' Learn the lessons and use them for future successes.

Have a plan, a vision to inspire you. Aviators soar. Keep going up!

The academic achievements of each student were recognized as they were presented a certificate and a Varsity "Academic A" letter. The parents of the students were introduced, along with the student's 'honored educator,' chosen by the student as someone who has been most instrumental in the realization of their academic success. For the twenty-fifth consecutive year, each of the top ten percent received a scholarship award from the AHS Foundation.

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The Top 10 % of the Alliance High School Class of 2015 includes:

- **Grant Clunk**, son of Stephen & Jennifer Mathias Clunk '77/'77
- **Tyler Comtois**, son of Wilfred Comtois and Joanna Schuler
- **Annie Conway**, daughter of Mark and Diana Grimes '87 Conway
- **Evan Cope**, son of Tina Venables '84
- **Bethany Cox**, daughter of Larry and Gretchen Lewis '83 Cox
- **Alex Paul Duffy**, son of Brian and Denise Duffy
- **Alley Franklin**, daughter of Scott and Michele Gray
- **Samantha Jackson**, daughter of Shawn and Mary Jackson
- **Dane Gunther Johnson**, son of Ted and Shari Rosenberger Johnson '84/'81
- **Ryan Miles**, son of Randy '87 and Beth Miles
- **Kira Nicholson**, daughter of Talisa Nicholson Blair '97
- **Tyler G. Reber**, son of Dennis and Kim Snyder '80 Reber
- **Abby Sierra Valle**, daughter of Sandy Mitchell Sierra Valle '81
- **Cecilia Stone**, daughter of Robert and JoAnne Stone '83/'83
- **Olivia Turney**, daughter of Ron and Niki Phillips '93 Turney ✈

Proper Flag Etiquette

What do you do when the American Flag (Stars and Stripes) passes by in a parade?

What do you do when the National Anthem (Star Spangled Banner) is played?

The answer, hopefully, is that you show proper respect!!!

The U. S. Flag Code of 1923, passed into law in 1942, is the guideline. Only slightly amended since 1923, the U. S. Flag Code has ten sections. There are no penalties provided for violations.

Veterans and other groups teach flag etiquette in communities small, and large, across the country. Periodically, there are amendments to the U. S. Flag Code. An amendment that caught my eye recently is: U.S. military veterans, not in uniform, may 'render the military salute' when the Stars and Stripes passes or during the National Anthem. F Y I ✈



AHS Foundation website is available and full of information

The AHS Foundation website www.ahsalumnifoundation.org has information that will interest and inform Alliance graduates of any age. New additions since the site launch on April 30, 2015, include a listing of all Distinguished Alumni Honorees. There is a brief biographical sketch of each member. Click on the Distinguished Alumni tab and then click on the name of the honoree and read about their careers after high school. The reach of AHS graduates is remarkable. Reading about the Distinguished Alumni honorees will make you proud of your Alma Mater.

Suggestions, corrections, additional ideas for display of information are welcome. Send your comments to info@ahsalumnifoundation.org ✈

Graduates Revisited (continued)

Don Fraraccio '53 is retired from both CSX Railroad and from teaching in the Akron School System.

Carol Schreckengost Tasker '56 is a Real Estate Broker in Granada Hills, California.

Robert Russell '57 donated a 1955 Chronicle to the AHS Foundation collection. Thanks Bob!

Elaine Tormasi Houston '58 has lived in Hilliard, Ohio, for forty-two years. She still works three days a week at Galaxy Games & Golf, a family entertainment center.

Jim Eberly '58 died in February 2015. His widow, Lucy, donated 1956, 1957 & 1958 Chronicles to the AHS Foundation's collection.

Gerald Townes '58 retired in 1998 from the Dayton Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center where he served as coordinator of the Dayton VA's Homeless and Chronically Mentally Ill Program. Gerald was awarded the 33rd degree in Freemasonry last May by the United Supreme Council AASRF, PHA, Northern Jurisdiction USA in Chicago.

Beverly Swisher Santucci '59 lives in Las Vegas. She loves getting the newsletter and reads all the news about her classmates. Beverly did not make it to the 55th reunion, but had the class picture and class list sent to her. She says everyone looks great.

Barb Graf Hayden has been living in Massachusetts for a number of years. Both she and **David Graf, Sr.** served on the Alliance School Board. Barb writes that her children, **Caroline Graf Reich '76** lives in Massachusetts, **David M Graf '79** in Virginia and **Anne Graf Rutherford '83** lived in Minnesota before her death in 2012.

1960-1969

Tyrone Glenn Hill '62 is retired from Ohio State University, still living in the Columbus area.

Tom & Jackie Buccelli Aston '62/'62 are enjoying traveling, sports, and grandkids in their retirement. They attended last summer's 70th Birthday Party for the Class of 1962, as well as monthly luncheons with classmates.

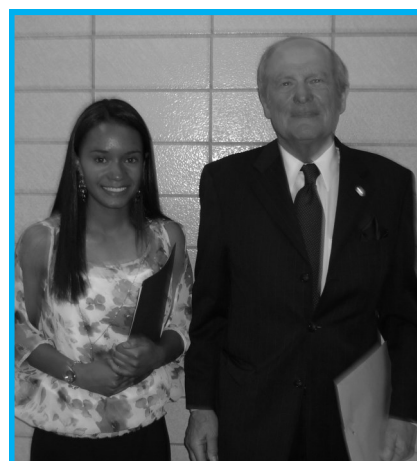
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Recipients of AHS Foundation Scholarships and Scholarships Administered Through the AHS Foundation - Class of 2015

Scholarship	Amount	Recipients
AHS Foundation Top 10 %	\$ 3,000	15 recipients
AHS Foundation-Renewable	\$24,000	Grant Clunk Annie Conway Savannah Courtenay Kira Nicholson
AHS Foundation-Non renewable	\$ 7,500	Alexis Austin Bethany Cox Tyler Reber Cecilia Stone Leona Weatherspoon
John & Roene Klusch-Renewable	\$30,000	Evan Cope Ryan Miles Abigail Sierra Valle
Byron & Isabel Anderson Saffell-rnw	\$4,000	Ashlin Shell
R. G. Hamrick	\$ 1,500	Evan Cope
Eugene L. Haidet	\$ 1,000	Kendranne Bailey
David & Goldie Mainwaring	\$ 2,000	Tyler Reber Abigail Sierra Valle
Francis & Esther Furcolow	\$ 1,000	Grant Clunk
Mel Knowlton	\$ 4,000	Grant Clunk Katelyn Daniels Olivia Strain Leona Weatherspoon
Dorothea & Owen McCoy	\$ 500	Abigail Sierra Valle
Beverly Robertson Yeagley	\$ 900	Alexis Fernandez
F. Kermit & Helen Donaldson	\$ 750	Savannah Courtenay
Joanna Pietrocola	\$ 1,000	Grant Clunk Ryan Miles
Edwin & Ruth Gibson	\$ 1,000	Katelyn Daniels
Rockhill PTO	\$ 400	Alex Shaver
Brett Streza	\$ 1,000	Olivia Strain
Jim Lear	\$ 300	Devyn Howe
Christopher Penny	\$ 1,000	Ryan Miles
Carli-Cowan	\$ 650	Evan Cope
William D. & Mary L. Baker	\$ 2,000	Alexis Austin Kira Nicholson
Theresa Utterback-Renewable	\$ 4,000	Evan Cope
Vietnam Veterans	\$ 1,000	Grant Clunk
Class of 1963	\$ 1,000	Tyler Reber



Evan Cope and Dick Morris 'Fac



Katelyn Daniels and Ed Gibson '60



Joe Zelasko '51 and Ashlin Shell



Kendranne Bailey



Alexis Fernandez



Sally Ailes 'Fac, Abigail Sierra Valle and Renee Barnes 'Fac



Alexis Austin, Leona Weatherspoon, Cecilia Stone, Jody Newman
Koenigseker '68, Bethany Cox and Tyler Reber



Ryan Miles



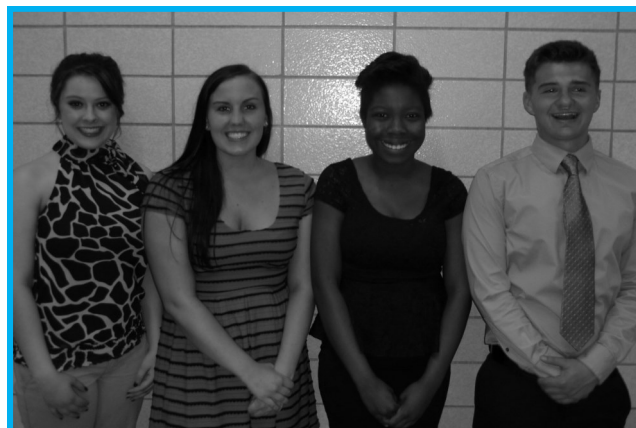
Devyn Howe



Olivia Strain



Alex Shaver



Savannah Courtenay, Annie Conway, Kira Nicholson and Grant Clunk

Graduates Revisited (continued)

William Studt '62 attended the Class of 1962 70th Birthday Party last summer. His 70+ baseball team won the Men's Senior Baseball League World Series in Phoenix last October.

Dick Whinery '63 earned a bachelor's degree from Kent State and then a Master's and Doctorate in Psychology from the University of Akron. He worked at Ohio University on its Chillicothe campus for thirty-eight years before retiring in May 2015. Dick and Laura have been happily married since 1970. Dick's best friend, **Conrad Brunner '63** served as the 'Best Man.'

Linda Goheen Drisko '63 is a retired Social Worker, splitting time between New York and Florida. She also

travels each year to visit a daughter in Seattle, Washington and a son in the Washington, D.C. area.

Tom Maxwell '63 was a Missionary Pastor in the Philippines until recently. Tom now lives in Long Beach, California.

Manny & Pamela Peterson Haupt '64/'69 are retired, living in Palm Coast, Florida.

John Oesch '65 has been working since retirement from American Steel. He is a Foundry Consultant, exclusively in Brazil for the last nine years.

Brian Sales '65 sent his thanks to Joe Zelasko, "a great teacher." Brian is a Materials Physicist and reports that he is still using what Mr. Zelasko taught him.

Thanks to **Jean Hays '65** for donating a 1921 Chronicle and four monthly Red and Blue magazines from the 1921-1923 years.

John Barrick '65 is Professor Emeritus, Department of Physics, at Kent State University. Over the past twenty five years, he has taught 50,000 students at Kent State. John is supportive of any assistance that can be given to help young people succeed in education.

Kathy Miller Rogers '67 has moved to Largo, Florida, "No more SNOW!" Kathy retired from Shell Exploration and Production.

Barbara Rozich Been '67 retired last January after fifteen years as a Postmaster.

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Family sends Thanks for remembrances

The family of Sondra Hopkins Craig '63 sends their thanks and appreciation to classmates and friends for the outpouring of condolences and gifts in memory of Sonnie. Contributions received for the Class of 1963 Scholarship Fund will add to the lasting legacy of their sister, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend.

Chris Craig '94, Cass & Nicole Black Craig '95/'02, Myra Hopkins Zink '67, Becky Zink Eby '02 and Samantha Zink '07



AHS Principal Shawn Jackson and daughter Samantha Jackson

Elvin J Wilson Duke University Scholarship earned

Samantha Jackson is the eleventh AHS graduate to earn the Elvin J. Wilson Scholarship to Duke University. Samantha is the daughter of AHS Principal Shawn and Mary Jackson. She plans to major in English and Music Composition.

In 1999, this scholarship was established by Gary Wilson '58 in memory of his father, and in cooperation with Duke University. Recipients must meet Duke's stringent entrance requirements.

Samantha received the Top Scholar Award for the Class of 2015 and while at AHS, she was a four year member of the Key Club, Student Senate, Band, the Volleyball team and the Jetsetters. She participated in four AHS musical productions, was a member of the Foreign Language Club and the Choralaires for three years and National Honor Society and Aviator Peer Pilots for two years. ✈

Graduates Revisited (continued)

Jim & Cheryl Zeller Butler '67/'68 live in Florida. Jim is president of their Home Owners Association and Cheryl chairs the pool and landscape beautification committees. They love to travel, play golf and entertain.

Bruce L Buzogany '67 lives in North Carolina. He is a consultant to non-profit organizations. Bruce is married, with two grown children.

Barbara Carey Manzi '69 is a Certified Public Accountant. She is Manager of Budget Systems at the University of Texas at Dallas.

1970-1979

Keith Crewson '72 was honored for his thirty years service as Scoutmaster of Troop 50, BSA. Keith has been involved with scouting for over fifty years, starting as a Cub Scout in grade school. Thirty seven Troop 50 scouts have earned their Eagle badge during Keith's tenure as Scoutmaster.

Jennifer Crist '73 was honored as the Grand Parade Marshal during the 2015 Carnation Festival. Jennifer is an active member of the Alliance Historical Society, Castle Crusaders, YWCA, Women's Club and Farmers' Market. Jennifer's father, **Lyle Crist '42**, previously served as the Carnation Festival Grand Parade Marshal.

John Blebea '74 is enjoying his career at the University of Oklahoma but still misses family and friends in Ohio.

Susan Shuster Ochs '74 is working as an accountant in Cincinnati and looking forward to retirement. She has recently finished building her retirement home in Knoxville, Tennessee. Susan emphasizes that, "she just has to retire someday."

Sally Moore Schneider '77 writes that "Alliance City Schools shaped me for success." She retired from the Akron Public Schools with thirty-two years as a high school Choral Director. Sally is currently Coordinator for the Akron School for the Arts.

Alan Aldinger '77 is Vice-President and Manager of

Media relations for PNC Financial Services Group in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania.

1980-2014

Dr Michael Grimes '85 gave a free community lecture last spring on the ever growing problem of 'Prediabetes.'

Portia Hairston Clay '97 began the fall semester as the new Principal at Alliance's Northside Intermediate School.

Sara Clunk Robertson '99 has been named to Columbus Business First's '2015 Forty under 40 Class.' Sara graduated from Miami University with a degree in Marketing and Finance. She is active in the Women's Fund of Central Ohio, and a member of the March of Dimes of Central Ohio women's board. She has also been active with COSI where she served on the FOC Board for eight years and helped found and chair the COSI Young Professional Executive Board.

Dr Randall Butler '00 is completing his final fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, specializing in head and neck pathology. Randy will be moving to Ohio in July, 2015, to join the pathology department at the University of Cincinnati.

Dr Marisa Butler Brown '01 is working at The Ohio State University as a neuro physical therapist. She is involved in conducting research for the Christopher Reeve Neuro Recovery Network. Marisa recently had her first research article published. ✈



Alliance High School Distinguished Alumni

The Alliance High School Distinguished Alumni Selection Committee was established in 1966, under the chairmanship of Clarence Steffy, to recognize Alliance High School graduates who have made outstanding contributions to society on a local, state, national or international basis. Criteria for selection are established that the individual must be an AHS graduate, must have graduated at least five years prior to selection and may be living or deceased. Accomplishments must be so outstanding that there is no question of his or her qualifications for selection.



John Bentia

Including the initial selection of fourteen 'Distinguished Alumni' in 1967, a total of 96 AHS graduates have been honored as 'Distinguished Alumni.'

The selection committee has implemented a plan of honoring a Distinguished Alumni Class every fourth year, but nominations are continually being sought and accepted.

Many of these Distinguished Alumni were selected prior to the reestablishment of the AHS Foundation and the publishing of this newsletter. In this and ensuing issues, we will share some of the achievements that qualified those graduates who have been honored as Alliance High School Distinguished Alumni.

Go to the AHS Alumni Foundation website: www.ahsalumnifoundation.org to view a complete listing of honorees. Click on each name to read about their individual accomplishments.

Inducted in 1967, John Bentia, AHS Class of 1934, was a well known Alliance industrialist. He began at Alliance Manufacturing Company as an assistant purchasing agent and at the time of his induction was President of the company.

He served on the Board of Directors of Alliance Manufacturing, Alliance First National City Bank and the Electronic Industries Association. Mr. Bentia was also a member of the Board of Trustees of Rodman Public Library, the National Pro Football Hall of Fame, the Alliance Area Chamber of Commerce and Mount Union College.

In 1957 he received the Horatio Alger Award, presented annually to outstanding Americans who succeeded in spite of adversity and exemplify dedication, purpose and perseverance in their personal and professional lives. Mr. Bentia passed away in 1978 at age 61.

When the AHS Distinguished Alumni program was established in 1967, it was anticipated that recognition of former graduates would inspire current students. When Gary Wilson '58, worked summers at Alliance Manufacturing, he emulated John Bentia. Wilson asked Bentia's secretary what books he read and then read them himself. Wilson went on to become Chief Financial Officer for the Walt Disney Company and Marriot Corporation and Chairman of the Board of Northwest Airlines. Mr. Wilson was inducted as an AHS Distinguished Alumnus in 1986. He has returned to AHS numerous times during his career and undoubtedly influenced future AHS Distinguished Alumni. ✈

Donations of \$25 or more (through August 10, 2015)

Ed & Tiffany Hogya
Ruth & Richard Jones '40/38
Margaret & Warren Chapman '43/43
Ward "Bud" Tuttle '46
Joanne & Frederic Corey '46/47
Roger Burnell '49
Annetta Kirk Arris '49
Margie Hein Higgason '50
Rolland W "Mick" Amos '50
Norma Jean Hoover '51
Edwin Yost '52
Jean & John Philippi '52/51
Don Fraraccio '53
Lo Ann Hoffman Donley '54
Judith & Robert Shefelton '55/52
Russ & Judy Sanor Puhl '55/56
Ronald & Mary Sluss Kron '55/57
Robert Shanks '57
Eleanor Surten Kaul '57
Howard Brick '58
Andy Estock '58
Nancy Iden Carlson '59

Ron & Lynn Daniels Dezenzo '59/61
John "Richard" Zuccherro '60
Carolyn Albu Tener '60
Bonnie Bernhardt '60
David Rogers '60
Chuck Hutcheson '61
Charles & Sarah Morris Brown '61
Patricia Warren Ostberg '61
William Studt '62
Brian W Ashbaugh '62
Karen Patrick '63
John "Jack" Hess '63
Judy & Terry Swearingen '63/62
David Baldwin '64
Karen & John Blaser '64/64
Nick & Sue Wallace Sotcan '64/65
John Oesch '65
Linda Akins Lahmers '65
Robert E Ross '65
David W Edwards '67
Barbara Rozich Been '67
Bruce L Buzogany '67

Kathryn Miller Rogers '67
Eric & Kristine Moore Meves '68/68
Anthony Facchiano '69
Dawn Farkas Wiant '69
Lynette & Forrest Riddle '69/64
Bruce E Johnson, MD '70
John "Jack" Madison '73
William R Lyons '73
David Felger '73
Richard Baylor '73
Dawn & John Stauffenger '73/52
John Blebea '74
Randy Biery '74
David Fox '74
Joel Ailes '79
Robert Henke '81
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