

LAUREL ALUMNI NEWSLETTER & ANNUAL REPORT

2021–2022
Membership Year

Laurel Alumni Association, Inc
P O Box 382, Laurel, Delaware 19956



Outgoing President's Message

By Randy Hill

I have been truly honored to serve as the President of the Laurel Alumni Association for the membership year of 2020 – 2021. I have had the opportunity to work with many dedicated individuals of the Association who truly believe, as I do, in the LAA being one of the community's greatest assets. I feel the Laurel Community has been blessed for many years with the opportunity the original Charter members of the Laurel Alumni Association set forth to financially help enhance the chances for the area students to obtain a higher education.

In the past year the officers of the LAA worked very hard to maintain the original goals and mission set forth by the organization from the very beginning but were also able to increase the Association's membership to over 900 members and continue the increased scholarship value of \$2,500.00. This year the Laurel Alumni Association was able through the generosity of our membership and community donors to award 16 scholarships of \$2,500.00 plus the Helen Deputy Ellis scholarship for a total of 17 scholarships totaling \$43,600.00 to deserving high school seniors. This makes over \$750,000.00 total in scholarship grants since the Association began in 1990, and I think you will agree this is a great accomplishment!



LAA members not only provide financial help to the students but also offer mentoring to the students from their experience and knowledge gained through their lives. This opportunity could make the real difference in preparing a student to be able to prepare to continue their education or prepare for the world of work after graduation!

The LAA is a dedicated group of individuals who give their time to make the Association a strong representative of the great community in which we live and I urge you to not only become a member but to become actively involved through the many things they do such as fund raising, Banquet planning or take an executive committee office to help with the LAA's continued success. Maybe you will be able to reconnect with old friends or to develop new ones from the many graduates of the classes of Laurel High School! I say again, don't just belong but become a valuable asset to the great organization of Laurel Alumni Association!

I would like to say again Thank You to all who have helped make my President year of 2018-2019 a success and as I have told you many times, I could not have accomplished anything without all of your help! It has been my honor to serve as President of such an outstanding organization as The Laurel Alumni Association!

Randy

Mark Your Calendars!

31st Alumni Banquet

May 21, 2022

Laurel Fire Hall

Executive Board Meetings

1st Tuesday of the Month

Laurel Centenary Church

7:00 pm.

Laurel Alumni Scholarship Awards

The Laurel Alumni Association held its 30th annual banquet on August 14, 2021. At the banquet, the Association awarded 17 scholarships totaling \$43,600. Except where noted, all of the general Laurel Alumni Scholarships were in the amount of \$2,500

The following were the recipients:

Alex Adams, son of Todd and Joanna Hart ('91) Adams received the LAA scholarship, as presented to him by his mother. This scholarship was funded in full by an anonymous donor. Alex is a graduate of Sussex Tech.

The next LAA scholarship was given to Kaegen Brittingham, a Laurel High graduate and daughter of Michael ('97) and Anissa ('97) Brittingham of Laurel. This scholarship was presented by Ms. Jane Long, Mrs. Susan Davis, and Mrs. Stacie Duncan and given in memory of their parents and grandparents, David and Betty Ralph. David was an over the road truck driver and Betty retired after 24 years as manager of the Laurel High School cafeteria. Travel and especially volunteer work kept them on the go during retirement. They volunteered for many hours at the Nanticoke Hospital and other community organizations.

The next LAA scholarship was donated in memory of Jason Scott Larson, the son of Douglas and Hope Messick ('88) Larson. Jason would have been a member of the Class of 2021. The recipient of this scholarship was Laurel High School graduate Jacob Davis, son of Morris and Julie ('94) Davis.

Sadie Davis, a graduate of Sussex Tech and daughter of Alan ('89) & Sharon Davis of Milton, received the next LAA scholarship which was funded by LAA members' generous donations and fundraising events.

The next scholarship funded by LAA members' generous donations and fundraising events was awarded to Cody Dimes, a graduate of Sussex Tech and son of Craig and Kimberly ('90) Dimes.

Laurel High School graduate and daughter of Steve ('85) and Melissa ('87), Morgan Gordy, was awarded the Past Presidents' Scholarship to honor all individuals who have made donations to the endowment fund.

The next LAA scholarship was awarded to Jessica Hearn, a graduate of N. Thurston High School in Lacey, WA. Jessica is the daughter of Jason and Tina ('89) Hearn.

Twins Lena and Taya Hoetzlein-Sirman both received LAA scholarships to further their education. They graduated from Huntingtown High School in Prince Frederick, MD, and they are the daughters of Lloyd and Sharon Sirman III.

Timothy ('91) and Jamie Jones accepted the LAA scholarship for their daughter, Lilly Jones, who could not attend the banquet. Lilly graduated from The Salisbury School.

The next LAA scholarship was presented to Payton Lynch, daughter of Scott ('86) and Cindy ('94) Lynch. Payton graduated from Delmar high School.

A portion of the next LAA scholarship was funded by the estate of David H. Elliott in memory of his mother and father, B. Thomas and Bessie H. Elliott. The recipient of this award was Laurel High School graduate Elya Niblett, daughter of Kevin ('90) and Tiesha ('90) Niblett.

Laurel High School graduate Seona Rice, daughter of Craig ('81) and Jill ('81) Rice was awarded a LAA scholarship donated by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald and Becky Rust Albers ('59) in memory of Charlie and Cora Rust. Charlie Rust operated the Esso station at the corner of Rts. 13 and 9. Both Charlie and Cora were very active in the community.

The next LAA scholarship was funded by a donation from the Bank of Delmarva and donations by alumni to the endowment fund. The recipient of this award was Evan Short, graduate of Laurel High School and the son of Timothy and Kara ('93) Short.

The next recipient of the LAA scholarship was Paxton Splittorff, who is a graduate of Hass Hall Academy in Bentonville, Ar. Paxton's parents are David and Shannon Hovis ('91) Splittorff.

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Jessica Tyndall , a graduate of Lake Forest High School and the daughter of Mike ('91) and Mary Tyndall, was next in line to receive her LAA Scholarship award.

To culminate the ceremony, Laurel High School graduate Macee Turnbaugh was the distinguished recipient of the prestigious Helen Kirk Deputy Ellis Scholarship in the amount of \$3,600 . The scholarship is funded by the estate of the former LHS Latin teacher. Macee is the daughter of Thomas and Holly Turnbaugh of Laurel.

One of the highlights of the evening was the transition of leadership to the next LAA President, Kelly L. Whaley (*89)). Upon receiving an appreciation plaque from Vice President Whaley, outgoing President Randy Hill remarked, "This year serving as President of the Laurel Alumni Association has been an honor that I will forever cherish. As members of the Laurel Alumni Association, all of you are to be commended for your unwavering commitment to this great organization and to your work and financial contributions that go so far in improving the futures of our children. This year we presented \$43,600 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors from across the country. This brings our total of scholarships over these last 30 years to well over \$725,000," said Hill proudly.



George Schollenberger Scholarship Fund Needs Your Help - It is in danger of running out of money. Totally supported through your and many of his players' donations, the scholarship has provided higher education assistance for Laurel High School athletes for over 10 years. Coach Schollenberger left a lasting impression on all who played for him or had him for gym. Let's not let this legacy die, please contribute to this fund, denoting your intent in the memo field of your check.

**Words from 2021-22 LAA President
Kelly Whaley, Class of 1989**

To the Laurel Alumni,

After attending the LAA 2019 banquet, I knew I wanted to become more involved with this wonderful organization. I joined the Executive Board and soon was asked to serve as second Vice President. That began my journey to serve as your president. I hope you will all join us for the 32nd Laurel Alumni banquet on May 21, 2022, at the Laurel Fire Hall. It is a great time, so please send your response in fast, as we usually have a full house.

I've found it a privilege and a pleasure to work with the numerous members of the Laurel Alumni Association. I am proud to serve this great organization that gives out so many scholarships to deserving students.

In the future, we need to continue to recruit younger members of the community to keep the Laurel Alumni Association energized and active. Thank you all for the help, support and dedication you have provided me in my journey through the chairs of this wonderful organization.

Thanks,

Kelly



Above Outgoing LAA President, Randy Hill, '91, solemnly accepts the ceremonial gavel and plaque from Vice President, Kelly Whaley, '89 for his hard work and leadership of the Alumni Association over the 2020-21 membership year! Randy was given a hearty round of applause from the Alumni Banquet audience. **From the Board and membership of the Laurel Alumni Association, Thank You, Randy!!**

2020 - 2021 OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS (July 01, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

Officers

President – Randy Hill '91
 1st Vice President – Kelly LeCates Whaley '89
 2nd Vice President – Vacant
 Immediate Past Pres. – Marvil Tice '50
 Treasurer, Scholarship – Stephen Callaway, '66
 Treasurer, General – Ellen Stone Hearn, '76
 Corresponding Secretary – Janet Morgan, '72
 Recording Secretary – Dr. Gary Owens, '67
 Recording Historian – Edna Purnell Millman, '67

Standing Committees:

Alumni Newsletter – Kelly LeCates Whaley '89
 Banquet Committee – Randy Hill, '91
 Fund Raising Committee – Kelly LeCates Whaley, '89
 Membership – Betsy Davis, '59
 Recruitment – Cathy Allen Parker, '67
 Publicity / Social Media – Matt Parker, '90
 Scholarship Committee – Tom Wright, '62

Decade Chairs:

1920's - Kendal Jones	1930's - Kendal Jones
1940's - Kendal Jones	1950's - <i>Needed</i>
1960's - Cathy Parker	1970's - Janet Morgan & Connie Massey
1980's - Crystal Charnock	1990's - Ashley Parker
2000's - Kurt Hastings	2010's - Gaven Parker

PAST PRESIDENTS

1990-1991	Ralph Gootee '51
1991-1992	J. Brad Spicer '72
1992-1993	Arthur T. King '39
1993-1994	Thomas Wright '62
1994-1995	Henry C. Davis '79
1995-1996	Lois Kytte Cordrey '48
1996-1997	Herb Dayton '52
1997-1998	Marsha H. Murphy '70
1998-1999	Joseph Messick '61
1999-2000	Doug Marvil '62
2000-2001	Roy Jones '59
2001-2002	Robert Horsey '47
2002-2003	Karen Hopkins Pugh '73
2003-2004	Mark Rubino '73
2004-2005	Kim B. Littleton '79
2005-2006	John Downes '74
2006-2007	Robert Watson '62
2007-2008	Melinda Rogers Tingle '75
2008-2009	Herb Collins '60
2009-2010	Dean Campbell '78
2010-2011	Joseph Messick '61
2011-2012	Ronald Scott '60
2012-2013	Cathy A. Parker '67
2013-2014	Bill Campbell '74
2014-2015	Janet A. Morgan '72
2015-2016	Scott D. Phillips '67
2016-2017	Randy Lee '70
2017-2018	Dr. Gary Owens, '67
2018-2019	Fred Brock '70
2019-2020	Marvil Tice '50
2020-2021	Randy Hill '91

THE LAA SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

COME JOIN A GREAT GROUP OF DEDICATED MEMBERS!!

We need talented volunteers to serve in many different capacities. The LAA is an organization of over 900 members, but we constantly need members to fill vacant board positions and other volunteer opportunities. Please consider donating your time and talent to this very worthy organization. If you are interested in becoming a more active member, please contact Kell LeCates Whaley at (302)245-8799, or Randy Hill at (302) 875-5391.

Newsletter Committee Members Needed—Photography and computer skills (MS Publisher) helpful. Call Kelly LeCates Whaley, (302)245-8799, if interested.



Scan the QR Code with your mobile device:



Laurel Alumni Association's Online Pages

Do not hesitate to visit the Laurel Alumni Association's Facebook page by going to:

[www.Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/LaurelDeAlumniAssociation) and searching at the top for: **Laurel, De Alumni Association**

This LAA Facebook site was created, and is currently maintained, by Matt Parker and is full of interesting information, hundreds of photos and videos. You can find listed upcoming event details and read/participate in various discussion threads.

2021 Alumni Banquet Award Recipients

Scholarship Winners

Distance Awards



Richard Eskridge, received the award for travelling the farthest to attend the banquet.



Most Members Award

Randy Lee '70 accepts the award for the Class of 1970, who had the most members in attendance.



Raffle Prizes & Lucky Winners



Cash Raffle: Timothy Jones;
(Gave back his winnings in exchange for an extra helping of escalloped oysters!)
Thanks to everyone for taking a chance!! Your generosity helps so much!!

Bob Horsey Received the Senior Gentleman Alumni Award



Helen Ruth Senkbeil smiles no less radiantly than Vice President Kelly Whaley after receiving the 2021 Alumni Banquet award for being the most senior lady in attendance.



2021 Alumni Banquet Honored Classes



Class of 1970

The LHS Class of 1970, had an outstanding turnout at the Alumni Banquet, returning 51 years after graduation with all the spirit they showed in school! Shown in the photo are front row, left to right: Connie Allison Massey, Cindy Atkins Mack, T.J. Morris Brock, Jayne Phillips Gordy, Pat Downes. Second row, left to right: David Elliott, Fred Brock, Randy Lee, Gary Holloway, Benny Gordy, Paul Downes



Class of 1971

Left to right: Maxine Spear Lynch, Lora Rogers Brittingham, Chester Morris, JoanBrittingham Marvel, Ricky Otwell, Rhonda Hastings Brumbley, Ronald Brumbley



Class of 1961

Front row, left to right: Grace Spicer Peterson, Pat Sullivan Causey, Mary Ellen Watson Conaway. Back row, left to right: Granville White, Billie Jane Wheatley, Jan Hastings Conaway, Joe Messick



Class of 1950
Dot Banks



Class of 1990

Four members of the Class of 1990 attended the banquet: Mike Tyndall, Tiesha Littleton Niblett, Kevin Niblett, and Kimberly Elliott Dimes



Class of 1991

Five members of the Class of 1991 attended to the banquet: Timothy Jones, Joanna Hart Adams, Ben Parker, Jenneifer Carey, and Randy Hill

Congratulations to Our 2021 Scholarship Recipients!



Shown above are six of the outstanding students to whom the Laurel Alumni Association was proud to present scholarships at its 2021 Alumni Association Banquet: (L - R) Jessica Tyndall, Seona Rice, Kaegen Brittingham, Elya Niblett, Payton Lynch, and Cody Dimes



CLASS OF 2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Students Below Received Laurel Alumni Association Scholarships



ALEX ADAMS

Graduate: Sussex Tech High School
Parents: Todd & Joanna Hart ('91) Adams

MORGAN GORDY

Graduate: Laurel High School
Parents: Stephen ('85) & Melissa ('87) Gordy

KAEGEN BRITTINGHAM

Graduate: Laurel High School
Parents: Michael ('97) and Anissa ('97) Brittingham

JESSICA HEARN

Graduate: N. Thurston High School
Parents: Jason & Tina ('89) Hearn

JACOB DAVIS

Graduate: Laurel High School
Parents: Morris & Julie ('94) Davis

LENA HOETZLEIN-SIRMAN

Graduate: Huntington High School
Parents: Lloyd ('89) & Sharon Sirman III

SADIE DAVIS

Graduate: Sussex Tech High School
Parents: Alan ('89) & Sharon Davis

TAYA HOETZLEIN-SIRMAN

Graduate: Huntington High School
Parents: Lloyd ('89) & Sharon Sirman III

CODY DIMES

Graduate: Sussex Tech High School
Parents: Craig & Kimberly ('90) Dimes
Graduate: Sussex Tech High School

LILLY JONES

Graduate: Salisbury School
Parents: Timothy ('91) & Jamie Jones

PAYTON LYNCH

Graduate: Delmar High School
Parents: Scott ('86) & Cindy Farrelly ('94) Lynch

ELYA NIBLETT

Graduate: Laurel High School
Parents: Kevin & Tiesha ('90) Niblett

SEONA RICE

Graduate: Laurel High School
Parents: Craig ('81) & Jill ('81) Rice

EVAN SHORT

Graduate: Laurel High School
Parents: Timothy & Kara ('93) Short

PAXTON SPLITTORFF

Graduate: Hass Hall Academy
Parents: David & Shannon Hovis ('91) Splittorff

MACEE TURNBOUGH

Graduate: Laurel High School
Parents: Thomas & Holly Turnbaugh

JESSICA TYNDALL

Graduate: Lake Forest High School
Parents: Michael Tyndall ('90)



Kaegen Brittingham, recipient of a LAA scholarship in memory of David & Betty Ralph pictured with Mr & Mrs. Ralph's daughters Susan Davis and Jane Long and granddaughter Stacie Duncan.



LAA Scholarship recipient Morgan Gordy with LAA President Randy Hill



Timothy Jones ('91) accepted an LAA scholarship on behalf of his daughter, Lilly, who was unable

Laurel Alumni Association General Fund Annual Year End Report - June 30, 2021

General Fund - Bank of Delmarva			
Balance as of July 1, 2020	\$	1,210.74	
Total Income:			\$ 5,135.00
Membership Dues	\$	135.00	
Transfer from Money Market	\$	5,000.00	
Expenses:			\$ 1,186.00
Balance as of June 30, 2021			\$ 5,159.74
Money Market - Bank of Delmarva			
Balance as of July 1, 2020	\$	12,569.10	
Total Income:			\$ 838.85
Membership Dues	\$	820.00	
Income Earned	\$	18.85	
Expenses:			
Transfer to General Fund			\$ 5,000.00
Inclind			\$ 17.50
Balance as of June 30, 2021			\$ 8,390.45
Certificate - Bank of Delmarva			
Balance as of July 1, 2020	\$	10,262.26	
Interest Earned	\$	77.15	
Balance as of June 30, 2021			\$ 10,339.41



Dedicated Committee Chairpersons: Membership, Betsy Davis '59, above; and Scholarship, Tom Wright '62, below



An explanation of the General Funds Financial Report

As explained to the left, the operating account for the Laurel Alumni Association is now maintained at the Laurel branch of the Bank of Delmarva. The operating account captures all transactions pertinent to the daily operations of the association, i.e., membership dues for new and renewal members, annual banquet reservation fees and expenses, and mailing expenses for the association.

The Extended Dues Money Market Account for the Laurel Alumni Association is also maintained at Bank of Delmarva. The Extended Dues Account is used to warehouse all membership dues received when the member pays for a 5-year membership. On an annual basis, 20% of the membership fees are transferred to the operating account. This 20% represents the membership fees paid by our extended members for the fiscal year.

The largest expense to the LAA is our annual banquet, however, the goal is to break even on the event. The association does not use the banquet as a fundraising activity.

The largest unrecovered expense to the LAA is our annual newsletter printing and the mailing costs associated with it and all fundraising and donation solicitation activities. The association utilizes a bulk mailing permit to keep postage expenses at a minimum. All communication from the LAA is mailed at the bulk rate when federal postal regulations allow. Mailings are done at the first class postage rate when raffle tickets or fund raising solicitations are contained, and also so we can receive returned mail and forwarding addresses if a member's address has changed. The LAA also has an expense associated with filing the annual tax form 990 with the IRS.

Laurel Alumni Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Financial Statement

Beginning Balance July1, 2020	\$215,014.07
Contributions	\$37,376.00
Investment Activity	
Interests & Dividends	\$3,643.49
Capital Gains & Losses	\$60,834.90
Reductions	
Scholarships	\$ -24,375.00
Administrative & Investment Fees	\$ -6,604.11
Balance June 30, 2021	\$286,489.95
Outstanding Scholarship Payment Due	\$62,500.00

Scholarship Foundation Investments Managed By:



This Year Please Consider Making a Contribution to the Laurel Alumni Scholarship Foundation Endowment Fund

The endowment fund was created to provide a constant reliable source of funding for scholarships while decreasing the need to continually run fundraisers and solicit funds from our membership. The endowment fund is growing and currently has in excess of \$142,000. It is still not large enough so that the yield from the investment account is sufficient to fund new scholarships. The goal to reach is \$500,000 before this fund is utilized. Contributions intended to go into the Endowment Fund may be made from many sources including regular donations, donations from “honored classes”, donations in memory of or in honor of family or friends and donations as part of your estate planning (consider the potential tax advantages). Your contribution to the endowment fund will ensure the long term success of the LAA in funding scholarships to our graduates for years to come. When you wish for your contribution to go toward the Endowment Fund please indicate, by writing **LAUREL ALUMNI ENDOWMENT** in the memo line on your check. You may also mark the Endowment Fund checkbox to designate this account as the beneficiary of your contribution.

For information on how to directly make a charitable bequest to the Laurel Alumni Scholarship Foundation Endowment Fund, please contact Kelly Sheridan, Client Services / Scholarship Administrator at the **Delaware Community Foundation**

Laurel Alumni Scholarship Foundation, Inc - Financial Report Explanation

The LAA Scholarship Fund is maintained and managed by the Delaware Community Foundation (DCF). The DCF was selected by the LAA Executive Board in 2003 to manage our investments and the entire scholarship administration process for the organization. The consolidated finances report is detailed in the annual newsletter, but there are four underlying accounts at the DCF – current scholarship fund account, the endowment fund account, the Helen Kirk Deputy Ellis memorial account, and the George S. Schollenberger memorial account. The consolidated report is an aggregation of activity for the fiscal year of all four accounts at the DCF.

Explanations of Terms in Annual Financial Statement Above:

1 Additions - all donations received during the fiscal year and all money deposited from the LAA fundraising activities during the fiscal year.

2 Capital Gains and Losses - the unrealized gain and loss on the investments at the DCF for the fiscal year.

3 Income Earned - the dividends and interest paid (realized) on the investments at the DCF for the fiscal year.

4 Distributions - the scholarships paid to the recipients of LAA Scholarships during the fiscal year.

5 Administrative & Investment Fees - The Delaware Community Foundation charges an administrative fee of 2%. This fee supports the overall management of the fund which includes activities such as producing statements, granting scholarships, paying expenses and filing tax-related information on the fund. The DCF's reported returns on its portfolio are net of investment fees which range between 0.70% and 0.80%.

Memorial Donations

In Memory Of	Donor	In Memory Of	Donor
Melissa West & Lorenzo Whaley	Edsil & Kathleen Wootten	1950 Deceased Classmates	Dorothy Banks
Gary Ward	Jennifer Ward	Iris Hastings, Scott Robinson '40 & A. Paul Robinson '39	Jonathan & Linda Scott Woodall '71
B. Thomas & Bessie H. Elliott	David H. Elliott	Class of 1967 Deceased members	Earl & Ann Slocum
Class of 1967	Doug & Pia Calhoun	Sylvia Johnson & Daniel T Johnson Jr.	Millard & Deborah Johnson III
Dorothy Dulis	Class of 1952	Russell Elliott '62	Kevin & Melinda Tingle
George Schollenberger	Doug & Pia Calhoun	Raymond A Hearn Jr.	Class of 1953
Pansy Plummer	Nelson & Linda Justice	Elijah E. Wootten	Virginia Coxe
Irene Short King	Class of 1952	John & Perny Benson	Danny Brunner '69
Marshall E. Hastings '30	Marsha Murphy '70	"the teachers who put up with me"	T. Henley Graves '66
Kenneth Calloway '64	Brian & Diane Calloway '99	Marge Wright Steiner	Mona & Tom Wright '62
H. Clay Davis III '59	Leslie A. Davis '59	Owens and Sheridan Families	Gary '67 & Lorrie Owens
Roland C. Ellis	Jana Mollohan '70	Ruth Ann West Phillips	Reid Williamson '66
Paul Robinson '38	Reid Williamson '66	JoAnn Morris '70	John & Stacia Morris '76
Clarke Abbott	John D. Abbott '59	Virginia Leedom Jones '52 & Joan Nichols Crosby '52	Class of 1952

Memorial Donations, cont.

In Memory Of	Donor	In Memory Of	Donor
Leslie T. Riggan '52	Class of 1952	deceased members of Class of 1961	Patricia Causey '61
Class of 1968	Carol Schaefer '68	George '55 & Trenny Elliott '56	Clint Young '56
Terry Hearn '64	Helen Senkbeil '45	Barry W. Cooper	Jennifer Steele '97
Gary Stoeckel	Lloyd L. Foster Jr. '52 & Margaret Foster	Marlene E. Price '52	Larry Price '52
Ronald Wharton '54	Saralee P. Wharton '56	Ronald Wharton '54	Joel & Tina Wharton '84
Barry Benson	John O '53 & Iris '55 Benson	Robert Jacob Wheatley '61	Billy Jean Wheatley '61
Myers Hammond	Carol Hammond '63	R. Jane Hudson	Wayne Hudson '80
Pearl Johnson	Barbara Vanarsdalen '57	Jim Brock	James & Nancy Brock '65
W. Pierce Ellis '35 & Ann E. Hellriegel '63	Ronald & Jean Smith	John M. Riggan '63	Debra Riggan '65
Class of 1965	George Turner	George Scott Bradley	Ann B. Suthowski
Deceased member of the Class of 1953	Agnes O'Neal '53	David Whaley & Evelyn Hearn	Vincent & Sharon Whaley '62
Stephen and Ruth Rogers	Ruth Ann Savage '61	George Lowe '48	Lynette Lowe '68
Paige Henry '66	Arba & Martha Henry '65	Deceased "crevies"	James Yori '59

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In Memory Of	Donor	In Memory Of	Donor
W. Robert Williams '33	Carolyn Williams '69	Penny Spicer	Kim '79 & Martin '79 O'Neal
Ruth Ann West Phillips	Scott '87 & Kelly '89 Whaley	Richard Layton	Debbie Ford '73 & Bruce Ford
Ronald Marlette	Anna C. Marlette	Jerry S. Hager '62	Sue & Kelly Hager '64
Jim Cubbage '66	Elinor Cubbage '66	Wayne O'Neal	Doug '77 & Debbie '80 O'Neal
Hope Elizabeth Brittingham	Beth Jestice Lewis	Andrew Bickerton '98	Charles & Nancy Bickerton '79
Deceased classmates of class of 1965	Hunter Calloway '65	William E. Jones '55	Mary Jones '55
Robert J. Wheatley	Celeste Wheatley Lewis '90	Kathryn L. Wheatley	Kenneth & Lindsay Wheatley '58
Constance Peterson	K & L Microwave	Martin & Dot Rogers	Lora Rogers Brittingham '71
Ruth Ann Phillips '50	Karen West '64	Marilyn While '54	Robert & Gail Henderson '54
Robert Lowe, Harvey & Dorothy Dolby, Chris Dolby & Stephen Lowe	Jeff & Wendy Dolby '74	Elmer Gregory Galbraith	Mary Galbraith '61
Jerry Kirk '68	Nancy King '68	Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Phillips Jr.	Terence & Jane Rensi '69
Class of 1963	Everette M. & Shirley Master Jr. '63	George Collins '49	Marlene Collins
Robert Lowe and Stephen Lowe	Nancy Lowe '49	Class of 1951	Richard M. Tull '51 & Susan Wooters
Richard '32 & Elizabeth Thawley '30	Steven & Julia T. Vickers	Melody Givens Adkins '78 & Jean Givens Hickey '50	Rick Givens '70

Memorial Donations, cont.

In Memory Of	Donor	In Memory Of	Donor
Emogene Moore	Class of 1952	Ronald Scott '60	Shirley Scott
George Schollenberger	Freddie & TJ Brock '70	John Frank & Perneltha Benson	Warren & Carol Benson '67
Lawrence & Eleanor Elliott	Estate of Lawrence Elliott	Norman J. Parsons	Norman & Shirley Parsons '52
Darleen Hickman	Barbara Adams '56	Deceased member of Class of 1966 & 1968	Brian '68 & Virginia '66 Farrelly
George Schollenberger	Ben and Ellen Sirman	George Schollenberger	William R. '76 & Debbie Culver
deceased members of the Class of 1957	Ronald & Susan Truitt '57	Edward Walmsley Jr.	Joyce Walmsley Pepper '58
Marilyn Phillips White	Gary E. White '54	David & Betty Ralph	Richard P Cook & Elizabeth Cook
David & Betty Ralph	Martha Rebekah Lodge #21 IOOF	David & Betty Ralph	Ronald & Linda A. Tower Perez
David & Betty Ralph	Gregg & Elizabeth Milo	David & Betty Ralph	Jason Culver & Judy Kidwell
Connie Carmean Peterson	Sandra Williams	David & Betty Ralph	Ellen & Ricky Hearn
David & Betty Ralph	Chester & Susan David	David & Betty Ralph	Charles & Jane Long
David & Betty Ralph	Carolyn & William Johnson	David & Betty Ralph	Patricia Hastings
David & Betty Ralph	Herman Dickerson	David & Betty Ralph	James Johnson

Memorial Donations

In Memory Of	Donor	In Memory Of	Donor
David & Betty Ralph	Marlene Collins	David & Betty Ralph	Teresa Gordy & Christina Wilcox
David & Betty Ralph	John Savage	David & Betty Ralph	Robert Elliott
David & Betty Ralph	Donald & Barbara White	David & Betty Ralph	Steve & Trudy Vickers
David & Betty Ralph	Linda Davis	David & Betty Ralph	Vicki Bozman
David & Betty Ralph	Sherry Shockley	David & Betty Ralph	Ann Suthowski
David & Betty Ralph	Darla Thomas	David & Betty Ralph	Jeanette Brown
David & Betty Ralph	Gail Smith	David & Betty Ralph	Lavada Fox
David & Betty Ralph	Martha Usilton	David & Betty Ralph	Rev. Thom Hurley & Cathy Moore
David & Betty Ralph	Dawn & Mark Collins	David & Betty Ralph	Donald & Lynn Cathcart
David & Betty Ralph	Donna White-Elliott	David & Betty Ralph	Ginger Rizzi
David & Betty Ralph	Jo Ann Litherland	David & Betty Ralph	Susan & Bill Webb
David & Betty Ralph	Stacie Davis	David & Betty Ralph	Bobby & Maria Phillips

Memorial Donations, cont.

In Memory Of	Donor	In Memory Of	Donor
David & Betty Ralph	Justin Davis	David & Betty Ralph	Richard & Mari Ralph
David & Betty Ralph	Ruth Moore	Connie Peterson	John & Patricia Peterson
Connie Peterson	Timothy Larimore Poker Boys of 1977	Connie Peterson	Elaine Davis
Ross Dukes	Class of 1952	Sharon Giles	Michelle Moyer
George S. Schollenberger	George Hudson	Sharon Giles	Clarence P. Gilles & Petrina Giles Val Crockett
Jane Phillips '69	Terence & Jane Rensi		

General Donations

LtC Joseph Effinger IHO Joseph Effinger Jr.	Robert Horsey	John David Elliott '70	Grace Spicer Pe- tersen '61
Jacqueline Crumrine	E. Bruce & Deborah Ford	Rebecca & Gerald Albers	Mike Tyn- dall '90
Mary Kirby & Charles Ellis '67	Bank of Delmarva	Jim Jestice '60	Shannon H. Splittorff '91
Danny '66 and Mary'67 LeCates	Renee L. Cordrey '91	The Estate of Helen Kirk Deputy Ellis	Katie Wright McAvoy '90
Alan O'Neal '68	Marie A. Whaley'56 & Brenda Conaway	Wanda Layton '77	Richard & Shirley '67 Roby
Marlene W. Hamilton '53	Robert C & Cheryl McGee '70	Mike O'Neal '66	Mary Dee Cross IHO Class of 1991
Rachel Hudson Vaughn '80	Corey LeCates '91	Janet O'Neal Ren- ninger '57	Charley & Charlotte Lynn Ma- son '66
H. Donovan Phillips Jr.	Carolyn & Matt Grady '88	Eileen Furnish '61	Gary Brit- tingham '64
Edward & Cindy Marvil '65	Rosemont Wealth Management Inc. Matt '90 & Ashlee '93 Parker	Celeste Wheatley Lewis	Gwendolyn Fleetwood IHO Class of 1969
Ruth Annie Moore '63	Sandy Pierce '69	Todd & Stacy North- am Smith	Class of 1954
Robert Horsey '86	Jacqueline Crumline '49	Bob & Loretta Thomp- son	Kimberly Dimes '90
Kenneth ' 66 & Patricia Whaley	James C & Janet Windsor		

Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Scholarships

How long does the parent have to belong to the LAA before their child is eligible for a scholarship? At least one parent must be a “member in good standing” for a period of at least 3 years prior to the year in which the applicant submits his application. For example, for an applicant graduating in June 2019, at least one parent must have been a member in good standing continuously since on or before 6/30/16.

How can my child get an application? *Scholarship applications are made available on March 1st* of each year. You can request an application on or before March 1st of each year by writing to the Laurel Alumni Association, PO Box 382, Laurel, DE 19956 or by calling Scholarship Chairman Thomas Wright at 302-875-2503 or by picking an application up from the Guidance Office at Laurel High School on or after March 1st of the respective year. Scholarship applications are also available on the Laurel High School’s web site. Note that the forms are updated each year and that applications made on forms from previous years will not be accepted. *Completed applications must be returned to the LAA address postmarked on or before April 1st* of the respective year.

What happens when the application is received? The Scholarship Committee Chairperson reviews all applications to make sure they contain all the required information including transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc. and that the parent has been a member in good standing for the required period of time. When he is satisfied that all the applications are in order and conditions have been met, he forwards the packet of applications to the president.

How are the scholarship recipients determined? A panel of three independent judges, usually with an educational background or familiarity with academic standards, reviews the scholarship applications and ranks them. All three judges remain anonymous and are known only to the president. The rankings from the three reviews are combined to arrive at the total ranking for each applicant.

What does a student have to do in order to begin receiving scholarship payments? Payments will be authorized once the following conditions are met: 1) student must send a thank you letter to the alumni association and 2) student must send a copy of their bill or a letter from the college they will be attending indicating that they are enrolled as a full time student to the Delaware Community Foundation (DCF). The proof of full time status should be sent to DCF **immediately** once the document becomes available.

Why do students from high schools, other than Laurel, receive scholarships? Any child of a member or associate member who has been a member in good standing for a period of at least 3 years is invited to apply for an Alumni Scholarship regardless of where they live or what high school they attend.

How is the Helen Kirk Deputy Ellis Scholarship awarded? The family of Mrs. Ellis stipulated that only seniors graduating from Laurel High School are eligible to apply for the HKDE Scholarship and that the parent need not be a member of the Association. The applicants are ranked by the same three judges who rank applicants for the LAA scholarships.

Why are some of the scholarships named in honor or memory of someone? The Association awards some scholarships that reflect significant contributions from family members who wish to honor the memory of loved ones, and also to pay tribute to members of the Association for dedicated service, classes with the most new members, etc. If you wish to give a named award, please contact the Scholarship Treasurer.

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2021 Alumni Banquet Honored Classes

Class of 1970



Members of the Class of 1970 celebrated their 50 year reunion in 2020.

Class of 1991 Members Recognized at Banquet



Tim Jones, Joanna Hart Adams, Ben Parker, Jennifer Carey, & Randy Hill were honored as 30 year graduates.

Have a Reunion Coming Up? Read this Request from the Newsletter Committee

We extend a special thank you to all Laurel alumni, Association Officers and Decade Chairs who contributed information for this newsletter. It couldn't have been done without your help!! If you have not already done so, please send us photos and stories pertaining to the 2021-2022 membership year (7/01/21 – 6/30/22). Very much desired are reunion photos concerning the classes that will be featured at the upcoming 2023 LAA Annual Banquet (and next newsletter) — namely those of the classes of 1943, '53, '63, '73, '83, '93, '03 and 2013. We are also very much interested in other class functions, e.g. class birthday parties, special recognition of alumni or any item you think would be of interest to Alumni Association members. You may forward a brief summary of the event or activity, as well as any photos you would like included, along with the names of the people in the picture, date taken, place, etc. While e-mailing the information is preferred, we would be happy to scan your actual prints and get them back to you. Also, if you have any ideas on ways to improve this newsletter, we would love to hear your ideas! Send all information by email to: Kelly Whaley ('89) kellywhaley1971@gmail.com or US Mail to: Laurel Alumni Association, PO Box 382, Attn: Newsletter Editor, Laurel, DE 19956. Any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to give Kelly a call at (302)245-8799. Thanks!!

Photos from the 2021 Alumni Banquet



<i>In Memory of Beloved Members We Lost July 2020–June 2021</i>		
Member	Class Of	Deceased
Doris Jane Pusey Conaway	1959	10/28/20
Joan Nichols Crosby	1952	11/15/20
Russel C. Elliott	1962	1/30/21
Patricia L. Jenkins Fisher	1957	6/13/21
Robert A. Goff	1950	2/2/21
Raymond Hearn, Jr.	1952	1/22/21
Roy V. Jones	1959	9/11/20
Ellen Boyce Lynch	1964	9/8/20
Nancy Spicer McMasters	1958	7/10/20
Leroy W. Mitchell	1943	3/16/21
Arvalene E. LeCates Moore	1951	10/11/20
Richard L. Morris	1965	12/24/20
Constance Carmean Peterson	1954	7/23/20
Ruth Ann West Phillips	1959	10/16/20
Peggy Cordrey Ralph	1959	2/7/21
Leslie T. Riggan	1952	12/6/20
William Sommers		11/18/20
Donna J. Rubino Willin	1971	11/21/20

Our deepest sympathies go out to the families of all the Alumni members who have left us. Please know that every effort is made to track and document these tragic losses from a variety of sources. Our sincere apologies for anyone we unfortunately may have missed.



This newsletter is a many months effort by just a few people. Have comments, complaints or suggestions to improve? Call Kelly Whaley at (302)245-8799.

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2022 - 2023 Form

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Renewal / New Membership Form

(Membership Dues: \$5.00/year or \$20.00/5 years from July 1st through June 30th)

Name: _____ Class of _____
(Include maiden name, if applicable)

Spouse: _____ Class of _____
(Full Name)

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ (Include area code)

Indicate: New Regular Member _____ Renewal _____ New Associate Member _____

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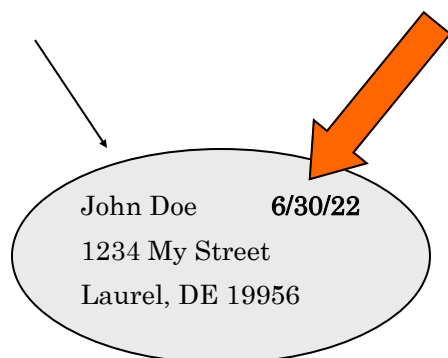
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