

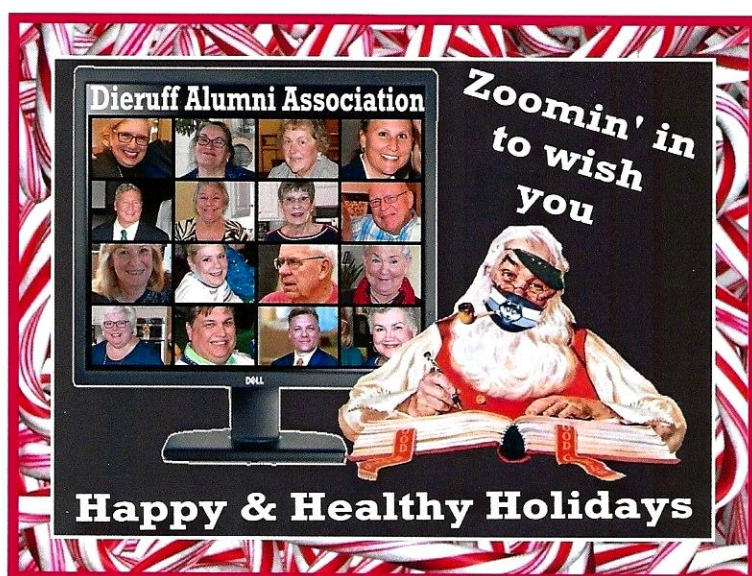
Husky Connections



Happy and Healthy Holidays for 2020

DECEMBER 2020

We've taken the liberty to modify Norman Rockwell's Santa painting to create the Alumni Association Greeting Card for 2020. I'm sure he wouldn't mind.



With the COVID-19 pandemic severely erasing our ability to gather live, we must resort to the "Zoom" technology to stay connected, and conduct our monthly meetings.

Typically, December represents a month filled with exciting alumni activities. In the past few years, two of our most popular events have been the annual Holiday Sing-Along with dear Mr. Peter Carpenter, and the Alumni Caroling conducted at various Senior Citizen Centers in the Lehigh Valley. Alas, how very disappointing it is to forgo those two activities in 2020.

A recently coined phrase captures a profound sentiment: *"This is not the year to get everything you want. This is the year to appreciate everything you have!"* We must count our blessings. Indeed, we are blessed to have a resilient band of faithful Husky Alumni.

We want you all to stay positive...and not test positive. Stay healthy, stay virtually connected, and get ready to resume our mission of promoting Husky Pride when this current health challenge is finally overcome.

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President's Message: GOOD RIDDANCE 2020!

If you don't mind me saying, 2020 has certainly been one **HELLUVA** year! Our alumni association has had to adapt to constraints, restrictions and cancellations placed upon us by COVID-19.

Who would have thought that after a successful Mardi Gras event this past February, we all would have been sequestered to our homes, and unable to socialize and fraternize with alumni friends and family?

Our alumni association's goal during these challenging times has been to keep our Husky Family informed about fellow classmates, faculty, and activities. I truly believe we have been successful doing that, by way of this Monthly Bulletin, our Alumni Association website (www.dieruff-alumni.org), and our Facebook page.



**Kay Kurtz - President
Alumni Association**

Since we have been unable to hold our monthly alumni meetings at the high school, we've held our November and December monthly meetings on ZOOM. We intend to continue to do so into 2021.

If you are interested in joining our ZOOM meetings, please send me a private message on our website to add you to the group. Meetings are 45 minutes in length and are held on the First Wednesday of the month, beginning at 7:00 PM EST.

Nominations for the *Class of 2021 Alumni Wall of Distinction* are being accepted now through February 28, 2021. The nomination form, along with selection criteria

can be found in this bulletin on page 7. Our goal in 2021 is to host a combined 2020-2021 Induction Ceremony sometime during the 4th Quarter of the year. Let's keep our fingers crossed!



In conclusion, I would like to personally wish everyone a safe, healthy, COVID-free holiday season, and a fabulous 2021. Dieruff Huskies are resilient, and we shall get through this together!

Alumni Association Presents Photo to Mr. Mike Makhoul

"Mike Mak & Mascot"

October 31, 2020

Principal Mr. Michael Makhoul and faithful mascot Kiska V lead the Huskies onto the gridiron for the "Big Game" between the Huskies and the Canaries.

The outcome of the contest was a most satisfying victory: Dieruff HS 25 William Allen HS 12
Andre Reed Field at J. Birney Crum Stadium

Photograph presented to
Mr. Michael Makhoul
by the Louis E. Dieruff Alumni Association
Photo taken by John Hughes, Dieruff Class of 1961



“Remote Learning” with Dr. Jennifer Dodd

There is no hiding her emotions! Dr. Jennifer Dodd, Director of the Dieruff Choir, would much rather be showcasing her group's talents at the Winter Concert, or at the various holiday venues throughout the Lehigh Valley. At the very least, she would like to be sharing her skills and vast knowledge with her students... face to face!



With the high school shuttered until February 1st (at least), those rewarding opportunities have vanished like the ghost of Christmas Past. For the Dieruff students, "remote learning" has become the operative phrase. Many of them have adapted well. Others have resisted. Still others have totally rejected the approach.

For the teachers, the transition has been equally challenging. Just imagine teaching something as demanding as "Choir". The topic requires two-way communication, as well as group participation. The computer-based learning model makes that difficult at best.

Dr. Dodd conducts her classes from her home office in Coopersburg, PA, where she is surrounded by an electronic keyboard and multiple computers. She has honed her skills to multitask, juggling her ability to sing beautifully in soprano, second soprano, alto, tenor, and base, as well as to deftly play musical keyboard with her right hand.... then grab her mouse and manipulate her computer screen between sheet music and students, while making appropriate mute and un-mute decisions. With each of her students online from their respective homes (or the doctor's office or in their parents' car driving to North Carolina), Dr. Dodd orchestrates her lesson and makes a connection.

What is dramatically evident is the fact that Dr. Jennifer Dodd loves her music, and she adores her students...and they love her back. Even though "remote learning" means she is linked with her students via the frigidity of technology, her warmth and genuine caring flow through successfully. And those identical emotions are coming back at her. Dr. Dodd is a treasure, indeed!

Husky Sports

Jayden Booth,
Dieruff High School
Senior, was selected
as EPC (Eastern
Pennsylvania Con-
ference) All Star,
Lehigh Division.

1st Team – Wide
Receiver

2nd Team —Safety
and Special Teams



Fundraiser in the name of Mr. Roy Arlotto

**Center Stage
Spotlight on
Roy Arlotto**
Campaign to raise
funds for theatre
lighting at the
Dieruff High
School
Auditorium
in the name of
Mr. Roy Arlotto

The Dieruff High School Alumni Association is sponsoring this drive to raise funds to purchase theatre lighting for the Auditorium.

This campaign is designed to honor the legendary Mr. Roy Arlotto, who served as advisor for the Dieruff Stage Crew, Sound, and Lighting for decades. Roy Arlotto passed away in September, 2020 at the age of 79.

In addition to his contribution to the Theatre Department, Mr. Arlotto taught Chemistry for 44 years, coached the Marching Band, and was the official Scorekeeper for Dieruff Basketball for 52 years. He truly was Mr. Husky Pride.

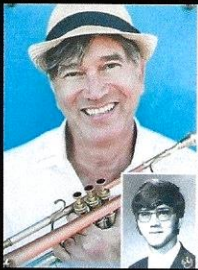
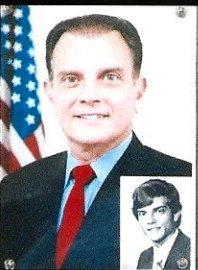
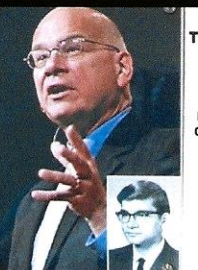
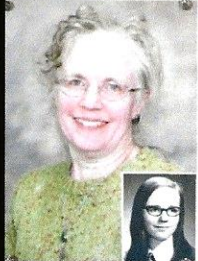

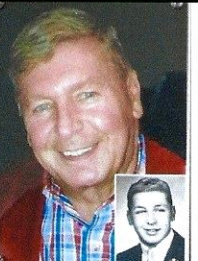
Make your check payable to "Dieruff Alumni Association", mark "for Arlotto Campaign" and send to Dieruff High School, 815 N. Irving Street, Allentown, PA 18109 Attn: Alumni Association

Who Would You Like to See on “The Wall”?


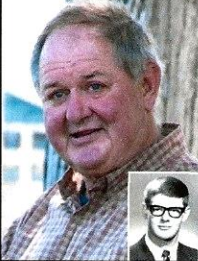
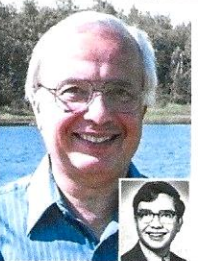

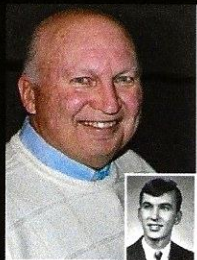
Who would you like to see added to the **Alumni Wall of Distinction in 2021**? Why not consider nominating that person right now! We're accepting nominations! Now entering its 3rd year, the Dieruff Alumni Wall of Distinction is designed to recognize alumni who have made exceptional contributions in fields other than athletics. It is also the purpose of the Alumni Wall of Distinction to promote Husky Pride among the current students, inspiring them to strive toward future accomplishments.

Huskies selected for the inaugural Class of 2019 and the Class of 2020 are below:

2019

 <p>Richard "Rick" C. Braun Musician/ Record Producer Internationally known jazz trumpeter, song writer and vocalist with over 20 #1 Smooth Jazz Hits Class of 1973 Inducted 2019</p>	 <p>Joseph N. Hanna Law Enforcement Officer Sheriff, Detective in Lehigh County, PA Chief of Police, Patrolman in Allentown, PA Class of 1974 Inducted 2019</p>	 <p>Timothy "Tim" J. Keller Minister / Author Founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City Author of New York Times bestselling books Class of 1968 Inducted 2019</p>
 <p>Pamela D. Kistler, Ph.D. Professor of Chemistry at Cedar Crest College Chair, Dept. of Chemical & Physical Sciences Cedar Crest College Councilor for American Chemical Society Class of 1971 Inducted 2019</p>	 <p>Kirk A. Shinsky, Ph.D. Professor of Physics Univ. of CA, Berkeley Advanced researcher on Berkeley Lab Scientific Staff Selected Nation's #1 Scientist - 1970 Class of 1970 Inducted 2019</p>	 <p>John S. Stevens, Jr. D.O. Physician Specialized in Obstetrics/Gynecology Chair, Ob/Gyn at St. Luke's Hospital Associate Clinical Professor at DeSales University Class of 1963 Inducted 2019</p>

2020

 <p>Lori A. Alfonso, D.O. Physician Specialized in Surgical Oncology Deputy Physician-in-Chief at L.V. Cancer Institute Medical Director of Breast Health Services at Lehigh Valley Health Network Class of 1984 Inducted 2020</p>	 <p>William F. Gilly, Ph.D. Professor of Biology at Stanford University, CA World's Top Expert in Squid Behavior Author and Lecturer Highly Acclaimed Scientist on Documentary TV Miniseries Class of 1968 Inducted 2020</p>	 <p>David G. Heinick, DMA Musical Composer and Accomplished Piano Performer Professor of Music Theory and Composition at Crane School of Music, SUNY at Potsdam, NY His work is published and performed internationally Class of 1972 Inducted 2020</p>
 <p>Willard E. Jones, MSgt Active Duty US Air Force & Dieruff AFJROTC Instructor Served on Air Force One with Presidents Reagan & G.H. Bush Aerospace Science Instructor for 23 years, leading cadet drill team to multiple National Awards Faculty 1991-2015 Inducted 2020</p>	 <p>John J. "Jay" Radio Coach, Mentor, and Director of Activities Dedicated over 40 Years to East Side Youth Center Earned many awards for Community Service to Lehigh Valley Sports Programs Class of 1976 Inducted 2020</p>	

Please review the criteria on the Nomination Form found on the next page. If you believe your candidate would fit in nicely with those previously selected, complete and submit your form by **February 28, 2021**.

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 _____

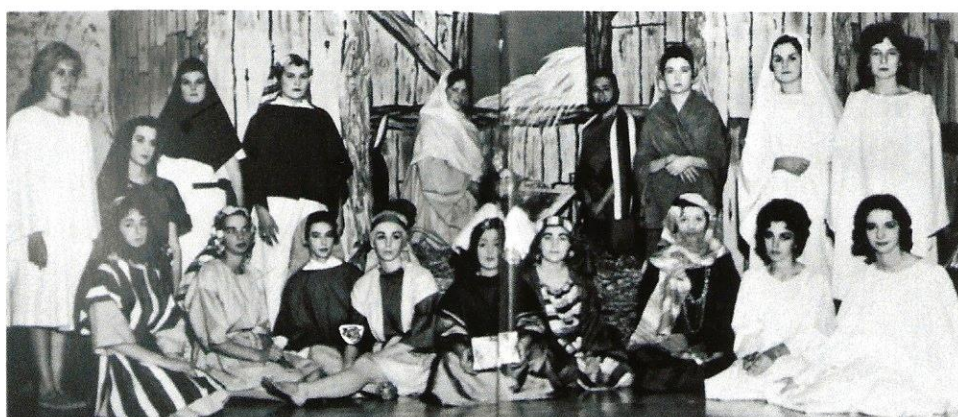
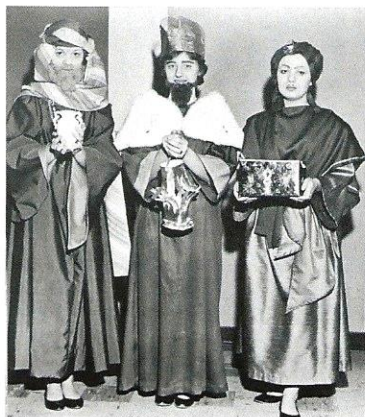
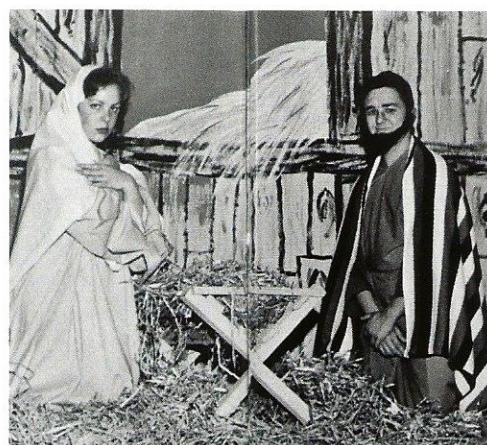
Mail completed Nomination Form and Pertinent Information to:
Dieruff High School, Attn: Alumni Association, 815 N. Irving Street, Allentown, PA 18109

FLASHBACK: Elaborate Christmas Concerts

Have you ever wondered when it became politically correct to refer to Christmas Trees as "Holiday Trees"? And when did we find it more appropriate wish people a "Happy Holiday" rather than a Merry Christmas?

There was a time, way back in the early years at Dieruff High School, when the annual Christmas Concert, complete with an impressive portrayal of the birth of Christ, was as acceptable as singing the National Anthem and the Dieruff Alma Mater at a pep rally or a football game.

Featured here are photographs from the Christmas Concert held on December 20, 1961. Supervised by Mr. Peter Carpenter and Mr. Richard Hinkle, the elaborate program included music provided the choir, glee club, varsity chorus, brass choir, and soloists. Carefully designed sets and appropriate costumes for the actors, singers, and dancers provided for a most entertaining performance.





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**The Dieruff Alumni Association wishes
you and your family a Happy 2021**

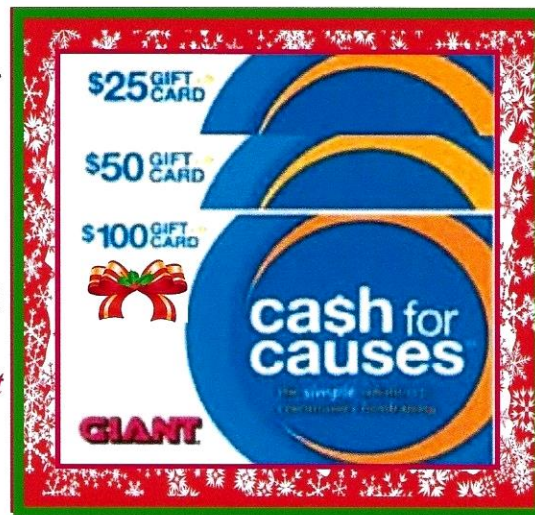




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The Giant Cash For Causes Gift Card Program represents a wonderful fundraising opportunity for our Alumni Association. It allows our alumni to contribute financially to our association... without costing them a dime!

Simply purchase the gift cards through the Alumni Association, and we earn 10% of the value of the cards purchased. *The Giant gift cards make great Holiday Gifts for family members, paper boys, mail carriers, or any service people.*



Complete the order form and mail it, along with a check payable to "Dieruff Alumni Association" to *John Hughes, 2038 Majestic Overlook Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18015*. Ordered gift cards will be sent to you by mail.

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Phone _____ Email _____

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Total Amount Due \$ _____

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Husky Howls & Hugs

Hi Everyone,

Getting into the Holiday Spirit. Had good news from my vet. I had my six month blood work for my Cushing's disease and my numbers were good. Stay on the same meds, organic and no chemicals.

Like all of us, I have to be creative. In past years, I really loved caroling with the Alumni Association. Once I start singing, I can do an entire concert. Mom and Aunt Cindy phone each night, and so I sing for Aunt Cindy. She puts her phone on speaker so her huskies can hear me. So far Demon and Indy have not joined in the singing. Their loss!



I walk almost every day, We found a lovely walking and hiking path outside of Tatamy. We sometimes do three miles. People are friendly and have met many new dogs. Definitely is dog friendly. One day we saw a deer fifty feet in front of us. Squirrels all over the place. I so

love to shuffle in the leaves. But the best part is there is a Wendy's on the way to the site. The other week Mom forgot my water dish and we just HAD to stop. I had a small vanilla frosty. Mom divided it into two treats and it was so good.

Speaking of food, I have a new treat to share with you: **cranberry and pumpkin drops**, Easy to make and so pretty that you might want to place them on your pup cookie platter.

Cranberry/Pumpkin Drops

2 cups whole wheat flour, 1 cup oatmeal, 1 cup raw cranberries, 1 can pumpkin 15 or 16 oz., 1 1/2 cup stock, chicken, beef, or veggie **Mix all ingredients together.** Using a cookie scoop or heaping teaspoon drop dough onto parchment covered cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for an hour. Turn off oven but let the cookies stay in until oven is completely cool. You can loose the cookies before returning them to the cooling oven. Cranberries pop and are a bit sticky. You can also use a silicon baking sheet. No preservatives so put them into the freezer. Enjoy!

Merry Christmas and a better 2021

Love, *Kiska V Diva Dog*