

Husky Connections



April 2022

April Fools Day Bash a Smash

Even though our Alumni Association April Bash was held on April Fool's Day, we're not fooling when we declare the Bash was a Smash! Husky Pride at its finest!

For an event that was originally scheduled as our February Mardi Gras Party, the celebration in April was wonderful, void of mandates or restrictions. The spacious banquet hall at the Fearless Fire Company provided ample elbow room for registration, auction display tables, dancing, and guest seating.



Dee Jaye, Dieruff Alum and current head coach of the Cheerleaders, arranged for a fabulous surprise. She brought her cheer squad to the event, and they welcomed our alumni with a series of crisp routines, to include the Dieruff Fight Song. What a thrill it was to meet these energetic young Huskies!



Our DJ's Harry Remaly and Tom Brunner kept the alumni on the dance floor with a mix of popular tunes.



It was rewarding to see abundant attendance representing the 80's, 70's, and 60's. A common activity during the evening was reconnecting with friends and classmates. Laughter and broad smiles filled the room. A frequently heard comment was *"I can't wait for the next opportunity for us to get together again!"*

The annual Fandangle is only three months away!

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President's Message: From April Bash to July Fandangle



Kay Kurtz
President Alumni Association

"Success breeds success!" That's why all of us are really looking forward to Fandangle... that mega-reunion for all classes scheduled for Saturday, July 30, 2022.

Our April Fools Day Bash was a fabulous success. Not only did everyone have a good time, so many people said they are looking forward to the next time they could reconnect with their classmates. That "next time" is the end of July.

The East Side Youth Center is a perfect venue for the event. It offers a choice of the air-conditioned banquet hall environment or the fresh air outdoors under the huge party tents. A number of classes will be celebrating their special class reunions in conjunction with Fandangle, and have reserved designated tents.

"Heaven on a Bun", our super food vendor, will be returning again, providing their exceptional mix of picnic fare. They were popular last year, and we are pleased to bring them back. Draft beer, soft drinks, and water are also included in the price.

So we are excited to sponsor another event that will reunite our faithful Husky Alumni, all for \$25 per person. Why not contact some of your classmates and plan a mini-reunion at Fandangle. Ticket information will be posted shortly.



Fandangle '22

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.

Saturday, July 30, 2022
2:00 - 7:00 PM

East Side Youth Center
1140 East Clair St., Allentown, PA
Advanced Tickets Only

\$25 Per Person

SAVE THE DATE

www.dieruff-alumni.org

Alumni Wall of Distinction Nominations Sought

We are currently accepting nominations for the Class of 2022. Deadline for receiving nominations this year is **April 30, 2022**.

We have already received 17 nomination forms for the Alumni Wall of Distinction, Class of 2022. Each one reflects just how very accomplished many of our alumni have become.

An important objective of this program is to illustrate to our current students that there are many alumni who have gone before them who have lived in their same neighborhoods, and have walked in those same hallways, who have set admirable goals, and have dedicated their efforts to achieving those goals. We are hopeful that those powerful success stories will serve to inspire and motivate.



Louis E. Dieruff High School Alumni Wall of Distinction NOMINATION FORM

Purpose: To give lasting recognition to graduates of Dieruff High School who have made exceptional contributions in their field, bringing honor to themselves and to Dieruff High School. Furthermore, it is the purpose of the Alumni Wall of Distinction to promote Husky Pride among current students, inspiring them to strive toward future accomplishments.

Criteria For Nomination: Nominees eligible for selection must have conducted themselves in such manner to reflect honor upon Dieruff High School, and have qualities of character and standards of conduct that are exemplary. Alumni must have graduated at least ten years prior to their nomination. Non-Dieruff graduates may be considered for "honorary" status on the Alumni Wall of Distinction.

Nominees must meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. **Demonstrated commitment to and involvement with Dieruff High School and the community at an exceptional level.**
2. **Outstanding, enduring contribution to society by making a difference in the lives of others.**
3. **Outstanding professional contribution or achievement in his/her chosen field or endeavor. Considered categories are listed:** (A) Arts (B) Business (C) Education (D) Entertainment / TV / Film (E) Financial (F) Economic Development (G) Government (H) Historian (I) Law / Criminal Justice (J) Media / Journalism / Writing (K) Medicine / Health Science (L) Military

I Nominate The Following: (Please Type or Print)

Name _____ Maiden _____ Graduation Year _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____ Email _____

On a separate attached typed sheet, provide specific information pertaining to the nominee's occupation, education, community service, awards, honors, accomplishments, and any pertinent information to aid in their selection.

Nomination Submitted By:

Name _____ Maiden _____ Graduation Year _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Mail completed Nomination Form and Pertinent Information to:

Dieruff High School, Attn: Alumni Association, 815 N. Irving Street, Allentown, PA 18109

Attention: All Alumni Military Veterans

Once again, The Dieruff High School Alumni Association is seeking military veterans who attended Dieruff High School during the Vietnam War, but did not graduate due to entry into the military service. ***“Operation Recognition”***, established by the Pennsylvania State Legislature, authorizes school districts to grant a high school diploma to any eligible veteran who served during World War II, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam War.

We are pleased to announce that Louis E. Dieruff High School is proud to participate in this program and we are anxious to locate, recognize, and honor those veterans who meet the following requirements:

1. Was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.
2. Served in the U.S. military between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975.
3. Attended Dieruff High School between 1959 and 1975 during the Vietnam War.
4. Would have been a member of a graduating Class from 1960 through 1975 and did not graduate due to entry into military service.
5. Deceased alumni can receive diplomas posthumously and awarded to family members on their behalf.

Also, please note that upon proper application, a diploma shall be awarded posthumously to a veteran who meets the stated requirements.

The inaugural recipients were presented posthumously at the Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2016 to Dennis Wayne Burian, USMC (Class of 1968) and Richard Michael Seng, USMC (Class of 1967). Both were killed in action during the Vietnam War in 1968. Sharon Burian Antrim '66 accepted the diploma on behalf of her brother and Mrs. Mary Seng, 96-year-old mother accepted the diploma on behalf of her son. The diplomas were presented by a USMC serviceman and bouquets of flowers were presented by two AFJROTC cadets.

Please let's keep up this tradition. Ann Blacker, Class of 1984 once again will be the chairperson for the important project. If you know of any veteran who should be honored, please complete the application on the next page, and either drop off or mail to the following address: Dieruff Alumni Association, Operation Recognition Project, 815 N Irving St, Allentown PA 18109

If you did graduate and serve in the military, please make sure to update your military service on your member profile. We would like to include you in our annual acknowledgement on Veteran's Day. Thank you for your service.

"Operation Recognition" Application Form



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs
Office of the Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans Affairs'
Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, Pennsylvania 17003-5002

OPERATION RECOGNITION APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT

Applicant's Name: _____

Current address: _____

Name of High School _____

Veteran attended: _____

Address: _____

_____ District _____

Dates of attendance: _____ Year Veteran would have graduated: _____

Date Veteran entered Military Service: _____ Branch of service: _____

I verify that the above information is accurate.

Veteran's Signature Date

If Veteran is deceased, please fill out below

I, _____, am applying on behalf of _____

(Applicant Name)

(Veteran's Name)

who is deceased.

I verify that the above information is accurate.

Signature Date

Relationship to Veteran

FLASHBACK: Brigadoon 1968

Brigadoon was Dieruff's first attempt at a major musical production in 1968



Husky Happenings - Freshmen Football Signing Ceremony

Taking a page from the dramatic signing ceremonies where high school seniors announce their commitment to play football for their chosen college, Dieruff Football Coach David Lutte engaged the incoming Freshmen with a similar commitment to play the next four years for the Dieruff Huskies.

The creative program was held in the Dieruff Cafeteria on Thursday, March 10, 2022.

As the Freshmen arrived, they were greeted by the cadre of Dieruff Coaches, fitted with Husky football jerseys, and then escorted into the cafeteria. Following welcoming remarks by Coach Lutte, they were treated to a buffet style dinner served by members of the Dieruff Alumni Association.



After dinner, welcoming remarks were presented by David Stoudt (Dieruff Athletic Director) and Toomey Anderson (ASD Director of Student Activities). The keynote address was delivered by Nate Milne, Head Football Coach at Muhlenberg University.

In dramatic fashion, each player was then videotaped making his emphatic commitment to play football for the Huskies. Follow up photos were then taken with the Dieruff staff. The event served as a most novel welcome to the incoming Freshmen football players.

Husky Happenings - Husky Earns MVP at All-Star Game

Dieruff Senior Jaydalse Cartagena earned the MVP Award at the Lehigh Valley Senior All-Star Game. She scored 16 points and led the South Team to a 67-42 victory over the North. Her success at the All-Star Game also translated into Jaydalse winning the coveted "Athlete of the Week" for The Morning Call. How very proud we are of this outstanding Husky.



Giant Cash For Causes Gift Card Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of \$25 cards _____

Number of \$50 cards _____

Number of \$100 cards _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____



Clip order form and mail, along with check payable to "Dieruff Alumni Association", to John Hughes, 2038 Majestic Overlook Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18015

ADVERTISE IN OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN 1/4 Page Ad: \$20/ Mo. Business Card Ad: \$10/ Mo.

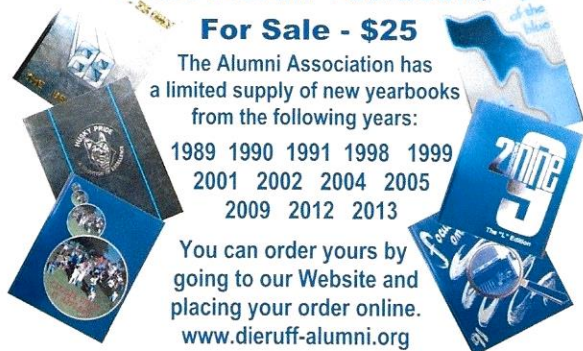
Past Dieruff Yearbooks

For Sale - \$25

The Alumni Association has a limited supply of new yearbooks from the following years:

1989 1990 1991 1998 1999
2001 2002 2004 2005
2009 2012 2013

You can order yours by going to our Website and placing your order online.
www.dieruff-alumni.org



ADVERTISE IN THE "Husky Connections" Monthly Bulletin

Reach over 5,000 Dieruff Alumni each month

Quarter Page Ad - \$20 / Mo.

Business Card Ad - \$10 / Mo.

See contact information in
Masthead on last page of Bulletin

LEHIGH VALLEY OLD TIME ATHLETES & FRIENDS 41st ANNUAL REUNION

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

"Where Old & New Friends Meet"

at the Allentown Fairgrounds Agri-Plex
1935 W. Chew Street, Allentown, PA 18104

with complimentary
Hot Food & Refreshments Service

12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

**Advanced Tickets \$30.00
at the Door \$35.00**

Make Checks Payable to LVOAF and Mail to
Pat Brennen 221 S. 15th St., Allentown, PA 18102
pjosephbre@aol.com 610 432-7605

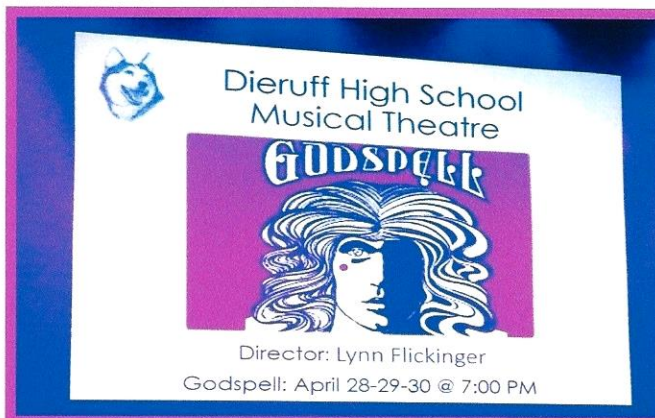
Doors Open at 11:30 AM & Close at 5:30 PM

Pay by May 1st for names in Program

Upcoming Events

Class Reunion Idea Combine your class reunion with the Fandangle July 30th

- o Reserve a few tables or your own separate tent
- o No minimum to guarantee
- o 5 hours of beer, food, music, etc.
- o Great venue at East Side Youth Center
- o Unbeatable price



**Dieruff High School Band
Spring Concert**
Thursday May 5 6:30 PM

**Dieruff High School Choir
Spring Concert**
Thursday Mar 12 7:00 PM

Reunions

Class of 1962 60th Class Reunion - July 30, 2022
Held with Alumni Association Fandangle

Class of 1967 55th Class Reunion - July 30, 2022
Held with Alumni Association Fandangle

Class of 1972 50th Class Reunion - July 30, 2022
Held with Alumni Association Fandangle

Class of 1977 45th Class Reunion - July 30, 2022
Held with Alumni Association Fandangle



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Dieruff Theatre to Perform "Godspell"

Under the accomplished hands of new Theatre Director Liz Flickinger, the young Huskies are rehearsing for their performance of "Godspell" on April 28, 29, and 30 at 7:00PM.

Following the COVID-imposed hiatus, the Theatre Department is excited to have the curtains raised once again. Come out and support these kids. Tickets may be ordered by keying in this link:

www.ticketor.com/dierufftheatre

