



AHS FOUNDATION KLUSCH SCHOLARSHIPS INCREASED

For 2026, the AHS Foundation Klusch Scholarship Awards will be increased to \$8,000.00 (\$2,000.00 renewable over four years) to be awarded to five graduating seniors at Alliance High School. This increase was approved by the AHS Foundation board members at their February 10, 2026, meeting.

The John & Roene Klusch Scholarship Fund was established by the AHS Foundation board in 2001 when the Klusch estate bequest was received. These scholarships have been awarded each year since 2001. The total amount awarded from 2001 through 2025 was \$610,000.00 to 85 Alliance High School graduates who were continuing their education beyond high school. These scholarships have been \$6,000.00 (\$1,500.00 renewable over four years) since 2016.

Each year the recipients are chosen by the AHS Foundation Scholarship Committee based on Scholarship Applications prepared and submitted by AHS graduating seniors. Selections are made based on the applications which highlight the student's academic achievements, financial need, teacher evaluations, community service, school extracurricular activities, and the student's essay about his or her plans for college and career.

The first installment of these scholarships will be presented at the AHS Senior Awards night on Monday, May 4, 2026. The first year awards from the Patricia King Taschwer Scholarship and the Art & Cindy Garnes Scholarship will be presented at this event.



John and Roene Klusch

(Editor's note: You may read more about the John & Roene Klusch Scholarship on our Website (www.ahsalumnifoundation.org) click on the 'Scholarship tab,' then click on any of the 46 'Named Scholarships' listed to see a history of each scholarship, including the recipients and amounts.) ✈

Dues and General Contributions



Dues

These QR Codes provide the opportunity to scan and pay dues or contribute to the AHS Foundation Scholarship Fund in a safe and easy process. Your gifts will be used to provide Scholarships to Alliance High School graduates who will be furthering their education beyond high school in either two or four-year course studies. ✈



General Contributions

AHS Class Reunion plans for 2026

Class	Date	Place	Contact Information
1951	Pending 2026	Planning stages - Call for info and to get involved.	Laura Kirksey Coleman 330-938-9008 or Ree Ann Brittain Whitacre 330-323-3344 or Carole Stewart Mathey 330-680-4274
1956	2026 - No Reunion	Monthly Breakfast will continue on the 3rd Tuesday 9:00 am at Don Panchos.	Joan Cracknell Trautman jat1038@neo.rr.com 330-325-9396
1961	2026	No plans for a reunion in 2026	Don Israel or Rick Bourne
1966	7-18-2026	60th Reunion - "very casual" Elks Pavilion 6:00 pm	Leigh Mainwaring mainleigh@gmail.com
1967	June 6, 2026	Class get together at Chives 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Order from the Chives menu. Part of our plan to meet more frequently than "every" five years!	Jan Winn Fasone 330-823-8604 (Please call to confirm your plan to attend before May 13. This will help Chives to be prepared!)
1969	Aug 7, 2026 Friday (5:00 - ?)	75th Birthday Party is in the planning stages (get involved)	Call Jon Karns, Bob Lavery or Sue Grove 330-936-5964
1971	Aug 8, 2026 Saturday	55th Class Reunion - Alliance Elks 6:00 - 10:00 pm. (Please Provide your contact info.)	Carey Toalston careytoalston@gmail.com or 330-232-0856
1976	July 31, 2026 Friday Aug 1, 2026	Mixer (planning stages) & AHS building tour (6:00 pm) 50th Reunion - Elks ballroom, buffet w/ cash bar. (6:00 pm)	Facebook: Alliance High School Class of 1976. Check for reunion updates.
1996	2026	(A committee is in the Planning stages)	Phillip Fultz pfultz@gmail.com
2001		(No reunion plans at this time)	Jessica Rhome Bauman
2022	??-2027	Please share your interest for a 2027 'Five Year Reunion'	Patrick Burse pjburse1018@gmail.com

For updated information about reunion plans, birthday parties or Class luncheons, go to the AHS Foundation website at www.ahsalumnifoundation.org

GARNES SCHOLARSHIP ADDED TO THE AHS FOUNDATION FAMILY

The Art and Cindy Garnes Scholarship, thanks to a generous gift by their daughter, Rachel Garnes Baker ('96), will be awarded annually, beginning in 2026, to a student who plans to study education or healthcare after high school. The student must graduate from AHS with a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

Cindy graduated from Beverly High School in Beverly, Massachusetts in 1967 and from Mount Union College in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in medical technology. While attending Mount Union, she did an internship at Saint Thomas Hospital in Akron, and then upon graduation, passed her Registry for Medical Technology and was hired by Alliance Community Hospital to work in the Lab, where she worked for over 45 years. In her spare time, she volunteered as a Girl Scout Leader and taught Sunday School at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Alliance. She is also a member of the Alliance Women's Club, Flower Garden Club, and President of the Canton Spinners and Weavers Guild and of the Hall of Fame Beader's Guild.

Art graduated from Alliance High School in 1965, Mount Union College in 1969, and earned his master's in education and his superintendent's licensure at Kent State University. He also did post-graduate studies at Youngstown State University and Ashland University. He began his career in 1969 at Carrollton High School, teaching Special Education in grades 9-12. He then moved to State Street Middle School to teach Special Education from 1970-74, became Supervisor of Special Education at the North Canton, Louisville, Massillon and Alliance City Schools from 1974-78, was Director of Pupil Personnel Services for Alliance from 1979-92, was named Assistant Superintendent of Alliance City Schools from 1992-97, and served as Superintendent of Alliance City Schools until 2004. He served in many local leadership roles, including as Lay reader, Sunday School Teacher, Chair of Finance and Property, and as a member of Church Council at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Alliance. He has been a member of the Alliance Rotary Club for over 40 years, served on the Distinguished AHS Alumni Committee, and has served on a number of non-profit boards in the Alliance Community. He was elected in 2016 as President of Alliance City Council, a post he holds today.

Art and Cindy truly are committed to lifelong learning and have two daughters, Sara ('93) and Rachel, as well as 5 grandchildren. They love to travel where Art can fish, one of his loves, as well as visiting U.S. National Parks hiking, and kayaking. 🚣



Art and Cindy Garnes

KURT UTTERBACK SHARES HIS STORY

Fellow Aviator Alumni –

We were “Northenders” - not an official title, but the term my friends and I still use to describe our experiences. Rewind with me to the 1960s: an older AHS on the property across from Rodman Library, no modern technology, and a different way of participating in community.

It’s true that we who grew up on the north side of Main Street did view ourselves as underdogs - as kids might do, to create their motivations and start shaping their hopes and dreams. But that can be a fine line. Under the wrong circumstance, and without the proper guidance and support – that “underdog” identity can turn into loss of hope, of being overwhelmed, or giving oneself permission to rationalize choices that end as negative outcomes or lost direction.

On April 16, 1959, when I was 8, a tragedy struck our family - a family including 5 minor children was now with a single mother. But we were lucky.

The Theresa Utterback Family Scholarship supports students from single-parent households because those families face unique and significant challenges. Whether caused by a single event or the daily weight of responsibilities, the sacrifices required shape the character and determination of the young people growing up in those homes.

Our Mom, Theresa Utterback, was our inspiration and guidepost. It’s difficult to predict the outcomes for our family without her - but it’s easy to know what she DID provide, and that love and toughness and guidance was foundational to myself and my siblings, and we are joined forever in that understanding.

The Alliance High School Foundation is a tapestry of similar tributes to inspirational figures to the school, to the community, or within families - as we have dedicated.

But there were many others that helped to solidify and redirect my journey as I grew, and it was in the Alliance City Schools where much of my positive guidance would reside.

Mrs. Martha McNichol, my fourth-grade teacher who, like many, was aware of our family’s situation, showed me kindness and patience that I remember fondly 65 years later. Mel Knowlton and Julius Tonges are often referenced by alumni of that period for the positions they held in the school, and for their consistency and breadth of impact. Mr. Knowlton, “Mel”, with his attention to detail, organization and calm certainty. Mr. Tonges, who later hired me as a teacher and coach, who I would eventually be able to call “Juice” - represented a toughness and clarity of confidence that he brought to his players and later, to the City of Alliance as Mayor.

In the conversations I have with high school students today - the lessons of these gentlemen always pour through: That there
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Kurt Utterback

AHS 2026 PATHFINDER ASSEMBLY

The 99th Squadron at Alliance High School is a student success, character, leadership and life skills development program aimed at improving African-American students’ academic and social achievement. The 99th Squadron places a particular focus on college and career readiness.

Members of the 99th Squadron hosted the 2026 Pathfinder Assembly in the Alliance High School Auditorium on Friday morning February 27th acting as emcees and moderators for the event. The assembly included the current AHS students and was open to the public.

The AHS Combined Choirs opened the program performing “Apple Tree”- Arr. Katrina Gimon. Pathfinder Essay Award Winner, AHS Senior Audrey Howell, presented her essay “The Window.”

The Alliance City Schools Pathfinder Award recognizes individuals in the Alliance community who have been ‘trailblazers to success’ in five key areas: education, citizenship/government, arts & science, humanitarianism or business. All recipients of the Pathfinder Award are either AHS alumni who have been an inspiration to minorities, either locally or out of the area, or community members who have been an inspiration at the local level.

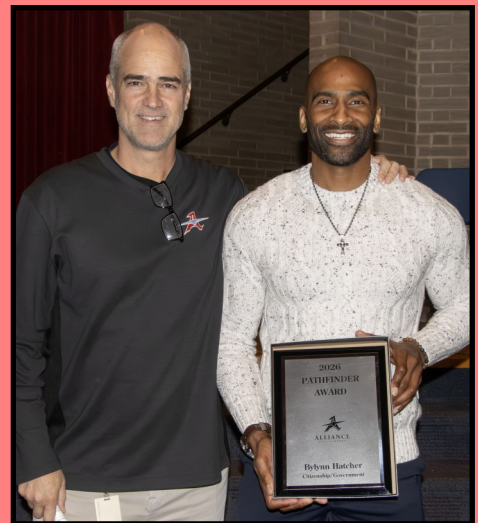
The AHS Pathfinder Award recipient for 2026 is Bylynn Hatcher (AHS Class of 2005). He is a ten year Law Enforcement Professional living in Palm Harbor, Florida. In his remarks, Bylynn shared that it was “good to be back from Florida, despite the current local frozen tundra of the north.” Bylynn encouraged the students to “not be overwhelmed or disheartened by mistakes or failures. To remember each of us is made up of the sum of our successes and failures. They should develop their work ethic, be accountable to themselves and others and be dedicated to the tasks at hand.”

Many members of the 99th Squadron sat, facing the assembly, on the stage with Bylynn at center stage while the students asked and he responded to their questions. This process brought on an informative dialogue with Bylynn sharing some of his personal experiences ‘from high school days,’ ‘college life’ and ‘job challenges.’

Examples of his responses were: “Athletics and coaches require you to ‘prove yourself’. It develops your competitive spirit, life is like that! With Coach Shawn Jackson’s help he enrolled at Grand Rapids Community College, admitting that he was not the ‘greatest student’ and he followed up to graduate at Ashland University. The competitions, in athletics, the classroom and on the job taught him how to keep his composure in potentially dangerous or emotional or racist situations! He chose Law enforcement because it can be part of solving problems! On the job and in life, try to do the right thing!”

This program was a good experience for all of us!

Thanks for sharing and congratulations to Bylynn Hatcher’05 🚀



Shawn Jackson and Bylynn Hatcher '05

2026 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees



Gavin Bruni '21

Gavin Bruni is one of the most decorated baseball players in Alliance High School history. An All-American and All-Ohio selection, Gavin established himself as an elite talent on the mound throughout his high school career. He was named the 2021 PBR Ohio Pitcher of the Year and earned EBC

Player of the Year honors twice, highlighting his dominance within the league.

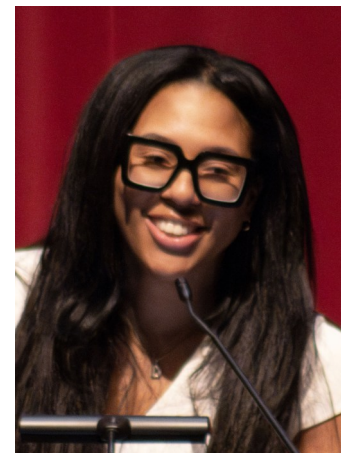
Gavin continued his baseball career at the collegiate level at The Ohio State University, where he was a three-year letter winner and a key contributor for the Buckeyes. His success ultimately led to the next level, as he was selected in the Major League Baseball Draft by the Washington Nationals.

Daijaina Johnson '16

Daijaina Johnson was a dynamic and accomplished multi-sport athlete during her Alliance High School career. On the track, she established herself as one of the fastest athletes to ever wear an Aviator uniform. She is the AHS record holder in the 100 meters and a three-time Regional Finalist in the event. Daijaina was a two-time District Champion and two-time Stark County Champion in the 100m, consistently competing among the best in the region.

Her impact extended to the relay events as well. She was a key member of the 4x1 relay team that earned Stark County, District, and NBC championships, and she holds the AHS school record in the 4x1 relay.

Daijaina's athletic excellence was not limited to the track. In basketball, she earned All Stark County, All District, and All Conference honors, showcasing her versatility and competitiveness. On the soccer field, she was recognized as All Stark County and All District. Daijaina was also a member of the cheerleading team, further demonstrating her ability to excel across multiple sports.



KURT UTTERBACK (continued)

are many paths to success. That following your interests is a start. That passion for the habits of work is essential.

But perhaps Mr. Bob Dowling, my 8th Grade American History teacher, made the greatest and most surprising impact of all. Mr. Dowling treated students as if they were already the mature person that they could become. It was uncanny how he simply and calmly modeled for each student – an expectation that they would rise to meet. In my teenage world, often saturated by athletics and competition -he was a different definition of a man that I could admire and emulate. During my senior year, I received a card of congratulations from Mr. Dowling for some athletic achievement. Inside, it noted: "Well Done, Kurt. Have you read a book lately?" Message received.

All of these school professionals emphasized the importance of character, of building positive relationships, and avoidance of people and environments that can gratify a temporary weakness but may undo much of what you achieve.

We all have our own story. Yours may look different from mine. But if you take a moment to reflect on what those years meant to you, I hope you'll consider honoring that impact.

Among my personal attributes... is a sometimes-overactive sense of financial skepticism. In short - I want to see great efficiency in causes I support and the highest level of dedication of stewards over the assets to which I contribute.

I could not be more confident and more proud of the mission of the Alliance High School Foundation and its Trustees.

The AHS Foundation supports students through scholarships that are completely separate from school operating funds. Every dollar goes directly to students, helping them overcome real barriers on their path to higher education.

For many years, universities have convinced society that the legacy of individual success and recognition should live on their campuses. I'd challenge that thinking.

Please look to your K-12 foundation like the AHS Foundation – either as a beneficiary today or in your estate. K-12 schools may not have buildings to name or programs to title, but when you really think about it, the most important lessons that shaped us came from where we grew up. No contribution is too small.

I'm 75 now. It so happens that those I spend the most time with – are "Northenders." If I name one of them, I am not sure where I would stop - but our relationships consistently remind me of where I am from, how I was supported, and what I learned, and the spirits of those who were significant to my life.

I invite you to support the AHS Foundation Scholarship Program.

Thank you for listening.

Kurt Utterback
AHS Class of 1968 ✈

2026 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees

Larry Kinnard, Jr. '00

Larry Kinnard was an extremely decorated multi-sport athlete to represent Alliance High School. A standout in football, Larry earned Honorable Mention All-Ohio honors, was a two-time All-District selection, and a three-time All-Federal League performer. His athletic excellence extended to track and field, where he was also a three-time All-Federal League honoree. Larry was also a member of the boys basketball team for the Aviators.

After graduation, Larry continued his football career at the University of Mount Union, where he became a four-year letter winner and a key contributor to one of the nation's premier Division III programs. During his collegiate career, he helped lead the Purple Raiders to three National Championships. Individually, he earned All-American honors twice, was a three-time All-OAC selection, and received the prestigious OAC Mike Gregory Award. He is also a proud member of the Mount Union M-Club.

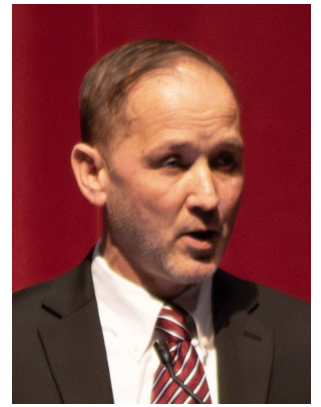


Mike Murray '92

Michael Murray had an illustrious career for the Aviators basketball program. During his standout career at AHS, he earned 1st Team All Stark County, 1st Team District 4, and 1st Team All Federal League honors. He remains the Alliance all-time career leader in free throws made and ranks second for most three-pointers in a single season, cementing his place among the program's greats.

Michael continued his basketball journey at the University of Mount Union, where he was a four-year letter winner and became the school's career assists leader.

Following his playing career, Michael transitioned into coaching and has built an exceptional legacy as the head basketball coach at Rocky River High School. With more than 350 varsity wins, he has been recognized as GCBCA Coach of the Year twice and earned Conference Coach of the Year honors seven times.



Will Rose '20

Will Rose is one of the most accomplished swimmers in Alliance High School history. An 8-time All-American and 4-time State Champion, Will dominated at every level of competition throughout his career. He earned 8 District titles and was named Stark County Swimmer of the Year four times, solidifying his place among the area's all-time greats. Will holds the Alliance High School record in every individual swimming event as well as in multiple relays. He continued his swimming career at the collegiate level at Arizona State University, competing at one of the nation's premier programs.



Dick Murray Coach/ A D/Principal

Richard Murray has made a lasting impact on Alliance athletics through his leadership, dedication, and commitment to student-athlete success. In 1992, he was named Stark County Girls Track Coach of the Year, highlighting his excellence and influence within the program. During his coaching career, he guided teams to two District Championships and coached a two-time Girls High Jump State Champion, demonstrating his ability to develop elite-level talent. In addition to his success in track and field, Richard also coached a Boys Golf State Qualifier, further showcasing his versatility and broad impact across multiple sports.



As Athletic Director, Richard played a key role in enhancing the district's athletics, most notably assisting in the creation of the prestigious Top Gun Wrestling Tournament, which has become a respected and one of the top competitive events.

Charlie Winner '74

Charlie Winner has been an invaluable figure in Alliance athletics through decades of dedicated service and volunteer leadership. Charlie served as Membership Chairman for the Aviator Sports Boosters, playing a major role in strengthening community support for Alliance student-athletes. He was also a vital contributor to the Bean Gansel Scholarship, helping provide meaningful opportunities for graduating Aviators.

Beyond his leadership, Charlie's hands-on commitment can be seen throughout Alliance High School athletic facilities. He installed and maintained essential systems across multiple venues and was instrumental in the creation of the AHS Wrestling Room, leaving a lasting physical impact on the program.

In recognition of his countless hours of volunteer work and unwavering support of Aviator Athletics, Charlie was honored with the prestigious OHSAA State Award. His legacy is defined by service, generosity, and an extraordinary dedication to the Alliance community. ✈



JR Jackson Caps Historic Year with Record-Breaking Performances and Major Honors

Alliance High School senior JR Jackson has delivered one of the most remarkable athletic years in Aviator history, cementing his legacy among the greatest to ever wear Red and Blue.

A Historic Football Season

Jackson's 2025 football campaign was nothing short of extraordinary. He was named the WHBC Stark County Player of the Year, becoming just the sixth player in Alliance High School history to earn the prestigious honor. He now joins an elite group that includes Duce Johnson 2018, Charles Babb 2007, Walter Zingg 1959, Len Dawson 1953, and John Borton 1951.

His dominance extended far beyond Stark County recognition. Jackson was also awarded: First Team All-Ohio, Northeast Ohio Inland District



Offensive Player of the Year, 1st Team All-Northeast Ohio Inland District, WHBC All Stark County, Canton Repository All Stark County and 1st Team All Eastern Buckeye Conference (EBC)

Statistically, Jackson rewrote the Alliance High School record books. He threw for 2,553 yards on 186 completions, both single-season school records, and tossed 24 touchdown passes. His impact wasn't limited to the air; he added 716 rushing yards and 11 rushing touchdowns. In total, Jackson accounted for an incredible 3,269 yards of offense and 35 total touchdowns.

Defensively, he made his presence known as well. Jackson recorded 15 tackles and six interceptions, tying his own school record for most interceptions in a season. On special teams, he averaged an impressive 39.3 yards per punt, showcasing his versatility and complete command of the game.

Simply put, it was one of the finest all-around seasons in Alliance football history.

Carrying the Momentum to the Court

As remarkable as his football season was, Jackson has seamlessly transitioned that success onto the basketball court.

JR is the leader of an Alliance basketball team that just captured an outright Eastern Buckeye Conference (EBC) title and the Division III Northeast Ohio Tournament District 4 Championship. The team finished the 2025-2026 season with 23 wins and only 3 defeats.

Individually, he continues to stack accolades: 1st Team All-EBC, EBC Player of the Year, 1st Team All-Northeast Ohio Inland District, 1st Team All-District 4 and District 4 Player of the Year.

JR Jackson completes his AHS basketball career (2023 to 2026) with 1,651 points. In AHS basketball history JR stands behind only JJ Kukura's (2011 to 2014) 1,681 points.

An All-Time Aviator

From rewriting record books on Friday nights to leading championship runs on the hardwood, JR Jackson has defined excellence at Alliance High School. His name now stands alongside legends of the past — and his impact on the present will be remembered for years to come.

Alliance fans have been witnessing history. ✈️



Graduates Revisited

1950-1959

Saundra Knight Conrad '56 retired at age 80 as a Real Estate Broker. Saundra has five children, twelve grandchildren, twenty-seven great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Neva Wyrick Winter '56 was a teacher in New York for thirty plus years. She has retired and moved to North Carolina..

Sandra Albrich Archer '59 lives in South Carolina. Sandy enjoys gardening, raising a grandchild and caring for a handicapped son. She spends time with over seventeen offspring, is a part-time teacher and part of her church choir.

1960-1969

Mary Phillips Arnett '60 married a good friend from Bethany Village Retirement Community near Dayton. In October last year they had just returned from a three week trip to Florida and Costa Rica. "Best Wishes" Mary!

Bonnie Bernhardt '60 has moved to Calligraphy Senior Living in Napa, California. Bonnie retired in 2002 after twenty five years as a high school administrator in Vallejo, California.

1970-1979

Greg & Cindy Specht Goris '66/'72 live in Empire, Michigan Cindy writes of Rose Major who taught at Riverside Elementary in the 1960's. Ms. Major also taught adults using the Frank Laubach Method.

Rick Baylor '73 sends "Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas" to all AHS graduates. "Have a safe and prosperous New Year."

Susan Shuster Ochs '74 retired at the start of 2023. She and husband of nineteen years, Edward, siblings Luann, Cindy, Doug and their spouses get together monthly in Columbus. They also vacation together every year (2025 was in Italy)

1980-2025

Rebecca Blaser Grinch '98 is married to Alex Grinch. They met at the University of Mount Union, she a soccer star for Mount and he on the football team. Becky does not consider herself a 'football vagabond' but with Alex's job (he is currently defensive coordinator at the University of Central Florida near Orlando and the Kennedy Space Center) she has lived in Wyoming, Missouri, California, Wisconsin and now Florida (possibly a few other places I am missing). ✈

AHS Senior Scholarship Night

Scholarships will be awarded to Alliance High School 2026 graduates on Monday evening May 4, 2026. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 pm in the AHS Auditorium. This event will be open to the public.

Last year \$1.9 million in local scholarship money was announced on Scholarship Night. It is estimated that the class of 2026 graduates will receive a similar amount from local donors this year. ✈



Balance for Funds Administered by the AHS Foundation

	12-31-25	12-31-24	12-31-23
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AHS Foundation General Scholarship Fund	\$1,762,095	\$1,506,317	\$1,174,569
Megan Adelman Scholarship	19,799	18,379	16,989
Sally Ailes Scholarship	31,612	30,373	27,569
Gary L. Andreani Scholarship	32,570	31,165	29,692
William & Mary Lou Baker Scholarship	89,428	84,725	80,166
Benjamin Family Scholarship	27,805	26,532	25,000
Carli/Cowan Scholarship	29,415	27,777	26,246
Class of 1963 Scholarship	39,854	36,452	33,596
Class of 1965 Scholarship	58,921	50,930	43,652
Coastal Pet/Stout Family Scholarship	135,713	119,913	106,776
Days of Glory Scholarship	45,989	43,232	34,269
F. Kermit Donaldson Scholarship	31,958	30,687	29,347
Donna Clayton Floyd Scholarship	86,890	82,564	78,104
Furcolow Football Scholarship	54,933	45,846	43,256
Art & Cindy Garnes Scholarship	26,000	-0-	-0-
Edwin & Ruth Gibson Scholarship	31,029	30,848	32,208
Eugene L. Haidet Scholarship	29,274	28,147	26,854
John & Roene Klusch Scholarship	1,253,220	1,191,201	1,129,757
Mel Knowlton Scholarship	188,959	179,519	169,813
Jim Lear Scholarship	35,216	32,708	30,011
Muriel Lloyd Phillips Scholarship	58,631	56,678	54,468
Dave & Goldie Mainwaring Scholarship	89,500	84,183	78,858
Dorothea & Owen McCoy Scholarship	14,762	14,156	13,419
Madeline Montavon Wright Scholarship	25,978	24,316	22,117
Norman 'Mac' McLeod Scholarship	27,651	26,445	23,685
Elayne Dunlap Pathfinder Scholarship	31,641	29,509	28,030
Teresa Pandin Skellett Scholarship	109,477	104,107	98,606
Margaret Peach Scholarship	46,298	44,051	41,738
Christopher Penny Scholarship	31,367	29,233	27,091
Pietrocola Family Scholarship	41,851	39,867	38,802
Ray & Eva Mae Peters Reighart Scholarship	121,919	115,670	110,213
Byron & Isabel Saffell Scholarship	230,601	217,113	194,607
Brett Streza Scholarship	167,640	146,702	125,802
Patricia King Taschwer Scholarship	73,502	33,500	-0-
Teeters-Tierney Scholarship	37,982	36,429	35,000
Theresa Utterback Family Scholarship	102,491	97,275	91,906
Thomas A Mangino Chapter-Vietnam Veterans	42,381	37,400	34,471
Duane & Anita Wamsley Scholarship	34,402	30,102	28,337
Beverly Robertson Yeagley Scholarship	37,927	36,230	34,466
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TOTAL	5,336,680	\$4,800,281	\$4,219,490 ✈
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Nominations sought for AHS Distinguished Alumni Award

If you know of an AHS alum who has led a very accomplished life since graduation, please consider nominating him/her for 2027 Distinguished Alumni selection. The selection committee looks for those who have gone above and beyond in their professional careers, philanthropies, or making a difference in the lives of others.

The nomination form can be found on the AHS Foundation website (www.ahsalumnifoundation.org). There is space on the nomination form for you to fill in accomplishments, honors, biographical information, etc of your nominee.

The committee will accept nominations for either living or deceased AHS graduates. ✈

Donations of \$25 or more (through March 10, 2026)

**Squadron Commander
(\$2,500 or Greater)**

Jim & Kathy Stout
James Furcolow 61
Carl Moser 69

**Top Gun
(\$1,000 to \$2,499)**

Larry & Connie Grate Pyers 57/58
Larry Shutler 59
Diane Twark Valentine 61
Daniel & Sandra Ballantyne Davia
61/62
Sarah Morris Brown 61
James & Daniele Hagan Caserta
89/89

**Pilot
(\$500 to \$999)**

James Thomas 55
Carole Smith Baierl 57

**Aviator
(\$250 to \$499)**

Joanne Swanson Granquist 47
Judy King Douglass 51
James Flood 56
Stanley Stewart 62
William Slusser 66
Leigh Mainwaring 66
Leslie Stone Swift 68
Jack Madison 73
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Randy Biery 74
Dana Alexander 74
Ronald House 76
Bruce & Susan Hunt Bowman
78/81
Mike Holland 81
Heather Martin 89
Duncan Brown 93
Rebecca Blaser Grinch 98

**Navigator
(\$100 to \$249)**

Viola Conrad Blanchard 46
Linda Webb Kandel 54
Martha Olds Adams 54

Harold Mains 55
Nancy Green Parsley 56
Gail Fatzinger Kelly 58
Bonnie Bernhardt 60
Gary Gansel 60
Michael Czap 61
Doris Harrington Walton 61
Kurt Hiner 61
Donald & Marsha Steen Shoffstall
61/61
Brian Ashbaugh 62
T Glenn Hill 62
Mary Ann Evans-Justin 63
Carol Snyder Ott 63
Karen Goins 64
Carol Fox Thorne 64
Donna Trombetta 64
Mary Beth Hunter 64
David Baldwin 64
Charlene Neyer Griffin 64
Peter Deshler 65
Linda Neel Berg 65
Peter Deshler 65
Howard Gerber 67
Mark & Connie Howell
Antonosanti 67/67
Allen Fox 67
William Koch 67
Patricia Huffman Johnson 67
Janice Jacobs Brown 67
Thomas Ickes 68
Robert Lavery 69
Dan Dwyer 71
James Kelly 72
Jeffery Jae 72
Randy & Martha Hunt Kuceyeski
72/69
Judy Schneider Sacco 72
Richard & Susan Messenheimer
Schuller 73/74
Roy & Lynn Clunk 74
John Blebea 74
Gary Ahlstrom 76
Kevin Zumbar 79
Darius Offill 82
Lori Knowles Lane 84
Mitch & Lisa Tanner Trummer
90/87
Heather Tatsch Lowers 96
Rudy & Priscilla Roggenkamp
Mike & Libby Patterson
Stephen Jones 03

**Airman
(\$25 to \$99)**

James Walker 43
Joe & Carol Speidel Zelasko 51/53
Robert & Shirley Turk Kline 52/52
Faye Barker Hollaway 53
Terry & Barbara Melaney
Cracknell 54/55
Carol Bales 54
Barbara Moore Leister 54
Judy Myers Michaud 56
Kay Josh Brown 56
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Meghan Frazier '21

Meghan Frazier ('21) graduated from Wittenberg University in 2025 as one of the most decorated track athletes in school history. A sprinter, Meghan was a two-time indoor track All-American in the 400 meters and graduated as a Wittenberg record-holder in multiple events, including the outdoor 100-meters, 200-meters, and 400-meters, as well as the indoor 400-meters, and as a member of the outdoor 4x100 meter relay and the indoor 4x200 meter relay. She earned numerous accolades as a Tigers' track and field athlete, including All-District, NCAC All-Decade Team for Indoor Track, USTFCCCA All-Great Lakes Region, NCAC Sprinter/Hurdler of the Year, and All-NCAC Conference in both Indoor and Outdoor Track. Amazingly, Meghan won conference titles in each of her four years at Wittenberg and was named the University's Female Athlete of the Year for all sports in both 2024 and 2025.

During her time in college, Meghan was a model student-athlete, with success in the classroom as well as on the track. She was awarded a degree in biology with a minor in business and plans to continue her academic pursuits in optometry school in 2026. Her success in the classroom also earned her being named a five-time NCAC Athlete of the Week, Academic All-NCAC and USTFCCCA All-Academic. She was named the school's women's sports North Coast Athletic Conference Scholar-Athlete Award honoree for the 2023-24 school year, recognized

for students with outstanding academic and athletic achievements,

At AHS, Meghan was an exemplary student-athlete, graduating in the top five of her class. She received multiple AHS Foundation scholarships and starred in volleyball and track as an Aviator, and participated in student senate, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and National Honor Society, as well as serving as a tutor and a class officer. She is very proud of her time at AHS and recognizes Coach Gary King and Coach Michael Irwin as influential coaches for her, and two teachers, Ms. Holub and Mr. Winner, who helped develop her passion for science.

Meghan is from a family of athletes, including her parents, John and Kim, both college athletes, and brothers Howard ('19) and Kevin ('24), who were multiple-sport athletes at AHS. 🏹



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