

# ALUMNI DINNER IS JULY 20, 2019

## Brighton Area Schools Alumni Association

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### PLEASE

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We are missing the following year books, if you have one please notify us by e-mail at:

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**LOOK ON PAGE 3 FOR THE ALUMNI DINNER RESERVATION FORM PLEASE RETURN BY JULY 5, 2019.**



The Association extends its sympathy to the family of

### Shari Baetcke Goodenow

The BASAA lost a valuable board member and friend in late 2018, Shari was a 1961 graduate of Brighton High School. She was a teacher in the Milford school system and when she and Gary retired they became Brighton residents.



### Class of 1968—50th Reunion

We've heard the saying, "You can never go home again". Sixty one members of the class of 1968 made the journey to go home again for the 50th anniversary of their high school graduation June 8th and 9th. With the selfless dedication of several class members, mentoring input from the Class of 1967 and the Alumni Association, we were treated to a fabulous reunion experience. Yes, the city of Brighton has changed dramatically; so many people have fallen in love with it, it is no longer the quiet town in which we grew up. And High School!!! The tour on Friday the 8th was mind boggling to say the least. What an awesome facility with seemingly endless opportunities for today's students. Although we were allowed to linger in the "Alumni Room, I was left to wanting to return and spend much more time. The pizza party later that evening was a wonderful, casual venue to reconnect with each other, the old "cliques" melted away and we all enjoyed re-learning about each other. The sobering reminder of the 24 classmates who have passed on was beautifully displayed with a pictorial memorial, votive candles, and an original music video created by Jim Kellams. The Golden graduation ceremony on Saturday was nothing short of awesome. Thanks to the able leadership of Bruce Ritter, and assistance by Suzanne Conerway and our own Pat Arnold, we were given the honor of being included in the graduation ceremonies with the class of 2018 at Eastern Michigan University— an impressive program. We "Golden" now possess two graduation certificates and left feeling that the young people who graduated that day are going on with an amazing start to their adult life. The Gala Dinner on Saturday evening at Ciao Amici's was a wonderful way to seal new friendships, share laughs and stories. 30 classmates decided to meet one last time on Sunday morning for brunch at Burroughs Roadhouse: a casual venue that spurred many more old memories. Reviewing the hundreds of photos that have been posted, reading the many comments made about them, and remembering all the conversations had have kept my mind spinning. I cannot encourage future Golden Graduates enough to seriously consider attending your celebrations. This is an impressive program that your Alumni Association provides.

Kathy Lueker Pearson Class of 1968

## A note from the BASAA President:

**Hello** Brighton Alumni-wherever you are in the world! Every year alumni return for their 50 year Golden Diploma and they seem to come from all over the world. It is a very memorable event for all involved. This year the class of 1969 will set a record with 59 alumni returning for the 2019 graduation ceremony.

A special welcome from the Alumni Board goes out to Beth Walker(78). She has made such a positive impact in the past two months. Maybe there are more like her out there? Please consider joining the board-every little bit of your time helps so many. I would like to personally thank all of our board members for their time and efforts Their help is priceless!

The graduation photos from 1930 - 2010 are now on display in the Alumni Hall in the High School. Please consider a contribution of \$100 to support having your class photo displayed. A special thanks to W-4 in Brighton for creating those photos. A big thanks to Principal Gavin Johnson for giving us the space and his support.

I hope to see you at the Alumni Dinner-information is enclosed. The fireworks are fantastic-literally!

Bruce Ritter (71) President

## Class of 1969— Homecoming Parade Oct. 2018



The homecoming queens from 2018 and the Homecoming queen 1968



Class of 1969 gathers before the 2018 Homecoming.

For many years the Brighton Alumni Association has invited the Golden Graduates to be part of the Homecoming Parade, It gives the returning alumni the opportunity to gather about six months before they take part in their 50th reunion and to enjoy taking part in the parade followed by the homecoming football game. GO DOGS!

### **BRIGHTON ALUMNI— CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOLS**

1970: Arnella Park — 1971: Bruce Ritter — 1972: Debbie Whiteman — 1973: Lynnette Perrine — 1975: Ann Marie Dobry — 1976: Pam Lee-Campbell, Patricia Carlson, Dave Killewald — 1977: Nancy Blumenthal, Bill Fleck, Cynthia Stafford — 1978: Scot Jacobs — 1979: Ann Idzikowski, Anita Maynard — 1981: Lisa Johnson — 1980: Lori Fronizer — 1982: Coleen Monroe, Cathy Ort, Jerrold Reams, Vicki Sprague — 1983: Renee Obert — 1984: Adam Cox, Ann Einfeldt, Amie Konieczny, Michelle Madden — 1985: Chris Darkowski — 1986: Keri Harbrecht, Brenda Hurley, Andrea Spaanstra — 1988: Scott Brenner — 1989: Tammy Monroe — 1991: Dawn Straight — 1992: Adam Neuman — 1993: Brandy Gottman, Jodie Valenti — 1994: Kim Davis, Sophia Garner — 1995: Sean Carney, Todd Day, Mary Durbin, Jessica Schumacher, Karen Storey — 1997: Jaime Smith, Melissa Tabaka — 1998: Gillian McColgan — 1999: Kristyn Dinkel, Daniele Gray — 2000: Christina Wood — 2001: Angie Geise, Jessica Guss — 2003: Kelly Dunn, Melanie Hukkala, Jacob VanNote — 2004: Jesse Christner, Chris Eley — 2005: Katheryne Friske, Christine Gaunt, Nathan Grabowski, — 2006: Carolyn Evans, Matthew Evans — 2010: Jackson Armstrong, Jaclyn Burr, Anna-Lee Robinson, Maggy Wierowski — 2011: Amanda Ball, Erica Wyman — 2012: Lindsay Harkins, Ashton Peters, Elizabeth Salmeto, Libby Salmeto — 2013: Maddie Peltier

## **BASAA — Projects**

- **Alumni Hall** — Class photos from 1930 through 2010 have been installed in the High School.
- **Scholarships** — \$79,000 in scholarships have been awarded.
- **Annual Alumni Dinner , Golden Graduation celebration, Reunion support** — The 26th Alumni Dinner will be held on July 20, 2019. Also held at that event will be the Class of 1959 (60th) , Class of 1974 (45th), and the Class of 1979 (40th).
- **SAT / ACT Practice Test Program** — In March and then again in May the BASAA hosted practice tests for area students. Nearly 100 students took part in the SAT testing session. The profits from this program will go the scholarship program.

## **BASAA — Life Members**

1950: Bonnie Corrigan, Norma Jean Pless — 1951: Mary Miller, Jane Tomlinson — 1955: Mary Thompson — 1956: Jere Michaels — 1957: Bob Schaffer — 1958: Betsy Herbst, Robert Herbst — 1960: Richard Chrysler, Jerry Damon — 1961: Paul Schultz, Carolyn Zampella — 1962: Suzanne Conerway, Dennis Pearsall, Linda Wintermute — 1963: John Park — 1964: Larry Lawrence, Rick Smith — 1965: Clark Millar, Clifford Ritter, Dennis Bowdoin — 1966: Luanne Elkhoff, Greg Park, Tietze Smith — 1967: Lin Millar — 1971: Bruce Ritter — 1974: Dan Horal — 1975: Nancy Fredenburg, Kate Lowry, Steve Lowry — 1976: Kate Lawrence — 1978: Jane Horal, Elizabeth Walker — Joyce Powers

# 2019 BASAA — Scholarship Awardees

The Brighton Alumni Association on May 29, 2019 awarded ten Brighton graduates scholarships. The monies for these scholarships comes from donations to and projects run by the Association. In addition, starting in 2015, classes which have had their 50th reunion celebration have taken on the task of raising money for scholarships. The Class of 1965 and 1966 have done an amazing job and this year sponsored three scholarships each. The Class of 1967 also stepped forward with the sponsorship of two and the Class of 1963 sponsored one. These along with the two that the Association sponsored, brings the total to **ten**. The review process looks at goals, challenges, what BAS has meant and need, with a focus on need. If you or your class is interested in being part of this great work, please contact Bruce Ritter for information.

**Class of 1963**

Leah Pulice — Eastern Michigan

**Class of 1965**

Madison Brown — Oakland University  
 Oliva Smith — University of Michigan  
 Jacqueline Wheeler — Hope College

**Class of 1966**

Devin MacRitchie — Bowling Green  
 Dillon MacRitchie — Bowling Green  
 Oliva Peterson — University of Washington

**Class of 1967**

Alexandria Galen — University of Michigan

**Alumni Association**

Sarah Faruzzi — University of Michigan  
 Sophia Giuliani — Wayne State University

## Thank you — to those that support the BASAA

Donation of memorabilia for the Alumni Room: The LewAllen Family, Becky English (70), Nancy Dresiden (72), Patty (78), Jane Warren Horal (78), Marieanna Seitz Bair (44), The Pearsall Family, Dianne Hamm (63), Pattie Hamilton (71), Cathy Leutz (66).

Arnella McClain Park, Cindy Stafford and Gavin Johnson— for help with School related items.

Dr. Gray — Superintendent for all he does in support of the

Alumni Association.

Cindy Stafford—for her help with School related items

Scott, Bill and Adam for mounting the Photos in Alumni Hall

Meijer Flowerland—donation of centerpieces for the Alumni dinner.

### THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATION DUES SCHEDULE

Alumni Membership	\$ 10.00
Friend of BASAA Membership	\$ 10.00
Patron Membership	\$ 25.00
Gold Star Membership	\$ 50.00
Life Time Membership	\$ 250.00
Donation to BASAA	\$ _____

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**Alumni Dinner, Saturday July 20, 2019, 6pm—Midnight at Mt. Brighton**

Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at \$40 each. Total cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to the Alumni Association \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_ ( if applicable, please include maiden name)

Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment options: Mail to: Brighton Alumni PO Box 1163 Brighton Michigan 48116

By Check: Make check payable to Brighton Alumni

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RSVP by July 5, 2019

For additional information contact Nancy Fredenburg (517) 304-5044 or e-mail [fredenburg229@gmail.com](mailto:fredenburg229@gmail.com)

# We are looking for your HELP

The Brighton Area Schools Alumni Association is working on a project to reproduce on aluminum all 66 of the Class photos and have them mounted on what the school is calling "Alumni Hall". The years of 1930 - 2010 are done. We would like to cover the cost of these reproductions by asking each class to raise the \$100.00 which is the cost of the photo reproduction.

For more information contact Jerry Damon at Runningbuds@aol.com or calling 248-345-4080.

## Alumni Association BOARD

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