

Husky Connections



June 2023

Fandangle 2023: "Such a Deal!"

Everybody loves a "deal"! And the \$25 discounted price for a Fandangle 2023 ticket is a deal, indeed! Just be aware that the deadline for that deal is Friday, June 30th. Tickets purchased in July will have a \$30 price tag. That's still a great price, but why not save yourself the five bucks?

Dieruff High School Alumni Association
Husky Pride... Unleashed

Dieruff Fandangle
A Mega-Reunion For All Classes

Join fellow Dieruff Alumni (All Classes) and Friends for an afternoon of great fun, music, drinks (beer, soda, water), and all-you-can-eat catered food. (Must be 21+ years old)

Saturday July 29, 2023
2:00PM - 8:00PM
South Mountain Grove
400 East Mountain Road
Allentown, PA 18103

Advanced Tickets Only
\$30 Per Ticket
\$25 Per Ticket if purchased prior to July 1st

Purchase tickets at Stahley's or Dieruff Main Office, or order on line
www.dieruff-alumni.org

This year's Fandangle promises to surpass all previous celebrations in every way. The Grove at South Mountain is our new venue, and features a massive outdoor pavilion capable of accommodating over 700 people. Adjacent parking lots offer easy access. Food serving stations and beverage bars are positioned under the pavilion.

Our menu far exceeds the traditional hotdog and hamburger fare. It includes meatballs, ziti, turkey BBQ, sausage and peppers with rolls, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, veggie tray, fruit tray, relish tray with pickles and olives, chips and pretzels. For beverages, we have regular and light beer, regular and diet soda, iced tea, and lemonade.

Combine all of that with a schedule of events that has been expanded to six hours (2:00 pm to 8:00 pm), and you can appreciate why we refer to that \$25 ticket price as a good deal. Don't procrastinate. Get your tickets today.... At Stahley's, Dieruff Main Office, or on line: www.dieruff-alumni.org

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President's Message: Special Reunion Classes Join Fandangle

Now in its 11th year, Fandangle has become an increasingly popular event on our social calendar. Billed as a *“mega-reunion for all classes”*, the annual Fandangle represents a unique opportunity for Dieruff High School Huskies and their guests to reunite, reminisce, and rekindle friendships.

What makes the celebration particularly appealing is an inviting price and a casual atmosphere.

With the cost of traditional class reunions rising at an alarming rate, a growing number of Dieruff graduating classes have elected to combine their special reunions with the Fandangle. It just makes sense.

This year, the Classes that will be joining Fandangle are:

Class of 1963 - 60th Reunion
Class of 1968 - 55th Reunion
Class of 1973 - 50th Reunion
Class of 1978 - 45th Reunion
Class of 1983— 40th Reunion

In addition to the reunion classes cited above, the **Dieruff Alumni Cheerleaders** will be gathering to celebrate. Each group will have a designated area under the pavilion, and are welcome to decorate their tables, and bring in snack trays and fancy cakes.

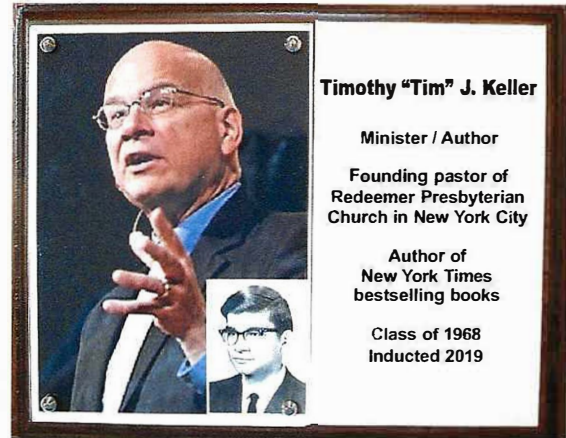


**President
Alumni Association**



Alumni Wall of Distinction Recipient Succumbs to Cancer

We certainly have lost a great one. Tim Keller, Dieruff Class of 1968, was inducted into our Alumni Wall of Distinction in 2019, a member of our inaugural class. Recognized as an internationally known pastor and accomplished author, Tim established a most remarkable reputation for himself. The following is his most impressive obituary that appeared in the New York Times.



Timothy J. Keller

The Rev. Timothy Keller, Pioneering Manhattan Evangelist, Dies at 72 09/23/1950 – 05/19/2023

Published in the New York Times on May 19, 2023 Updated May 22, 2023, 11:43 a.m. ET

Shunning fire and brimstone, he became a best-selling author and founded Redeemer Presbyterian Church, which drew young New Yorkers.

The Rev. Timothy J. Keller at the Church of the Redeemer on West 83rd Street in Manhattan in 2016. Becoming a pastor in New York was a challenge he felt compelled to accept.

The Rev. Timothy J. Keller, a best-selling author and theorist of Christianity who performed a modern miracle of his own — establishing a theologically orthodox church in Manhattan that attracted thousands of young professional followers — died on Friday at his home in Manhattan. He was 72.

His death was announced by Redeemer City to City, an organization affiliated with Redeemer Presbyterian Church. Mr. Keller announced on Twitter in December 2021 that he had Stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Keller, whose only previous experience in the pulpit had been at a blue-collar congregation in a rural Virginia parish, moved with his wife and three sons to New York in 1989 and, with neither fire nor brimstone, embarked on what New York magazine hyperbolized as “close to a theological suicide mission — to create a strictly conservative Christian church in the heart of Sodom.”

By the end of 2007, Mr. Keller wrote in his best-selling 2008 book, his church “had grown to more than 5,000 attendees and had spawned more than a dozen daughter congregations in the immediate metropolitan area.”

Colleagues, Mr. Keller recalled in his best-selling book “The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism” (2008), “were incredulous when I explained that the beliefs of the new church would be the orthodox, historic tenets of Christianity — the infallibility of the Bible, the deity of Christ, the necessity of spiritual regeneration (the new birth)— all doctrines considered hopelessly dated by the majority of New Yorkers. Nobody ever said ‘fuggedaboutit’ out loud, but it always hung in the air.

“Nevertheless,” he continued, “we launched Redeemer Presbyterian Church, and by the end of 2007 it had grown to more than 5,000 attendees and had spawned more than a dozen daughter congregations in the immediate metropolitan area.”

Today the church has several locations in Manhattan, though the main one is on West 83rd Street near Amsterdam Avenue; the others are on the Lower West Side, on the West Side at Lincoln Square, on the Upper East Side and in East Harlem.

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In addition to those who heard him preach in person at any one of those churches, thousands downloaded Mr. Keller's weekly sermons from the Redeemer website. His dozens of books have been translated into 25 languages and sold an estimated 25 million copies.

"Fifty years from now," the journal *Christianity Today* wrote in 2006, "if evangelical Christians are widely known for their love of cities, their commitment to mercy and justice, and their love of their neighbors, Tim Keller will be remembered as a pioneer of the new urban Christians."

Evangelicals belong to any number of denominations but share a theology of salvation through faith in Christ alone. Mr. Keller's ministry was unlike that of many better-known figures in evangelicalism: He lacked a regular television platform and avoided being identified with a single political view.

Instead, he delivered pointed, professorial messages — in person, on podcasts, on blogs and in print — in conversational tones that invoked C.S. Lewis, the philosophers Michel Foucault and Thomas Kuhn, the 18th-century Japanese poet Issa, and even Woody Allen.

He considered homosexuality to be inconsistent with scripture and premarital sex and abortion to be sins. "I am not going to pressure you to stop having sex out of marriage," he told *The New York Times* in 1998. "The logic of your relationship with Christ should move you to do it."

In an interview with *The Atlantic* in 2019, he said: "What we need is a non-oppressive moral absolute. We need moral absolutes that don't turn the bearers of those moral absolutes into oppressors themselves."

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In 2017, Mr. Keller gave up his role as senior pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church and shifted to mentoring pastors to preside in churches seeded around the world by the offshoot organization Redeemer City to City, which influences urban ministries globally.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church also founded Hope for New York, an organization that deploys volunteers and distributes grants to ministries providing social services, and the Center for Faith and Work, which integrates Christian theology with professional experience.

Mr. Keller dissented from the widespread support that largely white evangelical Americans have shown for former President Donald J. Trump and his Republican allies. "For Christians just to completely hook up with one party or another is really idolatry," he told *The Atlantic*.

And he frequently drew — and tried to bridge — a distinction between that politically conservative American evangelicalism and the evangelical movement worldwide.

"There exists a far larger evangelicalism, both here and around the world, which is not politically aligned," Mr. Keller wrote in *The New Yorker* in 2017, describing it as a growing multiethnic movement rooted in theological beliefs that are conservative on issues like sex outside marriage and liberal on issues like racial justice and concern for the poor.

His death elicited a statement from former President George W. Bush, a fellow evangelical Christian, who said: "I'm fortunate to have gotten to know him. And I'm one of many who is blessed to have learned from Mr. Keller's teachings and benefited from his compassion."

Timothy James Keller was born on Sept. 23, 1950, in Allentown, Pa. His father, William was a television advertising manager. His mother, Louise (Clemente) Keller, was a nurse. They met during World War II, when William Keller was a conscientious objector assigned to care for patients in a mental ward.

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Tim was raised Lutheran and embraced the church through the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, a ministry active on college campuses, while he was attending Bucknell University in Pennsylvania, where he majored in religion.

He defined a fully formed Christian as “somebody who finds Christianity both rationally and intellectually credible, but also emotionally and existentially true and satisfying.”

After he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in 1972, he received a master’s of divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts in 1975 and a doctor of ministry degree from Westminster Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania in 1981. It was at Westminster that he met Kathy Louise Kristy, who decided against becoming a pastor because female ministers were not biblical. They married in 1975.

She survives him, along with three sons, David, Michael and Jonathan; a sister, Sharon Johnson; and seven grandchildren. Michael Keller is a pastor at Redeemer Lincoln Square.

Mr. Keller served with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in Boston and was ordained there before serving as pastor for nine years in Hopewell, Va., while overseeing the development of new congregations in the Mid-Atlantic region for the Presbyterian Church.

When New York seemed so daunting that Mr. Keller’s first two choices for pastor there turned him down, he felt compelled to accept the challenge himself.

“I just felt it would be cowardly of me not to,” he told New York magazine. “But we had a kind of ‘sick in the pit of our stomach’ feeling every day.”

“Big bad Whore of Babylon is where we were going,” Mrs. Keller told the magazine.

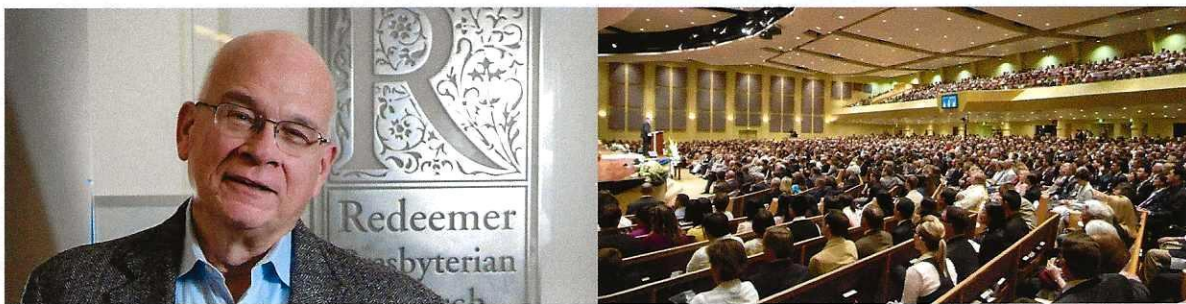
The family moved to an apartment on Roosevelt Island.

His success as founding pastor of Redeemer in 1989 and his experience with a bout of thyroid cancer in 2002 helped eliminate whatever doubts he had about God, he told the website First Things in 2008.

He reaffirmed that faith in his 2021 Twitter post announcing his cancer diagnosis, writing: “It is endlessly comforting to have a God who is both infinitely more wise and more loving than I am. He has plenty of good reasons for everything he does and allows that I cannot know, and therein is my hope and strength.”

Mr. Keller encapsulated Redeemer’s mission in one biblical passage, Proverbs, Chapter II, Verse 10: “When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices.”

He told The Times, “I wanted to prove that the Gospel could change people even in New York.”



Alumni Wall of Distinction Recipients Chosen for 2023

Joanne Ogrydziak, Class of 1976 and Chairperson for the Alumni Wall of Distinction Program is pleased to report that her Selection Committee has completed its most challenging task of choosing the five Huskies who will be inducted into “The Wall” for our Class of 2023.

Note that all submitted nominations are considered for three consecutive years.

Selected from a group of many worthy candidates, these Huskies will be formally inducted in an Awards Ceremony to be held at The Event Center at Shepherd Hills Golf Club on October 6, 2023. Named alphabetically, those that will be honored are profiled below:

Caren L. Diefenderfer, PhD '69 – Education ***



- Professor of Mathematics and Department Chair at Hollins University in Virginia
- Taught courses in Advanced Mathematics, Calculus, Logic, Cryptology, Algebra, History of Mathematics and Quantitative Literacy - programs that were later used as models at many universities throughout the United States
- Chair of the Departments of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science, and of Natural and Mathematics Sciences
- Expert on the teaching of Calculus / Implemented standards/policies for Advanced Placement Calculus courses and exams
- Chief Reader for the National Advanced Placement Calculus program
- Author of numerous articles and recipient of countless prestigious awards/honors
- Dartmouth College summa cum laude - one of the first female undergraduates

Irene Hutzayluk Kraft '69 - Journalism



- 34-year career with Allentown Morning Call / Former Lifestyles Editor
- Created/developed the “Be an Angel” annual giving campaign in 1999 which has since generated millions of dollars in donations to Lehigh Valley charities and non-profit groups
- Recipient of the National Golden Carnation Award for Nutrition Writing
- Recipient of The Morning Call’s employee recognition program, “Call to Excellence”
- Recognized for creativity, integrity, initiative, innovation, and leadership

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Colonel Giordano “Jody” B. McMullen, USAF (Ret.) '74 – Military

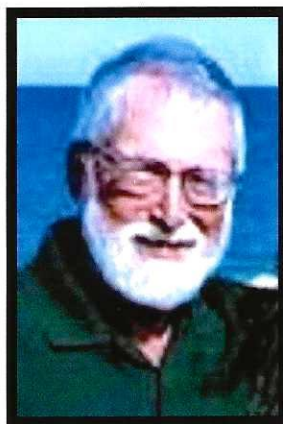


- Combat Commander, Instructor, Evaluator with 30 years of dedicated service to the United States Air Force
- Deployments to Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf, Operation Iraq Freedom in Iraq, and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan
- Piloted Presidential support missions and tactical airlift missions in support of the Joint Forces conducting Special Operations
- Former Command Pilot with over 5,200 military and 12,500 civilian flying hours
- Retired American Airlines Captain with 33 years of international flight experience
- Actively serves as Congressional Liaison Officer to the United States Air

Force Academy – responsible for mentoring/evaluating qualified students who desire to attend one of the four military academies

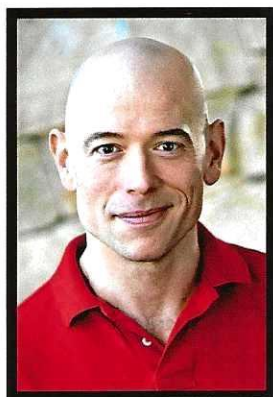
- Recipient of numerous major awards and decorations

Simeon L. Moats '68 – Government / Political Science



- Diplomat with the United States Department of State - served on four continents in the United States Foreign Service
- Established first United States Embassy in Zimbabwe
- Assigned as ExxonMobil's International/Government Affairs Adv. for Africa
- Political Officer/Counselor in Germany, the Philippines, Liberia, and South Africa
- Regularly met with Winnie Mandela while she was under house arrest to discuss the struggles to end Apartheid in South Africa
- Returned to South Africa to represent the United States at Nelson Mandela's inauguration
- Excelled at foreign relations, negotiating skills, and forwarding appropriate communications to Washington, DC

Robert P. Richter '88 – Interior Design / Television / Literature



- Internationally recognized designer, TV personality, author, and antiques dealer
- Host of the PBS TV series, "Market Warriors"
- Seen regularly on CBS News, ABC's Good Morning America, NBC's Today Show, the Hallmark Channel, HGTV, Fox News, and Entertainment Weekly
- Author of *Vintage Living* and *A Very Vintage Christmas*
- Writes for the Huffington Post and is frequently featured in the New York Times and in Parade magazine
- <http://www.richterdesign.net/>

Husky Happenings: Cheerleaders Host Carwash



Husky Happenings: Kiska Award Banquet



Husky Happenings: Arlotto Scholarships Awarded

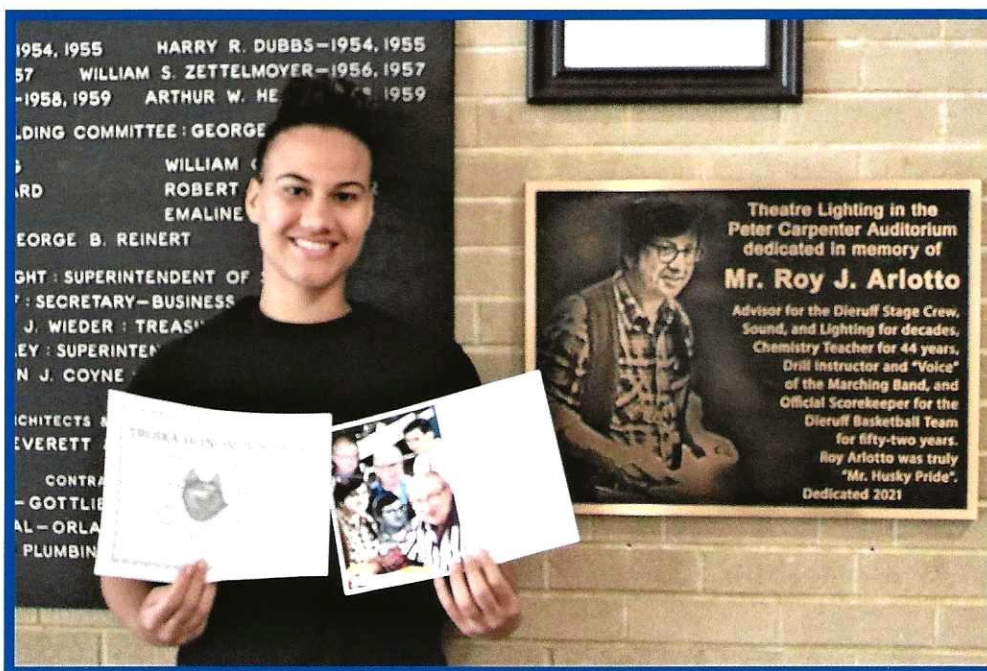
Several years ago, when Mr. Roy Arlotto passed away, we discovered that he had set aside funds to be used for scholarships. Each year, two Dieruff Seniors are to be selected to each receive a \$1,000 scholarship in the name of Roy J. Arlotto. The selection criteria is based on need, and other considerations include participation in basketball or theatre, and pursuit of a career in science.

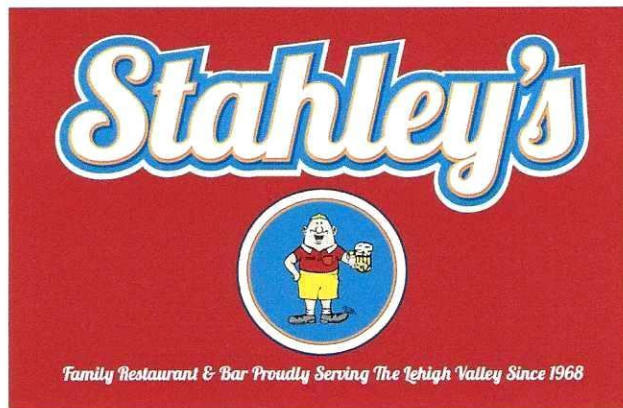
This year, the Huskies chosen for the Arlotto Memorial Scholarship were Xion Chapman and Janiah Staggers.

Xion earned the MVP award in Basketball, has received varsity letters in Indoor Track, Basketball, and Football, and was selected for the Michael P. Meilinger Award, presented to the Senior Athlete of the Year. Xion will be attending Lackawanna College in Scranton, PA where he plans to major in Business.

Janiah was honored to receive the MVP Award in Girls Basketball. She is headed for Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA where she will major in Pre Med.

Both recipients were genuinely pleased to receive their Arlotto Scholarships.





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The
Dieruff Alumni Association
Fandangle is here!

CALLING ALL DHS ALUMNI CHEERLEADERS TO JOIN US IN THIS MEGA REUNION!
 PLAN TO PERFORM FIGHT SONG WITH CURRENT CHEERLEADERS!

Saturday
July 29th
2pm-7pm

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Upcoming Events

A colorful poster for the Dieruff Fandangle event. It features a husky head in a circle, various fruits like bananas, grapes, and watermelon, and a checkered border. The text is in various fonts and colors, including blue, red, and black.

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Dieruff High School Commencement

Monday June 12, 2023
6:30 PM
PPL Center

REUNIONS

**The following groups
will be celebrating
their reunions at
Fandangle:**

**Alumni
Cheerleaders**

**Class of 1963
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(40th Reunion)**



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Husky Hugs & Howls

"Happy Birthday" to me! Last month I celebrated my first birthday! They say that *"with age comes wisdom"*, and I must say that I have become wiser.

For one thing, I have learned that the world does not revolve around me. Even though I am a very important part of Husky Nation, there are times that I may not be permitted to participate in certain events. Disappointment is just part of life. I would love to be at every function, but I do understand that rules are rules, and they must be adhered to.

As an example, I am not allowed in a venue where food is served. That means I cannot join my adoring fans for a bite to eat at Stahley's. And because the recent Kiska Award Banquet was held at The Palace, I was excluded from that event. I am particularly disappointed that I will be absent from Fandangle 2023 because the required Event Insurance Policy clearly states "no animals". We were unsuccessful in our attempts to secure an exception.



And so, being the wise mature pup that I am, I must focus on the positive, and appreciate what I can do. Recently, I spread my Husky Love and Canine Kisses at Husky Fest, as well as several car wash fund raisers at the school.

I am really thrilled that I have been invited to lead the procession at the 2023 Dieruff Commencement Exercises scheduled for Monday, June 12th at the PPL Center in Allentown. This will be my first graduation ceremony, and I am sure it will more than make up for any disappointments I have experienced by missing any other events. **After all, I am older and wiser now!**

With warm
Husky regards,
Kiska VI

