

Husky Connections



August 2022

Fandangle 2022 - Like Family

You often hear happy pet owners use the expression, *"Sure, I treat my pets like family.... because they ARE family!"*.

That phrase might also be applied to the warm sentiment experienced at Fandangle 2022 on Saturday, July 30th. Faithful Dieruff Alumni and guests, numbering close to 400, gathered at the East Side Youth Center with a spirit normally reserved for family. ***That's because we ARE Family.*** With Husky Pride serving as a common denominator, we are all members of Husky Nation, a powerful and positive family.

We witnessed alumni representing different decades greet each other with genuine affection. We watched Huskies introduce themselves to total "strangers" with the confidence that they could discover commonalities, and develop new friendships.



What is particularly interesting is that our Fandangle, now in its 10th season, does attract real, "honest to goodness" family members. Our mega-reunion brings together moms and dads and their kids. We observe Dieruff Husky spouses, siblings, and cousins. Several of those kinfolk are featured here.

We are so very proud that they have all chosen the Fandangle to reaffirm their connections. We are equally proud that our faithful Husky Alumni continue to select the Fandangle to celebrate Family and Husky Pride.

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President's Message: Smiles Say It All



Kay Kurtz
President Alumni Association

Sure, it takes a village to plan and execute an event like Fandangle. We are so very fortunate to have that "village" in the form of our alumni volunteers.

I would like to offer a huge shoutout to Joan Isaacson Klucharich, Class of 1974 (and her husband Bill) for chairing this year's Fandangle. She did an incredible job organizing and conducting an extremely successful celebration. From coordinating the efforts of the two special reunion classes (1972 and 1967) to soliciting gift baskets for the raffle, she did it all.

Her hard-working committee members did a magnificent job promoting the event welcoming and registering attendees, selling raffle and 50/50 tickets, coordinating the rental of five huge party tents, tables, and chairs, purchasing and dispensing beer, water, soda, and ice, and contracting our food vendor, "Heaven on a Bun". Not to mention set up and clean up details. This list goes on and on.

Thanks also to David Ziegenfuss, Class of 1986, for a superb job as DJ, providing a mix of music, and maintaining the flow of activities such as class photos and announcing prize winners.

The reward we receive for that hard work and dedication is seeing all of those smiles. Just watching our Dieruff alumni and their guests enjoy a great afternoon of Husky Pride is truly reward enough!



Fandangle 2022 Photos - Reuniting & Reminiscing



Fandangle 2022 Photos - Class of '72 Fiftieth Reunion

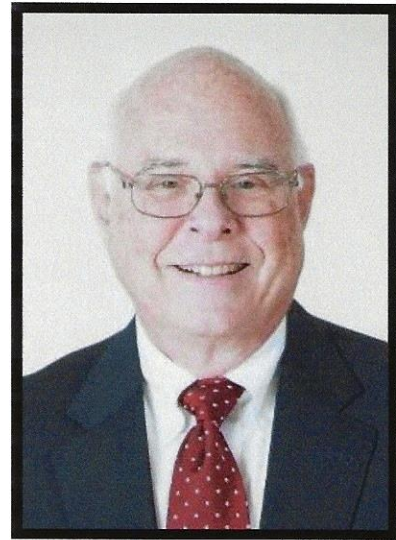


Fandangle 2022 Photos - Class of '67 Fifty-fifth Reunion



2022 Wall of Distinction Honoree - David E. Fritchey, Esq.

The introduction of our second distinguished alumnus for 2022 takes us to the scenic countryside of Bucks County where we meet a retired federal prosecutor for the United States Department of Justice. The Louis E. Dieruff High School Alumni Association is proud to salute Allentown native David E. Fritchey, Esq., an award-winning attorney from the Class of 1965.



As a young boy growing up on North Fourth Street in center-city, David knew as early as fourth grade that he wanted to become a lawyer. By the time he entered Dieruff in 1962, his keen scholarly intellect caught the attention of his favorite English teacher, Miss (Sandra) Urban. Today, Miss Urban - who later became Mrs. Peter Carpenter – warmly recalls that, although David was a stand-out student who excelled in science and mathematics, she was particularly impressed with his extraordinary creative writing and critical thinking skills. As Mrs. Carpenter recently remarked about her former pupil, “David was a ‘dream’ student who would have excelled in any career.”

Other teachers at Dieruff who also recognized David’s acumen and who played key roles in setting the course for his future in the field of law were Mr. (Paul) Esser and Mr. (Russell) Bear. They helped him to develop his gifted public speaking skills which later supported his success in the courtroom.

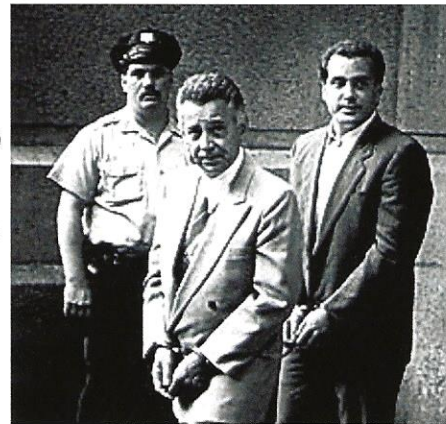
When recently asked about his days as a Husky, David shared his insights with these thought-provoking, prophetic words :

“The early 60s were a time of challenge. America was deep into the Cold War and the Space Race was moving at a furious clip. President Kennedy told us that the torch had been passed to a new generation of Americans and challenged us to rise to national service. DHS operated in the spirit of the times. The culture of our school promoted a self-confident optimism and a determined “can do” attitude. We expected to face challenges, and we welcomed them. In sports, we weren’t the biggest team or the largest school, but we went toe-to-toe with the best competition in the state and held our own. I’ll always remember the Morning Call’s legendary sports writer John Kunda writing about Dieruff teams: “they’re small, but they’re tough.” In academics it was the same way. Our teachers encouraged us to advance as far and as quickly in every subject as we could. (Continued on Page 7)

2022 Wall of Distinction Honoree - David E. Fritchey, Esq.

I remember English class with Ms. Urban (later Mrs. Carpenter), where we were required to write a theme every week. I remember Mr. Arlotto teaching an Advanced Chemistry class for four of us and Joe Romatowski winning the Lehigh Valley Science Fair. I remember Mr. Esser's World Affairs class, where we each received the daily edition of the New York Times and reported each day in class on current world events. I had the good fortune to be in honors and advanced placement classes with two, four and five students — classes DHS created with the intention of helping individual students push their limits to be the best they could be. When we graduated in June 1965, we knew we were entering a future filled with responsibility, challenge and uncertainty, and we entered it with the inspired confidence that we would be equal to the task."

After graduating from Muhlenberg College in 1969, David entered the highly selective Cornell Law School. Following a ten-year period serving as an assistance district attorney in two counties, he became a federal prosecutor in 1983. That led to his post as chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force at the United States Attorney's Office in Philadelphia from which he spent 32 years prosecuting more than 100 members of the Philadelphia – Atlantic City notorious crime families. Most notable were the high-profile cases involving ruthless kingpins Nicodemo "Little Nicky" Scarfo and Joseph "Skinny Joey" Merlino. Recognized for his role in the trial litigation which led to the 1989 first-degree murder conviction of crime boss Nicky Scarfo, David received the coveted John Marshall Award which is the highest honor given to an attorney by the United States Department of Justice.

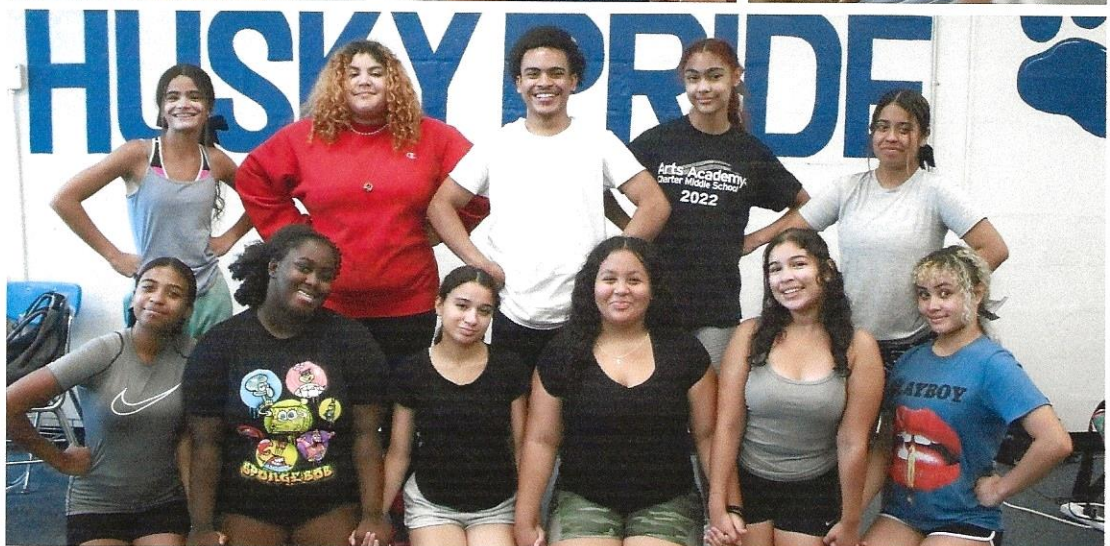


Although he is now retired, David is still quoted in news articles, television clips, books, and documentaries as the media continue to seek his commentaries on mob matters. He also serves his local community as a member of the Board of Supervisors for the Township of Lower Makefield.

The Louis E. Dieruff Alumni Association is very proud to call David E. Fritchey, our acclaimed crime fighter from the Class of 1965, one of its own and is most honored to fittingly add his name to our esteemed Alumni Wall of Distinction. His rewarding career in law proved that he took on the many challenges set before him and that he was surely "equal to the task."

Joanne Ogrydziak '76

Husky Happenings: Cheerleaders Prepare For New Season



Husky Happenings - New Weight Room for Husky High



FLASHBACK: Class of 1972 Senior Prom



Senior Prom, "PURPLE HAZE", June 9, 1972, Muhlenberg College

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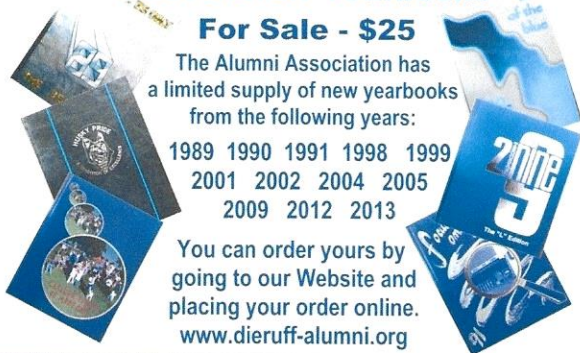
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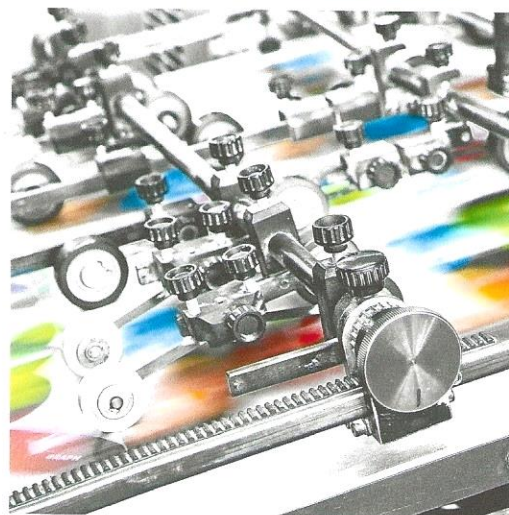
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Upcoming Events



Louis E. Dieruff High School Alumni Wall of Distinction

Induction Ceremony
for the Class of 2022

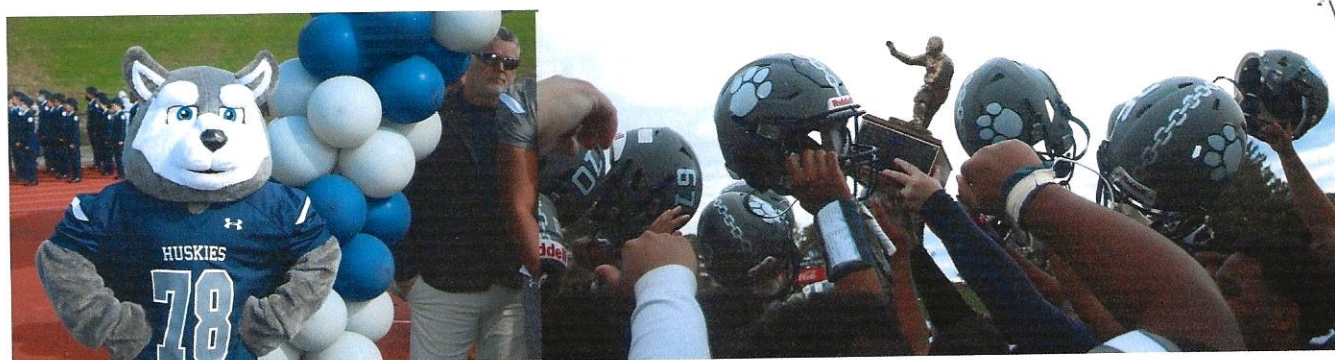
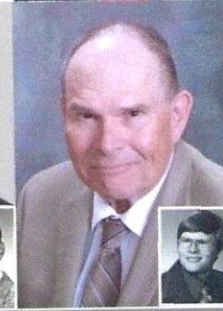
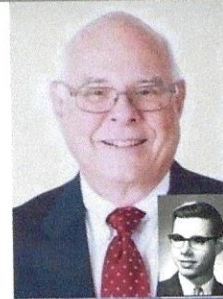


Friday, October 14, 2022
The Palace Center
Allentown, PA



Class of 2022

Dieruff High School Alumni Wall of Distinction



Dieruff Huskies Football Schedule

Home	Saturday	08/20/22 6:00pm vs Bangor Area	J. Birney Crum Stadium
Home	Friday	08/26/22 7:00pm vs Nazareth Area HS	J. Birney Crum Stadium
Away	Friday	09/02/22 7:00pm vs East Stroudsburg So. HS	
Away	Friday	09/23/22 7:00pm vs Stroudsburg HS	
Home	Saturday	10/01/22 7:00pm vs Allentown Cent. Catholic	J. Birney Crum Stadium
Home	Friday	10/07/22 7:00pm vs Pocono Mountain East	J. Birney Crum Stadium
Away	Friday	10/14/22 7:00pm vs East Stroudsburg North HS	
Home	Friday	10/21/22 7:00pm vs Northampton Area HS	J. Birney Crum Stadium
Away	Saturday	10/29/22 2:00pm vs William Allen HS	J. Birney Crum Stadium



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Huskies In The News....

What a well-deserved honor! Not only did Brianna Herrera have her image grace the cover of the program booklet, she proudly and successfully served as the special guest conductor for the Allentown Symphony Orchestra.

The program took place at Allentown Symphony Hall on July 23, 2022 and featured a group named *Hotel California* with their "Salute to the Eagles" (the singing group, not the football team). The Symphony Orchestra provided a most impressive complement for the talented cover group.

Brianna, a 2022 graduate of Louis E. Dieruff High School, was selected as the guest conductor because of her lengthy (11 years) and active involvement with the Allentown Symphony Association's education program, El Sistema Lehigh Valley. She began her study of the violin at age 7, and subsequently learned the flute.



For two years, Brianna served as the Drum Major of the Dieruff Marching Band. This coming Fall, she will be attending Kutztown University with plans to study music education.

