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Alumni Wall of Distinction Ceremony Slated for June 20th

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Please join us! Alumni, family, and friends are cordially invited to attend the induction ceremony of the inaugural class to the Dieruff High School Alumni Wall of Distinction. Scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2019, this exciting event will be held at 6:00PM in the Peter Carpenter Auditorium in the high school.

What a celebration this will be! This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the opening of Dieruff High School. Over 20,000 students have walked those hallways and call themselves proud Huskies. In coordination with Principal Susan Bocian, the Alumni Association has established the Alumni Wall of Distinction. The dual purpose of the project is to recognize alumni for their exceptional achievements that have brought prestige to Dieruff High School, and also to promote Husky Pride among current students by displaying the accomplishments of those who have gone before them.

Our selection committee had a most challenging task, limiting the final choices to six alumni. Many qualified candidates were considered. Those chosen include a celebrated jazz musician, a county sheriff, a famous pastor, an accomplished college professor, a brilliant physicist who passed away at the age of 31, and a well-known physician. These six alumni represent six different Dieruff graduating classes.



President's Message

John G. Hughes, Jr. '61

The Times They Are A-Changing

For many, the pain was unbearable. The demise of "The Steel" brought heartache to thousands of Lehigh Valley residents, especially those who once earned handsome paychecks during the company's 99 year history.

The ultimate salt-in-the-wound had to be watching the implosion of the 21-story World Headquarters on May 19, 2019. Boom! With a cloud of dust, and a hearty...you get the idea. That proud monument collapsed into a pile of rubble, a mass of twisted steel and pulverized concrete.

Songwriter Bob Dylan expressed the sentiment way back in 1962. *Times They Are A-Changin'*.

Although not as dramatic as the iconic collapse of Bethlehem Steel, times they are a-changin' for all of us... all of the time. And that's not always a bad thing. We are seeing some significant changes at Dieruff High School.

Our beloved Principal Mrs. Susan Bocian is retiring after nine years at the helm of Husky High. Our Alumni Association was founded eight years ago, and we have been so very fortunate to march in lock-step harmony with Mrs. Bocian. She has been our "champion" every step of the way, and we are optimistic that her successor will be similarly inclined.

Another change that we are monitoring closely is in the Athletic Department. Dieruff Alum Mr. David Lutte, class of 1985, has been tapped as the new Husky Football Coach replacing Mr. Kyle Beller. We have invited Coach Lutte to attend our Alumni Association meeting on June 5th to meet our members and share his plans and expectations.

Significant changes in our Alumni Association are also

on the drawing board, and we are anxious to share details as they develop.

Certainly, we are keenly aware that the times they are a-changin', and that we must change with the times. Indeed, our future looks bright and we encourage you to join us.

Warm Husky regards,



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 27, 2019
2:00 - 7:00 PM

East Side Youth Center
1140 East Clair St., Allentown, PA

Advanced Tickets Only

\$20 Per Person

Tickets Available
at Stahley's,
DHS Main Office,
or online

www.dieruff-alumni.org

Alumni Association Honors Teacher of the Year

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How I wish we could honor and reward all of the dedicated faculty and staff at Husky High. Each year, during the second week in May, our alma mater expresses its gratitude in the form of "Teacher Appreciation Week". On Friday, May 10th, the Alumni Association presented a \$50 gift card from the Copperhead Grill in Allentown to Mrs. Janet Schnalzer, who had been selected as the teacher of the year. Janet has served as a popular Guidance Counselor for many years and was thrilled to receive our gift.



Alumni Support Husky Fest

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Music! Games! Food! Vendor Displays! Impressive presentations by the AFJROTC Drill Team, the Twirlers, and the Step Team! Dramatic musical selections by the Dieruff Band! Husky Fest has it all! To view a 3-minute sampling of the event, click on the following YouTube link:

https://youtu.be/j_QJIHV-unE

With rain in the forecast (what else is new?), the annual event was held indoors in the school gym, rather than in the parking lot outside of athletic office. Now in its 17th year, the event is designed to promote Husky Pride, and also help raise funds for various school classes and clubs. Members of the community, family, and friends join the Dieruff students for an afternoon of fun.

In the spirit of Husky Pride, members of the Alumni Association managed ticket sales at two locations in the school. What a joy it is to experience such a festive celebration.

Several days after the festival, our association received a letter from Caroline Dwornicka, President of the Dieruff High School Student Council, thanking us for our contribution. Her letter read, in part, "Due to support like yours, our festival was able to bring together our Husky Family

and community members for a fun and educational gathering, and to experience true Husky Pride." How gratifying (and unusual) it is to receive such a sincere letter of appreciation. Common courtesies go such a long



Giant Applause For Giant Food Stores

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Both Dieruff High School and our Alumni Association have been the beneficiaries of generous programs offered by Giant Food Stores.

First, the Giant A+ Rewards Program is designed to help schools earn financial rewards. Participants simply sign up for the program and designate Dieruff High School to receive benefits. During the school year, a percentage of predefined purchases are calculated and earmarked for the school. The funds can be used at the Principal's discretion. This current year, Dieruff received a check in the amount of \$2,345.

In a completely different program, entitled "Cash For Causes", our Alumni Association sells Giant Gift Cards in denominations of \$100, \$50, and \$25. Each month, our association receives 10% of the total dollars sold. People may use the gift cards, at full face value, for any pur-

chases at Giant Food Stores or Giant Gas Stations.

We are very excited to announce that the Giant located at the Lehigh Shopping Center on Union Boulevard and Catasauqua Avenue in Bethlehem recently opened a new gas service station.

Gift cards may be purchased at our monthly meetings or online our site at

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Kiska's Korner

HOME.....Aunt Linda brought me home on Easter. They cared for me twenty-nine days. Had a wonderful time and I do miss my "other family", but it was time to come home and be a therapy dog to Mom. She was really glad to see me. Even the cats and I re-bonded. Many afternoons, all three of us cuddled with Mom as she took her nap. I even share the one chair with Kibbee.

Got back to work, too. Aunt Cindy handled me, because I still pull, husky instinct. But Mom drove us to Husky High and she had quite the walk after parking the car. We were invited to a photo shoot with the Life Skills Classes. It was fun and I got to meet some new people. The kids were good with belly rubs. Mrs. Bocian had my caramels, Aunt Holly had my fresh water and Aunt Linda had mints. I had good breath when I was giving Husky kisses and I do give a lot of kisses. Mom tells the kids that is why my name is Kiss-ka. Visited by the café and there were a lot of kids, who were really happy to see me. Between the weather and Mom recovering, just did not do that many winter visits to

Husky High. Did they ever take pictures!!!!!! But after an hour and a half, I was a very tired dog. Hate to admit it, but age is creeping up on me.

Want to welcome Dave and Amy Lutte. Both of them had been Mom's students awhile back. (do not want to age anyone). Amy used to housesit and babysit for Kiska III and whatever cats lived here at the time. Did hear, at one time there were four cats.....Mom has been friends with the Luttes for many years. I know I will enjoy working with Dave. So good to be with family. And I do know that Dave makes a really good steak and Amy comes here to fix Mom's computer, which is a frequent event.

Have a busy month. Mom did schedule her surgery at the right time. Now she is walking, and we will be busy. I am getting my bath. Sadly, did not start the winter shed so will have plenty of hair to share. Then I will be working with Nadia, aka The Puppy, at Troika and graduation. Also planning a play-date with Elsa and Misska.

Good to be home, although I had a few confusing times. Aunt Cindy and Aunt Susie would come to visit Mom at the same time. I know when Aunt Susie comes, WALK TIME. When Aunt Cindy comes, CAR TIME. Then they both showed and I did not know what to do. Sadly, nothing. They were here to visit with Mom. But all is well.

See you at some of the end of the year events.

Love,



Kiska V Diva Dog

New Husky Football Coach Appointed

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Candidates for the up-and-coming football team sat in anticipation in the Meilinger Media Center as they waited to meet their newly assigned Football Coach. On Friday, May 10th, Coach David Lutte introduced himself, and defined his goals and expectations for the new season. His presentation was passionate and optimistic. In addition, he expressed his commitment to attend the Dieruff Alumni Association meeting on June 5th, with the expressed purpose of engaging the support of our alumni.



LED Wall of Distinction Inductees (Continued From Page 1)

Listed in alphabetical order, the selected alumni are:

Rick Braun, Class of **1973**, is an internationally known jazz trumpeter, vocalist, song writer, and record producer. Rick's career has spanned decades and has worked with the likes of Natalie Cole, Glenn Frey, Tom Petty, Rod Stewart and Tina Turner. Living in Woodland Hills, CA, Rick is often on tour, and when he performs in the Lehigh Valley, he makes it a point to play the Dieruff Fight Song.

Joseph Hanna, Class of **1974**, has spent his career in law enforcement. He rose through the ranks in Allentown, PA from patrolman to Chief of Police. Then after serving in the DA's office as a County Detective, Joe was elected Lehigh County Sheriff in 2015.

Timothy "Tim" Keller, Class of **1968**, is a highly recognized minister and author. He is the founding pastor of the Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, a church that typically enjoys weekly attendance of over 5,000. Tim has also written several New York Times bestselling books.

Pamela Kistler, Ph.D., Class of **1971**, is a chemistry professor at Cedar Crest College. She served as Chair of the Department of Chemical & Physical Sciences from 2001-2012. She is also Councilor of the American Chemical Society.

Kirk Shinsky, Ph.D., Class of **1970**, was a brilliant physicist who launched his career when he was a senior in high school. He won a national science competition and was selected as the Nation's #1 Scientist. He earned a full scholarship to Cornell, received his Masters and Doctorate degrees at Princeton and then became a professor of Physics at the University of California at Berkeley.

John Stevens, Jr. D.O., Class of **1963**, is an extremely popular physician, specializing in Obstetrics/Gynecology. He is Chair, Ob/Gyn at St. Luke's Hospital and is a Associate Clinical Professor at DeSales University.

The induction ceremony on June 20th will be followed by a reception where attendees will be able to meet and greet. There is no charge for the program; however, we would like people to make their reservations so that we can plan logistics.

If you would like to attend, please register online for the event. Visit our website at www.dieruff-alumni.org and click on



Class of 1964

55th Reunion

Saturday June 1, 2019 4-10 pm

Brass Rail 3015 Lehigh Street Allentown, PA

\$25.00 per person, Family Style Dinner, Open bar 4 - 5 pm, Cash bar after dinner, DJ Dave

Make check payable to Dieruff High Class 1964 - due by May 20, 2019

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1964

Classes of 1966-1967

5th Annual Mini-Reunion

Saturday June 8, 2019

Hosted by : Bobby "Bulldog" & Marylou Hontz

Email: hontzm@aol.com for more information

1966-1967

Class of 1969

50th Reunion Year Long Events

June 15 - Graduation Walk PPL Center

July 27 - Fandangle 2PM-7PM East Side Youth Center \$20.00

September 21 - 50th Year Reunion 4PM-10PM Coplay Saengerbund

1969

Class of 1974

45th Reunion

July 27 - Fandangle 2PM-7PM East Side Youth Center \$20.00

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Class of 1977

60th Birthday Celebration

July 27 - Fandangle 2PM-7PM East Side Youth Center \$20.00

1977



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UPCOMING EVENTS

To get your event listed, please email event before the 24th of each month to: dhsalumni@ptd.net

- June 5:** Alumni Association Monthly Meeting 6:30PM
Meilinger Center
- June 20:** Wall of Distinction Presentation 6PM
Peter Carpenter Auditorium (SEE FRONT PAGE FOR DETAILS)
- July 27:** **7th Annual Fandangle 2PM-7PM \$20.00**
East Side Youth Center (SEE PG 3)

All events can be found on the DHS Alumni Website: www.Dieruff-Alumni.org





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