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 Hayden Balderson	 Serenity Beier	 Abbigail Bolen	 Randi Box	 Landon Chance	<i>Not pictured: Hayden Braz</i>		
 Jonathan Douglass	 Madison Frost	 Ashlynn Givens	 Ava Heim	 Grant Hoffman	 Joely Kukuk	 Alexandria Langley	
 Lydia Leach	 Eli Patak	<h3>2026</h3> <h2>PHS Alumni Association</h2> <h3>Scholarship Winners</h3> 				 Bella Porter	 Ashley Schweer
 Alliyah Shrum	 Cali Spillman	<h3>Memorial Scholarships</h3>				 Aiden Tetik	 Derek Trotter
 Anndrea Friend <small>(Thelma Brown/Ethel Knox)</small>	 Audra Coldiron <small>(Kenneth & Jesse Carmack)</small>	 Jaylynn Malcom <small>(Kenneth & Jesse Carmack)</small>	 Brooklenn Moses <small>(Marjorie Lau Chandler)</small>	 Andrew Kukuk <small>(Dow Family)</small>	 Aiden Thompson <small>(Henry Knight)</small>	 Violet Nolte <small>(Dr. Linda Powers)</small>	 Caleb Frable <small>(W. G. Mouser)</small>

The PHS Alumni Association awarded 29 scholarships this spring to deserving PHS seniors to further their education and training. A big THANK YOU to the PHS alums who contributed to make these scholarships possible. Each scholarship is for \$2,000 with the first half payable in the first semester and the second half payable if the GPA is 2.3 or above. The Dow Scholarship is for 8 semesters. The scholarships are paid to the school's bursar where the student attends. The PHSAA is proud of our high school and alumni!

A Few Scenes from Last Year's PHSAA Honor Roll Banquet . . .



2025 Honor Roll inductees (L-R): John Boone, Jerry Dow, Melissa Finley, Jason Leonard. Dr. E. J. Kemnitz Jr. inducted posthumously.



Bernie Skalenda '52, a PHSAA founder, and daughter, Jere Burkemper.

Perry High School Alumni Association



NEWSLETTER

Summer 2026

Thank You to Our 2025-26 Sponsors

- ◆ Marvin & Barbara Jirous Foundation
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2026 PHSAA Events on Cherokee Strip Weekend

<p>Honor Roll Banquet and Fundraiser 6 p.m., Fri., Sept. 18 The Event Center, 424 7th St., Perry</p>	<p>We hope you'll attend and help us honor the 2026 Honor Roll inductees and Legacy Award recipients. Catch up with friends from near and far!</p> <p>To buy tickets, a table, or a sponsorship, go online to PerryOKAlumni.com or visit the PHSAA office during Wednesday hours. You'll get a name tag at the door. See you there!</p>
<p>Open House Dates at PHSAA Building 606 Cedar St.</p>	<p>Visit the Alumni Building 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Sept. 16, 17, and 18. On Sept. 19 (parade day), the hours are 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Sign your class list. See PHS uniforms, trophies, photos, and plaques. Buy PHSAA shirts or mementoes.</p>

Honor Roll Inductees Announced for 2026 Banquet

Five outstanding PHS alums will be inducted into the PHS Honor Roll at the Sept. 18 banquet. Blaine School, represented by two graduates in the 1950s, will be given the Legacy award for its educational importance in the Perry community.

- **John Severe**, Class of '70 (posthumous award) was a lawyer for 47 years and a city attorney and assistant district attorney. PHSAA will miss John, a vital Board member who was always helpful.
- **David Martin, M.D.**, Class of '71, has served the medical needs of many patients in the Tulsa area for 40 years and volunteered with various groups.
- **Floyd Kirk**, Class of '73, has been a teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent for nearly five decades and has helped children in many ways.
- **Lori Chris Stoops Cannida**, Class of '76, is a licensed professional counselor and has been a Military Family Life Consultant with the Department of Defense.
- **Shea Padilla Boschee**, Class of '86, is a career YMCA executive and currently travels in the U.S. to help local YMCAs find a CEO to lead their organization.
- **Legacy Award:** Blaine School, represented by Earnestine Williams and Opal Swan, educated black students for many years before the 1954 court ruling that integrated U.S. schools.

A Note from the President of the Perry High School Alumni Association

Greetings, PHS alumni,

I hope this letter finds you, your family, and your fellow alumni enjoying an outstanding 2026. The future is bright. Since our modest beginnings with a \$500 scholarship, the PHS Alumni Association has proudly awarded over \$800,000 in scholarships to 557 deserving students, including 29 scholarships of \$2,000 each this year.

We're thrilled the Dow family established our first four-year scholarship. Please consider donating monthly or annually, establishing a memorial scholarship, or including PHSAA in your estate plans and RMDs.

With gratitude and Perry Pride,

Brad Finley '80

PHSAA News Briefs

We now have a cell phone (thanks to alum Don Betchan). The number is 580-572-7075.

Our email address is hello@perryokalumni.com. Your emails go to an inbox for PHSAA officers.

The Board secretaries are Joan Hodge Bolay ('82) and Connie Beier Mendenhall ('75). Thanks for serving!

The Board voted this year to expand to 24 members from 21 to help with projects, events, and duties.

The Board voted to raise annual dues to \$25 from \$20. Lifetime dues are a good deal! See p. 3.

Class Reunions Scheduled

Class of '71: Sept. 19, 6–9 p.m. at Votaw Barn, 6990 Independence, Perry. Finger foods, water, and ice provided. Donations accepted at the door. R.S.V.P. by July 31. Contact Linda Jeffery Branson. pcllib53@gmail.com.

Class of '76: Sept. 19, 5–9 p.m. at Bluestem Lodge. Contact Kim Arnold, 405-802-6803.

Class of '86: Sept. 19, 6 p.m. at the Malget home (formerly Blaine School). Contact Jennifer Dillard, liljennyd@aol.com.
Tell us of any others and we can put them on our Facebook page.

IN MEMORIAM: Alumni Deceased in the Past Year

1950 - Melvin Williams; 1952 - Edwin Corr, Phyllis Chiles Koch, Jeannie Bamberger Pierce; 1953 - Arthur Oldehoeft; 1954 - Billy Barnes, Sherrill Nelson Smith;
 1956 - John Bode, Linda Brand Boyd, Johnny Dahl, Richard Dunford, Shirley Henry Tearney; 1959 - Claudine Dayton VanBebber; Bud Coffman, Ann Keese Yandell; 1960 - Judith Russell Patak;
 1961 - Tom Davis, Eddie Feken; 1962 - Betty Felkins Morris; 1963 - Kay Barker Stotts; 1964 - Bob Page; Rebecca Lou Roberts; 1965: Eddie St.Clair; 1966 - Alanna Brown, Jamee Cowell Clapper;
 1968 - Linda Lowry Watson; 1969 - Gregory Vorndran; 1970 - John Severe, Michael Spillman; 1971 - Michael Smith; 1974 - Glenda Seeliger Andrew, Frances Wiehe Melvin; 1975 - Susie Snodgrass Farrar;
 1976 - Christopher Raupe; 1977 - Duane Condit; 1979 - Harry Hughes, Jr., Michael Inselman; 1980 - Tamera Faw Faw Goodson;
 1996 - Amanda Mendenhall Zemp; 2001 - Nicole Noteware; 2014 - Dalton Hawk.

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Parade. Sept. 2025



More Scenes from 2025 Honor Roll Banquet . . .

PHS '58 Reunion at Banquet



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PHSAA Applauds Scholarship Recipients of 2026

The 29 PHS seniors who received PHSAA scholarships this year were invited to a reception at the association’s building at 606 Cedar in May. Their families were guests as well. Several Board members hosted the reception. Brad Finley, Board president, and Connie Mendenhall, Scholarship Committee chair, congratulated the students.



Students accepting the PHS Alumni Association Scholarship from Brad Finley and Connie Mendenhall. (Photos provided by PHS Yearbook)



PHS Class of 1975: 50th Reunion, Sept. 13, 2025

Five PHS Classes Had a Big Reunion

The mid-'70s PHS classes decided to have a combined reunion in 2025, which was the 50th for PHS '75. The Class of 1990 had its 25th reunion.



PHS Class of 1974 Reunion



PHS Class of 1976 Reunion



PHS Class of 1977 Reunion



PHS Class of 1978 Reunion



Scenes from the mid-'70s class reunion.

Recalling PHS Drivers Ed! A photo of car and students.

Combined Reunion committee: L-R: Mark Kirk, Doug Hodge, Marty Smith, and Kim Yowell Thompson.



PHS Class of 1990 Reunion



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