

Husky Connections



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Help Us Honor Mr. Roy Arlotto

The news of Roy Arlotto's passing in September has hit the Husky Nation like a sledge hammer. He was seemingly healthy and vibrant, ready to begin his 53rd season as the official scorekeeper for the Dieruff Basketball Program.

During his many decades of devoted service to Dieruff High School, Mr. Arlotto impacted thousands of lives. In his popular Chemistry classroom, he was a most effective and adored teacher. As the "voice of the marching band", and drill instructor for the band routines, he endeared himself to countless "bandos".


Roy's contribution to the Theatre Department was particularly dramatic. As Advisor for the Stage Crew, he designed and helped build sets; he also coordinated the lighting and sound for many of Dieruff High School's theatrical productions.

In recent times, the theatre lighting for the musicals at Dieruff has been rented, at a very substantial cost, from a theatre production company. It is quite appropriate that our Alumni Association has decided to launch a fund raising campaign to purchase a package of "state of the art" Theatre Lighting, in the name of Mr. Roy Arlotto.

We encourage all of Roy's faithful fans to support this campaign by donating whatever you can... \$25, \$50, \$100 or more.. to honor Mr. "A". Instructions are provided in the notice to the left.

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**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

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Attn: Dieruff Alumni Association

Husky Gridders Grind The Canaries

Any athletic victory over our cross-town rival is sure to evoke cheers of delight from the faithful Husky Nation. On October 31, 2020, the gridiron triumph at J.Birney Crum Stadium was particularly sweet.

For one thing, the COVID-19 pandemic played havoc on this year's football schedule. Not only was the season postponed until October, the teams on our original schedule were replaced with the five high schools in our county, four of which are football powerhouses. That translated into lopsided losses to Whitehall, Emmaus, Parkland, and Allentown Central Catholic. William Allen High School experienced similar losses to those schools. That situation precipitated a showdown between the Huskies and the Canaries, both teams hungry for a victory.

Restrictions established for the virus protocol translated into a sadly diminished crowd, with virtually no students or alumni in attendance. Those lucky fans who were fortunate enough to obtain game tickets were required to wear protective masks and remain socially distant. With cheerleaders, AFJROTC cadets, and coaches also donning face coverings, it seemed poetic that the event occurred on Halloween.

Escorted by Principal Mike Makhoul, our valiant mascot Kiska V lead the players onto the field. It was an electric moment, and it seemed to energize the group. On their initial possession, Dieruff moved down the field swiftly, and scored a touchdown, establishing a positive momentum. The final score of 25-12 does not reflect the absolute dominance the Huskies maintained throughout the contest.

The traditional trophies were awarded at the conclusion of the game; Dieruff came home with the hard-earned hardware. With their helmets raised a bit higher than usual, and big hugs and smiles exchanged, the Huskies celebrated with unbridled joy. We offer our hearty congratulations to Coach Lutte, his staff, and the entire Husky Football Team.



President's Message: Veterans Day 101



Kay Kurtz - President
Alumni Association



The holiday was originally called Armistice Day to commemorate the end of World War I, an armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, was largely considered the end of “the war to end all wars” and dubbed Armistice Day.

In 1938, it became an official holiday, primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I. But then World War II and the Korean War happened, so on June 1, 1954, at the urging of veterans service organizations, Congress amended the commemoration yet again by changing the word “armistice” to “veterans” so the day would honor American veterans of all wars.

A lot of Americans get confused as to the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day. **Veterans Day is NOT the Same as Memorial Day.** Memorial Day is a time to remember those who gave their lives for our country, particularly in battle or from wounds they suffered in battle. Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive — although it’s largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices.

The Officers of the Dieruff High School Alumni Association would like to honor the 966 Dieruff High School classmates who have served. (This information is found on a classmate’s website profile.) Here’s the breakdown in alphabetic order:

Air Force – 184 Classmates

Army – 379 Classmates

Coast Guard – 15 Classmates

Marine Corps – 127 Classmates

Navy – 248 Classmates

PA National Guard – 13 Classmates

Please continue to forward updates on fellow classmates that you know who have served in the military and their profile is not updated. It’s easy to tell – just follow these instructions:

*From Home Page Click “Classmate Profile” Click Search – Enter name
Once the name appears, if a small American Flag is next to their name,
information has been entered. If none appears please click the Contact Us
button and provide the military branch and classmate’s name for inclusion.*

FLASHBACK: Mr. Arlotto was a “Matchmaker”

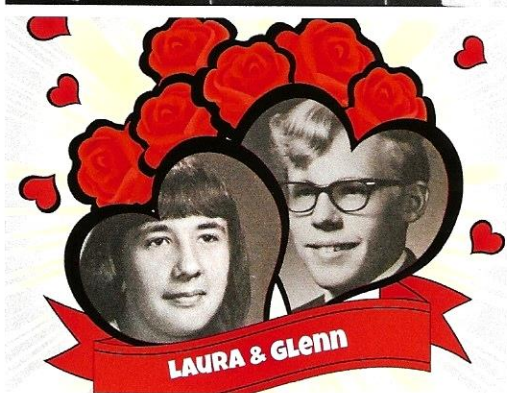
With impressive credentials that spanned such a wide variety of interests at Husky High, Mr. Roy Arlotto was probably unaware of his role as a “Matchmaker”.



In 1969, Roy’s attention was laser focused on designing and building the set for the Theatre Department’s challenging performance of “The Music Man”. As Advisor for the Stage Crew, he managed a sizeable group of enthusiastic students. One of those crew members was a senior by the name of **Glenn Strobl**.

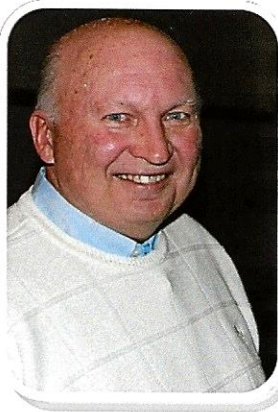
Diligently rehearsing in close proximity to Mr. Arlotto’s crew was the large cast of the popular musical. Dedicated singers and dancers worked in harmony, under the direction of Mr. Bernie Schimmel and Mr. Peter Carpenter. Among the talented cast members was another senior named **Laura Voyden**.

Poetically, Glenn and Laura met and became a “thing”. After Dieruff graduation, they both went off to Penn State and later married. They warmly attribute their magical connection to Mr. Roy Arlotto. Yearly, they exchanged Christmas cards with Mr. “A”. Roy’s card was always signed, “Still Kickin”. From their home in Spring, TX, Glenn and Laura send their heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Roy Arlotto, their personal “Matchmaker”.



Louis E. Dieruff High School Alumni Wall of Distinction

John J. “Jay” Radio, ‘67



A gentle giant of a man with a warm, winning smile, our final Wall of Distinction inductee for 2020 is John “Jay” Radio from the Class of 1967. As coach, mentor, organizer, and fundraiser, he has devoted decades to promoting youth sports for thousands of youngsters in the Lehigh Valley.

Jay’s selfless contributions to the local sports community have included the East Side Youth Center basketball program, the LV Knee-High Basketball League, Dieruff Varsity Basketball, the Pennsylvania Keystone State Games, along with the summertime Stellar “Catch a Rising Star” and Sports Fest Basketball Tournaments. Jay was also the co-founder of the first boys’ Lehigh Valley AAU Basketball Club and, in 2010, he was inducted into the inaugural class of the LV Recreational Sports Hall of Fame.

In addition to his life-long commitment to youth athletics, Jay is the Financial Secretary of the East Side Youth Center and the Chairman of its Board of Governors. He also writes all of the grant requests to charitable foundations, corporations, and government agencies. He is especially proud of the \$1.75 million capital improvement campaign which provided for a second gymnasium, a learning center, fitness and community rooms (which support many adult programs), and the upgrade of all building and safety features. On the beautiful new gymnasium floor which fittingly bears Jay’s name, neighborhood kids can play a game of pick-up basketball under the spirited display of Kiska pennants. The number of Little Huskies who have benefited from the activities offered by the ESYC is countless, and Jay Radio has played a vital role in its mission for more than forty years.

The Louis E. Dieruff High School Alumni Association is proud to salute John “Jay” Radio ‘67 for his decades of service to Lehigh Valley youth sports programs. A hard-working man of humble generosity, his character is best summed up by a life-long friend who had submitted his Wall of Distinction nomination with these heart-felt words, “Jay Radio is an outstanding man with an unwavering dedication who has willingly and tirelessly supported his community. He is more than qualified for this great honor for his many accomplishments on and off the basketball court.”

Well said. No truer words spoken. We thank you, Jay.

Joanne Ogrydziak ‘76

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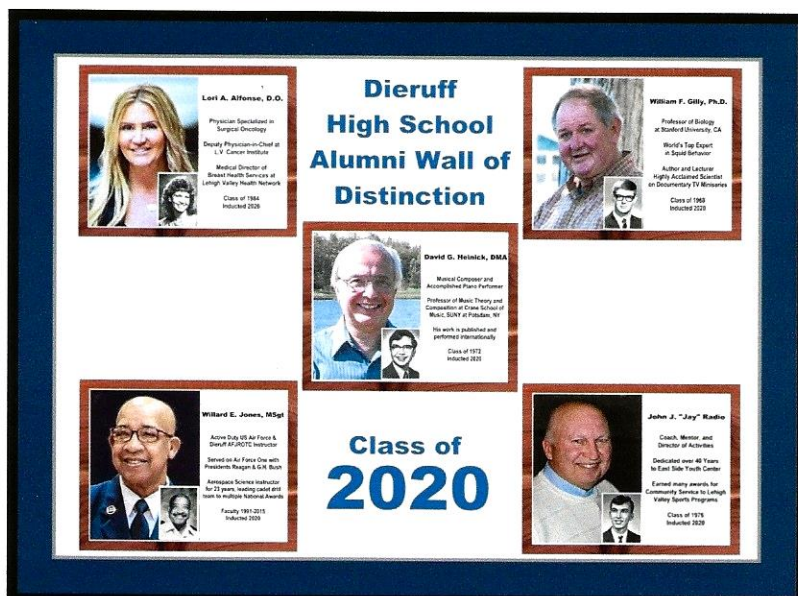
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Now Accepting Nominations For The Class of 2021 Alumni Wall of Distinction

We are so very proud to congratulate the five worthy Huskies who were selected for Dieruff Alumni Wall of Distinction for the Class of 2020. Sadly, the pandemic has prevented us from celebrating their induction, and we anxiously await the opportunity to schedule that ceremony.

At this time, we invite you to submit nominations for candidates to be considered for the Class of 2021.

The nomination form, along with the selection criteria, can be found on page 7 of this Bulletin. Deadline for receiving the nominations is **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:
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Phone _____ Email _____

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Husky Howls & Hugs

Hi Everyone,

It was so good to get back to work. October 31st was a perfect day for football, real husky weather. The final victory score of **Dieruff 25 William Allen 12** was a treat!

Pre-game was awesome. We walked all over the stadium. Got a hug from Coach Lutte. One of the other football coaches announced, *"The husky is in the house."* Met the new costumed husky. Looks good, with a kid-friendly face, and the student did a wonderful job as mascot.



Dieruff Principal Mr. Makhoul took me for a walk, and then he decided I needed to participate in the team pep talk. Off to the tent we went. Tons of pets, lots of cheering. Team was really pumped. The team was as happy to see me as I was to be back



with them. Time to run out on the field, and I flew. It was great to lead the team. Mr. Makhoul does a good job. Sometimes we worry that I might overpower one of the cheerleaders.

We visited the Dieruff fans several times. We hung with the cheerleaders. Traditionally the mascots "battle it out", but this year it did not seem to be the right thing. So when we went to visit the Canary, it was different. The Canary had its wing? hand? on its hip. Some tough body language. Mom said *"we extend the paw of friendship."* Everyone shook paws/wings.

It was a great day to be a husky. Good weather, good game, husky pride, and sportsmanship. It was good to come home, stretch out on my bed, and finish off the bag of doggie treats.

A tired, but very happy Diva Dog, **Kiska V**