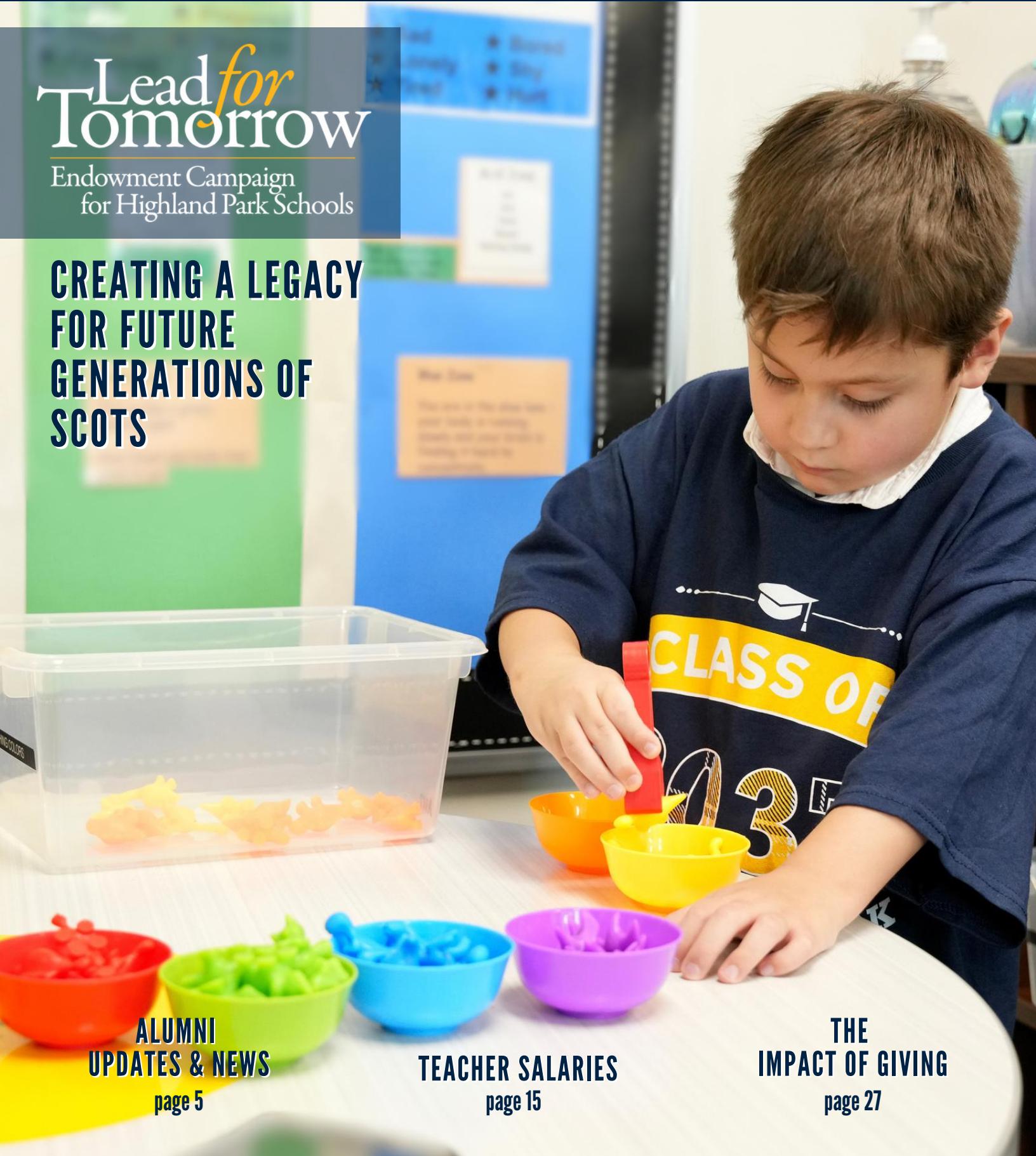


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We are saddened by the loss of our dear friend, **Ray Balestri**, valued member of the HP Education Foundation Board and dedicated advocate for our mission. Ray's passion, leadership and unwavering commitment to support educators and students made a lasting impact on our community. His dedication and creativity will continue to inspire us. Ray passed away on January 4, 2025.

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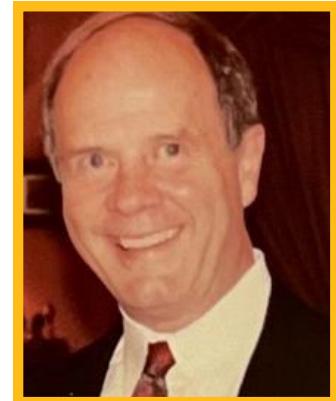
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We are saddened by the loss of our dear friend, **Eddie Mahon**, a dedicated leader, loyal friend and proud HPHS graduate. As a past president of the HP Alumni Association, he played a pivotal role in strengthening our alumni network and advancing the mission of the Foundation. His legacy of service, leadership and school spirit will never be forgotten. Eddie passed away on July 22, 2024.

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# A WORD FROM LEADERSHIP



**Bill Ogle**

President, Highland Park  
Education Foundation Board

To all our donors and alumni,

As we welcome the Class of 2025 into the community of HPHS alumni, we are pleased to share this issue of Scot Times. Like most past issues, this one is bursting with great news about achievements throughout HPISD and stories of the people making this possible.

We are especially pleased to highlight that HPISD's effort to improve teacher salaries is producing results. As noted in the feature story on pages 15-16, considerable progress has been made over the past five years to significantly elevate our teachers' salaries among peer districts across North Texas.

A confluence of factors has made this possible, including the remarkable philanthropic support given each year through Mad for Plaid. Donors are also strengthening the Tartan Endowment through the *Lead for Tomorrow* endowment campaign. Numerous stories are included in this issue about donors who recently joined together to establish a Legacy Fund and propel us further toward achieving our \$40 million campaign goal.

These fundraising efforts are about more than just raising money to support Highland Park Schools. Your generosity directly impacts HPISD teachers and their students in so many ways. Read about one of these great teachers, Brittany Cristofoli, and the passion she brings every day to her classroom (see pages 17-18). Your support empowers HPISD with the resources to attract and retain teachers like Brittany, building even further on the tradition of excellence we have all come to expect at Highland Park.

Reflecting on my final year as President of the Board of Directors for the HP Education Foundation, I am filled with confidence for the future of Highland Park Schools. Few districts in Texas or elsewhere are the beneficiaries of so many volunteers and donors who simply will not settle for anything less than the best for their students and teachers.

Thanks again, and Go Scots!



**Alan Rose '06**

President, HPHS Alumni  
Association Board

Dear Highland Park Alumni and Friends,

At Highland Park, tradition never graduates—and neither does the sense of pride that comes with being part of such a remarkable community. Whether you live just steps from one of our exemplary schools or thousands of miles away, the connection we share as Scots remains as strong as ever.

As you explore this special collection of alumni stories and updates, I hope it brings back meaningful memories, introduces you to fellow Scots, and reminds you of the lasting impact of this incredible community.

The words above our school doors—"Enter to learn. Go forth to serve."—have shaped generations. As a third-generation Scot, now raising our son, Paxton, in University Park with my wife, Leslie, I feel a deep sense of gratitude and purpose in helping carry this legacy forward.

It is a privilege to serve as President of the Highland Park High School Alumni Association. Our mission is to keep this community connected and engaged—through events, volunteer opportunities, and support for the students and teachers who continue to make Highland Park exceptional.

Thank you for being a meaningful part of this story—and for helping ensure it continues to thrive for generations to come.

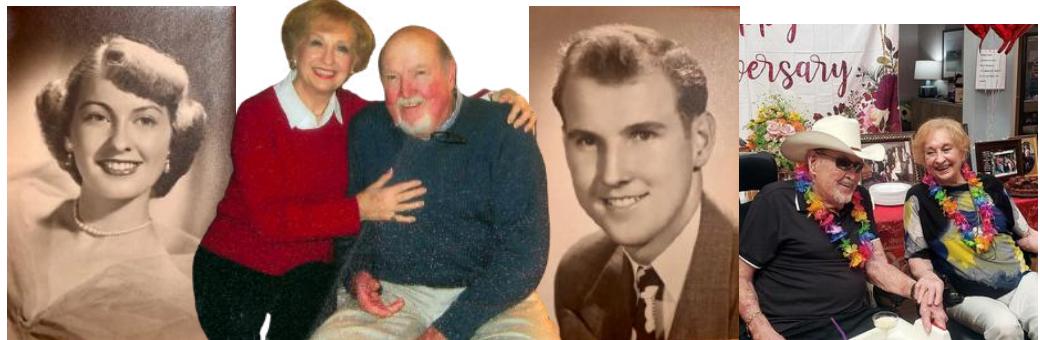
Once a Scot, always a Scot.

With gratitude,

# CLASS NOTES

## 1940s

**Gloria Weston Young '49** and **Austin Young '49** celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this past August! Their love story, which began during their days as Scots, continues to inspire. They remain deeply connected to the Highland Park community, keeping up with all things Scots through their great grandchildren – Taylor Toomay, a freshman at HPHS, Elle Patman, a kindergartner at UP Elementary, and future Scot, Peri Patman. Congratulations to Gloria and Austin on this remarkable achievement!



## 1950s

This fall, **Garry Weber '54** hosted the Class of 1954's 70<sup>th</sup> reunion at his home with over 70 alumni gathering to celebrate.



**Harold Peek '57**, a pioneering figure in Dallas' construction industry and former mayor of University Park, has been inducted into the Texas Housing Hall of Honor. The Texas Association of Builders (TAB) honored Harold at its Excellence in Leadership dinner in November at the Hyatt Lost Pines in Bastrop.

John Thomasson, son of **Anne Thomasson Wiesner '61** and **Bill Thomasson '59**, is the bassist and band leader for CMA and Grammy award-winning country group Little Big Town for the last 15 years and lives in Nashville, TN. John is the grandson of **Catherine Thomasson '35** and her husband William.



## 1960s

**Betty Carlson Crain '61** and **Mike Crain '61** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August 2024 at a reception in Dallas hosted by their five sons and 13 grandchildren. Betty and Mike met at University Park Elementary in second grade, have the same birthday, and were married on their birthday!



**Jack Myers '62** and his wife Judy serve as co-chairs of the President's Research Council, a membership group affiliated with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, devoted exclusively to medical research and education. The PRC was founded 40 years ago by Jack's classmate **Ford Lacy '62** and his wife Cece.

Former Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders **Laurie Harris '69** and **Marty Wynne '69** joined 200 Cowboys Cheerleader alumnae performing at halftime of the Nov. 18, 2024 Cowboys vs. Texans game. Laurie cheered in 1968 with coed cheerleaders from area high schools. As one of four competitive tumblers on the 18-member squad, Laurie tumbled on the field, including a stint when the Cowboys played at the Cotton Bowl. Marty cheered in 1975 at Texas Stadium after the squad morphed into a 32-member all-female squad and began wearing the now-classic DCC uniform. She and her fellow cheerleaders cheered at the NFL playoffs in Los Angeles and Super Bowl X in Miami, FL. Laurie and Marty now join over 800 DCC alumni performing at AT&T Stadium, appearing at local charity events, and enjoying special events like the DCC "Christmas Show at The Star" and "Meet the Team" before each season's opening home game.



On Jan. 21, **Suzanne Fuqua '69** rang the Nasdaq Bell for World Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: EXPI). For years, Suzanne has been a major force in expanding the national and international offices of this virtual, cloud-based real estate brokerage company, traveling extensively nationally and internationally to identify, recruit, and onboard established real estate practices. Suzanne appeared in the iconic LED display in Times Square that stands over seven stories tall, commanding the attention of the bustling vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the street below.

## 1970s

**Judy Cunningham Strong '70** and **Gary Strong '70** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May 2024. They graduated from HPHS together but met years earlier in first grade at HP Presbyterian Church in 1958. They have lived in Ft. Worth since 1982, and their three children, their spouses, and eight grandchildren live in "Cowtown," too.



**Mark Jacobs '70** closed his medical practice in 2019, and he and his wife now split their time between Houston and the Colorado front range, and are not complaining a bit!

## 1970s cont.



**Guy Kerr '71** was recently honored with Washington & Lee University's Distinguished Alumni Award. Guy is a 1975 graduate of W&L. The award recognizes the university's

traditions of leadership, responsibility and service. Guy and his wife, **Cindy Vaughan Kerr '71**, also serve as Chairs of the HP Education Foundation's *Lead for Tomorrow* endowment campaign.



**Joe Hunt '71** finished his 20<sup>th</sup> and final Texas Water Safari competition in June. The Texas Water Safari is a 260-mile race to Seadrift from the headwaters of the San Marcos River and has been held annually since 1963. It is billed as the "World's Toughest Boat Race."

Catherine Baker, daughter of **Robert Baker '77**, married Mason Russell in April 2024 in Dallas.

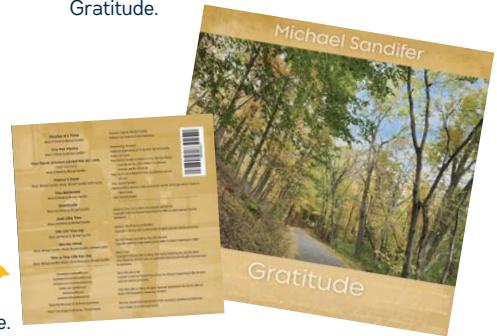
**Sandy Hewett '75** retired and moved to Cedar Creek Lake in Texas nine years ago to enjoy lakefront sunsets and friends. She is active in Providence Baptist Church and has four dogs as well as a Quaker bird for 14 years. Sandy ran the weekend food backpack program as a volunteer for Tool Elementary School for seven years, working with two churches and the East Texas Food Bank. This year, she purchased a second home in Vernon and enjoys new friends at First Baptist Vernon.



**Scott Smith '77** was inducted into the Highland Park Football Ring of Honor in September. Go Scott ... and the Scots!



**Michael Sandifer '78** released a new Christian album. After having a Top 10 Christian radio song off his first album, and two Top 10 Christian radio songs on an album with his brother **Phillip Sandifer '77** in the 1990s, Michael recently released a new album called *Gratitude*.



Michael Sandifer's new album *Gratitude*.

## 1980s

**Lance McIlhenny '80** was inducted into the Highland Park Football Ring of Honor in September. Way to go!



Former Congressman **Brandon Williams '85** has been appointed to serve as the next under secretary for nuclear security and the administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration at the United States Department of Energy. Brandon is a successful businessman and veteran of the U.S. Navy, where he served as a nuclear submarine officer and strategic missile officer. He is a graduate of Pepperdine University and the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Don Turner '85** retired as the Associate Judge of the 254<sup>th</sup> District Court of Dallas County in May 2023 after 11 years on the bench. He joined North Texas Litigation Solutions as a mediator in August of 2023.

**Graham Sowden '12** has joined his father company, RREAF Holdings. **Kip Sowden '81** is the firm's chairman and CEO, and Graham is its chief investment officer.

**Christopher Renquist North '87** is a composer, songwriter, conductor and multi-instrumentalist musician based in Brooklyn, NY. After beginning his career with music in Dallas, he moved to NYC in 1997. Having performed at Carnegie Hall numerous times as a bassist, choir singer and singer/guitarist, Christopher made his Carnegie Hall conducting debut with the ACMA Orchestra in November 2023. In Weill Recital Hall, Christopher led the 24-piece ensemble in a program that featured Mozart Clarinet Concerto and the World Premiere of his Fantasia "on the Verge Of" dedicated "for Lorna," to Dr. Lorna Been. Earlier that year, in his third collaboration with filmmaker Sam Pollard, he provided the score for Max Roach: The Drum Also Waltzes that premiered on PBS American Masters. Their preceding collaboration was on the Grammy Nominated Best Music Film Civil Rights / Blues Documentary *Two Trains Runnin'*.

**Diana Jewell Jabour '89** moved back to Highland Park from Austin three years ago to the same street and block she grew up. Her children attend Providence Christian School. She is training for her final marathon, which will complete her lifelong goal of running a marathon on every continent. The Jabours will make a family trip to Kenya, Africa, for the Big 5 Marathon and then enjoy a safari. This will round out Diana's completion of running on seven continents – and her 55<sup>th</sup> birthday!



## 1990s



Liza Graham Ellis '90 and Anne True Massey '91 served as co-presidents of the Dallas Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi for 2024-2025. The club was chartered in 1915 and is one of the largest Pi Phi alumnae clubs in the country, with over 700 members from

over 75+ chapters. The two were varsity cheerleaders together at HPHS, and Liza was Anne's Pi Phi big sister at UT Austin. The fun continues decades later!

**Jenni Marks Scoggins '90** served as president of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha



Theta for 2024. Jenni was a Theta at the University of Oklahoma. Many remember Jenni as she was the HPHS Alumni Director for 16 years and is now the Director of Operations at Highland Park Dance Company.

**Wendy Wright '93** (center) was honored as Sustainer of the Year by the Junior League of Fort Worth. Wendy is pictured with **Paige Boudreaux Pate '91**, a past president of the Fort Worth Junior League (in blue coat).



**Chris Holt '91** is the newest member of the legendary band, The Eagles! The Dallas singer-guitarist-keyboardist has played in Don Henley's touring band since 2015, and in January 2025, he became an official member of The Eagles. Chris is the band's new guitarist and performed his first live show with them this January at Sphere in Las Vegas, where they will continue their residency. Congratulations to Chris! He is the son of Anne and **Mike Holt '62** and brother of **Steve Holt '85** and **Allison Parks '95**.



**Betsy Carlton Cameron '92** was named the new president of the Ebby Halliday Companies.



In February, **Glen Collins '93** spoke to HPHS students in the Moody Advanced Professional Studies (MAPS) program and brand marketing. Glen is partner and client director of Brandlord, founder and president of Autside, and partner and client director of Switch Creative.

**Libby Denton Hegi '95** (center), **Meredith Ray Ferrell '97** (left), and Paige Slates, served as co-chairs of the Dallas Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi's Fashion Show, Haute Halos, emceed by **Abby**

**Newman Ruth '99**. The event and luncheon was held April 22, 2025 at Brook Hollow Golf Club, with Honorary Chairs Deanie Kepler, Sam Mauldin and **Tish Mauldin Visinsky '94**.

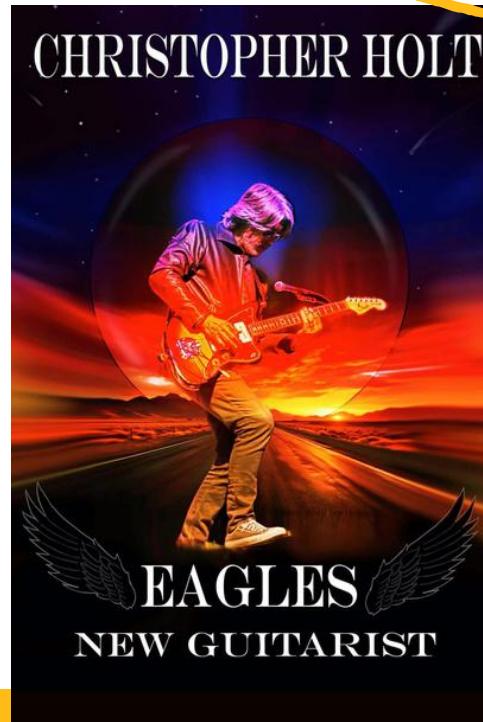
**Kirk McPike '96** was elected to a second three-year term on the city council of Alexandria, VA, in November of 2024. He previously won one of six places on the Democratic Party ticket in the June 2024 primary. Kirk was first elected to the city council in 2021, and his work on council has focused on expanding housing options, supporting Alexandria's schools, and addressing the city's budget challenges. Kirk and his husband, Cantor Jason Kaufman, live in the West End area of Alexandria with their beagle, Punky.

**Tommy Keene '98** was recently named Professor of New Testament and Academic Dean of RTS (Reformed Theological Seminary) in Washington and New York City.



Congratulations to **Michael Fojtasek '98**, whose Austin-based restaurant Olamaie was awarded a Michelin star in November 2024! Michael's Maie Day concept at the South Congress Hotel in Austin has also been recognized as a Michelin Guide Recommended restaurant. Fojtasek is the founder of MaieB Hospitality and is a three-time James Beard finalist for Best Chef: Southwest. He also heads up The Restaurant at the new Albert Hotel in Fredericksburg.

Last fall, **Chaney Pitzer Ferguson '99** won her fifth blue ribbon at the State Fair of Texas Creative Arts Competition! She also won blue ribbons for a new category, Charcuterie Boards.



## 2000s & 2010s

**Lauren Fritts '00** joined Hertz Global Holdings (NASDAQ: HTZ) as senior vice president and chief communications officer in September 2024. Fritts reports to the CEO and oversees Hertz's global communications functions, with a focus on strengthening the company's brand narrative and strategy, enhancing internal and external communications, driving impact communications, and leading corporate reputation. She was previously chief corporate affairs & marketing officer at WeWork.

**Emily Ford Susman '01** is a popular chef, recipe developer and consultant who can be found on Instagram @EmmaClaire'sKitchen. She is also adept at food photography and promoting travel hot spots. With over 150K followers, she enjoys sharing reels, recipes, and products. One product she has developed is Emma Claire's Kitchen "NOT So Simple Spice," which works with hundreds of savory recipes. Her first cookbook, "Get Stuffed," is now available online.

**Lora Farris '01** co-chaired the 2024 Cattle Baron's Ball on Sept. 28 at Southfork Ranch. The Cattle Baron's Ball in Dallas is the largest fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Lora is currently vice president of events and hospitality at Multiplier, where she works with high profile clients and plans professional charity events.

**Caroline Quisenberry '03** and Joseph Unsworth were married in August 2024 at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas.



**James Madden '04** and wife Happy welcomed daughter, Trixie, in March 2024.

**Julie Harding Woidneck '04** and husband Brian welcomed daughter, Evie, in March 2024.

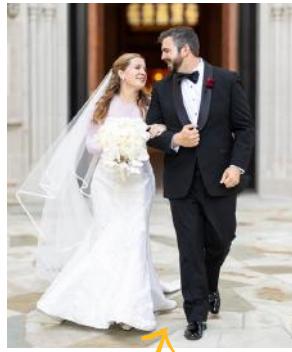
**Ellen Nelson Kershaw '06** served on the Mad for Plaid committee as campus rep for Hyer Elementary.

**Clayton Kershaw '06** won his second World Series championship with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2024. Kershaw is a recent past recipient of the HPHS Distinguished Alumni Award, as well as an all-around all-star!

**Frances Cannon Mitchell '06, Elizabeth Carlock Phillips '06 and Alan Rose '06** were recognized as a "20 Under 40" by People Newspapers.



**Sarah Shuford Oliver '07** and husband Robert welcomed son, Benjamin, in March 2024.



**Anne Rose '08** and Scott Clayton were married in August 2023 at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas. Anne is a summa cum laude graduate of Villanova and director at PwC. Scott is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney and works in wealth management at Merrill Lynch. They reside in San Francisco, CA.

**Julia Gasc Beckman '09** is an attorney in Munsch Hardt's real estate practice and podcast host of Success in Square Feet. She started the podcast to share stories from professionals in commercial real estate about how they built their careers.

**Zach Chu '11** was recently named head men's basketball coach at Radford University in Virginia. Chu was a HPHS basketball captain in 2010-2011.

**Ji Won Kim '13** married Henry Schen in Pebble Beach, CA, in August 2024.



Tour titles in 2024, including The Masters, The Players, the Tour Championship and four signature events. He also claimed a gold medal at the 2024 Olympics in Paris.



**Rachel Wilk '13** and Sam Ross were married in May 2024.



**Scottie Scheffler '14** captured seven PGA



**Megan Nash '15** married Chris Beggs on September 14, 2024 at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas. Pictured are the bride and groom with her parents, Jennifer and **Noble Nash '81**.



**Gable Head '18** lives in Nashville, TN, where she is a singer/songwriter. Her stage name is Gable Burnett, and her latest song, "Man You Were Meant To Be" dropped Feb. 7. She recently performed a show at Club Dada in April, which aired on Apple TV.



**Brynnley Beckman '20** and Connor Robinson were married November 2024 in Dallas.



**Liv Johnson '22** is in her junior year playing for the Loyola Marymount University Beach Volleyball team.



Former HPHS volleyball teammates, **Presley Wright '22** and **Vivian Johnson '24**, are teammates on the University of Texas Beach Volleyball team.



**Peter Nettleton '22**, son of Marimon Simpson Nettleton '84 and Gordon Nettleton '88, is a member of The Citadel Class of 2026 Summerall Guards. One of the elite military guard troupes in the U.S., membership is a high honor.



**Jack Craycroft '23**, son of Andrew Craycroft '85 (USNA '89) and Katrina Craycroft, accepted an appointment to the United States Naval Academy's Class of 2028. Jack will major in operations research and also earned a spot on the Navy Lightweight Rowing team.

**Peyton Bono '24** was recognized as a "20 Under 40 Youth on the Rise" by People Newspapers.

To submit information for class notes and alumni news, visit [hpef.org/classnotes](http://hpef.org/classnotes)



# 2024 GOLDEN SCOTS REUNION



States with 50+ Alumni include: Arkansas, Georgia, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington

California = 200+

Colorado = 150+

Florida = 100+

4000+ live in TEXAS

9000+ GOLDEN SCOTS



JOIN US FOR THE  
31ST ANNUAL  
GOLDEN SCOTS REUNION  
ON SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2025!



On September 14, over 350 alumni came together for our annual Golden Scots Reunion honoring the classes of 1941 to 1974. The day was filled with nostalgia and camaraderie as Golden Scots - alumni who graduated 50 years ago or more - toured the high school, heard district updates from Superintendent Dr. Mike Rockwood, and enjoyed lunch and a special performance by the HPHS twirlers. Laughter and smiles filled the room as alumni reconnected, reminisced, and celebrated their enduring Scot pride!

To view more photos & learn more about the 2025 Golden Scots Luncheon, please visit [hpef.org/golden-scots](http://hpef.org/golden-scots).



Since our founding in 1989, the Highland Park High School Alumni Association has proudly recognized exceptional individuals for their achievements through the annual

Distinguished Alumni Awards. We have honored over 160 individuals who exemplify excellence in their personal and professional lives, while upholding the tradition of leadership and service that is a hallmark of Highland Park schools.

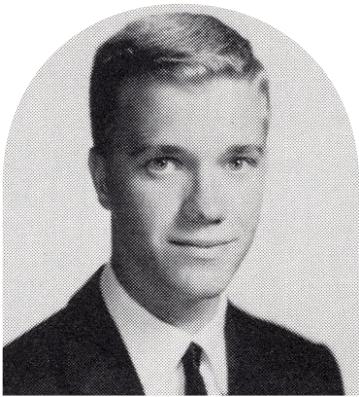
On April 24, we celebrated the newest class of distinguished award recipients, pictured below.

More than 200 guests gathered at Dallas Country Club for a memorable evening including a reception, dinner, and awards program honoring these remarkable inductees. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to this year's honorees and are grateful to all who attended and supported this memorable evening and enduring tradition.

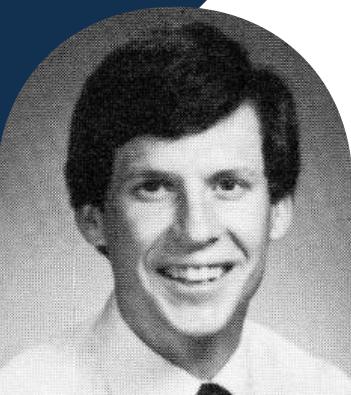
To view honoree videos and bios, or to nominate a worthy candidate for the 2026 Awards, please visit [hpef.org/alumni-awards](http://hpef.org/alumni-awards).

# 2025 HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

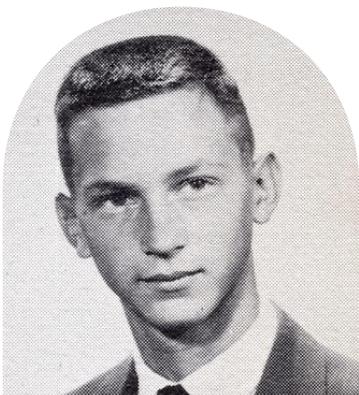
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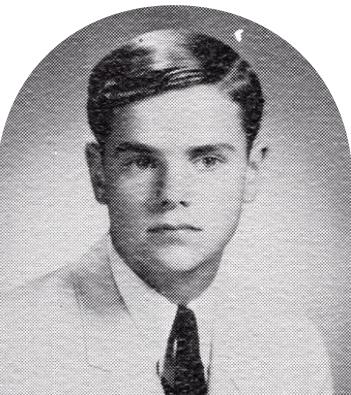
**KEN CRUMLEY, M.D. '59**  
posthumously  
Distinguished Alumni Award



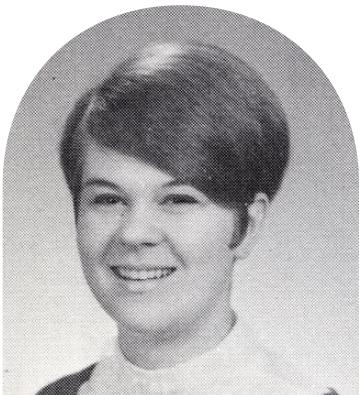
**RICHARD BOHAC**  
Distinguished Service Award



**GARRETT BOONE '61**  
Distinguished Alumni Award



**BOB CLARK '64**  
Highlander Award



**JEAN BROWNE '69**  
Distinguished Alumni Award

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## STAY CONNECTED

### UPCOMING REUNIONS IN 2025

#### GOLDEN SCOTS

Saturday, September 27

Contact: [info@hpef.org](mailto:info@hpef.org)



#### CLASS OF 1955 - 70<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, September 27

Contact: [Tracy.Flint@hpef.org](mailto:Tracy.Flint@hpef.org)

#### CLASS OF 1965 - 60<sup>th</sup>

Friday, October 3 & Saturday, October 4

Contact: Ann Kutner Marron-Clark, [gmom3825@yahoo.com](mailto:gmom3825@yahoo.com)

Mary Ann Myers-Scalise, [mascalise8443@yahoo.com](mailto:mascalise8443@yahoo.com)

Carol Raines Spruill, [caroljack@sbcglobal.net](mailto:caroljack@sbcglobal.net)

#### CLASS OF 1975 - 50<sup>th</sup>

Friday, September 26 & Saturday, September 27

Contact: [HPHSClass1975@gmail.com](mailto:HPHSClass1975@gmail.com)

#### CLASS OF 1985 - 40<sup>th</sup>

Friday, October 17 & Saturday, October 18

Contact: [HPHS1985@gmail.com](mailto:HPHS1985@gmail.com)

#### CLASS OF 1995 - 30<sup>th</sup>

TBD

Contact: [info@hpef.org](mailto:info@hpef.org)

#### CLASS OF 2005 - 20<sup>th</sup>

Friday, October 3 & Saturday, October 4

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#### CLASS OF 2015 - 10<sup>th</sup>

TBD

Contact: [info@hpef.org](mailto:info@hpef.org)

#### CLASS OF 2020 - 5<sup>th</sup>

TBD

Contact: [info@hpef.org](mailto:info@hpef.org)

#### DID YOU KNOW?

HPEF HOSTED 15+ REUNIONS IN 2024!  
OVER 1600 ALUMS ATTENDED.



FOR UP-TO-DATE INFO ON CLASS REUNIONS,  
VISIT [HPEF.ORG/REUNIONS](http://HPEF.ORG/REUNIONS)

#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## LIFETIME MEMBERS

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS PURCHASED IN 2024

Johana Prigmore '56  
Henry Bennett '56  
Joseph Thompson, Jr. '57  
Susan Cooper '58  
Ginger Clayton '59  
Melissa Deakins '60  
David Cottle '60  
Ellen Key '61  
Sally Ann Hudnall '62  
Lisa Alderson '62  
Barbara Camp '63  
Suzanne Gaberino '64  
Kenneth Hamlett '66  
Lewis Crockett '67  
Shirley Marsh '68  
Katherine Sterling '68  
Nancy Patterson '69  
Julien Devereux '69  
William Dickenson '70  
Paul Hardy '71  
Lucinda Sapienza '71  
Joseph Hunt '71  
Lon Houseman '72  
Karen Noel '73  
Terri Byrne '73  
Lisa Laughlin '74  
Frank Baird '74  
Jane Benton '84  
Spencer Malouf '86  
Charles Gale '90  
Preston Phillips, Jr. '91  
Sloane Phillips '91  
Christopher McGuire '94  
Patrick Newsome '99  
Zach Fichtenbaum '05  
Charlie Nau '07  
Calloway Reed '23  
Elizabeth Sweet '23  
Jack Wall '23  
Nola Carroll '24  
Keira Airey-Bufford '24  
Reese Preston '24  
Margaret McKenny '24  
John Ellis '24  
Ainsley Schubert '24  
Katherine Ditchman '24  
Hawkins McMahan '24  
Finley Carnahan '24  
Annabelle Fitzhenagen '24  
Preston Bradford '24  
Odin Dyrved '24  
Alexandra Wright '24  
Julian Balestri '24  
Elizabeth McGowan '24  
Grace Heiss '24  
Thomas Hopper '24  
Karianne Grove-Collins '24  
Anne Speicher '24  
Williams Signor '24  
Blair Brandt '24  
Dylan Mallat '24  
Georgeann Huthnance '24  
Natalie Koch '24  
Gray Miller '24  
Reece Tiffany '24  
Lucy Armbrister '24  
William Young '24  
Harris Leinart '24  
Margaret Steves '24  
Lily Kruger '24  
Kate Moran '24  
Mia Kruger '24  
Emory Loewen '24  
Rene Benitez '24  
Sebastian Benitez '24  
Anderson Jackson '24  
Amy Wilcox '24  
Caroline Fullwood '24  
Rahul Wani '24  
Yonatan Lewis '24  
Chase Vicente '24  
Kate Rogers '24  
Elsa Peterson '24  
Jiayi Yang '24  
Natalie Miller '24  
Baylee Hannagan '24  
Bellamy McClung-Gonzalez '24  
Tara Thomas '24  
Henry Kight '24  
Ross Morgan '24  
Ava Saphier '24  
Cash Nix '24  
Caroline Cardwell '24  
Caroline Schoenvogel '24  
Caden Cantrell '24  
Caroline Scott '24  
Jack Rice '24  
Virginia Martin '24  
Samantha Anderson '24  
Trent Thrash '24  
Reese Shoffner '24  
Tessa Nurre '24  
Hunter Cannon '24  
John Morse '24  
Wright Watters '24  
Abigail Herring '24  
Anna Butler '24  
Christopher Pollock '24  
Claire Finger '24  
William Ogle '24  
Anna Goldman '24  
Mary Mathison '24  
Corbin Monk '24  
Cole Onofrietti '24  
Lane Glassmoyer '24  
William Cavey '24  
Neelan Krishna '24  
Harrison Alt '24  
Emma Rogers '24  
Paula Valle '24  
Emerson Schorr '24  
Colin Noble '24  
Sophia Ghobrial '24  
Lyla Barrett '24  
Braden Quinn '24  
Madison Imhof '24  
Wilson Gill '24  
Henry Leigh '24  
Owen Johnson '24  
Robert Wiles '24  
Knox Hickey '24  
Ty Bradford '24  
William Krejs '24  
Angad Singh '24  
Erle Nye '24  
Luke Withers '24  
Georgia Sealy '24  
Josephine Cherry '24  
Mary Harris '24  
Ann Anderson '24  
Katherine Worrel '24  
Charles Nelson '24  
Zoe Zaner '24  
Marilyn Rachal '24  
Yiyoung Liu '24  
John Sorrells '24  
Angus Wall '24  
John Burke '24  
Grayson Davenport '24  
Kathryn Joiner '24  
Blake Trusler '24  
Audrey Teebles '24  
Ashton Carroll '24  
Elizabeth Bill '24  
Maile Tew '24  
Sam Montgomery '24



\*photos courtesy of 2024 reunions

## CONNECT

- Reconnect and stay in touch with friends and fellow alums through unlimited access to the online Alumni Directory
- Stay informed about class reunions, alumni events, and local gatherings
- Network through continuing education with 10% off classes at the HPISD Academy for Lifelong Learning

## SUPPORT

- Membership fees are tax deductible and offer the opportunity to support communications, events, and operations for alumni while enjoying all the member benefits
- Gain access to unique volunteer opportunities for personal and career growth through service on select committees

## CELEBRATE

- Receive 10% off at the Scot Shop, and show your Scot spirit with custom HP gear
- Honor fellow HP grads through support of the annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner and Golden Scots Luncheon
- Spread HP pride with a membership car window decal

\*Photos courtesy of class reunions & events from 2024



# SCOTS WE WILL MISS

*The following alumni losses were reported to HPEF from March 2024 to February 2025*

## 1943

Dorothy Sue Lowry Rembert - 7.12.2024

## 1944

James "JW" Womack - 1.1.2022  
James "Rip" Collins - 1.14.2023

## 1945

Elaine Fox Kahn - 4.1.2009  
Gloria Goodman Yates - 12.20.2024  
Virginia McIver Fults - 5.28.2021  
Mary Taylor Windrow - 2.29.2020

## 1946

George "Buddy" Macatee, III - 1.5.2023  
Mary Ann Montgomery Thorn - 11.29.2023

## 1947

Thomas Carter, Jr. - 3.25.2022  
Grace Marston Winslow - 12.20.2024  
Norma Peterson Walker - 12.28.2023  
Mary Anne Sammons Cree - 7.21.2021  
Jackson Raley - 4.12.2024

## 1948

William "Bill" Fleener - 5.15.2024  
Robert "Bobby" Cox - 3.5.2024  
Bettye Bobbitt Tiffany - 6.23.2024  
Joan Bush Stevenson - 8.22.2024  
Dolores de Boer Tarlton - 1.15.2020  
Janie Granger Spicer - 3.9.2024  
Joe Bob Tucker - 6.3.2024  
Bernard Van Eaton James - 6.18.2024

## 1949

Louis Weber, Jr. - 7.24.2024  
Betty Bell Muns - 4.30.2024  
Ida Bennett Howes - 3.22.2024  
Nancy Gibson Witt - 2.16.2021  
John Coolidge - 11.22.2020  
Fonse Ragland - 5.13.2024

## 1950

Joan Drilling Essenfeld - 7.26.2023  
Ruth Gould Cohen - 7.5.2024  
Shirley Trippe Anderson-Miller - 6.28.2024  
Donald Binion - 1.25.2025  
James Moser - 6.17.2024  
John Kropp  
Burke Burkart - 7.29.2024  
Bailey Ruff - 4.13.2024

## 1951

Julie Lustig Cohen - 7.27.2024  
Doris Neel Baumgardner - 12.23.2023  
Lionel Fuller - 6.16.2024

## 1952

Shirley Heilbron Price - 7.10.2024  
Patricia Jack Porter - 11.1.2024  
Morton Susman - 1.21.2025  
David Shelmire - 2.12.2025

## 1953

Denise Greenwell Meck - 11.22.2023  
Anne Ruggles Bromberg - 12.8.2023  
Samuel McIntosh - 1.5.2025  
Frank Groseclose - 7.2.2024

## 1954

Denise Greenwell Meck - 11.22.2023  
Anne Ruggles Bromberg - 12.8.2023  
Samuel McIntosh - 1.5.2025  
Frank Groseclose - 7.2.2024

Arthur Speegle, III - 4.2.2023  
Linda Beck Jackson - 6.23.2024  
Carol DeLoach Fletcher - 11.2.2024  
Ann Grant Smith - 9.11.2024  
Patti Hughs Burke - 6.25.2024  
Stephanie Ronay Correll - 6.10.2024  
Gail Rutland Crane - 8.1.2007  
Rita Taylor Brown - 5.11.2024  
Lewis Cohen - 3.6.2024  
Sam Scott - 7.10.2023  
Jane Burton  
Wade Smith - 7.14.2024  
Henry Nuss - 10.9.2023  
Douglas Klingman - 3.10.2024

## 1955

Floyd Ralph Garrett - 1.14.2024  
John Yarbrough - 4.19.2024  
Robert Barnes - 12.17.2023  
Greg Boss - 8.20.2024  
Mayo Crum - 4.2.2020  
Brooks Patrick - 2.4.2024

## 1956

Ruth Ann Baggs Kuhlman - 8.19.2022  
Carolyn Williams Marks - 9.29.2024  
Edward "Eddie" Mahon - 7.22.2024  
Arnold Williams - 7.31.2022

## 1957

Carol Alexander Vesey - 1.31.2022  
Gwen Eden Patton - 11.1.2024  
Dorothy Sieplein McWeeny - 2.16.2024  
Danna Waldman Simon - 9.14.2024  
H. Wallace Garber - 1.29.2023  
Jane Stotts - 12.19.2024  
Aron Nance - 10.19.2024  
Sharon Strickland - 4.18.2023  
Philip Woods - 4.10.2023  
James Beakey - 3.9.2024

## 1958

Homer "Butch" Grubbs - 1.18.2024  
Peter "Pete" Winstead - 8.7.2024  
Betty Clo Abrams Jarrell - 2.17.2024  
Jane Crockett Lowrimore - 6.24.2024  
Merry Ann Morton Bargonetti - 10.30.2023  
Jacquelyn Rogers Barrow  
Sharon Walker Baggs - 8.30.2024  
Robert Webb Sherrill - 9.12.2023  
Jean Wilson Levering - 12.16.2020  
Lyn McDonald - 10.9.2019  
Jerry Tobin - 8.19.2024

## 1959

Douglas Conner, III - 5.16.2024  
John Kemendo, Jr.  
Patricia Dickenson Reynolds - 7.31.2014  
Janet Dudley Hardin - 2.1.2021  
Bonnie Gravley Grieswell - 3.23.2023  
Diane Groth Kosta - 5.29.2023  
Betsy Hamric Edwards - 3.18.2021  
Liebe Mayo Purnell - 5.26.2022

## 1960

Patricia Alexander Hanson - 8.16.2024  
Allan Ellis Brown - 1.3.2024  
Karen Gay Hurt - 10.29.2024  
Mary Mary Ruth Clarke - 8.10.2024  
Thomas Philip Reilly - 11.28.2024  
Lugay Weisenburg Wills - 6.1.2024  
Curtis Newbury - 12.8.2023  
Jack Irwin - 12.4.2024  
Curtis Hill

## 1961

Ronald "Ronny" Beard - 6.5.2024  
Susan Harris Clayton - 6.18.2024  
Mickey Hudnall - 6.12.2024  
Alan Dreeben - 3.21.2024

**1962**

Lea Carlton Nowlin  
Merilou Shoop Love - 6.10.2024  
Michael Anderson - 9.6.2023  
Evgenia Boswell - 4.26.2024

**1963**

Becky Nichols Guillot - 6.29.2024  
Travis Hammer - 9.25.2024  
William Jones - 8.19.2024  
Michael Sharp  
Tom Hill - 7.1.2024

**1964**

Jack Woodworth, Jr. - 4.1.2024  
William Randy Ransone - 6.11.2024  
Henry Wayne Haley - 9.17.2024  
James Buchenau - 3.30.2023  
Garvin Tate - 6.10.2022

**1965**

Catherine Beverly Turner - 2.1.2025  
Emily Coker Rice - 6.22.2023  
Sam Weisenburg - 5.29.2023

**1966**

Gay Elliott Keim - 7.26.2024  
Guy Griffeth - 2.15.2025  
Jill Sanford - 10.26.2024  
Jay Ferguson  
Morris Evans - 3.20.2024

**1967**

Neill Mallon Russell - 10.8.2023  
Bruce Kingsley - 12.15.2023  
Frank Holcomb - 3.1.2024

**1968**

Chrissy Trojack Sledge - 10.30.2023  
Epsie Turner Rucker - 6.2.2024  
Melissa Kemp - 11.22.2024  
Joseph Rock  
Nancy Swain

**1969**

James Murphy, II - 10.5.2023  
Cliff "Tripp" Jones, III - 7.7.2024  
Louise Feritta Gassett  
Richard Strange  
Bret Holland - 3.3.2021  
Glenn Reid - 11.25.2023

**1970**

Dennis "Denny" Day

**1971**

Melinda Obenchain - 8.21.2024

**1973**

Tim Triece - 10.16.2024  
Catherine Howell - 2.26.2024

**1974**

Randy Smith - 1.9.2025

**1975**

Susan Crissey Scales - 8.22.2022  
Bruce Shipp - 5.21.2023  
Genie Leftwich - 1.1.2022  
Tobe Evans - 6.14.2024

**1976**

Paul Pete Adams, III - 5.9.2024  
Anita Bagnall - 12.25.2024

**1980**

Theresa "Terry" Jud - 12.31.2023

**1981**

Manning Shannon, III - 9.6.2024  
John Chappell - 3.8.2024

**1983**

Craig Simmons, Jr. - 4.18.2024  
Jason Wright

**1989**

Brent Patton - 7.13.2024

**1990**

Claudia Liepsner Boles - 4.18.2022

**1994**

Kimberly Farmer Croft - 8.21.2024

**1998**

Brian McElroy - 8.8.2024

**2001**

Anne Harper - 12.8.2024  
Stephen Vogel - 4.26.2024

**2004**

William Johnson - 2.26.2024  
Joshua Snowden - 7.10.2017  
Connor Patman - 6.26.2015

**2005**

William Jeff Carter - 8.18.2021  
Douglas Newsom - 3.23.2024

**2006**

Walker Bateman, V - 7.26.2024

**2007**

Mary Claire Attaway - 3.29.2024  
Andrew Malone - 4.21.2024

**2015**

Grace Newman - 8.5.2024

**2017**

Joseph Patrick Reynolds

**2024**

Zoe Thames - 2.27.2024

# HONORING ALUMNI WE HAVE LOST

The above alumni deaths were reported to the HP Education Foundation between  
March 2023 and February 2024.

To submit notice of a deceased  
classmate, please email [info@hpef.org](mailto:info@hpef.org)  
and include your name and contact  
information, and the deceased's first  
name, maiden name, last name, class  
year, and link to an obituary if available.



# TEACHERS FEEL IMPACT OF GIVING

## SALARIES MOVE HIGHER AMONG PEER DISTRICTS



Hannah Veitenheimer with her kindergarten class at Armstrong Elementary

The previous five years have marked a distinct shift in HPISD teacher salaries compared to other districts. HPISD uses publicly available information to track teacher salaries among a peer group of 25 districts in North Texas. The tables here illustrate salaries for teachers with either a master's or bachelor's degree. The columns illustrating years of experience reflect only years working in HPISD.

Going back five years to the 2020-21 school year, nearly every category of teachers, from new hires to 20-year veterans, ranked at the bottom of the peer group. The 2024-25 year ranked nearly opposite, with each group moving toward the top tier. "We are so proud of our teachers," said HPISD Superintendent, Dr. Mike Rockwood. "We have always believed we have the best teachers anywhere, and their compensation should reflect this."

HPISD leaders employed a range of financial tools to make this shift possible, according to

Scott Drillette, the District's chief financial officer. These include a successful 2024 bond election, a Golden Penny election in 2021, and increasing donor support through Mad for Plaid, which directly aids teacher salaries. "Without the support of donors to Mad for Plaid, the most we could have hoped for was to reach the mid-point with our peer districts," said Drillette. "This community doesn't accept average when it comes to education, and we're grateful for the support to elevate teacher salaries into the upper tiers. Now, we need to keep them there."

That feat will be aided significantly by a stronger Tartan Endowment, thanks to the *Lead for Tomorrow* campaign. Publicly launched in August 2023, this campaign aims to add \$40 million to the Tartan Endowment by 2026. The effort is on schedule, with more than \$27 million raised through nearly 188 new endowed funds established by alumni, parents, grandparents, and Park Cities residents who believe in the importance of public education. Most of these

permanent funds are designated by donors to meet the District's greatest needs from year to year.

The endowment is managed by the Highland Park Education Foundation and was started in the 1990s. When *Lead for Tomorrow* was conceived in 2021, the endowment's market value was \$35 million. This is an impressive sum for any public school district, but not enough to meet HPISD's needs, especially with teacher salaries. "Every year, Mad for Plaid felt like an exercise just to keep up," said Michael Denton, Jr. '89, HPEF's board president at the time. "We decided it was time to stop playing defense and start playing offense."

The game plan developed by HPEF's leadership included continuing annual fundraising through Mad for Plaid and conducting a multi-year endowment campaign. "This model works for colleges, universities, and private schools," Denton said. "We believed this community would continue

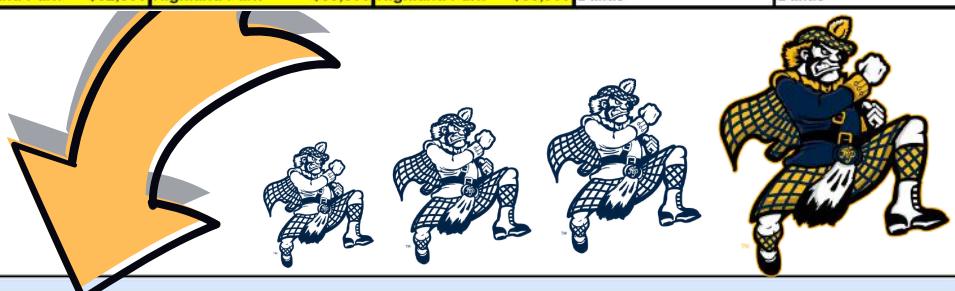
supporting Mad for Plaid, while also getting behind a long-term solution for HPISD's needs. The community has definitely responded, and you can see the impact on our teachers."

While HPEF manages the endowment and the campaign to strengthen it, an army of volunteers have been the real heroes according to Meg Jones Boyd '96, HPEF's executive director, "Our success would not be possible without the Leadership Committee members, chairs, and honorary chairs."

Beyond this formal volunteer group, countless others are helping as well: "So many volunteers have hosted small events for us to help spread the word," she added. "And all the parent-teacher groups for the schools and the Dads Club are supporting this too. It's been incredible to see so many people come forward in support of our schools."

For Superintendent Rockwood, there's relief knowing that the Tartan Endowment will keep growing in the years to come as donors fulfill their pledge commitments. But stronger finances are just one part of the bigger picture: "The donors to the Tartan Endowment have not just helped us address a current priority," he said. "These funds will live on forever and help HPISD achieve in ways we may not even imagine today. That is the greatest accomplishment of this campaign."

2021-2022 Teacher Salary with BA/BS Degree									
Organization	0-Year Salary	Organization	5-Year Salary	Organization	10-Year Salary	Organization	15-Year Salary	Organization	20-Year Salary
HEB	\$58,500	Dallas	\$61,200	Irving	\$64,678	Arlington	\$65,900	Arlington	\$68,400
Arlington	\$58,400	HEB	\$61,058	Coppell	\$63,444	Irving	\$65,698	Irving	\$67,348
McKinney	\$57,800	Arlington	\$60,900	Arlington	\$63,400	Grand Prairie	\$64,902	HEB	\$67,336
Grand Prairie	\$57,250	Irving	\$60,448	Dallas	\$63,400	Frisco	\$64,650	Grand Prairie	\$66,906
CFB	\$57,050	McKinney	\$59,300	HEB	\$63,033	HEB	\$64,581	Frisco	\$66,850
Birdville	\$57,000	Frisco	\$59,250	Grand Prairie	\$62,635	Coppell	\$64,444	McKinney	\$66,700
Lewisville	\$56,925	Grand Prairie	\$59,109	Frisco	\$62,000	McKinney	\$64,200	Keller	\$66,030
Keller	\$56,800	Wylie	\$59,105	McKinney	\$61,700	Keller	\$63,991	Coppell	\$65,444
Irving	\$56,727	Coppell	\$59,100	Keller	\$61,596	Lewisville	\$63,634	Lewisville	\$64,994
Little Elm	\$56,525	Lewisville	\$58,948	Lewisville	\$61,484	Mesquite	\$62,837	Allen	\$64,354
Coppell	\$56,500	Keller	\$58,915	Mesquite	\$61,209	Denton	\$62,810	Denton	\$64,310
Dallas	\$56,500	Allen	\$58,652	Allen	\$61,206	Allen	\$62,766	Plano	\$64,300
Frisco	\$56,500	Garland	\$58,121	Denton	\$60,810	Plano	\$62,300	Mesquite	\$64,181
Wylie	\$56,500	Birdville	\$58,106	Wylie	\$60,601	Wylie	\$62,133	Birdville	\$64,011
Denton	\$56,400	Mesquite	\$58,082	Plano	\$60,450	Birdville	\$61,911	Little Elm	\$63,971
Garland	\$56,325	Denton	\$58,050	GCISD	\$60,146	Garland	\$61,734	Wylie	\$63,683
Carroll	\$56,100	CFB	\$57,985	Garland	\$60,058	CFB	\$61,725	GCISD	\$63,646
Mesquite	\$56,100	Carroll	\$57,805	Birdville	\$60,031	GCISD	\$61,676	Carroll	\$63,606
Allen	\$56,000	Little Elm	\$57,668	CFB	\$59,855	Carroll	\$61,595	CFB	\$63,595
Plano	\$56,000	GCISD	\$57,520	Carroll	\$59,470	Little Elm	\$61,448	Garland	\$63,428
GCISD	\$55,600	Plano	\$57,250	Little Elm	\$59,233	Lovejoy	\$59,759	Lovejoy	\$62,073
Richardson	\$55,000	Richardson	\$56,375	Lovejoy	\$57,845	Richardson	\$59,125	Richardson	\$60,500
Rockwall	\$54,400	Rockwall	\$55,600	Richardson	\$57,750	Rockwall	\$58,286	Rockwall	\$60,086
Lovejoy	\$53,185	Lovejoy	\$55,240	Rockwall	\$56,796	Highland Park	\$57,400	Highland Park	\$59,400
Highland Park	\$52,500	Highland Park	\$53,500	Highland Park	\$55,900	Dallas		Dallas	



## Teachers with BA/BS Degrees - 2024-25 - Impact of Mad for Plaid Gift

ISD	0 Years	ISD	5 Years	ISD	10 years	ISD	15 years	ISD	20 years
Arlington	64,600	Arlington	67,100	Arlington	69,600	Arlington	72,100	Richardson	76,000
Grand Prairie	63,000	Irving	65,365	Coppell	69,000	Coppell	71,315	Arlington	74,600
Coppell	62,700	Coppell	65,200	Irving	68,630	Richardson	71,000	Coppell	72,815
Irving	62,618	Grand Prairie	65,000	Mesquite	68,061	Mesquite	70,202	Mesquite	71,820
HEB	62,500	Garland	64,495	HEB	67,848	Irving	69,173	Irving	71,463
Dallas	62,000	HPISD	64,258	Garland	67,038	Garland	69,138	Garland	71,399
McKinney	62,000	Dallas	64,250	Grand Prairie	67,000	Grand Prairie	69,000	Grand Prairie	71,328
Mesquite	62,000	Mesquite	64,218	Dallas	66,500	HEB	68,748	Wylie	71,172
Garland	61,500	Wylie	64,040	Wylie	66,222	Wylie	68,193	HEB	71,077
Wylie	61,491	HEB	63,861	Richardson	66,000	McKinney	67,900	McKinney	70,400
CFBISD	61,000	McKinney	63,600	HPISD	65,686	Lewisville	67,632	Prosper	70,100
Plano	61,000	Richardson	63,500	McKinney	65,400	HPISD	67,216	Frisco	69,650
Richardson	61,000	Plano	63,007	Allen	65,394	Frisco	67,150	Lewisville	69,478
Lewisville	60,850	Frisco	62,350	Plano	65,014	Plano	67,021	HPISD	69,154
Frisco	60,500	HPISD	62,330	Frisco	64,650	Allen	66,809	Plano	69,029
Allen	60,400	Lewisville	62,185	Lewisville	64,283	Prosper	66,600	Allen	68,593
HPISD	60,000	CFBISD	62,000	CFBISD	64,171	CFBISD	65,672	Sunnyvale	67,649
Prosper	60,000	Allen	61,954	HPISD	63,715	Sunnyvale	65,604	CFBISD	67,574
GCISD	59,250	Little Elm	61,277	Prosper	63,500	Denton	65,364	Denton	67,218
Rockwall	59,000	Prosper	61,000	GCISD	63,350	HPISD	65,200	GCISD	67,150
Keller	59,000	Denton	60,770	Keller	62,800	GCISD	65,150	Little Elm	67,147
Denton	59,000	GCISD	60,750	Little Elm	62,789	Little Elm	64,830	HPISD	67,079
Little Elm	58,285	Keller	60,400	Denton	62,727	Keller	64,796	Keller	66,796
HPISD	58,200	Rockwall	60,390	Rockwall	62,330	Rockwall	64,370	Rockwall	66,410
Sunnyvale	57,700	Sunnyvale	59,200	Sunnyvale	61,974	Sunnyvale	64,194	Sunnyvale	66,164
Lovejoy	57,000	Lovejoy	58,834	Lovejoy	61,518	Lovejoy	63,762	Lovejoy	66,064

Current HPISD salaries indicated in yellow

Projected HPISD salaries without \$1.8M Mad for Plaid Gift

## CAMPAIGN LEADERS RETURN TO SERVE AGAIN

For the second time, Judy and Jim '53 Gibbs are helping lead an endowment campaign for Highland Park Schools. They are honorary co-chairs of the current *Lead for Tomorrow* campaign, sharing the title with fellow honorary co-chairs Marla and Mike '59 Boone and chairs, Cindy '71 and Guy '71 Kerr.

Their first role came over a quarter-century ago when they were asked to lead the effort as chairs. At the time, what is now known as the Tartan Endowment didn't exist. And compared to the current campaign, it wasn't quite the same experience. "It was difficult," Judy said. "There just wasn't a lot of interest among potential donors in getting an endowment started."

Jim agreed, recalling a conversation with a prominent Highland Park resident whose grandkids were enrolled at the time, "He said he wanted to support HPISD while they were all in school. He didn't see the point of giving to something that would help the schools after his grandkids were gone."

Undeterred by the slow start, they applied their leadership skills gained through decades of service in the community. Judy was the Middle School PTA president in 1984 when she was asked to join the board of the newly-formed Highland Park ISD Education Foundation (HPEF). She was also elected to the HPISD Board of Trustees in 1986 and served nine years before returning to the HPEF board. Jim also actively served, first on the Dads Club for Hyer Elementary and later on the HPEF board. Their sons are also HPHS graduates, Ford '88 and John '90.

The campaign picked up momentum when the Texas legislature implemented a new funding model in 1993. Commonly known as "Robin Hood," this requires a percentage of property



taxes collected by districts with highly-appraised property to be redistributed to those across the state with less. According to Jim, the repercussions were swift when HPISD gave up their first allocation subject to recapture, "I recall they had to cut several programs and fire 30 people. About 20 were teachers and the others were staff and administrators."

That was the catalyst to get the endowment campaign moving, according to Judy, "This community values teachers and education. If people here think their schools are not getting the support they deserve, they come together to do something about it." The campaign continued into the early 2000s, with the endowment growing modestly but not at the pace initially envisioned.

By 2011, the Tartan Endowment comprised nearly 40 funds and reached the original campaign's goal of \$10 million. When *Lead for Tomorrow* quietly began in 2021, there were 50 funds with a market value of \$35 million. In just over four years, campaign donors have added nearly 185 more funds, including one established by Judy and Jim. These new funds have pushed the Tartan Endowment's value to \$58 million (as of March 2025). Plus, there's an additional \$12.2 million coming in documented pledges.

This second go-around as campaign leaders has been especially rewarding to the Gibbs, as more supporters now understand the need for a strong endowment. "The importance of teachers and the long-term solution to offering top pay is the goal of *Lead for Tomorrow*," said Judy. "The Tartan Endowment positively affects the quality of education across all our schools. I can think of nothing more important for the future of our district."



In addition to the Tartan Endowment, Judy & Jim Gibbs support Mad for Plaid, HPEF's annual campaign.

# TEACHER PROFILE: BRITTANY CRISTOFOLI

On a recent day, Brittany Cristofoli donned a fake gold crown and a regal cloak, and handed out cups of dried beans to each student in her fifth-grade social studies class at McCulloch Intermediate School (MIS).

"I told them at the end of class that the student with the most beans wins," explained Cristofoli. "Then I started making up arbitrary reasons for a student tax collector to take their beans. At the end, I had two full cups of beans and said, 'I'm King George and I win.'"

And with that, a central theme of the American Revolution, the concept of taxation without representation, crystallized for students.

"I like bringing history to life, making it fun and real to them," Cristofoli said. "I want them to understand that what happened in the past still affects them."

Cristofoli's path to becoming a teacher started with some bumps. As a child, her elementary school, not her home, offered her stability.



"It was my constant, my foundation, my equalizer. No matter the circumstances at home, or school, I could always count on my teachers to be there for me. They poured into me, poured into my education, and most importantly, they believed in me. Their belief gave me hope for a better future, and because of this, I was determined to be a teacher when I grew up."

Cristofoli put herself through undergraduate school and then spent several years teaching at private and public schools before settling into HPISD.

Her life has inspired many who know her story. After Cristofoli shared more about her upbringing and career with a group of hundreds at the Highland Park Education Foundation (HPEF) launch of the *Lead for Tomorrow* endowment campaign, Garry Weber, HPHS Class of '54, was so impressed that he announced an additional \$2 million gift to the campaign, in addition to the \$5 million lead gift he had already generously made, said HPEF Executive Director Meg Jones Boyd.

"During this year at MIS, Cristofoli helped students conquer new areas of learning.

"I encourage civil discourse because a lot of these topics are new to students," said Cristofoli. "So even if we take notes, which is old school, we'll also do partner work and have discussions."

Brittany Cristofoli with MIS students

It's important to provide lots of different opportunities for kids with different strengths to shine."

Students dove into exploring the history behind the 13 colonies by creating advertising posters for each colony. Working together, the students researched, planned, and created projects that they shared with the class.

"Teaching is my passion and my classroom is my happy place," Cristofoli said. "Just like my teachers who poured into me, I strive to pour into my students every day. I am living out my childhood dream by building relationships with my students, providing stability when they need it, and being an advocate for all children who enter to learn and go forth to serve."



# Lead for Tomorrow

Endowment Campaign for Highland Park Schools

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*Coach Randy Allen at Highlander Stadium*

## DONORS UNITE TO HONOR COACH RANDY ALLEN

The winningest active high school football coach in Texas – and second of all time – now coaches on a field named in his honor. Coach Randy Allen has led the Scots to 23 district titles, four state championships, and almost 300 wins.

At an HPISD board meeting last August, Highland Park Education Foundation Board Member Noble Nash '81 announced the naming, to the surprise of Allen and his family. A group of former players, parents, and friends collectively established a new fund in the Tartan Endowment to honor Allen. "I am humbled to have my name on the field where so many great Scots have played," said Coach Allen. "I appreciate everyone who made this possible and allowed me to do what I love. We live in a community of givers, and the *Lead for Tomorrow* endowment campaign is an opportunity for all Scots to give back."

Stephen Jones, an HP parent and chief operating officer and co-owner of the Dallas Cowboys, noted Allen's legacy is about more than football. "We believe that finding these special coaches and teachers, who are the makers of men and women, is unique and special," said Jones.

"Coach Allen's program is much more important than winning a football game or what happens on the field; it is his mentorship. He's involved in making these kids translate their success on the field and into the men they become off the field with his guidance and tutelage." Allen coached Karen and Stephen Jones' son, John Stephen '18.

"We also wanted someone who could teach our players the proper values for both sports and life," remembers Bill Duvall, an HP parent and grandparent, and committee member who hired Allen. "Coach is the utmost gentleman I have ever met," Duvall said. "He's taught these players what they need to win football games, like perseverance and work ethic, but he's also taught them to be honorable, to communicate, to work well with others, and to go on to be leaders in college and their professional lives."

If you would like to establish a Legacy Fund to honor Coach Allen, contact Allison Vanderwoude '00 at the Highland Park Education Foundation at 214.780.3062 or [allison.vanderwoude@hpef.org](mailto:allison.vanderwoude@hpef.org).

*Coach Randy Allen (center) with wife Carolyn (left), Rusty & Bill Duvall (far left) & John Stephen, Karen & Stephen Jones (right)*



## UNIQUE GIFTS HONOR AND REMEMBER LEGACY OF OTHERS



Coach Jim Mouser with former student athletes celebrating his 2024 Distinguished Service Award.

Two groups of HP alumni recently took the initiative to endow new funds in the Tartan Endowment as part of the *Lead for Tomorrow* campaign. The Class of 1984, on the occasion of their 40th reunion, established the Class of 1984 Legacy Fund, making them the first HPHS class to establish an endowed fund. Nearly \$20,000 was raised from more than a dozen '84 alumni.

More than 20 former cross country and track and field athletes donated nearly \$50,000 to establish the Coach Jim Mouser Legacy Fund. Mouser was honored in 2024 with the Distinguished Service Award during the annual Distinguished Alumni Awards. He joined Highland Park in 1967 and served 27 years, leading the boys' and girls' cross country and track and field teams.

Both endowments will generate annual income to be used across HPISD in perpetuity. And both groups selflessly wanted their funds to honor others. The Class of 1984 dedicated theirs to the memory of their 19 classmates who have passed, according to Tommy McBride '84. "We always recognize at our class reunions the classmates who we've lost," McBride said. "Leading up to our 40th, we thought it would be a thoughtful act for our class to create a permanent endowment in their honor."

McBride worked with classmate Emily Christian Lewis '84 on the idea and approached the HP Education Foundation to set up the fund. "Going to Highland Park is more than just four years of high school," McBride said.

"Nearly all of us grew up together and bonded, starting in elementary school through our senior year. Our classmates who have passed left their legacy, and this fund will always be there to honor them."

The idea to honor Coach Mouser with a fund came from his former athletes who attended last year's award ceremony. LuAnne Staley Hobbs '85 was one of them: "He is so deserving of this. He literally shaped our character for a lifetime," Hobbs said. "Now it's fitting that this fund will live on in his name for the benefit of future generations."

Hobbs, who ran cross country and track, said Mouser's coaching philosophy carried over to life after high school for many student-athletes. "He always said running is 99% mental. Whoever wants it is going to win. That turned out to be true for a lot of things in life." She said his commitment to their success always inspired them to do their best. "He treated us like pro athletes. At track meets, we were the only team with a tent in the middle of the field so we could stay out of the sun." He also knew how to motivate. "We didn't practice on Fridays since track meets were on Saturdays. If we practiced hard during the week, he'd reward us on Friday with a gallon of Blue Bell ice cream," Hobbs said. "He knew all our favorite flavors!"

Additional gifts can be made to these Legacy Funds. Other classes and groups are encouraged to create new funds to honor others similar to these examples.



Right Top: Megan & Don Saustad with Laura & Tommy McBride at the Class of 1984 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Right Center: Class of 1984 Reunion planners Beth Baker Kahlicks, Trez Patrick & Beth Fenton

Right Bottom: Elizabeth Thayer Speicher, Laura Foster Bennett, Coach Jim Mouser, Jennifer McKay Keiser, Lesley Clark Rhodes, Haylie Halpin Crouch, Ginny Woodward Ivy, and Kristen Cox Beckman

# CELEBRATING HPISD RETIREES

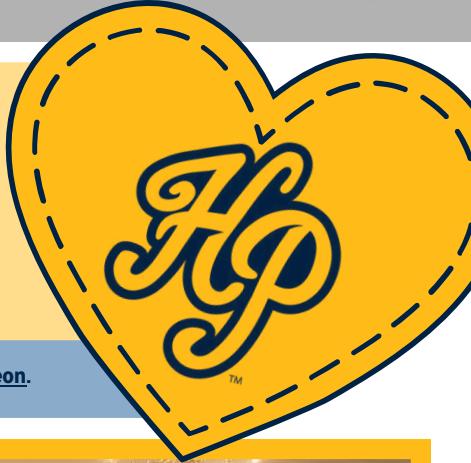
## HPISD RETIREES ANNUAL LUNCHEON

On April 26, 2024 over 70 retired HPISD teachers and former employees gathered for a special luncheon at Park Cities Baptist Church, bringing together beloved educators who have shaped generations of HP students. These teachers, coaches, staff and administrators enjoyed a delightful meal, while reminiscing about their time in the classroom and reconnecting with former colleagues.

The room was filled with warm reunions, shared memories, and expressions of gratitude for their incredible impact on our community. This annual event serves as a heartfelt tribute to these educators and the years of dedication and lasting influence they have provided for our alumni. Their passion and commitment remain as an enduring part of HPISD's legacy!

To donate to this event, visit [hpef.org/retired-luncheon](https://hpef.org/retired-luncheon).

\*Photos courtesy of 2024 Retired Teachers Luncheon



HPISD Retirees - update your contact information by emailing [info@hpef.org](mailto:info@hpef.org)

# WORDS TO LIVE BY



## A LETTER FROM ADAM HARRIS, HPHS SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT, CLASS OF 2024

When I look back on my time at Highland Park High School, I am overcome with gratitude. Highland Park was far more than just a place where we went to class—it was where we built friendships, learned life lessons in Socratic seminars, made friends for life, and became part of a community that will always feel like home. The Class of 2024 was defined by resilience, ambition, and a deep sense of camaraderie. Over four years, we faced challenges, celebrated victories (in nearly every field we touched), and created memories that will stay with us for a lifetime. Whether in classrooms, or in our Highlander Stadium, we lifted each other and left our mark on the community.

But what truly made my experience special wasn't just the achievements, it was the people. The teachers who woke up every morning and brought forth lessons that challenged us to think beyond the textbook, the coaches who taught us discipline, perseverance, and grit, and made us winners. The classmates who became lifelong friends. Some of the best moments weren't the big events, but the everyday ones, going to class early to strike up conversations, loitering in the halls for what seemed like hours on end. Highland Park wasn't just a school; it was a place that molded me into the person I am today, along with countless others.

Though we are on to new chapters, the skills and lessons the people at Highland Park have instilled are used daily. I can say that, as a first-year medical student at the Royal College of Surgeons (RCSI) in Dublin, Ireland, these skills have set me apart and helped me in innumerable ways. I may be far from home but continue to be an ambassador for HPHS and thrive on the motto of "Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve". And I know in a decade or so, when we return for reunions, I will be able to express my gratitude to my esteemed mentors who shaped my journey.



**"BUT WHAT TRULY MADE MY EXPERIENCE SPECIAL WASN'T JUST THE ACHIEVEMENTS, IT WAS THE PEOPLE."**

# STUDENT SUCCESS



## HPHS THEATER PERFORMANCE OF ANATASIA

HPHS presented *Anastasia: The Musical* in October. The show was directed by Brittany Murphy, with senior Claire Vaughn as Anya, junior Jaron Pierce as Dmitry, senior Morgan Martinez as Gleb, junior Raj Luthra as Vlad, senior Grace Martin as Countess Lily, and senior Zoe Zaner as the Dowager Empress.



## MIS FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE ROBOTICS

The MIS robotics team is taking their learning outside of the classroom for a "math in action" robotics competition. Math teacher Tim Caffee co-sponsors the team with engineering teacher James Sciandra. The students use Lego-like VEX IQ pieces to build their robots. Last fall, the students put their creations to the test in a tug-of-war competition. Student interest in robotics has grown. All 20 spots for fifth and sixth graders are full, and there is a waitlist of interested students.

The winning robotics teams in the tug-of-war challenge were:

1<sup>st</sup>: Nikko Numajiri, Barrett Brown, Hayden Ernst (Picture A)

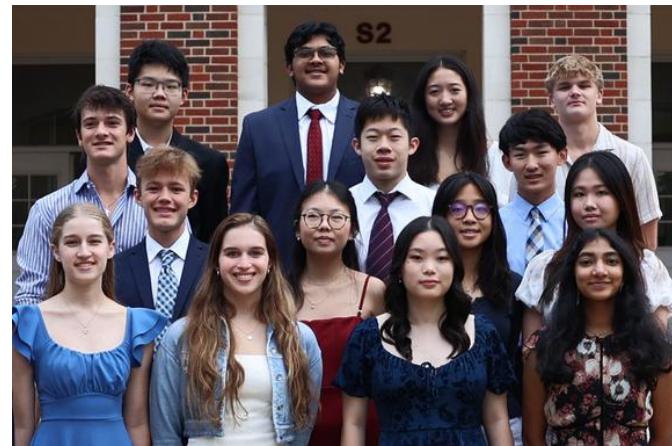
2<sup>nd</sup>: Liam Fan, James Elmore, Anna Markin, Andrew Kelley (Picture B)

3<sup>rd</sup>: Leo Hsu, Arthur Peck, Lucian Siegwart (Picture C)



## HPHS NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

In September, fifteen members of the HPHS Class of 2025 were named as National Merit Scholarship Program semi-finalists based on each student's PSAT/NMSQT scores. Only 16,000 students nationwide received semi-finalist status out of over 1.3 million students from 21,000 high schools nationwide who entered. These academically recognized students have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,140 National Merit Scholarships that will be offered in spring 2025.



Semi-Finalists:  
 Mary Brady  
 Jake Elverum  
 David Guo  
 Natalie Koch  
 Neelan Krishna  
 Andrew Li  
 Yiyoung Liu  
 Graham Longhofer  
 Asher Pinson  
 Yincheng (Anna) Qian  
 Lakshmi Vemula  
 Emma L. Wang  
 Emma Z. Wang  
 Danica Xiao  
 Lauren Yue

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

In January, HP Cheer's Junior Varsity squad brought home the NCA National Championship title at the High School Nationals competition. Congratulations to the JV Squad!



HP FOOTBALL GOES TO STATE!

# HP HAPPENINGS

## HP LITERARY FESTIVAL

HPISD hosted the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Highland Park Literary Festival on February 20. Mark Sullivan, a New York Times bestselling author and former investigative reporter, was the featured speaker of this year's community keynote event. More than 25 literary authors spent the day leading 75 workshops for students, sharing their creative processes, writing influences, and career paths. Workshop topics included: visual storytelling, journalism and sports writing, fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and songwriting.

Two HPHS alumni served as panelists – author Katherine Davenport McMahon '00 and musician Benji Harris '03 – leading workshops on storytelling and songwriting, respectively.

HP LitFest is generously supported by La Fiesta de las Seis Banderas, HP Arts, the HPHS PTA, and other supporters. The festival has achieved prominence as a literary festival for both HPISD and the greater community. This year's festival was co-chaired by Ashley Blanchette and Julie Brown Melihercik '96. Melihercik reflected on her role as chair and her experience as a student: "It was an honor to co-chair the 30th anniversary of the Highland Park Literary Festival with Ashley. As an HP graduate, I still remember the incredible impact certain English teachers, such as Ms. Troutman, had on my life. Our hope is that LitFest will spark the imagination of current students in the same way. It was a very full-circle moment for me to chair this festival, and we know that LitFest will continue to inspire our students and community for years to come."

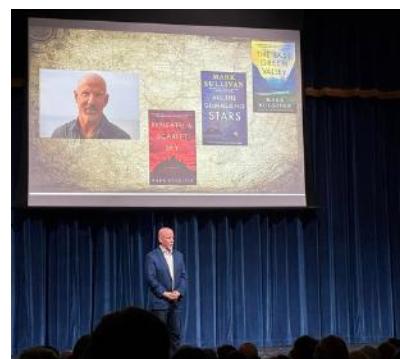


## 100 YEARS OF HP CHEER

Highland Park High School celebrated 100 years of cheerleading in 2024 with two evenings of events to energize the entire community. On October 17, fans were invited to check out the new, state-of-the-art cheer practice facility and locker room at HPHS, followed by a "100 Year Pep Rally" and viewing of The History of HP Cheer documentary. Afterwards, cheer alumni and other community members attended a special party to view memorabilia and photos from throughout the decades, while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. On October 18, current HPHS cheerleaders and Scotsman hosted their 35th Annual Hamburger Supper ahead of the Varsity Scots Football Game. Let's Go Scotties!

## BOONE VETERANS PROGRAM

Each year, Boone Elementary proudly honors the bravery and sacrifice of our veterans with a Veterans Day Program. This special event brings together students, staff, families, and community members to recognize those who have served in the US Armed Forces. Highlights of the program include a Veterans Panel, where students ask thoughtful questions to learn from our honored guests, and a patriotic performance by talented second graders. Boone is proud to continue this tradition to show our deep appreciation for the heroes among us and is grateful to its PTO and dedicated volunteers who make this event meaningful and memorable.



# HP HAPPENINGS

## HPISD SUPERINTENDENT CELEBRATES TEACHER & STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Dr. Mike Rockwood honors teachers and staff members each month on designated "cake days." HPISD students submit designs each year to a birthday card contest, and MIS fifth-grader Harper Morrow won for 2024-25! Her design is featured on cards that Dr. Rockwood gives to teachers and staff each month along with a small birthday cake. Morrow was recognized at an HPISD school board meeting and presented with a framed photo of her card, copies to give family and friends, and a few cakes to enjoy. Dr. Rockwood started this tradition of personally greeting each teacher and staff member on their birthday.



## INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY AND HPHS COMMONS NAMED FOR GARRY WEBER '54

On September 27, HPISD honored Garry Weber, HPHS '54, whose generosity has been key to the success of the Highland Park Education Foundation's *Lead for Tomorrow* campaign. His support will leave a lasting legacy for future generations of Scots. We were honored to recognize Weber with the dedication of the Garry Weber Indoor Practice Facility and Garry Weber Commons at HPHS!



## HPISD APPOINTS NEW CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER



HPISD appointed Tamela Crawford, Ed.D. as Chief Human Resources Officer. Crawford, who has worked in public education for 25 years, oversees human resources and student

services. Her experience includes work as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and executive director of human resources.

Crawford is honored to serve in this position, sharing, "As the Chief Human Resources Officer of HPISD, my role is to attract, retain, and support talented educators and staff who make a difference in students' lives. I oversee hiring, professional development, and employee relations to ensure our schools have the resources needed for success." She added, "Creating a positive and supportive work environment is a priority, as it helps maintain high morale and a strong district culture. I believe that human resources isn't just about policies and paperwork – it is about people. When we bring the 'human' into HR, we create workplaces where employees feel valued, supported, and empowered to succeed."



# PLANNED GIVING: SUPER SCOT SOCIETY

## PLANNED GIVING EVENT INFORMS AND EXPLORES ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO GIVE

Dozens of HP supporters and friends attended a unique event last October at the Dallas Country Club. "Planned Giving – Coffee and Conversation" hosted by the HP Education Foundation, included a panel discussion on charitable giving beyond the usual methods of writing a check or giving online.

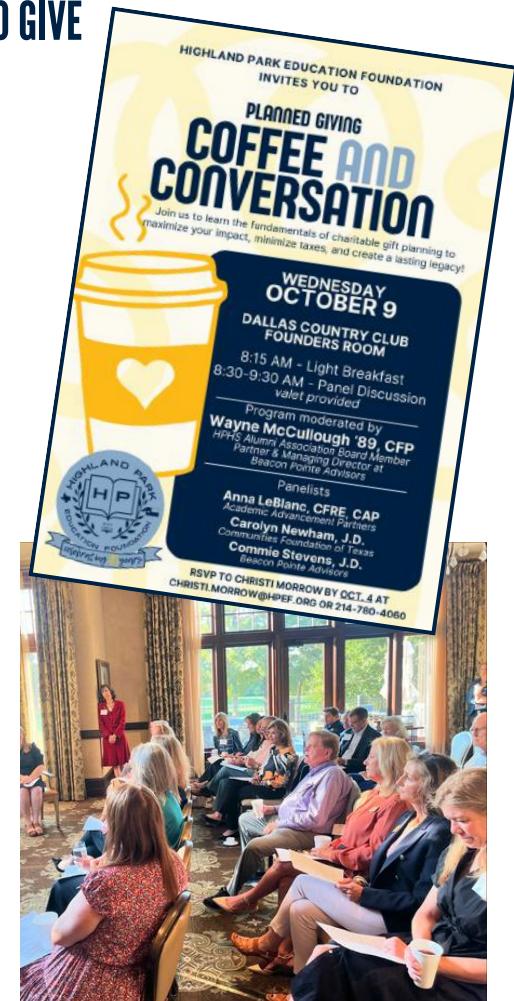
Wayne McCullough '89 volunteered to serve as the event's moderator. McCullough is Partner and Managing Director at Beacon Pointe Advisors and serves on the board of the HPHS Alumni Association. Drawing on his extensive career in wealth management and planning, McCullough probed panelists with questions and insights on topics ranging from bequests and trusts to donor-advised funds and family foundations.

"People don't like to talk about the inevitable," McCullough said, reflecting on the event. "But you've worked hard for the assets you've built over your lifetime. You want to be sure they're put to use in the way you want."

McCullough and his wife, Lissie, have recently taken this step themselves including the HP Education Foundation in their estate plans. In response to the *Lead for Tomorrow* endowment campaign, they are creating the Lissie and Wayne McCullough Legacy Fund through a bequest in their will.

Mike McCullough with son & moderator, Wayne McCullough (right) & panelist, Commie Stevens of Beacon Pointe Advisors

"It's not about us," McCullough said. "This is about supporting future generations so they have the same experience I had in HP Schools." He also noted that many of his clients include their college in their estate plans, but they should also consider their public school district. "High school is not just a rite of passage in Highland Park. We were prepared for college and life there," he said. "Lots of people support their college with planned gifts, but you should look back to your roots and think about also supporting your K-12 school district since that's where it all began."



Established in 2019 in memory of Chuck Lingo, Class of '83, the Super Scot Society recognizes donors for their generosity and commitment to the Foundation's future by making a planned gift.

### MEMBERSHIP IN THE SUPER SCOT SOCIETY IS EXTENDED TO THOSE WHO:

- Include the HP Education Foundation/HPHS Alumni Association in their will or living trust;
- Name the HP Education Foundation/HPHS Alumni Association as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan; or
- Name the HP Education Foundation/HPHS Alumni Association as a beneficiary from a donor-advised fund or gifts of appreciated stock.

To learn more about naming the Highland Park Education Foundation as a beneficiary of your estate or in your gift plans, please contact Executive Director, **Meg Boyd**, at 214-780-4062 or [meg.boyd@hpef.org](mailto:meg.boyd@hpef.org).

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# Thank Y'all!

We would like to thank the community for their dedication and generosity toward HPEF's 2024-2025 Mad for Plaid campaign! We are excited to announce that we have met our goal to grant \$1.8 million to HPISD for districtwide salaries. Your support helped achieve our largest Mad for Plaid fundraising goal to date!

The HPEF Leadership Society is the cornerstone of the Mad for Plaid campaign, providing donors with the opportunity to invest in the excellence of HPISD and set a leadership example to inspire others in our community of Scots. Our 46 Leadership Society members this year generated more than \$763,000 for Mad for Plaid!



## THANK YOU, LA FIESTA DE LAS SEIS BANDERAS



Civic group La Fiesta de las Seis Banderas' generosity has been the catalyst for fundamental programs in HPISD for decades, partnering with HPEF to provide annual Teacher Innovation Grants, Teacher of the Year Awards, and Mad for Plaid sponsorship in support of our district's greatest needs.

"HPISD students deserve the best when it comes to teachers, programs, and school activities," said Missy Finger, La Fiesta Guild President. "Through La Fiesta's support of imperative districtwide initiatives, we hope to continue HP's tradition of excellence for generations to come - as our graduates become the leaders of tomorrow."

UP Elementary teacher Kayci Okuda (third from left), Innovation Grant recipient, with La Fiesta volunteers & HPEF staff

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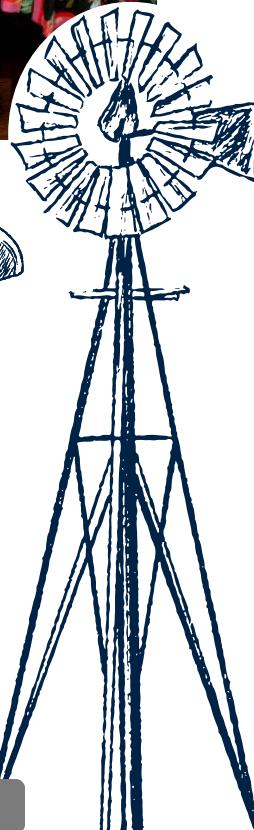
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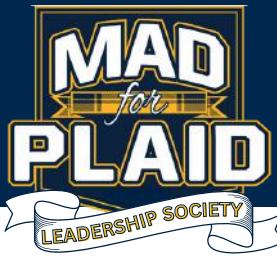
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## HPEF AND CLEMENTS FUND CELEBRATE TEACHER & STAFF WITH HOLIDAY STIPEND

In recognition of the tireless efforts and dedication of HPISD employees, the Highland Park Education Foundation (HPEF), through the William P. Clements, Jr. Fund, announced a special stipend of \$500,000 per teacher which was distributed to teachers and staff this past December. This gift aims to show appreciation for their hard work, commitment, and the lasting impact they have on the students and communities they serve.

"We are incredibly grateful for the unwavering dedication and passion our teachers and staff bring to their work every day. This gift is just one way we can show our gratitude and help ensure that they are supported in their essential work," said Meg Jones Boyd '96, Executive Director of HPEF.

The Clements Foundation made a historical gift of \$10 million to HPEF in 2018 to establish the William P. Clements, Jr. Fund.

Governor Clements, pictured right, graduated from Highland Park High School in 1934, and his grandchildren and many of his great-grandchildren have attended HPISD.



# LEAD FOR TOMORROW ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

JOIN US! PARTICIPATE BY ESTABLISHING A LEGACY FUND.

## WHAT IS A LEGACY FUND?

Legacy Funds are permanently endowed funds established by donors to support Highland Park Schools in perpetuity.

## HOW IS A LEGACY FUND ESTABLISHED?

Legacy Funds are established with gifts totaling **\$15,000 or greater**, paid in either single or multiple payments over a mutually agreed upon time frame. A gift agreement is signed between the donor and Highland Park Education Foundation (HPEF).

## LEGACY FUNDS CAN BE:

- gifts of cash
- stock
- other appreciated assets
- and may be pledged over a period of up to three years

## THEY MAY ALSO BE:

- donor advised fund
- estate bequest
- charitable gift annuity
- beneficiary designation of a retirement account
- IRA required minimum distributions

## HOW ARE LEGACY FUNDS MANAGED AND USED?

Legacy Fund gifts are invested and only a percentage of the annual earnings are expended, allowing the principal to grow and generate larger distributions over time. Donors receive an **annual report** of their fund noting the growth in its market value, amount distributed, and how distributions were utilized.

All grants are reviewed by the executive and planning committees of the HPEF board of directors for approval.

Currently, funds have been established with gifts ranging from \$15,000 to \$7 million.

## TYPES OF LEGACY FUNDS

### Districtwide Legacy Funds

- support districtwide needs
- utilized in the immediate future to strengthen teacher salaries

### Designated Legacy Funds

- support a specific HPISD school, academic program, student activity, team sport, or other designation

## LEAD FOR TOMORROW COMMITTEE

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