



# Aurora Alumni News

## Winter 2022



Alumni Friends,

I am so pleased to share our first newsletter for our alumni in a few years. It is almost a book but hopefully we will produce some more frequently. It is the newest gift we can give our alumni. We have been working very hard over the past 9 years – trying to make you proud. I am also extremely proud of our Board of Directors – a true team – working hard for you.

In this newsletter, you can read how active your alumni association has been. Please share this with others.

We are pleased to work for you.

As always,

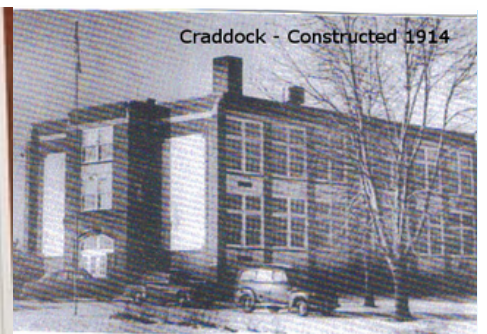
Go Greenmen!

Matt Shanholtzer '90  
President



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# Scholarships

Last year, we provided over \$10,000 in scholarships. Our Alumni Scholarship Awards were presented in 2022 to Antoinette Walter, Emilee Siebenthal, Nikole Newkirk, Ava Ryncarz, Sam Sutter and Matthew Hauptner. These honored graduates joined a growing number of Alumni legacy recipients that have received these awards since 1994. Your gracious donations or by joining as an Annual and Lifetime membership support these scholarship awards.



ANTOINETTE WALTER



SAM SUTTER



EMILEE SIEBENTHAL



Louise Beckstrom '15 with mom, Mary Jurkiewicz Beckstrom '83

Gavin '18, Erin (O'Shea) '89, Riley '19, Donny '89 and Parker '16

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# Class of 1975 & Trade Scholarship

IN 2015 THE AURORA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '75 HAD THEIR 40TH CLASS REUNION. AT THAT TIME THE CLASS ESTABLISHED THE "AURORA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '75 SCHOLARSHIP".

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS DONATED TO FUND THE SCHOLARSHIP FOR A TEN-YEAR PERIOD WITH \$1,000 GOING TO A SENIOR EACH YEAR. THE SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO AN AURORA GRADUATING SENIOR WHO PLANS TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION AT A COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR A TECHNICAL/TRADE SCHOOL.

EVERYONE AT THE REUNION ALSO HAD A FANTASTIC TIME AND IT WAS VERY SPECIAL TO SEE OUR CLASSMATES FROM JUST A FEW YEARS AGO!



DIANA BREHM LEITCH (LEFT) AND DEB CONE HALSEY (RIGHT) PICTURED WITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER, OLIVIA WAMSER '22



## TRADE SCHOLARSHIP

PICTURED FAR LEFT - RUTH TUTTLE '65 PRESENTING TO WINNER - CLASS OF 2022 GIOVANNI STAGNARO

# Trade Scholarships Info

## Our TRADE Scholarship Program

Did you know that the Aurora Alumni Association has created a new scholarship program for kids going into a TRADE!

In 2019, a new scholarship was created to offer scholarships to graduating seniors going into a Trade or Vocation. Ruth Griffin Tuttle, AHS '65 created this program after attending many "awards ceremonies" for the Aurora Alumni Association, The Aurora Schools Foundation, and for her 6 grandchildren that attend the Aurora City Schools. Realizing that scholarships were being awarded only to college bound students, Mrs. Tuttle created this program. She is a practicing Interior Designer who valued her relationships with carpenters, plumbers, electricians, stone masons...THE TRADES!

In 2017, Jean Doubrava Harris, AHS '66, was inducted into The Aurora High School Hall of Fame. Mrs. Tuttle discussed the idea of a Trade program with Mrs. Harris at the ceremony. Mrs. Harris reached in her purse and wrote a check for \$1,000...this created the program and the first scholarship!

Between Mrs. Tuttle and Mrs. Harris, they have raised \$75,000 for this program! Sadly, Chuck Harris, AHS '65, passed away this past summer. His memorial wish was to donate to the AAA Trade Scholarship Program. Many memorial contributions were received in his memory.

Our MISSION is to raise at least \$150,000 to create a "permanent scholarship investment" to award Trade Scholarships for years to come. We hope to give a scholarship to every student that applies! Since 2020, Trade Scholarships have been awarded to two future plumbers, an electrician, an auto mechanic, a diesel truck mechanic, a Chef, and a National Park Ranger!

Can you help us reach our goal? AAA is a 501 C3 organization. Contact Ruth Tuttle at [JustRuthT@icloud.com](mailto:JustRuthT@icloud.com) Let's help the kids!

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If you are planning a reunion, want help, or are looking for information -

# Reunions

**CONTACT US -  
WE WANT TO HELP!**

**Upcoming Reunions:**

Class of 1973-

September 2-4, 2023

Contact: Georgette Morris  
georgennem@yahoo.com

Class of 2001 - May 20, 2023

Contact: Lindsey Twarogowski  
ahs.01.classreunion@gmail.com



Class of 1970 taking a tour of the high school.

## HOMECOMING TBA Fall of 2023

Since 2011, all alumni attending the Homecoming Football Game have been greeted at the stadium by our own Alumni Tent. The tent serves a focal point for the Alumni, where they are treated to special treats. It's a great place to see old friends, update your information, buy Alumni t-shirts, and meet with our newest Hall of Fame inductees.

Stop by and see us. "The Tent" is just another great way for us all **STAY CONNECTED!**



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REUNIONS



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# Reunions

THIS YEAR THERE WERE  
QUITE A FEW REUNIONS.

THE CLASS OF 1970

CLASS OF 1971 & 1972 HAD A  
COMBINED REUNION.

CLASS OF 1982

CLASS OF 2002



Class of 1972

Karen Swallow Groza, Terry Druso Booker,  
Sherry Kaser Rogalski and Pat Dyer Bissell.



JOANN NUNNS KINSEY, JEFF  
BISSELL, BILLIE SUE GUY FLICK



# Class of 1970







Aurora

Class of 1982

High School Reunion

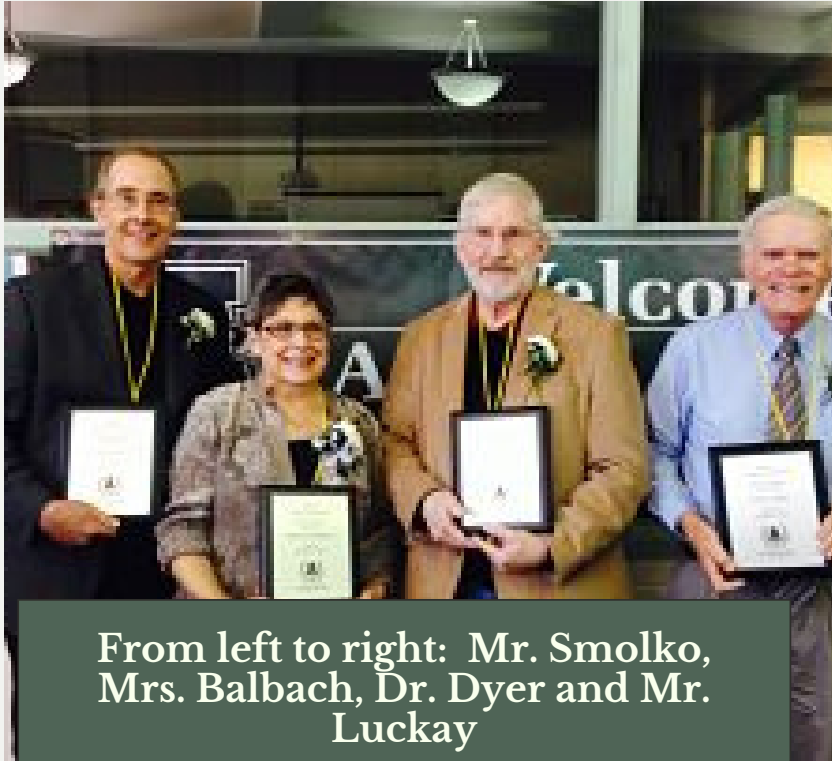
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# Class of 2002



# Hall of Fame



From left to right: Mr. Smolko, Mrs. Balbach, Dr. Dyer and Mr. Luckay

The Aurora Alumni Association, in cooperation with the Aurora School's administration, annually inducts outstanding individuals into our Hall of Fame. These inductees are either Alumni who have distinguished themselves as outstanding athletes, alumni who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in their careers, professions, or in society or revered retired teachers and staff members.



From 2015

From left to right: Matt Shanholtzer '90 President Aurora Alumni, Mrs. French's family, Mrs. Shirley Duvall, David Edmonds '75, Jeff Jewett '66 and Pat Ciccantelli, Superintendent

Use the qr code for more information on the hall of fame.





## Hall of Fame Induction 2019

Ted Linden-Staff

Martin Calfee '55 -  
Distinguished Alumni



## Hall of Fame Induction 2021

Joe Cech '07-Athletic

Ken Mitroff-Staff

Wes Miller '07-Athletic



## Hall of Fame Class Of 2022

Accepting on behalf of Mark Godale '89, Athletic is Mrs. Godale,  
brother Stephen, presenter Connie Gardner.

David Barnes, '75, Distinguished Alumni

# Tavern Trek

The Tavern Trek is a community wide event and our major fundraiser. We have over 350 participants every year. We provide transportation to 8 bars/restaurants around town. We also provide a ride home. The end of the night is when everyone comes together to party - last year it was at Liberty Ford.

Next Trek: Saturday 7/29/2023



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# Alumni Notes

- We have awarded a total of over \$45,000 in scholarships the last 9 years.
- We are currently in the process of building a pavilion by the tennis courts near Harmon to honor Jerry Kohanski, outstanding Board member for the Aurora City Schools and supporter of the alumni. We are building this with the help of other organizations like the PTO, Sports Boosters and a private donor.
- We provide the gifts for the 12 Outstanding Greenmen – an exclusive award for seniors.
- We provide desserts and beverages for the Veterans dinner that is held each year by the service learning club.
- We recently purchased bistro style chairs and tables for the high school.
- We have trademarked the Greenman mascot. We have also trademarked the terms “Aurora Greenmen” and “Aurora Alumni”. We will be granting permission perpetually to the school system. This will give us the power to shut down fake alumni websites that profit off of our alumni – without being associated with the school system.
- We have held several Ohio State or Cleveland Browns football squares to raise funds. Keep an eye out for those!
- As a group we are attending the exhibition game with the Savannah Bananas on July 2nd. To get your tickets -
- email us for exclusive link: [aurorahighschoolalumni@gmail.com](mailto:aurorahighschoolalumni@gmail.com)

## Amazon Smiles

Would you like a great easy way to give to the alumni? By linking up the Aurora High School Alumni to your amazon account - Amazon will automatically give us money every time you shop. Amazon donates the a percentage - at no cost to you!

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Would you like to donate to your high school alumni association?  
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Trade Scholarship Chair

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Derek Kohanski '00

Lyn Hagenbuch Best '82

Lindsey Segedy Twarogowski '01

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## Why Become a Member?

**It's a pride thing.** Membership is one of the most affordable ways for alumni and friends to demonstrate their pride in Aurora High School and support the numerous programs offered by the AHS Alumni Association.

**Scholarships** The Aurora High School Alumni Association is committed to giving back – one way we do this is through scholarships. We are committed to giving a scholarship to an Aurora High School senior son, daughter or grandchild of one of our alumni.

**Hall of Fame Nominations** As an Alumni member you have the opportunity to nominate your classmates and former teachers to our Alumni Hall of Fame. You can be a part of the process that recognizes great A.H.S. athletes, teachers, staff and Alumni who have done remarkable things. Who knows? Maybe someday you will be inducted to the A.H.S. Hall of Fame.

**Your Greenman connection** Alumni Association membership keeps you connected in a variety of ways. Through our new website, emails, upcoming newsletters or special events – we'll do our best to help you reconnect.

**Gear** Whether you're home or away, members can stock up on Greenman merchandise. In the future, we will offer merchandise that our alumni will love. If you become a yearly or lifetime member, you will receive an Aurora High School Alumni T-shirt.

It's the Right Thing to Do

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