



## PHSAA Scholarships Go to 27 PHS Seniors

Your Perry High School Alumni Association awarded \$2,000 scholarships to 27 PHS seniors at the annual spring assembly at PHS. The scholarship winners also were recognized later at a reception for them and their families at the PHSAA building. A big *Thank You* to alumni for your donations! Each scholarship is paid to the Bursar's Office of the school the student attends. The first \$1,000 is payable in the first semester, and the second \$1,000 is payable in the second semester if the student had a 2.3 or higher GPA in the first semester. Scholarship applications for next year's seniors at Perry High will be available from the school counselor or at [PerryOkAlumni.com](http://PerryOkAlumni.com). They must be completed and returned to the school counselor's office by March 31.

### *A Big Thank You to Our Wonderful Sponsors*

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### **A Letter from Your President**

Dear Perry High School alumni,

As your president, I am deeply honored to lead our alumni association and champion the educational dreams of Perry students. This year has been extraordinary. In May, we awarded \$54,000 in scholarships to 27 deserving seniors, thanks to the dedication of our volunteer board and our generous alumni.

We're working to enhance our culture to inspire further support through endowments and estate planning so we can grant larger scholarships. Our mission extends beyond financial support; it's about fostering lifelong connections, which we do through our events, open houses, website, and vibrant Facebook community.

Your involvement is crucial. Whether financially or by volunteering, your support empowers us to continue building a legacy of excellence. Together, we can inspire our graduating seniors to use their PHS foundation to find success as adults.

Perry Pride is more than just a motto—it's a way of life. Let's show what can be done by dedication and collective effort.

With gratitude and Perry Pride,  
*Brad Finley '80*

## Come and Enjoy the 2024 Honor Roll Banquet

You are invited to the Honor Roll Banquet and Fundraiser Friday, Sept. 13, where a group of outstanding alumni will be honored. All profits will go to scholarships for graduating Perry students.

This year's honorees are xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx  
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[[PLACEHOLDER for text on honorees or their high school pictures if available.]]

Watch the PHSAA Facebook page and the Perry Daily Journal for their photos and biographies, and come to the banquet to honor them, see classmates, and enjoy the fundraiser.

Order your tickets [PerryOkAlumni.com](http://PerryOkAlumni.com), or buy a table. Can you be a sponsor? Please contact a board member. Or email: [PerryOkAlumni@att.net](mailto:PerryOkAlumni@att.net).



Above: 2023 Honor Roll and those accepting on behalf of honorees. L-R: Front row: Patsy Hasenfratz, daughters Barbara Debish, Judy Vesper (for Dan Hasenfratz), and Jan McNeal Dickerson. Back row: Katya Beisel (for Larry Beisel), Craig Kemnitz, and Steve Kukuk.



Food and friends at the banquet at the Lower Elementary School.



Thanks to Doyle Bohannon for taking banquet photographs.

### Class Reunions Scheduled

Classes of 1963, 1964, and 1965:

Sat., Sept. 14, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

817 South Boundary. Cost: \$20 per person — \$25/door.

Details: David Malget 580-336-8320; Margaret Malget Gary 405-385-2270; Glenna Bennett Hughes 405-612-4145.

Class of 1994: In the planning stage.

Class of 2004: In the planning stage.

Class of 2014: In the planning stage. Details: Taylor Finley.

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

#### Want to Receive This Annual Newsletter by Email?

The emailed version has more photos and articles. Email us and you'll start receiving the expanded newsletter by email instead of USPS. (Not to confuse you, but this notice is in both versions to help spread the word.)

*Many thanks: To the Perry Daily Journal for covering the Alumni Association and local news. We appreciate it!*

### A Big Truck, Great Signs, Alums Riding in Back— What a Way to Enjoy the Parade!

Our entry in the 2023 Sept. 16th parade was this truck owned by Jace and Bree Vaughan ('10). The PHSAA signs, by Brad Finley, added the color!







**What's Coming Up**  
**July/August/early Sept:** Ticket sales for Honor Roll Banquet online.  
**9/11 through 14:** Open House at Alumni Building. 10 a.m.  
**9/13: Honor Roll Banquet and Fundraiser. 6 p.m.**  
**9/14:** Parade Day Open House.  
**1/25/2025:** Annual Meeting (Members welcome.)  
**3/31/2025:** Scholarship forms due.  
**6/1/2025:** Honor Roll nominations



Come see us at the Alumni Building Sat., Sept. 14!  
 Clockwise, top left: PHSAA board business meeting; January board picture; new members Kevin Shimanek '82, Connie Mendenhall '73, and Bree Vaughan '10; a PHSAA founder, Bernie Skalenda '52, talks with members John Severe '70 and Bryan Chrz '71.

**Volunteers, Store, and Archives**

The PHSAA is lucky to have volunteers to help with mailings, sell PHSAA items, and more. Here are Peggy Thompson Haxton '66, PHSSA secretary; Fran Matthews Little '64, Jeannie Matthews Vance '67, Kathy St. Clair Shelton '67, Cheryl St. Clair '69, Pat Soulek Novy '65, and a few future PHS grads.



Just for fun: Class picture at the old elementary school. These students are some of the class of 1965. Gertrude Norman, teacher.

**Did you know?**

A lot of excitement and support surrounded the PHS baseball team this spring as it played in the State finals game, a first in PHS history. The Maroons ended up being runner-up, but their season was full of great achievements. They had a 37-7 record, including 21-1 against 3A opponents, and were undefeated in District play and the Regional and Super Regional. **Kyler Zagar** was NWOBCA large school pitcher of the year. Last fall, the excitement was around the PHS Lady Maroons softball team, which won State! Also, **Kennedy Hight** is the first female athlete in PHS history to be named to All-State in 3 sports: softball, basketball, and track. She won State in the 400M. Many hard-working PHS athletes competed at State this year. Watch our PHSAA Facebook page, Perry High School OK Alumni Association, for PHS activities.

**Remember to reserve a seat for Honor Roll Banquet/ Fundraiser at PerryOkAlumni.com. Or buy a table!**



2024 Maroon Marching Band





### Scholarship Recipients Honored at PHSAA Reception

The PHSAA welcomed this year's scholarship winners and their families to a reception at the Alumni building in late May. The 27 recent PHS graduates were congratulated by Brad Finley, president, and Pat Novy, Scholarship Committee chair, and several board members. Students had their individual pictures taken with Brad and Pat.

Brad announced that generous donors Jimmy and Nikki (Heppler) Smith, both in the class of 1981, paid for lifetime PHSAA memberships for all the scholarship winners this year. The PHSAA and the students thank you, Jimmy and Nikki, for this wonderful gift!

Since its founding in 1987, the PHSAA has awarded 488 scholarships for a total of \$686,400.



## IN MEMORIAM: Deceased in 2023 or Reported Since 2023 Newsletter

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| <p><b>1938:</b> Hazel Spillman Chessmore</p> <p><b>1941:</b> Dorothy Dolezal Childress and Graydon Persing</p> <p><b>1943:</b> Roy Jones</p> <p><b>1944:</b> William Dolan and Catherine Heppler McCollum</p> <p><b>1945:</b> King Kirchner and Joseph Sewell</p> <p><b>1946:</b> Imogene Nielsen Francis, Bob Imgarten, Richard Randall, and Barbara Shelton Sweger</p> <p><b>1947:</b> Bill Chenoweth, Delores Bowers Curran, and Delores Steichen Quinn</p> <p><b>1948:</b> Patsy Studebaker Clark, Enid Johndrow Heppler, and Delores Palovik Patak</p> <p><b>1949:</b> Virginia Maine Eggers</p> <p><b>1950:</b> Coralie Hicks Baker, Virgil Bradshaw, and Max Edgar</p> <p><b>1951:</b> Thomas Brandt and Mary Harman Brandt</p> <p><b>1952:</b> Frances Davison Boone and</p> | <p>Dolores Bradshaw Hodge</p> <p><b>1953:</b> Barbara Postelwait Blair, Marvin Jirous, and Gene Thompson</p> <p><b>1955:</b> Bill Newton</p> <p><b>1956:</b> Ken Box, Margaret Cleeton Gazaway, Raymond Kukuk, Shirley Duncan Moody, and Claudia McBride Turpen</p> <p><b>1957:</b> George Kent and Shirley Ashbrook Powers</p> <p><b>1958:</b> Sandra Hasenfratz Grubb and Ray Johnson</p> <p><b>1959:</b> Edward Appelbaum, Millie Thompson Meyer, and Bill Scovill.</p> <p><b>1960:</b> Marvin Bradshaw</p> <p><b>1961:</b> Carrol Baker Piel and Hal Pritchett</p> <p><b>1962:</b> Ronald Bowers</p> <p><b>1963:</b> David Bilby, Max Edgar, Harold Pense, Cheryl Washburn Miller, and Tony Watson</p> | <p><b>1964:</b> Carol Dent Agüero, Sally Fox Beier, and Ron Ripley</p> <p><b>1966:</b> Robert Wiebe-Rathbone</p> <p><b>1967:</b> Scott Bowden and Donald Thompson</p> <p><b>1968:</b> Dan Coldiron, Joni Hasenfratz Cockrum-Thorpe, and Ralph Johnson Jr.</p> <p><b>1969:</b> Buddy Jones</p> <p><b>1970:</b> Richard Campbell</p> <p><b>1971:</b> Dennis Feken, Kyle Kime, and Diana Brand Pagel</p> <p><b>1974:</b> Stanley Rutherford</p> <p><b>1975:</b> Pamela Denise Vaughan</p> <p><b>1976:</b> Tom Luttrell</p> <p><b>1977:</b> Michael Dexter</p> <p><b>1980:</b> Kimberly Stanley</p> <p><b>1984:</b> Misty Karcher</p> <p><b>1991:</b> Robert Powell</p> <p><b>1995:</b> Charity Sigler Forman</p> <p><b>1999:</b> Jake Shoop</p> <p><b>2009:</b> James Lofton</p> |
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### 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. Emailing saves us money that can go toward scholarships.*

## Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership!

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

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

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\_\_\_\_\_ *I would like to receive my newsletter by email.*

Annual Dues are \$20/person per year. A lifetime membership for a 2024 grad is \$25.

Lifetime dues for 5 years or less out of school or 45 years or more are \$100. (Exception for 2024 grads=\$25.)

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!*

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Tom Trumbula '48    Bree Ann Vaughn '10    Laura Vollmer '04

**Alumni Office Hours**  
10am-1pm  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.—May-July  
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