

2016 AHS Academic Top Ten Percent

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The Academic Recognition Committee and the John and Roene Klusch Foundation, in cooperation with the Alliance City Schools, presented the twenty-ninth annual Academic Recognition Dinner on May 4, 2016 at the University of Mount Union's Hoover-Price Campus Center. The top sixteen students at Alliance High School were honored for their academic achievements, along with their parents and their honored educators.

Jan Kehres Dantt, AHS 2004 graduate, was the keynote speaker for the event. She graduated from Wittenberg University in 2008 and Kettering College with a Masters in Physician's Assistant Studies in 2011.

During her remarks she praised the Honored Educators present for their contributions to the growth and maturity of all their students, with patience in answering the same questions many times during their careers and instilling a love for learning in their students.

She also challenged the students that the path to success is one percent inspiration and ninety nine percent perspiration. Today's Social Media gives a lot of publicity and displays 'seeming success,' but she suggested that students, and all of us, should weigh these things in terms of significance versus success. There was a comment about "FaceBook being for Old People," that some of us chose to ignore. Today's social media publicizes and even creates celebrities, but 'significant' is a real keyword that defines Success. Bicycles for kids, Helping Hands for ... these are the kind of actions that are significant, that make a difference in people's lives.

Jan challenged each of the Top Ten Per Cent to continually apply themselves to action that can make a difference in people's lives, to review and measure their actions with an emphasis on Significance rather than success. "Ask yourself, is my success Significant?"

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from left (front) Kylie Glass, Allison Boschini, Taylor Penird, Mikayla Milburn, LeAnne Novak, LeeAnna Brugh. (middle) Allison Staggers, Shannon Dillon, keynote speaker Jan Kehres Dantt '04, Cheyenne Byelene, Natasha Pugh. (back) Jacob Van Derkar, Keith House, Neil Rogers, Andrew Hale, Josh Shields, Bryce Hood.

CLASS RING REPLACED

We are pleased to announce that Valerio Galiei '45-Ja responded to the article about Joe Bara's lost Class ring from 1945. Val wrote to offer his Class ring to replace the lost one.

By October 1944 Val was in the Navy, but was given time to report on January 10, 1945. He was officially in the AHS 1945 January graduation class. The class ring that he had ordered did not arrive at the family home on West Ely Street until Val was well into his Navy service.

Val spent nine months in training to become a 'Radar Tech' and earned a First Class Seaman Rate while being the only high school student in the state of Ohio to pass the "EDDY test."

Craig is overjoyed to have this memento to represent his father's past. Val reported that the ring was never worn and was pleased to give it to a classmate's family that would cherish it.

LOSSES IN THE AHS FAMILY

Ernest Linsmaier '43 died March 25, 2016. He was ninety years old. Mr. Linsmaier taught in the Alliance History Department for thirty-five years and served as an Alliance Councilman at Large from 1962 to 1974. He served as a Marine at Bougainville and Iwo Jima during World War II. Ernest is survived by his wife of 67 years, Dorothy Wearstler Linsmaier '46 and two children, Kristine and Douglas.

Chuck Kreiner 'Faculty died May 27, 2016, at the age of 67. He was head wrestling coach at AHS for 12 years. Chuck, along with Jack Webb, Asst AHS principal, established the Top Gun Wrestling Tournament in 1987 which continues to this day. Chuck was from Cuyahoga Falls but adopted Alliance as his home continuing to operate Chuck Kreiner Auctions after his retirement as teacher and coach in 2009. He was inducted into the Alliance High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004.

AHS Reunion Plans for 2016

Class	Date	Place	Contact Information
1941	No Reunion Plans	Monthly Luncheon - 1st Wed Chives Grille	Selma Kennedy 821-8814 or selmaree@att.net
1946 & 1945	No Reunion Plans	Monthly Luncheons 2nd Tuesday - Elks - 1:00 PM	Evelyn Jacobs Hahn 330-935-2470
1951	No Reunion Plans	Bi-Mthly Luncheons Jan, Mar.. 3rd Wed - 1:00 PM at Chives Grille	Laura Kirksey Coleman 330-938-9008 Gretchen Schweikart Cox 330-938-6126 Ron Russell 330-868-7551
1953	Sept 21, 2016 Class Picnic	Silver Park Log Cabin Wednesday - Eat at 12:00 noon Bring casserole & wrapped 'White Elephant Gift'	Lois Jean Carroll Webster 330-823-1218
1957	October 7, 2017	60th Reunion	
For updated information about reunion plans, birthday parties or Class luncheons, go to the AHS Foundation website at www.ahsalumnifoundation.org			

Graduates Revisited

1940-1949

Fran Strazi Fisher '41 lives in Alliance and enjoys getting to visit with classmates at their monthly luncheons. Thank you to Fran for donating four Chronicles from the early 1940's.

Richard & Doris Day Livengood '44-Ja/'46 Ja still make their home in Alliance, Richard is retired after forty years at Grove Appliance and Doris retired from Alliance Community Hospital with forty-four years service.

Dr Richard McFall '47 retired as an Optometrist in 2005. Dick was Mel Knowlton's first quarterback at AHS in 1946. He went on to play running back and quarterback at Mount Union. He played infield on the AHS Baseball team after Coach Knowlton revived the sport at AHS. Through the years, Dick was President of the Alliance Hot Stove League for four years and an officer of the Alliance Booster Club for many years.

Marilyn Hoover Kuppler '48-Ja lives in Illinois. She is a retired teacher and school librarian.

Richard D Sheehan '48 attended Buckeye Boys State with Charles Gehm '48. Richard shares with us that Charles was not only a talented artist, but a great pianist as well. "Chuck's 'Flight of the Bumble Bee' was something to behold!"

Dr Donald Campbell '49 retired in 1988 from the Health Commission of Richland County Ohio. He was Professor of Preventive Medicine at Ohio State University from 1965 -1979. Donald has recently moved to Irvine, Kentucky.

Joseph & Faye Zeigler Pusateri '49/'50 celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on January 6, 2016. Faye retired from the AHS cafeteria and Joe, after forty years at Transue & Williams. Joe has been driving for Lavery's for seventeen years. Both still enjoy traveling.

1950-1959

Jack & Marilyn Yost White '50/'55, send their standard greeting "All is well at the White House." They expect the whole family will be home this year for their granddaughter Erin's wedding. Only fifteen years old, Joshua, is yet to be married.

Richard D Grimes '52 retired after forty-two years as a church minister. For the last nineteen years he has been driving a school bus, currently transporting Amish children in Belleville, Pennsylvania. Richard has two sons, three

grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Don Rininger '52 earned his degree at Mount Union and an MA and PhD at Indiana University. He retired from Indiana State University in 1996. Don lives in Florida and is an avid bicyclist. He still is able to go 60 to 80 miles for a day's ride and calculates he rides 5 to 7,000 miles in a year. (Sounds like Superman, but Don does admit that he is slowing down!)

Imogene Williams Simmons '53 lives in Chicago. She misses her classmates, the days when they made memories together and her wonderful teachers at AHS. Imogene retired in 1990.

Janice Reed Baker '53 and G Duane Baker '50 have been married for sixty three years. They had three children. Son Duane Dale died in 2015.

Donald Fraraccio '53 acted as a substitute teacher in the Akron area after his retirement from CSX Railroad.

Sarah Korosy Jackman '54 is an R N. She operated "Be Happy Home Service," owned a Bakery and learned how to decorate cakes. She is a widow with five successful children. Sarah enjoys the newsletter.

Joanne Beck '54 moved to Akron in 1965. She retired at age seventy six from Exxon Mobil in December 2013.

William McGowan '55 donated six Chronicles to the Foundation's collection. We will share any duplicates with Alumni who are in need. Thanks Bill!

Carol Schreckengost Tasker '56 has been a Real Estate Agent since 1976. Carol is making plans for retirement by the end of this year.

Larry & Joyce Hartzell Conway '57/'58 are happily retired, living in Florida.

Robert Shanks '57 describes his favorite class at AHS as "Machinist." This class proved to be invaluable throughout his life as he worked on a farm and at a Molasses Company near East Liverpool for twenty years. He did six years in the Army Reserve, as truck driver/mechanic and twenty-five years at Disney World repairing and maintaining equipment. Bob now lives in Orlando, volunteering as President of his housing allotment, Robinswood Improvement Association, for the last ten years. Bob is remarried to Martha and has three grown children.

Beverly Swisher Santucci '59 lives in Las Vegas. She keeps busy 'playing with her I-Pad,' doing puzzles, watching TV, reading and traveling with her daughter.

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2016 AHS Academic Top Ten Percent (continued from page 1)

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-sixth consecutive year, each of the top ten percent received a scholarship award from the AHS Foundation.

The Top 10 % of the Alliance High School Class of 2016 includes:

- **Allison Boschini**, daughter of Daniel '89 & Debra Boschini
- **LeeAnna Brugh**, daughter of Sherri & Jerry Brugh
- **Cheyenne Byelene**, daughter of Angela & Richard Byelene
- **Shannon Dillon**, daughter of Jamie & Brian '91 Dillon
- **Kylie Glass**, daughter of Laura & Chuck Glass
- **Andrew Hale**, son of Chris & Julie Oesch '89 Hale
- **Bryce Hood**, son of Priscilla & Lee Hood
- **Keith House**, son of Lori & Keith '82 House
- **Mikayla Milburn**, daughter of Michelle Milburn & Chad & Barb Anderson
- **LeAnne Novak**, daughter of Mitch Kirby & Teri Mikes Kirby '92 and Joseph Novak
- **Taylor Penird**, daughter of Brett & Elizabeth Diehl '91 Penird
- **Natasha Pugh**, daughter of Lisa Pugh '79
- **Neil Rogers**, son of Ron Rogers '89
- **Josh Shields**, son of Eric & Christian Daley Shields '89/'92
- **Allison Staggers**, daughter of Leon Staggers '92 and Jeremy & Bethany Ayers Rhome '95/'97
- **Jacob VanDerkar**, son of Adam '88 & Heather VanDerkar ✈

Graduates Revisited (continued)

Beverly is already looking forward to the sixtieth class reunion. She enjoys the newsletter and looks forward to its arrival.

Tom Piccinin '59 worked in the Defense Intelligence Agency, retiring in 1998.

1960-1969

Francine Clair Vitale '60 is a retired Deputy Clerk of the Mentor, Ohio, Municipal Court. She has two sons and five grandchildren.

Tom & Jackie Buccelli Aston '62/'62 enjoy the 'Graduates Revisited' section of the newsletter. They like to keep up with other AHS graduates.

Sue Freshley McMillen '63 is a retired Registered Nurse. She has two sons and four grandchildren.

Diane Warren Touschner '63 has fond memories of times in the AHS Band. She recalls the 'coming out' as a swing band. For pre-game they wore their old uniforms and at halftime donned new uniforms for the show. They were well-received and a new routine was born under Mr. Weitzel's direction.

Rev Joyce & **Rev Bobby Williams '63** were presented the Grand Parade Marshall Award for the 2016 Greater Alliance Carnation Festival.

Donald R Harrell '64 credits the Alliance High School music program for starting his lifelong career as a music educator and professional musician.

Karen Allmon Goins '64 is retired from a career in nursing. She and husband Jim live on a ranch in Oklahoma. Karen loves reading, gardening, animals, travel, music and volunteering.

Dale Oswalt '64 remembers 'one of his proudest moments' as the first time he played the National Anthem with the band at a Friday night game.

Ron Weaver '65 writes: "Even now, over 50 years later, I can still hear Mr. Weitzel's voice over the speaker, demanding that we do it ONE MORE TIME. We were all fortunate to have been a part of the AHS Band during the

Weitzel era. I doubt that there were many high school bands in the country at that time, or since, that were as good as we were. Certainly none better!"

Lucy Malycke Downs '66 remembers the good times in the AHS Band, the Orange Bowl Parade, the trips to Pro-football games to perform at halftime, Henry Mancini and the friendships!

Jennifer Podemski Esposito '66 says that being in the AHS Band is one of the best remembrances of high school.

Augie Grove '66 sent this note: "The effort put into the 'Days of Glory' Scholarship Fund will go on to the long list of memories we made marching in the 'Alliance High School Marching Band.' It is an honor and privilege to be in the '16 to 5' volunteer committee with you!"

Peter Schneller remembers **Jim Lear '66** as an inspiration to him and countless others. His gift is to remember Jim and to 'Pay It Forward.'

Carol Bingham Bookout '66 has many fond memories of her time as part of the AHS Band. Carol says, "It truly helped shape my life."

Patti Ward Shears '66 especially remembers the Band trip to the Orange Bowl Parade.

Bob & Christine Addams Ruff '66/'67 are the proud parents of five children and nine grandchildren. Bob is retired from Rockwell Automation after thirty eight years. They are enjoying retirement, sharing time between Wisconsin and Florida.

Jimmy and the Soul Blazers received the Citizen of the Year Award for the 2016 Greater Alliance Carnation Festival. The Band was formed in 1966 and is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year. The members of the band: Jimmy Korleski, **Mike Duruytta '66**, **Dave Sorge '66**, **John Sineri '67**, **Billy McCrea '67**, **Mike Bugara '67**, **George Nutial '68** and **Bill Hawley '70**.

William Hoover '68 still makes his home in Alliance. He is a retired electrical engineer.

John & Carol Lyberger Hampu '69/'72 live in Alliance, recently retired, and still working like many of us. They have had a wonderful time working on the 'Days of Glory' Band Scholarship Committee, reflecting on the great times in the AHS Band through the Weitzel years.

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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 2016 Alliance High graduates.

The recipients are: LeeAnna Brugh, daughter of Sherri and Jerry Brugh, Bryce Hood, son of Priscilla and Lee Hood and Mikayla Milburn, daughter of Michelle Milburn and Chad & Barb Anderson.

This marks the fifteenth year that Klusch Scholarships have been presented (the eighth consecutive year for three \$10,000.00 awards). Thank you to the Klusch family for their generous bequest in 2001. Their thoughtfulness and generosity continues to benefit AHS graduates with the achievement of their educational goals beyond high school.

LeeAnna Brugh plans to attend Case Western Reserve University to major in Nursing and then pursue medical school. While at AHS, she was a member of the Concert Band, the swim team and Key Club for four years. She participated in the marching band for three years, track, cross country and National Honor Society for two years and the Academic Challenge Team and the pit orchestra for a year. LeeAnna chose Mrs. Amy Miller, her Science teacher, as her Honored Educator, saying, "I have known Mrs. Miller for less than a year, and in that time she has challenged me and fueled my desire to go to medical school. Mrs. Miller has prepared me for college and has greatly contributed to my success during my senior year."

Bryce Hood will attend the University of Mount Union and major in Engineering. At AHS, he was a member of the golf team, the soccer team and the basketball team all four years. He participated in football for three years, Student Senate and National Honor Society for two years and was chosen as recipient of the West Point Leadership Award from the U S Dept of the Army his junior year. Bryce chose Mr. Jim Brunie, his soccer coach, as his Honored Educator, saying, "Mr. Brunie has pushed me to be a better leader on and off the soccer field. He has given me tools to succeed in sports and in life. He has sacrificed his time and money to be the best coach he can possibly be."

Mikayla Milburn will attend the University of Mount Union to major in Nursing or Health Sciences. While at AHS she was a member of the volleyball team, swimming team, Student Senate, Key Club and Foreign Language Club for four years and National Honor Society for two years. As a sophomore, Mikayla, received a 'Superior' rating for her project at the District and State Science Fairs. She selected Mr. Richard Morris, her Pre-Calc, Calculus and Statistics teacher, as her Honored Educator, saying, "Mr. Morris has devoted countless hours of his time in helping me excel academically. He has gone above and beyond, to help me whenever I needed guidance. For that I am eternally grateful. I am very blessed to have had such a devoted and inspirational educator in my last two years at AHS." ✈



Sarah Morris Brown '61, LeeAnna Brugh, Bryce Hood and Mikayla Milburn

Graduates Revisited (continued)

Susan Nash Grove '69 Received the Woman of the Year/Athena Award for 2016.

1970-1979

Mary Ann McCreedy Wunsch '70 is so happy to be included in the wonderful tribute to John Weitzel (a great man).

Kathleen Kirksey Purdy '71 is retired after teaching Upper Elementary classes in the Plain Local School District her entire career. She was involved with her professional union and local civic organizations. Kathleen will be a candidate for the State School Board this November.

Robin Reichart Graham '71 is a Registered Nurse living in Michigan. Robin is married, has two children and five grandchildren.

Kathy Graham Young '71 remembers the Band's return trip to Chicago for the All-Star game because they didn't televise any of the halftime show the year before. "It caused quite an uproar!"

Sandi Strong Fiegenschuh '72 enjoyed all the band trips to Pro-football games, especially Chicago. "Mr. Weitzel is one of a kind."

Donna Messenheimer Essick '72 lives in Alliance and works for David Williams & Associates. Donna writes that her three years in the AHS Band taught her so much about respect, perseverance and

commitment that has stuck with her to this day.

Jeff Pinney '73 says: Memories are too many to list. Mr. Weitzel was the greatest teacher I ever had.

Richard Baylor '73 remembers saving Jeff Pinney's life in Chicago and giving the assistant director's wife a beer.

Dave Compton '73 works as a personal trainer at Sun City Del Webb. Dave and his wife, Sue, moved to Arizona from Illinois in 2014.

Jack Madison '73 was part of the AHS Band under John Weitzel's direction. Jack encouraged both of his children to participate in their high school bands.

Jennifer Crist '73 was a band member all through high school. She remembers the AHS Band playing at a rally for President Nixon when he was campaigning in Garrettsville. The President shook the Band Director's hand Mr Weitzel was wearing gloves at that moment and said he would never wash those gloves again!

Nancy Lyberger '74 remembers making a cake for Mr. Weitzel's reunion with all those 'A's' and the Dixie Land band up front.

Linda Turner Ludwig '74 wishes she could "do it one more time." Linda writes that her best friends and happiest memories of high school happened because of band. She still has her autograph book from the pro games and her band scrapbook.

Deborah Castina Rhome '74 remembers the great times with the
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AHS Band, History, Tradition, Legacy

Eric Duro, AHS Band Director 1943 to 1960

Eric Duro was born in Bashford, Nottinghamshire, Great Britain, August 5, 1896 and married Florence Hannah Robinson in 1920. Their first two children (Norman and Haydn) were born in Ilkeston, Devonshire, England. The family immigrated to the United States aboard the ship, Mauritania, arriving in the U S on February 2, 1923. They settled in New Kensington, Pennsylvania, where Eric's brother, Joseph Edwin Duro, was already in residence. Eric stated his occupation as 'miner,' but this was likely a choice to facilitate his acceptance into the American workforce. His true talent as a musician and teacher remained hidden, temporarily.

Five additional children were born to the family in New Kensington, as Eric took a job as janitor at the local Salvation Army. While there, he organized and trained a military style band in his spare time. The band became

recognized for its musical talents and Eric drew the attention of local public organizations.

The family moved to Brackenridge in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, where Eric had been hired as Bandmaster for the local public schools. He taught there and at Tarentum, PA, until he was hired to direct the Alliance High School Band on August 7, 1943. His first public appearance with the band was October 1, 1943, at Hartshorn Stadium where the Aviators hosted the East Liverpool Potters. By this time, Mr. Duro had gained nationwide fame and recognition as a director, composer, arranger and Drill Master of the American Legion Drum Corps.

The Duro family spent the rest of their lives in the Alliance area. They lived on west Columbia Street where Mr. Duro tutored many music students to play a wide variety of instruments. Jim Lindsley '59 learned Clarinet, Saxophone and Bassoon there. Jim relates that it was there and in the classroom that Mr. Duro taught his



Eric Duro, AHS Band Director 1943-1960

students discipline and perseverance to achieve their goals. Jim says of Eric Duro, "he was not only my teacher, but also my mentor and friend."

It was under Mr. Duro's direction that the Alliance High School Marching Band became known as one of the best of its kind in the United States.

Some of the Band stories from the 'Duro era' follow: With the stadium lights extinguished, the band wore battery powered lights, at first on their hats and then on their uniforms, as part of the halftime shows to demonstrate their 'precision marching.'

Kirk Singer '57 remembers a half time show against Canton McKinley at Fawcett Stadium, where the 'Lost Trombone' (Kirk) made a wrong turn in one of the Band's presentations. The 'Lost Trombone' just wandered about the field, being spotlighted intermittently, while the band continued doing their intricate drill movements. Kirk remembers trombone lessons while at State Street, saying, "with Mr. Duro, you always knew where you stood!"

Terry Clarke '56 remembers band competitions on 'Tuesday nights at the Stark County Fair,' performing in hot, wool uniforms in all kinds of weather, the intricate spread movements that the band performed and Mr. Duro with his unique 'English accent,' always the disciplinarian. Mr. Duro resisted the 'Swing Band' sound and stayed true to the Military style at AHS. Terry was a snare drummer, and where other bands of the time had eight, or more drummers, Mr. Duro's bands usually held to two snares and the drummers were continually chided by their director to not fill the stadium with "that noise."

During World War II, the AHS band performed only at home games because of gasoline rationing. Jack Madison '46 remembered one game where the band just could not stay home. They went to Massillon in cars (car pooling) to perform at the game.

Jean Reisch '48 was a saxophone player in the band in the 1940's and in the 1950's she acted as advisor/director/choreographer for the majorettes.

Editor's note: Throughout this newsletter, Band members reminisce about their AHS band experiences from the 1960's and 1970's. Please share your stories for future newsletter publication. ✂

Recipients of AHS Foundation Scholarships and Scholarships Administered Through the AHS Foundation - Class of 2016

Scholarship	Amount	Recipients
AHS Foundation Top 10 %	\$ 3,200	16 recipients
AHS Foundation-Renewable	\$24,000	Bradley Dennis Kylie Glass Taylor Penird Allison Staggers
AHS Foundation-Non renewable	\$ 7,500	Cheyenne Byelene Leanne Novak Natasha Pugh Malcolm Sampson Jacob Vanderkar
John & Roene Klusch-Renewable	\$30,000	LeeAnna Brugh Bryce Hood Mikayla Millburn
Byron & Isabel Anderson Saffell-rnw	\$4,000	Shannon Dillon
R. G. Hamrick	\$ 1,500	Mikayla Millburn
Eugene L. Haidet	\$ 1,000	Lucas Heslep
David & Goldie Mainwaring	\$ 2,000	Bradley Dennis Malcolm Sampson
Francis & Esther Furcolow	\$ 1,000	Keith House
Mel Knowlton	\$ 4,000	Ande' Green Elijah Hill Bryce Hood Allie Kuntzman
Dorothea & Owen McCoy	\$ 500	Neil Rogers
Beverly Robertson Yeagley	\$ 1,000	Raven Hancock
F. Kermit & Helen Donaldson	\$ 800	Reilly Davidson
Joanna Pietrocola	\$ 1,000	Bradley Dennis Aja Hatton
Edwin & Ruth Gibson	\$ 1,000	Breann Lightner
Rockhill PTO	\$ 400	Clohe Roller
Brett Streza	\$ 1,100	Mikayla Millburn
Jim Lear	\$ 300	Elijah Hill
Margaret Dunn Peach	\$ 1,000	Keith Smith
Christopher Penny	\$ 1,000	LeeAnna Brugh
Carli-Cowan	\$ 700	Bryce Hood
William D. & Mary L. Baker	\$ 2,000	Celeste Caserta Ande' Green
Theresa Utterback-Renewable	\$ 4,000	Natasha Pugh
Vietnam Veterans	\$ 1,000	Tyler Marschinke
Class of 1963	\$ 1,000	Allison Boschini
Class of 1965	\$ 1,000	Natasha Pugh
Cliff Trainer	\$ 1,000	Aja Hatton Mohammad Shakhtra



Ande' Green & Celeste Caserta



Tyler Marschinke



Ed Gibson '60 and Breann Lightner



Cheyenne Byelene



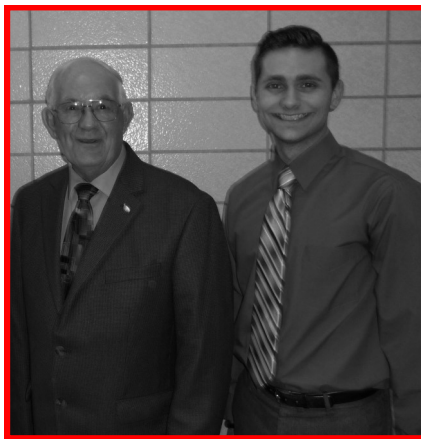
Lucas Heslep



Grandfather Dan Boschini '63, Allison Boschini and Father Dan Boschini '89



Malcolm Sampson, LeAnne Novak & Jacob VanDerkar



Nick Pietrocola '54 & Bradley Dennis



Sandy Good '58 & Keith Smith



Shannon Dillon & Joe Zelasko



Elijah Hill & Principal Shawn Jackson



Kylie Glass, Taylor Penird, & Allison Stagers



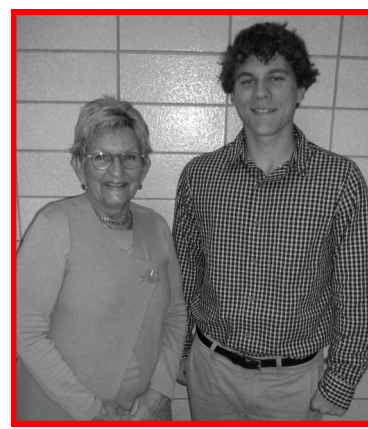
Reilly Davidson



Clohe Roller



Raven Hancock



Sarah Morris Brown '61 & Keith House



Natasha Pugh

Class of 1965 Awards first Scholarship

The Class of 1965 awarded its first scholarship in May to Natasha Pugh, Natasha, the daughter of Lisa Pugh '79 and granddaughter of Amanda Pugh, plans to attend Ohio State University as a Marketing major. While at AHS she was a four year member of the Tennis team, a member of Key Club for three years, a member of Student Senate and National Honor Society for two years and a member of the Teton Science Club for a year.

The Class of 1965 continues to encourage classmates and friends to support their scholarship with designated gifts through the AHS Foundation. The plan is to increase the amount of the scholarship as its earnings increase.

First Cliff Trainer Memorial Scholarships Presented

Aja' Hatton and Mohammad Shakhtra of the class of 2016 were each awarded the initial Cliff Trainer Memorial Scholarships in the amount of \$500.00.

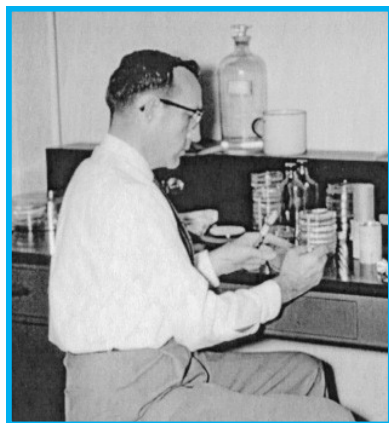
While at AHS, Aja' was a four year member of Student Senate, the Varsity Soccer team and an aid in the Attendance Office. She plans to attend Ohio University to major in Retail Merchandising and Fashion Design.

Mohammad will attend Mount Union, planning to major in Accounting. At AHS, he played Varsity Soccer and was a member of the Foreign Language Club for four years, as well as working a part-time job for two years,

The Class of 1982, which sponsors the Cliff Trainer Scholarship, continues to suggest contributions designated for this fund. Their hope is to increase the fund and establish it as an ongoing award for two AHS graduating student-athletes (one male and one female). ✈



Aja' Hatton & Mohammad Shakhtra



Dr. Chester R. Benjamin

Alliance High School Distinguished Alumni

Many AHS 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.

Dr. Chester Ray Benjamin, AHS '40, was selected as a Distinguished Alumnus for his nationally and internationally recognized work in the fields of science, biology and mycology. After serving four years in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he graduated from Mount Union College in 1948 and obtained his post graduate degrees from the University of Iowa. In 1947 he married the former Margaret Elliott Hart, AHS '42.

Dr. Benjamin worked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture from 1955 until his retirement in 1984. Early in his career he was involved with the growth and fermentation of the fungus genus *Penicillium*, a subject of his doctoral degree dissertation.

In 1967 he became the President of the Mycological Society of America, which led him to represent the State Department on many international committees. Also in 1967, the fungus genus *Benjaminia* was named in his honor.

From 1971 until his retirement he served as deputy director in the State Department's Bureau of International Organization Affairs, assistant international program staff chief in Agriculture's Science and Education Administration, and associate deputy administrator for international affairs in the USDA's Office of International Cooperation and Development.

Dr. Benjamin passed away in 2002 and Margaret passed away in 2014. They are survived by a daughter, grandson and great-grandson. ✈

Elvin J Wilson Duke University Scholarship earned

Neil Rogers is the twelfth AHS graduate to earn the Elvin J. Wilson Scholarship to Duke University. Neil, the son of Ron Rogers '89, plans to major in Spanish and Linguistics.

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.

Neil was selected Elk's Teen of the Year for 2016 and the King of the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration in 2015. While at AHS, he was a four year member of the Varsity Bowling Team and the Competition Show Choir, a two year member of the Academic Challenge Team, the Junior Scholars Program with the University of Mount Union and National Honor Society. Neil served as Student Representative to the Board of Education his senior year.

Neil has been at the Duke University campus in Durham, North Carolina, since the first part of August for freshman orientation and is participating in Duke's program for first generation college students. ✈




Sarah Morris Brown '61 and
Neil Rogers

“Days Of Glory” Scholarship Fund Is Growing

Efforts of the “Days of Glory” Scholarship Fund Committee are continuing as they work to make this new scholarship a reality. The Committee encourages your support to benefit current Alliance High School graduates who have demonstrated the teamwork, leadership, organization and dedication that John Weitzel taught in addition to musicianship.

Use the enclosed remittance envelope and mark it “Days of Glory” Scholarship to designate your donation to this fund.

Listed below are the 2016 contributors to the Scholarship Fund:

Mary Hampu Nutial 46-Ja	Tom & Barbara Hanks	Kenneth Ray Welch 69	Richard Baylor 73
Linda Smoke Green 62	Richmond 64/66	Michael Kendall Williams 69	Jennifer Crist 73
Martha & Wiley Reed 62/62	Ron Weaver 65	John & Carol Lyberger Hampu 69/72	Janet Gansel Hippley 73
Terry J Hanna 63	Robert & Debra Tate		Cindy Rudolph Knepp 74
Diane Warren Touschner 63	Graham 65/69	Karin Malycke Dridge 70	Linda Turner Ludwig 74
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band and her parents Gene & Peggy Williams '51 Castina working on the 'Uniform Committee' for nine years while she, her brother Ron '71 and her sister Susie '77 were in the Band.

Christy Lynn Fisher Beichler '74 is a Registered Nurse working at Wooster Community Hospital. She has five children and two grandchildren. Christy traveled to South Africa in 2015 and to Israel in 2016.


Susan Shuster Ochs '74 says there are too many Band memories to list: Opening Foxboro Stadium; Washington D C; Kansas City... “God Bless John Weitzel”.

Alan Aldinger '77 is Vice-President, Media Relations, PNC Bank, Pittsburgh.


Debbie Detchon Robertson '78 retired from the College of Charleston in February after nearly twenty five years of service. Her multiple sclerosis has progressed to the point that retirement was necessary. Debbie thoroughly enjoys getting the newsletter and sends her thanks for publishing news about AHS and alumni.

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Kevin Lorden '82 has worked for Thyssen Krupp Elevator as an elevator adjuster in Florida for twenty five years. Kevin is still “wearing out motorcycles.”

Taylor Penird '16 was named 2016 Greater Alliance Carnation Festival Queen at this year's Pageant. **Reilly Davidson '16** was named first attendant. 


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