



PHSAA Awards Scholarships to 39% of PHS Seniors

In May, your PHS Alumni Association presented 22 graduating PHS seniors with \$2,000 scholarships. The winners included Aubrey Allen, Marissa Bevins, Hannah Browne, Daemion Culver, Gavin Duke, Alyssa Goldsberry, Nathan Graham, Rylee Grimes, Kadence Kienholz, Alexis Leger, Corbin Lewellen, Makeda McPherson, Madysen Mills, Preslei Miner, Kelsey Mitchell, Kaleb Owen, Angel Tiscareno, Lyndey Wilda, and Dezmond Williams.

Receiving Memorial Scholarships were Maebry Shields – Dr. Linda Powers; Leslee Richardson – Thelma Brown/Ethel Knox for aspiring educators, and Isabelle Stoops – Henry Knight for engineering.

Since its 1987 founding, the PHSAA has given more than \$600,000 in scholarships. Applications are at PerryOkAlumni.com and in the school counselor's office. The scholarship can be used at any educational institution.

"We are grateful for the unwavering support of our PHS alumni, whose generous donations, memberships, and participation in fundraising events like the Honor Roll banquet enable us to help these graduating seniors as they embark on their next chapter," said Brad Finley, '80, president.

"The commitment of our alumni to the community is a great source of inspiration. Programs like this give Perry Pride a practical benefit and help make our city a special destination for raising families," he added.

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A Letter from Your President

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones in good health and enjoying a prosperous 2023. I'm honored to lead our alumni association and help support the educational goals of Perry students.

The association's past year has been a success, with \$44,000 in scholarships awarded to deserving applicants and a successful fundraiser at the Honor Roll Banquet, raising about \$18,000. Our board and committees are working tirelessly to support Perry's future through donations and endowments.

We also want to keep alumni in touch with their classmates. Our events, open houses, the website, class reunions, and Facebook keep you in touch with Perry and PHSAA. With your help, our association can continue to realize its mission of building lifelong connections and providing scholarships. Whether you can contribute financially or volunteer on a committee, we welcome your support. Together, we can continue to show our graduating seniors the success that can come from learning at PHS and pursuing their dreams.

Perry Pride is alive and well. Let's continue to strive for excellence and be a shining example of what can be accomplished with the support and dedication of our many alumni.

Brad Finley '80

Honor Roll Banquet Coming Soon!

Please join us at the Honor Roll Banquet and Fundraiser Friday, Sept. 15, held annually to honor outstanding alumni and to raise money for scholarships for graduating Perry students.

This year five outstanding PHS alums will be inducted into the Honor Roll: Dan Hasenfratz '61, Jan McNeal Dickerson '67, Steve Kukuk '67, Craig Kemnitz '72, and Larry Beisel '79.

Hasenfratz, who passed away in 2021, was a lieutenant colonel in the Oklahoma National Guard and an EMS helicopter pilot for 17 years. Dickerson has volunteered with the American Therapeutic Riding Center and other groups. Kukuk, a career Air Force officer, advises the U.S. military around the world. Kemnitz owns the longest-running service station in Oklahoma and helps in many Perry causes. Beisel, who passed away in 2021, was a West Point graduate who served all over the world, including as a Foreign Area Officer and Defense Attache and negotiated defense treaties.

Last year, we featured an auction with Perry's own amazing auctioneers H.O. Hodge ('69) and Gary Snyder ('69). They will be returning for another auction this year. (See pictures on this page.)

Make your reservations for the banquet online at PerryOkAlumni.com or call Peggy 580.370.1799. The cost is still \$25 per person. To help us prepare, please reserve your place as early as possible. We'll have your name tag ready at the door!

PHSAA has awarded \$634,400 in scholarships to 461 PHS graduates pursuing higher education. Please attend and support our work to help Perry students. And be sure to visit our Open House on Sept. 16!



Thanks to Doyle Bohannon, who volunteered to photograph the banquet in 2022.

Class Reunions Scheduled

Class of 1959 Reunion*

Sat., Sept. 16: 6 to 10 p.m.; Jon's Place (former Elks Lodge)
\$10 per person for snacks and drinks
For info, contact Brenda Horn, 580-370-6477 or email brendalouise@sbcglobal.net. ***Also, members of 1962 or any earlier classes are welcome to contact Brenda.**

Classes of 1968 and 1969 Reunion

Sat., Sept. 16: 6 to 9 p.m.; Perry Golf and Country Club
\$10 per person at the door for light refreshments and water/tea. Cash bar available.
Email phsok6869@gmail.com for info and RSVP.

Class of 1993 Reunion

Sat., Sept. 16: 7 to 11 p.m.; Pancoast Hall, 614 Cedar
Kim Beasley 405.520.2153; Ryan Barry 918.510.0880

Other class reunions planned? Email us and we'll post them on Facebook and the website.

A Note of Thanks: To the Perry Daily Journal for covering the PHS Alumni Association and other local news. We

Join the PHS Alumni Band

Would you like to be in a new PHS Alumni Band? Ideas for the band include being in the Cherokee Strip parade or in the bandstand.

PHSAA Board member Maria Mack is the contact person. Maria and Phil Salvati of Red Earth D'Signs on the Perry square have designed a gray T-shirt with the Maroon Man Alumni logo for band members to order. Music will be provided.

You can sign up or just get more information from Maria by emailing her at PerryOKAlumni@att.net. Plans are being made now! Join in the fun!



The 50-year reunion of the 1973 PHS class was June 3, 2023. A silent auction was held to raise money for two gifts to PHS. Way to Go!



Remember to reserve a seat at the Honor Roll Banquet by going online to PerryOkAlumni.com.

The PHS Class of 1971 held their 50-year class reunion in 2022.
~~An excellent turnout!~~



**Come by the Alumni Building
Saturday, September 16. Be
sure to register on your class
list and see who else is here
from your class.**



1973 reunion
snapshots.



Above is the Craig and Ruby Kemnitz maroon convertible in the parade.

Above: Margaret Hoskins Clark, '41, celebrated her 99th birthday, hosted by her family at the Alumni Building. Peggy Haxton, '66, correspondence secretary, said she has been an active PHSA lifetime member. Right: The Class of 1972 held its 50-year reunion in 2022. They appeared in the Cherokee Strip parade during their weekend of activities.





The PHSAA scholarship recipients were honored at a reception where Pat Novy, scholarship chairman, and Brad Finley, president, congratulated the students.



Left: Some of the Board members get ready for a meeting to begin.

Right: The PHSAA has items for sale such as this tumbler with a lid for \$20.



IN MEMORIAM: Deceased in 2022 or Reported Since 2022 Newsletter

1940: Pauline Bobbit Goad	Norman Wasemiller	1971: Glenna White Premer and Tony Sadler
1943: Marki Horn Thompson	1958: Jan Moore Billingsley and Sondra Self Plachy	1972: Kathy Niles
1943: Betty Gordon Johnson	1959: Joan Musick Curtis	1973: Clem Gosney and Jerry "Bruce" Kime
1946: Philomene Schieffer Saha	1960: Rodney Cermak and Jack Shaw	1974: Shelly Wolleson Harman, Grace Phillips Segura, and Richard Wilson
1947: Doris Manning Bridal	1961: Anna Thorman Gottschalk	1975: Barbara Spillman Cook, Tana Bezdicek Fraire, and Jacquie Huff Hand
1948: J.D. Spillman	1963: Eugene Appelbaum, J.D. Grim, and Robert Hopper	1984: Jeffrey Marburger
1949: Bob Voigt	1964: Kenneth Criswell, Larry Dale, and Carol Hasenfratz	1985: David Heskett
1950: Juanita Wagner Bolay	1965: Annie Marshall Edmondson, Tommy Emmons, John Haxton, Gary Wilson, and Opal Bartow Yockey	1986: James Sewell
1951: Norma Severe Vanbiber, Art Hamby, and Bonnie Wadsworth Hamby	1966: Ronald Nida and Gwendolyn Sinclair Wilburn	1994: Christopher Boone
1952: Dr. James Sewell and Richard Buffington	1967: Marilyn Shelton Nemec	1996: Daniel Kuchera
1953: Sam Henderson, Joseph McQuain, and Carol Taylor Morrison	1968: Barbie Bontrager Wilkins	2005: Mary Ann Williams Leeper
1954: Lois Owens Andrews, Barbara Bible Bryant, and Shirley Mason Marsh	1969: Randy Yowell	2013: Jacob Anderson
1955: Daniel Carlson	1970: Joe Bronson and Bill Whitchurch	2023: Allie Wade
1956: George Cress and Marilyn		

OUR PHSAA MISSION (PURPOSE)

Providing scholarships to PHS seniors from funds raised through building lifelong connections with PHS alumni.



Do we have your current address?

If not, please send us your updated mailing address and email. It will save money that can go toward scholarships.

Left: Graduation was May 19 in the Maroon Athletic Center. Congratulations! Photo, Perry Daily Journal, May 24, 2023.

Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership!

Your Dues Help Support Your Alumni Association and the Scholarships We Award.

Last name 1 First name Maiden name, if applicable Year of graduation

Last name 2 First name Maiden name, if applicable Year of graduation

Street or Mailing Address City State Zip Email address 1 Email address 2

_____ I would like to receive my newsletter by email.

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. Thank you!*

Complete this form and return it with your check to:

Perry High School Alumni Association, Inc., P.O. Box 327, Perry, OK 73077-0327



Alumni Office Hours

10am-1pm

1st & 3rd Wed.—May-July

Every Wed.—Aug.-Sept.

1st Wed.—Oct.-Apr.

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Classmates.com or
AlumniClass.com. We
are your hometown
alumni group!

About PHSAA Donations

Your donations can help us give more scholarships. You can make a donation at any time, at year's end, or as a memorial. You may also consider creating a personal legacy through an estate gift. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit.

After the Awards Assembly at Perry High, the PHSAA scholarship winners gathered for a picture.

Photo, Perry Daily Journal, May 13, 2023.



Remember that the backbone of a strong, effective nonprofit organization like your PHS Alumni is

Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Please help any way that you can.