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FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Franklin High School Alumni Association
PO Box 86040 Portland, OR 97286

Letter from the President

Pam Knuth '75

FHS Graduates receiving the Spring edition of the Alumni Post.....
IMPORTANT NOTICE.....The Franklin High Alumni Association Board has made a decision to send the 2026 Fall Alumni Post to active members who have currently paid annual dues. The FHS Alumni Board made this decision after a lengthy evaluation of our current practice of sending the Alumni Post to more than 11,300 FHS graduates regardless of their current membership status. The total cost per issue continues to increase and the cost now exceeds more than \$11,000. As a Board, we cannot sustain this cost. We are asking each FHS Alum to consider joining the FHS Alumni Association by completing the application in this Spring edition and sending your \$20

check with the application. As a Board, we look forward to meeting the unmet needs of Franklin High School and filling some of the gaps that District and State funding does not provide. The Board did not reach this decision without considering other options before making the needed changes. Please consider joining the FHS Alumni Association. The FHS Community is important to all of us.

Currently our paid membership is 311.

The donations you send are allocated to support the students, staff and programs at Franklin. Please see the article from Steve Matthews, FHSAA Treasurer. YOU are amazing with your generous donations!

We hold an Annual Membership Luncheon in May each year, and whenever possible it is held at Franklin. Paid members receive an invitation to attend our luncheon each year. At the

luncheon we honor the "Order of the Kite" recipients. These recipients have done amazing things in their lives to be recognized by fellow alum. We also have entertainment/performances by current students. The Culinary Class students prepare the meal and serve it. The 2025 luncheon meal was exceptional! So, if your membership dues are current, you will receive an invitation to the luncheon.

FHSAA is a non-profit organization that formed to "engage in activities which advance educational opportunities for the students of Franklin High School and which prepares them to be contributing and responsible members of society". To this end, "IF IT'S FOR FRANKLIN, WE'RE ALL FOR IT". (A saying coined in 1937-38)

Enjoy, Pam

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FHSAA financial facts, Spring 2026

By Steve Matthews '70
FHSAA Treasurer

2025/26 Fiscal Year Shows Promise?

When comparing the results of the first four months of FHSAA's 2025/26 fiscal year with the overall performance of last year, several income categories show improvement. I looked at the percentage of income generated in those months compared to last year's annual results. Although most organizations don't have consistent flows of income each month, and ours is no different, a large percentage gain in a first four months can indicate an overall pattern of increased revenues for the year. After four months of business, or 33% of the year, you should expect at least 33% of last year's results to maintain the status quo.

The spreadsheet below shows the results for the first four months as compared to last year's overall performance:

Analysis

Membership dues collected so far this year is at 50.6% of last years total number. This is not a great improvement because we normally collect a large share of dues and donations during the first part of the year when our fall edition of the Alumni Post goes out. However, this is not necessarily higher than normal but if we gain more renewals and new members, we could easily surpass last year's number.

FHSAA donations are difficult to forecast because there are several members who make unexpected large donations to the association. This usually occurs when there is a school program need or cause that is communicated by

	1st Quarter This Year	All of Last Year	Percent
FHSAA DEPOSIT BREAKDOWN			
Membership Dues	\$ 3,826.17	\$ 7,562.40	50.6%
FHSAA Donations	\$ 4,735.00	\$ 12,976.31	36.5%
School Donations	\$ 6,866.03	\$ 15,231.79	45.1%
Franklin Endowment	\$ 900.00	\$ -	
Total	\$ 16,327.20	\$ 35,770.50	45.6%
Picnic	\$ 260.00	\$ 1,082.00	24.0%
Luncheon	\$ -	\$ 1,135.00	
Class Challenge	\$ 1,425.00	\$ -	
Total	\$ 1,685.00	\$ 2,217.00	76.0%
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 18,012.20	\$ 37,987.50	47.4%
SCHOOL DONATIONS BREAKDOWN			
Academics	\$ 3,029.00	\$ 4,995.53	60.6%
Arts	\$ 510.00	\$ 1,347.02	37.9%
Athletics	\$ 630.00	\$ 2,854.12	22.1%
May Fete/Rose Festival	\$ 225.00	\$ 290.00	77.6%
Music-Band	\$ 717.50	\$ 3,145.79	22.8%
Music-Vocal	\$ 632.50	\$ 2,052.25	30.8%
Student Assist (SAFE/DOME)	\$ 1,122.03	\$ 547.08	205.1%
TOTAL	\$ 6,866.03	\$ 15,231.79	45.1%

school administration or a teacher directly to the alumni association. When we hear these requests, we reach out to you, our donors for help. Other large donations come in sporadically for various reasons, such as donations made in the memory of an alum who has passed or a one-time request to raise funds for a specific school program near and dear to an alum's heart.

The first four months of this year, we have collected 36.5% of last years number, so this would indicate to me that we are on track to do at least the same as last year in the category.

School donations have always been a favorite among FHS Alums. They are at 45% of last year's total number, which show promise for improvement this year over last year. Alum donations directed to specific school programs is broken down in the chart below the FHSAA Deposit breakdown chart. Academics, May Fete/Festival, and Student Assist lead the

category at 60.6%, 77.6%. and 205.1% respectively. All other school donations are near or below last year's totals.

Franklin Endowment is now fully partnering with the FHS Alumni Association. As I mentioned in an earlier Post article, several members on the Alumni Board also serve on the Board of the Franklin Foundation. The Alumni Association is the major fundraising arm for the Endowment. Since we first published this in the last Post, we have received \$900 in donations from alumni members, and one Alumni member made a large donation directly to the Endowment.

The FHS Alumni Association and the FHS Endowment serve the same purpose and now provides a consolidated effort in contributing to the success of Franklin High School students through annual grants funded by both organizations. The FHS Endowment is a 501 c-3

tax exempt organization, just like the Alumni Association. Your donations to the Endowment are pooled in an investment fund, and 75% of the growth is available for grants to Franklin High School. Consider donating to the Franklin Endowment through the FHS Alumni Association.

Conclusion

Even though we have several categories that look promising in the 2025/26 fiscal year, the bottom line is still the bottom line. So, comparing donations in the first four months of each year, the result is not as promising as it looks. The first four months of 25/26 generated \$18,012.20 in total donations as compared to \$17,553.87 in 24/25 fiscal year; this is only a difference of \$458.33 or 2.6% improvement over last year.

We still need your help!

If it's for Franklin, we're all for it!

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FHS Alumni Contributions

August 5, 2025 - February 1, 2026

Academic Programs

Class of 1963
Leo Bottaini`48
Sandra Wickham Foltz`71
Roberta Stanbery Henderson`62
Jorja Guthrie Heikoff`64
Guthrie Henikoff`64
Myra Himmelfarb`55
Carolyn Green Hurst`64
Lynne Johnson for Michael Johnson`67
Ruth Lewis Logsdon`60
Joanne Papasadero McIntyre`56
Linda Niiranen Presley`68
Sandra Smith Runge`64
Judy Taylor Temple`63 and John Temple`63
Donanne Bollig Wagner`79
Ira G. Wlong`59
Ivan Wong`66

Alumni Association

Anonymous`73
Rett & Jssica Adams
Dean Archibald`53
Margaret (Peggy) Goughnour Baker`57
Brian Black`64
Margaret McNeil Bloomgarden`52
Leo Bottaini`48
Paul Dierickx`63
Donna Winquist Duvall`69
Eugene (Gene) Gamble`63
Willie F Grace`67
Lynn Lukens Harrel`61
Melodie Stafford Holliday`73
Judy Larson Kelly`64
Phyllis Bolder Leonard`64
Dorothy (Dot) (Gander) Mason`68
Penelope Jennings O`Connell`63
Linda Owen`70
Mike`74 and Dawn Ayers Owen`76
Emma Page Peterson`57
Ralph Reisbeck`66
Jerry Roper-Witt`63
Janette Entriiken Sprando`51
John Tesler`63
Ronald Timpe`57
Paul Trimble`63
Dan Trinci`68
Nancy Holder Weakland`70
Pat Wahlstrom Wilber`59
Dan Wolford`64
Ivan Wong`66

Alumni Post Newsletter

Dean Archibald`53
Janice Baber`59
Brian Black`64
Leo Bottaini`48
Robert Bunker`56
Joyce Brodersen Davis`49
Gerry Eglan`48
James Gallucci`59
Melodie Stafford Holliday`73
Craig Hull`55
Lynne Johnson for Michael Johnson`67
Beverly Huck Leonard`55
Patricia Grimes Lewis`56
Nancy Dorn Lieb`57
Lorie Dosse` Lind`60
Sally Lockyear`62
Bob & Donna Hurd Mathers`61
Daniel McDonagh`78
Lendamai Nelson Poole`59
Jerry Roper-Witt`63
Cheryl Sivesind`64
Joanne Wellington Wellnitz`71
Pat Wilber`59
Jean Wu`62

Art Programs

Sandra Breithaupt Geiseman`55
Susan Bishop Hartwell`56
Melodie Stafford Holliday`73

Sue Dempster Mautz`60
Oger Newell`61
Ralph Reisbeck`66
Athletic Programs
Margaret (Peggy) Goughnour Baker`57
Craig Bakken`59
Leo Bottaini`48
Debbie Super Cook`71
Joel Dullum`95
James Gallucci`59
Edythe Fox Robbins`43
Donanne Bollig Wagner`79

Culinary Program

Brian Black`64
Endowment Fund
Eileen Konetsky Fiegenbaum`70
Candace (Candy) Jewell Schade`65
Ronald Timpe`57
Ira G. Wong`59
Ivan Wong`66
Jean Wu`62

May Fete/Rose Festival

Pamela Couture Karbstein`71
Gwen Bloom Kraxberger`57

Membership Luncheon

Music Programs

Leo Bottaini`48
Linda Richardson Dietz`58
Danelle Dullum`95
Donna Winquist Duvall`69
Sandra Wickham Foltz`71
David Ford`57
James Gallucci`59
Lynn Lukens Harrel`61
Sylvia Hillesland`68
Bonne Livesay Karim`65
Roger Newell`61
Velma Taylor Oberle`56
Rhonda Loprinzi Orazio`72
Linda Owen`70
Edythe Fox Robbins`43
Nancy Kuhnhausen Rodgers`64
Candance (Candy) Jewell Schade`65
Ruth Payne Takahashi`68

Other

Food, Medical and Dental

2026 Picnic Donations

Donna Heumann Sunseri`69

Band

Larry Dalrymple`60
Lynn Lukens Harrel`61

Band Uniforms

Choir

Erin Morris Swim Team

Girls' Basketball Program

Guidance Counselors Resources

Library

S.A.F.E class of 1967 and "Dome" Class of '65

Phyllis Nylander McGarry`68
Larry Nelson`68
Linda Niiranen Presley`68
Kenneth Thrasher`67

Scholarship Fund

Science Programs

SUN Program

SwimTeam

Theater Program

Craig Hull`55
Jeanne Nelsen`76
Doug Yule

Wrestling Team

Yearbook Program

1940's

Richard Evans`49
1950's
Betty Hinman Banford`56
Alice Cashman Burkleaux`54
Donald Clark`51
Janis Hoofbourrow Drammer`51
Gwen Bloom Kraxbeger`57
Donald Philpott`57
David Pubols`56
MaryLou Lidgren Scheidt`55

1960's

Suzie Benson`67
David W. Decker`65
JohnEdeline`66
Linda Nelson Henley`61
Craig Parker Lee`68
Kathleen McCann`65
Larry Nelson`68
Donna Heumann Sunseri`69
Dave Williams`63
John Winquist`66

1970's

Steve Hollender`75
Sherry Langdon Pyle`71

1980's

1990's

2000's

\$200.00 and Over

Jim Aalberg`67
Brian Black`64
Eugene (Gene) Gamble`63
Gwen Bloom Kraxberger`57
Juanita Ball Nelson`58
Sandra Smith Runge`64
Paul Trimble`63
Pat Wahlstrom Wilber`59
Ivan Wong`66
Yule, Doug for William "Bill" Yoes`49

\$300.00 and Over

Jim Darby`59
Emma Page Peterson`57
Candance (Candy) Jewell Schade`65
Cheryl Sivesind`64

\$400.00 and Over

\$500.00 and Over

Class of 1963
Leo Bottaini`48
Danelle Dullum`95
Joel Dullum`95
Sylvia Hillesland`68
Juanita Ball Nelson`58
Edythe Fox Robbins`43
Judy Taylor Temple`63 and John Temple`63
Ronald Timpe`57

\$600.00 and Over

\$700.00 and Over

\$1,000.00 and Over

Robert Stanbery Hendeson`62
Kenneth Thrasher`67

\$2,000.00 and Over

\$5,000.00 and Over

In Memory Of:

Bill Aalberg`66 and Cliff Aalberg`69
from Jim Aalberg`67
Ron Baker`77 from Margaret (Peggy) Goughnour Baker`57
Ken Bolder`68 from Phyllis Bolder Leonard`64
Nickie Smith Bradford`67 from Phyllis

Nylander McGarry`67
Neil Cawood`56 from Robert Bunker`56
Neil Cawood`56 from David Pubols`56
Jerry Dopkins`65 and Herman Schattenberg`65 from Dave Williams`63
Patricia Lovegren Evans`53 from Richard Evans`49
Lynette Petrsen Fohr`67 from Mary Lou Tobin Stone`66
Bob Gallucci`63 and Jim Gallucci`59 from James Gallucci`59
Linda Howard Gehring`56 from Betty Hinman Banford`56
Benjamin Hadley, Jr`57 from Janice Hadley Baber`59
Debra Hopkins Higa`68 from Ruth Payne Takahashi`68
Robert Huck`62 from Beverly Huck Leonard`55
Michael W. Johnson`67 from Lynne Johnson (wife)
Jim Kelly`63 and Tom Wolfe`63 from Paul Dierickx`63
Ruth Krupp Lukens`32 from Lynn Lukens Harrel`61
Cecil Mahoney`52, Dave Black`52, Pat Black`55, Del Forsloff`53, Roger Hull`54 and Dave Ogdahl`55 from Craig Hull`55
Lovina Tribble Mann`50 from Paul Trimble`63
Carl Miley`73 from Rett & Jessica Adams
Carl Miley`73 from Melodie Stafford Holliday`73
Tom Nakata`64 from Jorja Guthrie Henikoff`64
Eddie Nelson`57 from Donald Philpott`57
Edwin Nelson`57 from Juanita Nelson`58
George Pancheau – Orchestra Teacher`1960's from Bonne Livesay Karim`65
Nickie Smith Bradford`67 from Suzie Benson`67
Rosemary Stanbery`58 from Roberta Stanbery Henderson`62
Shirley Staviha`65 from KathleenMcCann`65
Bruce Temple`54, Kirk Temple`67 and Jean LePley Taylor`38 from John Temple`63
Terry Tindall`65 from Candace (Candy) Jewell Schade`65
JoAnn Darby Weaver`58, Ronda Zilk Darby`59, Joyce Crandall Starling-Darby`59 and`59 State Basketball Champions-Jerry Bergstrom, George Hoss, Jack Fawcett, Mert White, Bill Blake, Steve Rankin and Paul Davidson from Jim Darby`59
Verle Pilling Weitzman`54 from Gwen Bloom Kraxberger`57
Jeffrey Wickham`73 from Sandra Wickham Foltz`71
Don R Wickstrand`51 from Donald E Clark`51
Don Wilson`61 from Sally Lockyear`62
William "Bill" Yoes`49 from Doug Yule

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It's a Small World

So, I had to have surgery this past Fall, which required several Physical Therapy sessions. My Therapist asked me what my goal is? I said I would like to be able to get back to my computer, so I can work on my Alumni duties for my high school. The therapist, I will call Cindy (not her real name) asked me what school I attended. I said proudly, Franklin High School. She looked at me with a big smile on her face and said “I went to Franklin also”.

In speaking with her she stated she had Mr. Dave Sherden as an anatomy teacher and so enjoyed attending his classes.

So how is this for a coincidence? Mr. Sherden happened to be attending Ben Franklin’s Breakfast on January 16, 2026 at Franklin High School, (I was there to assist with the breakfast). Mr. Sherden was there as he was subbing that day. What are the odds?????

In speaking with him, I asked him if he remembered (Cindy) and he fondly with a smile and said yes. I asked him if I could interview him for an article for the Alumni Post and he agreed.

So please find the following information Mr. Sherden provided me:

Mr. Sherden was born in Chicago, lived in San Francisco and Seattle, then decided he liked the Northwest and seeked Lewis and Clark College to further his education. He graduated with a Bachelor’s of Science in Biology in 1987. He continued his education at Lewis and Clark College, Portland State University and Western Oregon University. His goal was to become a teacher and ended up Student teaching with Wayne Lundy, a Biology teacher at Franklin High School.



Not only was Mr. Sherden a teacher but he became certified as a Certified Athletic Trainer. ATC stands for Certified Athletic Trainer. – Athletic Trainers are health care professionals specializing in the evaluation and treatment of athletic injuries. Mr. Sherden was hired in 1987 in two capacities: Teacher and ATC.

Principal George Guthrie hired Mr. Sherden because he wanted a program in which students could study Athletic Training (Sports Medicine) both in the classroom and as observers/assistants during practices and games. The program was modeled on one that existed at Tigard High School and was begun by a teacher/ ATC.

During the school day Mr. Sherden taught Biology, Life Science, and Athletic Training. After school he worked evaluating and treating injuries in the Treatment center (training room), covering games and practices, (at home and away games) and working with his students who would shadow/observe/ assist him.

Mr. Sherden received Certifications and Licenses in Oregon Teaching License, NATAOC and Oregon Board of Athletic Training Registration (which he is Chairman).

Over the years the classroom portion of the program expanded, adding a full Anatomy/Physiology class, expanding the Sports Medicine class from one year to two, and adding a Medical Terminology class with an accompanying English class. This created a full 4-year Career Pathways program for students

interested in pursuing careers in Medicine or Healthcare, along with many others who simply had an interest in the subject matter.

As the classroom education side of the program expanded, the medical side gradually shrank as the District reduced funding for the ATC position. Mr. Sherden was fortunate and grateful to the Franklin administration, who recognized the value of an ATC to the athletic program and found alternative funding sources to keep Mr. Sherden in the position at least a few days a week. In particular, principal Shay James and athletic director Scott Santangelo.

Mr. Sherden also became a Medical Director of the OSAA Wrestling Championships and did this for 25 years. He also recruited Medical doctors, physicians, athletic trainers and various other health professionals.

Mr. Sherden is so proud of all the students, who have gone on to successful careers both in and out of Health Care. Some as: Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Chiropractors, Surgical Technicians, Doctors, Nurses, Medical Researcher and Physical Therapists to name a few. His goal was to prepare them to succeed at the next level.

Memories: He remembers experiencing 9-11 at Franklin, Teachers Strikes, the Renovation of Franklin (teaching at Marshall) as well as the Pandemic and teaching remote.

Mr. Sherden also was able to give his design skills in designing the science lab and the treatment facility for the renovation.

His GOALS for his students were: to create relevance, ambition, rigorous and learning community.

Mr. Sherden retired in 2026 after 38 years of teaching at Franklin. He has many memories of his time in the classroom and athletic facilities.

It was my honor to chat with Mr. Sherden. Kuto’s to him and all teachers for ALL they do.

If you happened to have had Mr. Sherden as a teacher, please reach out to him at

dsherden@pps.net

He would like to hear from you and to share with him your career path.

Remember! It can be A Small World, all because my Physical Therapist went to Franklin High School.

Ann Heim Biggs ‘68

“ALUMNI NIGHT OUT” REGISTRATION

Please join us on Friday, April 10, 2026, for an Alumni Night Out!

The Franklin Jazz Band will perform for dancing, a Sandwich and Salad bar for your dinner included. Door prizes for those in attendance. There will be Almanacs available for a donation that will go to the yearbook digitizing project. Fun and enjoyment for all attending.

Deadline for registration, Friday, March 20th.

Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Class Year: _____ Email address: _____

Phone #: _____

Would you like to obtain a yearbook? Yes _____ No _____

Year(s) _____

Cost for the event: \$20.00 per person.
Mail to: FHS Alumni Association
PO Box 86040
Portland, Or 97286-0040
If unable to attend, donations are welcome!

Reunion Corner

“The Class of 1976 is planning their 50-year class reunion for Saturday, September 19, 2026, 5:30pm to 11pm, at the Portland Sheraton Airport Hotel. Please watch for emails and Facebook messages with more details, including price. Check our class Facebook page - Franklin HS, Class of 1976, Portland Oregon and class instagram - franklin1976hs for updates and you can e-mail the committee at Franklin1976@gmail.com. If you are not getting information or if you have questions, please email the committee.”

Happy 75th Birthday, 1969 Quakers!

Let’s get together to celebrate the BIG ONE!

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12911 NW 43rd Ave.
Vancouver, Wa 98685
“Reunion” in notation. Include maiden name. Due by May 1st
Food: Small Bites, Hearty

Appetizes, Large Charcuterie, Desserts.

Beverages: Beers, Wines, Non-alcoholic Beverages.

Parking Attendants: drop-off available at entrance.

Note: You must enter the driveway from 65th Ave. NOT Stafford Rd. (GPS error). Watch for signs!! We are expecting YOU!!

Donna Heumann Sunseri – 503-440-1400

Beth Graham Kaler – 503-956-7464

Annual Picnic 2026

Scheduled for Friday, July 10th

Hi to all!
Don’t forget to place on your calendar that the Franklin’s annual picnic will be Friday, July 10, 2026 at the Oaks Park.
(Sign up form is include in this paper)
So many alumni, that had never attended in prior years, wondered why they hadn’t come before. They all had

such a good time and all said they would be at the next one. Please! All of you, come, enjoy and meet up with your classmates, old and new.

Walkins welcome. See you at the Oaks!!!

Ann Heim Biggs’68

Ben Franklin's Birthday

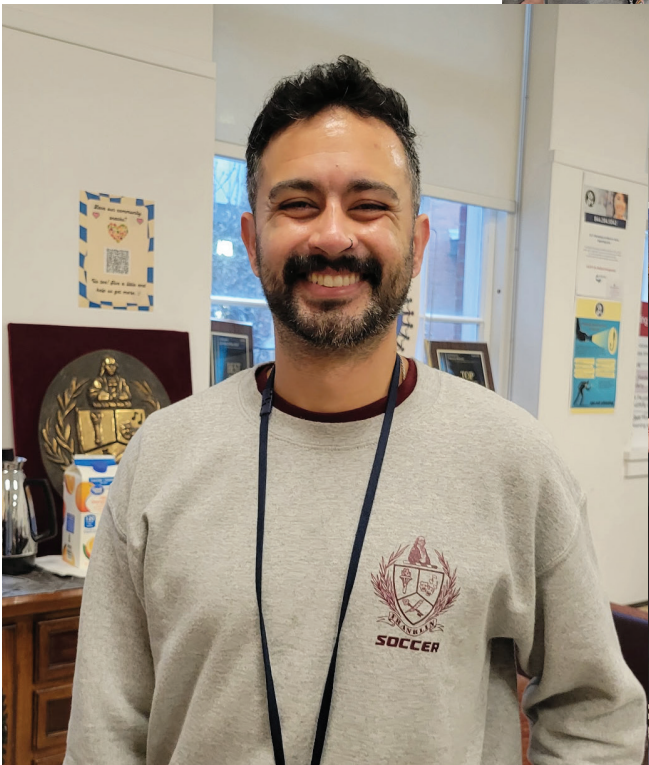
January 17th

The Alumni Association held their annual Continental Breakfast for the teachers and staff in honor of Ben Franklin the day before Ben's Birthday on Friday, January 16th. He would have been 320 years old.

There were mini bagels and cream cheese, mini muffins, various fruits, yogurt along with coffee, water, and orange juice. The treats were enjoyed by all the teachers and staff that stopped by to enjoy.

It's always special for members of the Alumni Board to meet the staff, teachers, and coaches and to hear their stories as to what they teach and the compassion they have. Even students accompanied by their teachers stopped by so we all could hear their stories.

TEACHERS, STAFF AND COACHES
thankyou for all that you do!!!!!!! Hope to see you next year. Ann Heim Biggs '68



April's Letter to Classmates

Greetings and Blessings.
The year is upon us, and I think that leaving a past year is like shedding an old skin. It got you through, but now it's time to release, let go, wriggle-out of it, move on and re-generate. Not easy, granted! I like to carry my history with me. Everywhere I go, I am who I am. Somethings I can change, some things not.

As I welcome the New Year, thinking maybe it will be Happy, I also know that what was last year's happiness is not going to be the same this year. A time for beginnings.
There are many ways to see what the New Year will bring: hoping, planning, agreeing, releasing the old and welcoming the changes. That's what's new! Changes. And, possibilities. Opportunities. So, here's some of what's new with the FHS Alumni Association.

Since we've been serving the FHS community for over 20 years, we have tried to maintain our successful standards of caring for the students, the staff and faculty, and the families of Franklin High School. You've heard our motto: "If it's for Franklin, we're all for it". We have raised lots of money, several thousand each year, and given it out to the students and departments/programs of FHS, by way of Grants. There is more information from our Treasurer, Steve Matthews, in this newsletter. Also, Pam Knuth, President will be explaining how we must manage our dwindling income, against upcoming expenses. The cost of the newsletter, while our best means of sharing the dynamics of FHSA, is our greatest expense. Publishing, printing and mailing are the big bites. We have had only one increase in annual membership, and it's not enough to continually sustain us.

Now, it's not that we like the idea of making major changes, but there are times we must. The cost of everything has increased, the benefits of belonging to any group, are reduced. It's an uneven tetter-totter, and a slippery slide!

We, the officers of board of directors of FHSA have discussed how best to proceed. We also listen to your input, read your letters to the editor, and consider as many sides of the matter as we can. We are after all, completely volunteer, which makes our work invaluable. I love being part of the community that supports a high school in Portland, OR. It is the high school I attended. It is a way to stay in touch with what's happening! And be present in a different way.

What the students go through these days in high school, has evolved from when I was there nearly 60 years ago. But, it's still the American Education System and the Portland Public School District that we are part of, and we don't always understand the reasoning beyond "it's not in the budget".

Please forgive this rather dreary introduction, because I want to tell you, things are still happening at FHS! The students are very active in their own studies, plus community events, and the alumni association welcomes every graduate to join when they can. The FHSA is planning to keep us together, by inviting alums to events at the high school, as well as informing you of upcoming student productions and performances. You will find more about upcoming events in this paper.

Back to my initial greeting, dear friends. I do truly Bless you each and every reader, a Happy New Year, rich with hope, possibility and opportunity. Thank you for your support and encouragement. April (Whitley '67) Avery

Alumni Post Reader Comments
8-6-25 – 2-1-26

Thanks for all you for the Alumni – MaryLou Lidgren Scheidt`55

The Alumni Post is very well done and enjoyable – Irene Holland`68

Thanks for all you do. – Kenneth Thrasher`67

Thank you to all the Alumni Assoc. Staff for all they do. – Jim Aalberg`67

Ilovethe many colored photos in the latest edition – Sandra Breithaup Geiseman`55

Thank you for your time and energy to put the Alumni Post together. I always look forward to reading it from front to back. – Joanne Papasadero McIntyre`56

I love reading your newsletter! – Pat Wahlstrom Wilber`59

The article written by Phil Schnabel was the best I`ve read in years and so true! We need cursive back in schools. Most young kids can`t even “read” cursive, let alone write it I had some nursing student whose printing was far worse than any cursive. Great Job, Phil. – Patricia Thogerson Fink`56

“The WRITE Stuff” article in this month`s issue of The Alumni Post reminded e of a conversation I had with a leading Graphical Analystist in about the year 2000. She was a learned member of this profession. She explained to me that the writing taught today were straight lines, leading the writer to think like little soldiers, taking orders without hesitation. Whereas Cursive letters

were flowing lines, creative lines. The lines going to one letter to the next! Thus, helping the writer to think more fluently and creatively. The placing height of the crossbar on the “T” was another point to check. The lower the crossbar the less confidence that person had and it was important to cross “T” high. Of course there are many other aspects to Graphical analysis, but these were two major points that she spoke to me about. My Grandson (a college graduate) cannot read my cursive letters that I write him, as Phil Schnabel`s granddaughter, also. I need to resort to printing and that is difficult for me.

Typing is a curious thing...I wonder how it affects the writer`s ability, who use the computer? – Anita Sorensen Schnacky`53

Thank you for your time and energy to put the Alumni Post together. I always look forward to reading it from front to back. Joanne Papasadero McIntyre`56

I sincerely hope that Mr. Phil Schnabel gets cursive writing back in our public schools and not just in one lower grade. Every personal signature needs to be in cursive not printed. Recently I handed a note to a waiter here at the retirement village I live in. He said “I can not read it” because I had wrote it in cursive. I realize that from now on I must print my notes .to the workers. – Lendamai Nelson Poole`59

Thanks for all that you do. – Richard Evans`49

I so appreciate receiving the Post since I no longer live in Oregon. Liked Phil Schnabels`s story of cursive writing. – Juanita Ball Nelson`58

I was healthy and able to celebrate my 95th birthday on June 29, 2025. More than 30 people attended from all phases of my life. It was great to visit with former employees throughout my 54 year career as a CPA. – Leo Bottaini`48

I love the many colored photos in the latest edition. – Sandra Breithaupt Geiseman`55

I love reading your Newsletter. – Pat Wahlstrom Wilber`59

Edythe Fox Robbins is turning 100 yrs. Old on Nov. 2nd. She is a long time contributor of donations to the Fraklin High School Alumni Association. She was born Nov. 2nd, 1925. Attended Gilbert Grade School and graduated with her twin sister Eleanor Fox from Franklin High School in 1943. Edythe, Eleanor and their older sister Loraine played in the high school band. Edythe married Murray Robbins in 1946 and were married 59 years before his passing in 2005. Edythe has 2 children, 6 grandsons, 6 great grand children and 4 great great grand children. Edythe loves reading the Post - Roger Robbins (son)

Alumni Post will go to members only this fall

After much discussion in the last several years, the Alumni Association will be making some changes as to who receives the Alumni Post. We know how much the Alumni like receiving the Alumni Post in the mail or reading the paper online however there is a lot of cost to edit, print and deliver the Post to over 11,000 Alumni. This is a cost of over \$11,000.00.

The decision has been made to only mail or email the Post to paid members. Your membership and donations are so important to us to help accommodate the students at Franklin High School. Your memberships and donations go towards the various programs that you may be passionate about, that the Portland Public School District is unable to pay for, as a result of many budget cuts.

If you all would become a member or renew your membership, (if not done already), we can better support the various programs that could be available to the students at Franklin High School. The cost is only \$20.00.

If you need a Membership Form, one can be easily emailed to you or sent in the mail. You may email: info@franklinhighalumni.org or call (503)972-3396 and leave a message.

Also, remember your donations are tax deductible.

Franklin High Alumni Association Membership Form
Dues: New Membership \$20.00 Renewal \$20.00
Thank you for your support of the Franklin High Alumni Association
If it's for Franklin, we're all for it!
Membership Expires September 30, 2026

Name
Maiden Name
Graduation Year
Mailing Address
Phone
Cell#
E-mail

I will read the Alumni Post online at www.franklinhighalumni.org
Mail my Alumni Post

Yes, I want to donate \$ to the FHS Wish List. Check which one.
Please make your check out to FHS Alumni Association

Alumni Association
Academic Programs
SAFE Fund-Class of '67 and "Dome" Class of '65' Student Services
Athletic Programs
Other:
I want to earmark my donation in memory of a classmate(s) listed below:

Alumni Post Newsletter
May Fete/Rose Festival
Art Programs
Music Programs

Grad. Year:

Comments:

VOLUNTEERING
I am interested in becoming a FHSAA Board Member
I would like to serve as a volunteer

FHS Alumni Association
PO Box 86040 Portland, OR 97286-0040
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Website: www.franklinhighalumni.org

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This is the second year of the “Class Challenge” fund raiser originally proposed by my friend and high school classmate, Ron Harriman.

Ron was an extremely successful businessman, who manufactured and sold portable saw mills throughout the world. Unfortunately, Ron passed away in 2024. Henceforth, the challenge will now be labeled “The Ron Harriman Memorial Class Challenge”.

Any and all donations should continue to be made out to the FHSAA with our class indicated, so that we can continue to address the needs of Franklin students not covered by Portland Public Schools.

Thanks for your help!
Phil Schnabel – Class 1956

In the Fall edition of FHSAA Post we proposed a “Class Challenge” to all graduating classes of Franklin High School. We asked each class to donate to the association, and the class that donated the most money would win a special

invitation to the Tail Gate Party at Franklin High School Football game in the Fall of 2026. The participating members of the winning class will receive free entry to the game and be seated in the special VIP Alumni Section of the stands. The Alumni section is equipped with soft padded seats for maximum comfort.

If you are wondering where your class stands, please see the chart below. Each class who has donated funds as of February 1st, 2026 is listed, along with their donation amounts and current rank in the Challenge.

Do not see your class on the list? Then you need to rally your fellow classmates and send in your donations. Remember, all donations will be used to support students attending Franklin High School!

It’s not too late to be a part of this event. We are looking forward to seeing you at the game this coming fall!

PO BOX 86040, Portland, OR 97286-0040

CLASS CHALLENGE

YEAR	AMOUNT	
1959	\$	600.00 1
1961	\$	20.00 5
1967	\$	500.00 2
1975	\$	100.00 4
1979	\$	205.00 3
TOTAL	\$	1425.00

FHS Dance to hold public performances

The Franklin High School Dance Department will be having a dance performance for all to enjoy.

The dates and times are listed below. The performances will be held in the Franklin Performing Arts Building on 52nd and Woodward.

Features diverse styles like ballet, hip-hop, jazz and k-pop.

You may purchase tickets ahead of time at: danceatfranklin.org or you may purchase at the door.

Come see what talented dancers Franklin High has!

Arts Alive Dance Performances:

April 24th and 25th
7:00pm - 10:00pm

May 1st and 2nd
7:00pm - 10:00pm

First and Last Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Class: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO AND MAIL TO:

FHS Alumni Association



WHERE: Oaks Amusement Park Area 3

Foot of SE Spokane Street, Portland, OR \$4.00 Parking for all – debit or credit card only

WHEN: **Friday July 10, 2026** 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

COST: \$5.00 per person pre-registration

his year it’s bring your own picnic. Or don’t bring your own picnic and just enjoy the weather and visiting with our FHS friends! Either way, the \$5.00 cost is to cover the cost of the picnic area.

For added comfort and enjoyment bring lawn chairs and memorabilia to share.
Oaks Park does not allow bringing alcoholic beverages onto the premises.
Reminder: Oaks Park requires that service animals be on a leash.

E-mail: info@franklinhighalumni.org Phone: 503-972-3396

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ame:	First	Maiden	Last	Spouse/Guest
ddress:				
ITY:			State:	Zip
hone:	email:			

LASS OF: NUMBER IN GROUP: \$5.00 each – enclosed check \$ (Make checks payable to FHS Alumni Association. Write “Picnic” on the Memo Line.)

Addition tax deductible donation \$ (Optional)
Mail to FHS Alumni Picnic PO Box 86040 Portland, OR 97286

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FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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- Criteria: exceptional service to one’s chosen field and/or to one’s community.
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- Eligibility: a graduate may nominate in writing another graduate.
- Eligibility: if not honored within the year initially nominated, the nominee’s name will stay on the list of recommended recipients for five years from the initial nomination.

Most individuals qualify for making honorable contributions at some time in their lives. Order of the Kite nominees, however, will have made an exceptional difference in their chosen field or in the community. These are the outstanding people who deserve this honor and will be recognized at our annual Membership Luncheon.

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The Alumni Association gladly covers the cost of lunch for award recipients and their families. In addition, FHSAA will commission a plaque to be displayed at Franklin, identifying the distinguished alums, the year of their award, and their worthy contribution to their chosen field or the community.



FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

“Order of the Kite” Nomination Form

Nominee: _____ Grad. Year _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Nominee’s occupation/profession: _____

Reason for nomination: _____

Please add a page as needed.

Nominator: _____ Grad. Year _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

References other than Nominator, who are familiar with Nominee’s qualifications.

Name: _____

Contact information: _____

Name: _____

Contact information: _____

Please mail the completed Nomination Form to the following address, along with any supporting documentation you believe the Selection Committee should see:

Franklin HS Alumni Association
P.O. Box 86040
Portland, OR 97286-0040
Attn: Order of the Kite Selection Committee

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Order of the Kite Recipients, the Complete History

May 2011
Douglas Engelbart – 1942 – Inventor of the computer mouse
Johnnie Ray – 1947 – pop singer
Claire (Snyder) Phillips – (I can’t find her grad year, probably late 1930’s) - An American spy and World War II hero

May 2012
Lucille (Cole) Davis – 1950 – Contributions to the Alumni Association
Carl Diez – 1938 – Tuskegee Airman
John Hilsenteger – 1957 – Dedication to FHS and his accomplishments as a Sports Writer

May 2013
Howard (Hobby) Hobson – 1922 – Contributions to Basketball at the University of Oregon
Pam Knuth – 1975 – Contributions to the Alumni Association
Justice Jack Landau – 1971 – Presiding Judge on the Oregon Court of Appeals

June 2014
James Aalberg – 1967 – Donations and support of the Alumni Association
Joyce Stroud Gago – 1954 – Contributions to the Alumni Association

May 2015
Darlene Snodgrass Cain – 1954 – Lifetime commitment to of mission of the American Diabetes Association
Judson Taylor – 1956 – Service to the educational field and serving as president emeritus of State University of New York, Cortland
Ken Thrasher – 1967 – Support of FHS and ongoing philanthropic activities in our community

May 2016
Dave Evans – 1955 – Commitment to FHSAA for 11 years
Mal Watt - 1950 - Commitment to FHSAA for 11 years
Vi Watt – Lincoln High School – FHSAA Advisor and Commitment to FHSAA for 11 years

May 2017
No awards given

May 2018
Garry Lee – 1965 – Commitment to FHSAA as Vice President and President for 5 years
Judy McAllister Orem – 1962 – Dedication to FHSAA and maintenance of the data base

May 2019
April Whitley Avery – 1967 – Tireless efforts in support of FHSAA
Daniel Weeks – 1962 – Service to the United States as a member of the US Army, Navy and Marine Corps with Special Honor helping detain John Hinckley in the assassination attempt of President Regan

May 2020
No awards given - Pandemic

May 2021
Ann Heim Biggs – 1968 – Tireless efforts in support of FHSAA
Carol Summerhalder Blair – 1954 – The glue that keeps the “Alumni Post” going
Stu Johnson – 1952 – Service to FHSAA as a member, Vice President and President
Mark Lindley – 1975 – Attorney supporting FHSAA
Steve Matthews – 1970 – Alumni Board Treasurer
Scott Santangelo – 1979 – His amazing commitment to Franklin as the Athletic Director for 23 years

June 2022
Bob Earnest – 1965 – Dedication to many organizations including FHSAA
Christine Meadows – 1975 – Director of

Opera and Vocal Area Coordinator at PSU
Rhonda Meadows – 1976 – Founder of Bridge Meadows and Project Lemonade
Corene (Ackerly) Serres – 1952 Commitment to forming FHSAA and Database Secretary

May 2023
Bill Gander – 1966 – Financial support to FHSAA
George Hoyt – 1954 – Philanthropic activities in our community
Don Clark – 1951 – Public Service
Cindy McShatko Roberts – 1976 – Philanthropic activities in our community

May 2024
Philip Lang – 1947 – Service to the State of Oregon as a member of the House Representatives from 1961-1979
Donna Roisom – 1974 – National Tennis Coach of the Year 2024
Amanda (Mandy) Vance – 2004 – Oregon Teacher of the Year 2024

May 2025
KD Parman – 1992 – Leadership in Education
Del Stevens – 1962 – PFB Firefighter/Community Advocate
Carol (Channer) Nielsen – 1957 – Public Service