

# Husky Connections



January 2022

## Promoting Positive Connections

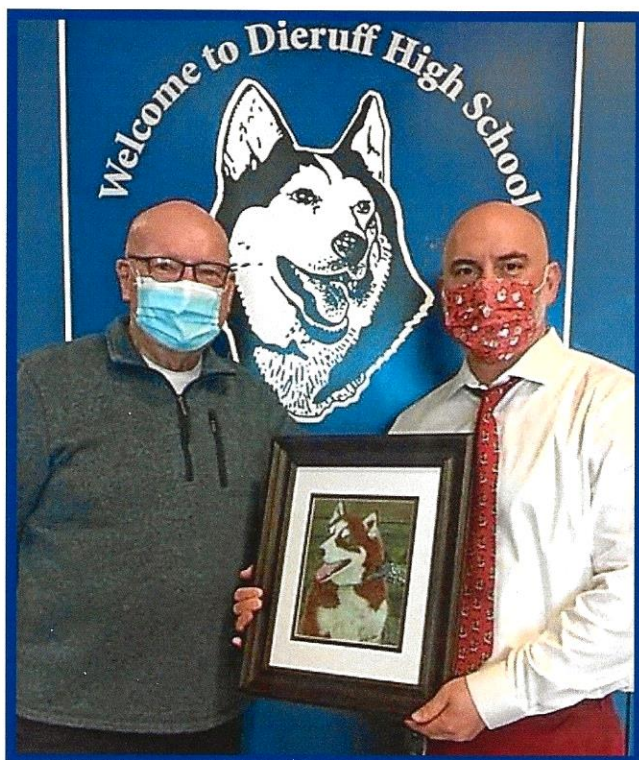
The name of our monthly bulletin is "*Husky Connections*". That phrase also expresses the perpetual goal of the Dieruff High School Alumni Association. We strive to promote Husky Pride by fostering a strong bond among all components of our Husky Nation, to include alumni, current students, faculty and staff, and the community.

Toward that end, we include the "Husky Happenings" column in our bulletin to show our alumni what is going on at Husky High. The bulletin is also distributed to the faculty and staff to keep them connected to the alumni. Display cases throughout the school feature action photos of the students, compliments of the Alumni Association. The Alumni Wall of Distinction represents

a most dramatic method of enhancing student and faculty connections with alumni.

During the December Holidays, we had a nice opportunity to augment the connection between the Alumni Association and Dieruff Principal Mr. Mike Makhoul.

John Hughes, Class of 1961, presented "MikMak" with an original watercolor he had painted of Kiska, our beloved school mascot. Sincerely touched, Mr. Makhoul expressed his gratitude, and he promptly hung the gift in a prominent spot in the Principal's Office.



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## President's Message: Happy and Most Healthy 2022

The confetti has been swept up and discarded. Those comical hats and noisemakers are once again packed away for next year's celebration. And the familiar sounds of *Auld Lang Syne* have quickly faded, poised to be rejuvenated on December 31, 2022. We have all bid a not-so-fond farewell to the year 2021.

In retrospect, our Alumni Association was able to navigate a very challenging year. At every turn, the pandemic threatened to sabotage our events. With great finesse and diligence, we were able to conduct our festivities successfully...and with safety.

So now, our Alumni Association embarks on an exciting and adventurous new year. We are very much aware that the Omicron is a cruel COVID variant with a quick transmission rate.

In the interest of the health and safety of the entire Husky Nation, we are encouraging attendees of our events to be vaccinated and boosted. We trust that those attending our



**Kay Kurtz**  
**President Alumni Association**

2022 activities will respect the serious concerns of our fellow alumni, especially those who have reduced immunities.

It is with my utmost sincerity that I wish you all a Happy, Safe, and Most Healthy New Year!



## Conversion of Mardi Gras Party to April Fools Day Bash

Blame it on the virus. We have to convert our Mardi Gras Party to an April Fools Day Bash! As the expression goes, "my Mama didn't raise no fool!" Our intentions were so good when we set the date for our 10th annual Mardi Gras Party. It seemed like February 26th was a natural, and we were optimistic that the pandemic would be on the wane. And then the Omicron variant appeared. It proved to be highly transmissible, and that surge represents a significant threat to our Mardi Gras Party attendees.

Accordingly, we have decided to postpone our Mardi Gras Party celebration... or more appropriately, we will *convert the event from our Mardi Gras Party to an April Fools Day Bash on Friday, April 1, 2022.*

Everything else stays the same. The location is the Fearless Fire Company. The times are 7:00 to 11:00PM. Our DJs are Harry Remaly and Tom Brunner. And the \$20 ticket includes beer, soft drinks, and snacks. A cash bar will be available to purchase of other beverages,. The kitchen will be open to order food from their bar menu.

Our attendance will be limited to 250 people, so don't procrastinate. Order your tickets now. Simply print out the order forms on the next page, fill one in for each person, and send the forms in with your check. We will send you tickets in the mail.

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## April Fools Day Bash Ticket Order Forms



### April Fools Day Bash Ticket Order Form

Please send one ticket for the April 1, 2022 event to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grad. Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Alumni Wall of Distinction Nominations Being Accepted

As we ring in the New Year, we also sound the bell to welcome new nominations for our Alumni Wall of Distinction for 2022.

Now in its fourth year, the Alumni Wall of Distinction program has become a hugely successful initiative of the LED Alumni Association which strives to bring lasting recognition to Dieruff graduates and/or faculty members who have made exceptional contributions in their respective fields and who have distinguished themselves through their diverse accomplishments and levels of prominence.

Outstanding representatives from the fields of Medicine, Music/Arts, Science/Research, Education, Military Service, and Community Service (to name a few), our sixteen inducted Huskies have all served to “set the bar high” for what we seek in a candidate for our next group of honorees.

Nominations for 2022, which must be received in writing, are now being accepted through **April 30, 2022**. For your convenience, the nomination form provided on the next page of our bulletin can be printed out, completed, and mailed to Dieruff High School.

Please let us hear from you if you know of another Husky who deserves to be recognized on The Wall. We want to hear from you !

For further information regarding the Dieruff Alumni Wall of Distinction, contact Joanne Ogrydziak , Class of '76 at 610/791-2882 or at [jpto59@ptd.net](mailto:jpto59@ptd.net).



## 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: Alumni Return to Coach Cheerleaders

What better way to recruit, coach, and inspire a team of Dieruff High School Cheerleaders than to give the job to a pair of talented, knowledgeable, and spirited Husky alumni? Dee Jaye and JoAnne have accepted that challenge with emphatic results!

Diane J. "Dee Jaye" Olmo-Cruz, Class of 1988, and JoAnne Hunsicker, Class of 1983, stepped forward at the beginning of the school year to work with the Dieruff Cheerleaders.

They have produced miracles!

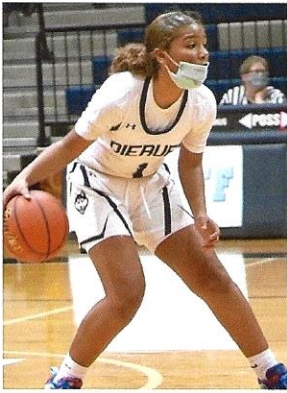
The cheer-leading squad continues to grow in numbers, skills, and passion.

The chemistry between these coaches and the squad is truly remarkable. What is apparent is the abundance of mutual love and respect.

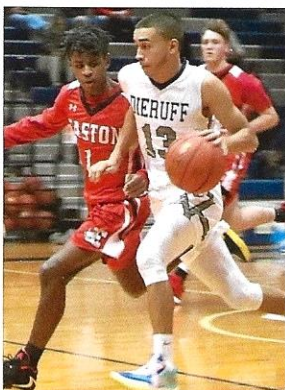
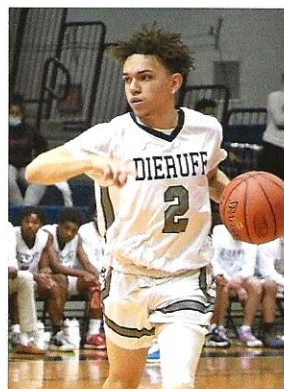
We commend Dee Jaye and JoAnne... and the faithful cheerleaders for their dedication and their Husky Spirit.



## Husky Happenings

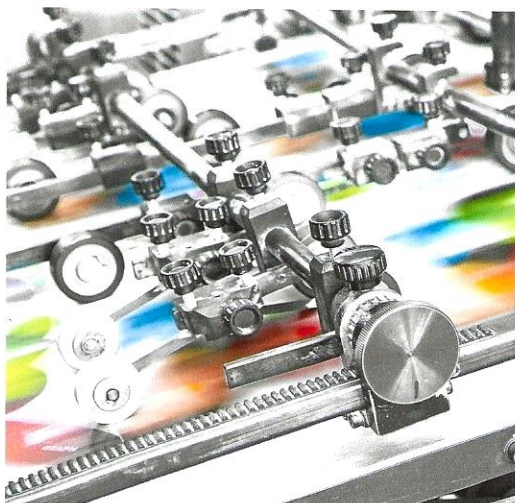


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## SAVE THE DATES

**April Fools Day Bash - Friday**

**April 1, 2022**

**Fandangle - Saturday**

**July 30, 2022**

## ADVERTISE IN THE "Husky Connections" Monthly Bulletin

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of \$25 cards \_\_\_\_\_

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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



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alumni.org](http://www.dieruff-alumni.org)

## Husky Howls & Hugs

Hi Everyone,

The tree is down and banished to the basement. I do love the silver and blue decor, but the location is bad. We put it in front of a window and that is my favorite place to nap. Now it is so good to stretch out and sleep.

Due to the pandemic and winter there is little "work" and little to write about. Also, having some health issues. But made it to Husky High twice. The first time was a public vaccine clinic. I was invited to be a Comfort Dog. Met with the dignitaries, and I even had my photo taken with the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education. Everyone had on dark colored suits and the husky hair was flying.

My second visit was to meet with the football cheerleaders. Gave them their gifts, and some kisses. It was a lovely event.



Sorry to hear about animal lover Betty White. There is a plan to send five dollars to your favorite animal charity on what would have been her one hundredth birthday. Sounds like a great idea.

Happy and HEALTHY new year to all of us.

Love,

*Kiska V*