PHS Alumni Association Newsletter



Special Celebration Issue, September 2020

This special edition of the PHS Alumni Association newsletter is being sent to PHS alums AND the Perry community for information about our organization and our 2020 plans.

Celebration Update

Honor Roll "No Banquet Banquet"

BUT STILL RAISING SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Our annual BIG event to raise money for scholarships will be a bit different this year. Due to COVID-19, it is cancelled.

You are invited to "participate" by donating whatever money you might have spent at the banquet or just would like to donate.

The money raised goes to scholarships for PHS seniors next year. Did you know that your donation is tax deductible up to \$300 this tax year even if you don't itemize on your federal tax return? That's one of the changes in the CARES Act. Please send your check to our office (address on back) or online at <u>PerryOkAlumni.com.</u>

Alumni Office to be closed for celebration

YES, IT IS NORMALLY THE BUSIEST SPOT ON THE SQUARE ON PARADE DAY!

We will miss seeing all of you, but with COVID-19 and the size of crowds we usually have, we decided it was safer to close the office. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



16 PHS '20 Graduates Will Receive \$1,800 Alumni Scholarships

2020 has been a strange year for all, especially for graduating seniors. We are happy to announce, in case you missed the news, that your PHS Alumni Association has awarded \$1,800 to sixteen Seniors.

Originally announced as \$1,300, the scholarship amount was increased at our August Board meeting due to the pandemic depression this year. Winners will receive the additional \$500 in their second semester check.

Winners are Braxton Dale, Whitney Greenwell, Jake Grim, Parker Haley, Sarah Hamilton, Mitchell Hartwig, Miranda Karcher, Aubrey McCaul, Gage McNabb, Jacy Musshafen, Macy Sabrsula, Carli Seabolt, Abbigaile Stallcup, Rachel Sweet, Briley Williams, and Lydia Wisdom.

The mission of the PHS Alumni Association is to provide scholarships for graduating seniors to continue their education. Our long-term goal is that eventually every qualified senior who applies can receive a scholarship, whether applying to vocational technical facility, a college, a university or any other additional education or training.

Since our inception, **\$462,550** in scholarships have been awarded by your PHS Alumni Association to **372** graduating Seniors.

Each year the scholarship application period begins in March. Applications are available through the Perry High School counselor. They are due back by April 15, 2021. Application forms and information are also available on our website: <u>PerryOKAlumni.com</u>.

A Trip Down Honor Roll "Memory Lane" On Facebook

For FIFTEEN YEARS, your Alumni Association has been honoring PHS graduates and teachers. We began the Honor Roll in 2005, BEFORE we had a Facebook page.

We postponed selecting Honor Roll Inductees for 2020 with the cancellation of the banquet, so we are posting ALL of the 15 years

of Honor Roll members on Facebook. Go to Perry High School (OK) Alumni Association.



Meet this year's officers: President Linda Jeffery Branson ('71), Vice President Kathy Henry ('68), Secretary Kay Martin McCarthy ('69), Corresponding Secretary Peggy Thompson Haxton ('66) and Treasurer Rena Clark Wheatley ('81). Officers are elected at the association annual meeting each January.

While you're thinking about PHS, please check to see if you have updated your PHS Alumni Association annual membership or consider buying a lifetime membership. Besides helping us to award scholarships to PHS Seniors, the lifetime membership keeps you from having to remember to renew every year! The price varies: If you have been out of high school 5 or fewer years, a lifetime membership is \$100; 6 to 44 years, it is \$250; and 45 years or more, it is \$100. Renewal of an annual membership is \$20.

Please Join or Renew Your Membership! Your Dues Help Support Your Alumni Association and The Scholarships We Award. Renew Now and We Will Extend Your Annual Membership Through 2021!					
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 I would like to receive my annual newsletter by email. (please check) Annual Dues are \$20/person per year. Lifetime Dues for 5 years or less out of school or 45 years or more are \$100 Otherwise, Lifetime Dues for the years between 5 and 45 are \$250. *Perry High School Alumni Association is a 501(c)3. All donations are tax deductible. Complete this form and return it with your check to: Perry High School Alumni Association, Inc., P.O. Box 327, Perry, OK 73077-0327 OR Join online at PerryOkAlumni.com 					
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