# **Husky Connections**



November 2021

#### **Royal Treatment for Wall Honorees**



They were treated like royalty! And they deserved it! After all, the honorees of the Alumni Wall of Distinction are truly "Dieruff Royalty". The fact that the October 22nd induction ceremony was held at The Palace Center was pure bonus!



Seventy-five faithful Huskies, including the honorees, family, and friends, gathered at the upscale banquet facility to celebrate the double induction of the Class of 2020 and the Class of 2021.



Following a comfortable meet and greet period with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, the program paid tribute to the five inductees from last year's class. The COVID-19 pandemic had postponed that cere-

mony, necessitating the combined induction. Honorees from the Class of 2021 were then recognized.



An informative 4-5 minute video introduced each inductee, followed by a dramatic response by the recipient, or a representative. One by one, each carefully chosen inductee validated their selection to this prestigious Alumni Wall of Distinction. (The introductory videos can be accessed on our Alumni Association Facebook site.) Continued on next page

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## Royal Treatment for Wall Honorees (Continued)

What was particularly significant was how many of the inductees paid tribute to past Dieruff faculty members who had greatly influenced their lives. Receiving special recognition were MSgt Ronald Coleman, Mr. Peter Carpenter, MSgt Willard Jones, and Mr. Roy Arlotto.



Honored as members of the Class of 2020 were:

- 1. Lori A. Alfonse, D.O. gifted breast cancer surgeon
- 2. William F. Gilly, PhD world's leading expert on squid behavior
- 3. David G. Heinick, DMA college music professor, composer, performer
- 4. Willard E. Jones, MSgt Air Force One plus 23 years at Dieruff AFJROTC
- 5. John J. "Jay" Radio dedicated over 40 years to the East Side Youth Center



Honored as members of the Class of 2021 were:

- 1. Thomas M. Henderschedt Rear Admiral, USN, Beijing, China
- 2. Matthew B. James LtCol USAF, Deputy Commander, 3rd Opns. Group
- 3. Andre D. Reed developed reading incentive program for Boys & Girls Club
- 4. Carmella A. Saraceno accomplished artist, teacher, entrepreneur
- 5. Mark S. Smyth, Ph.D. honored scientist and business executive

Appropriately, our Alumni Wall of Distinction Program concluded with all attendees reverently standing, and emotionally singing along with a video rendition of Mr. Peter Carpenter's Dieruff Alma Mater. "Bearing proudly blue and gray."

## President's Message: Grand Tour for Royal Guests



Kay Kurtz President Alumni Association

Our officer group was thrilled to play the role of tour guides for our distinguished guests. After all, the pair of honorees had journeyed quite far to attend the Alumni Wall of Distinction Induction Ceremony on Friday evening, so a private tour of Husky High on Saturday morning was icing on the cake.

Lieutenant Colonel Matthew James had flown in from Alaska, and Mark Smyth had traveled from his home in California to be honored on October 22, 2021. Capitalizing on the opportunity to return to their alma mater the next morning, Matthew brought his one son, and Mark was accompanied by his wife Kyri. Our officer group provided the narrated tour. Proudly, Matthew and Mark

posed for photographs with their newly installed plaques on the Dieruff Alumni Wall of Distinction. They both expressed their appreciation of the honor to be included on the wall, and hope to return for next year's ceremony.



# Alumni Organize Gauntlet & Lunch

Continuing a wonderful tradition, the Alumni Association organized "The Gauntlet", with the Cheerleaders, Marching Band, and the AFJROTC Cadets greeting the football team as they arrive for the Big Game. The reward: Lunch...and a Big Victory!



# Handmade Husky Quilt Raffle

What a fabulous gift idea! Or keep it for yourself. Purchase a raffle ticket for \$5 and give yourself a chance to win this beautiful 54"x54" handmade Husky Quilt. Better yet, buy 20 tickets and improve your odds of winning.

This stunning quilt was crafted by Vicky Thomas, Dieruff Class of 1976, and donated to the Alumni Association for this raffle. We applied her skills and her generosity.

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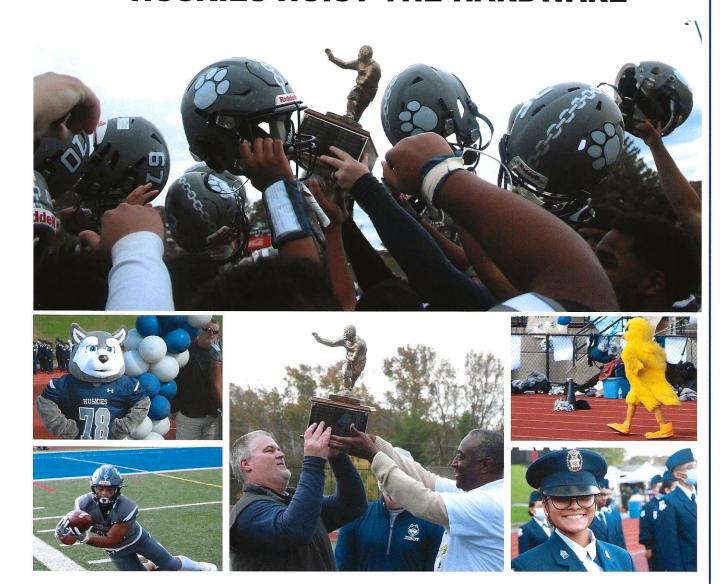
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# **Husky Happenings**

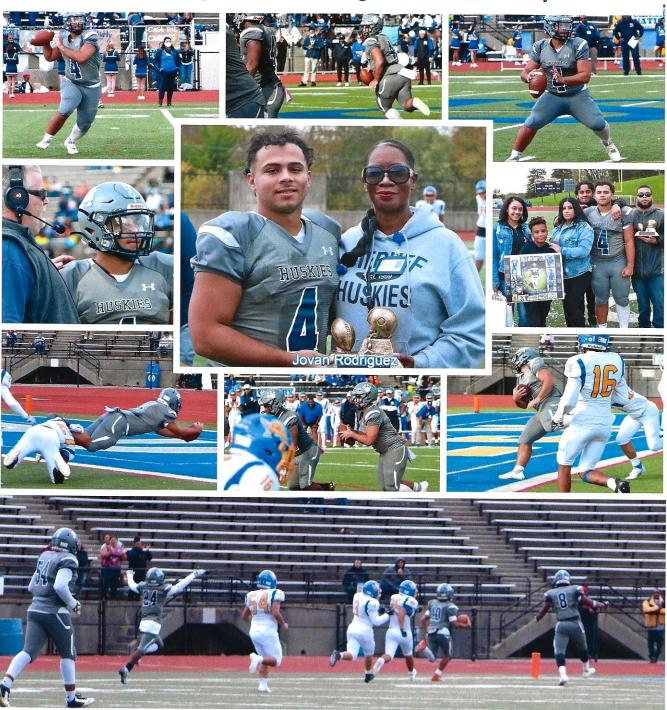


# **HUSKIES HOIST THE HARDWARE**



# **Husky Happenings**

Senior Quarterback Jovan Rodriguez lead the Huskies over the Canaries with an outstanding performance in the annual cross-town rivalry at J. Birney Crum Stadium on Saturday, October 30, 2021. Jovan ran for three touchdowns and passed for three touchdowns, completing 13 of 21 passing attempts for 291 yards. He also ran for 18 yards. A total team effort produced a rewarding 49-12 dominant victory.



#### FLASHBACK: 1961 and 2021 Cheerleaders

The Dieruff High Cheerleaders have always made their own fashion statement. The black and white photo below shows the woolen attire of the 1961 Cheerleader Squad. The top right picture captures Captain Kathy Zimmerman with Kiska I. Sixty years later, the photo at the bottom left shows Kiska V with current and alumni cheerleaders who had returned for the Homecoming Game. The bottom right photo illustrates a mix of past cheerleader uniforms modeled by four of the current seniors on the squad. The cheerleaders are a constant source of Husky Pride.





#### SAVE THE DATES

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#### Kiska ... Giving Thanks

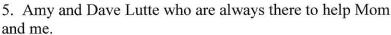
Even though I am a bit spoiled, I am a caring and thankful dog. I wanted to thank those who have really impacted my life this past year. As happy as I am for Thanksgiving turkey I am happy to have these people in my life.

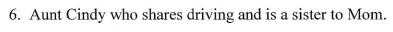


- 1. Dr. Ron and the staff at Valley Central for saving me when I had that dreadful bacterial infection.
- 2. Nazareth Veterinary for caring for my minor ills and helping with my arthritis.
- 3. Mr. Makhoul for loving me and the kids at Husky High.

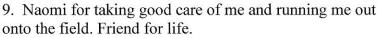


4. Uncle John who is my photographer and really the photographer par excellence of Dieruff.





- 7. Joanne O for doing such a good job with the Wall of Distinction Ceremony.
- 8. Dee Jay and Joanne for guiding the cheerleaders.



- 10. Xavier, my costume clone, who does such a good job as our energetic mascot.
- 11. To the cheerleaders who always make me feel welcome.
- 12. The Guidance Department who always have my water and treats.
- 13. Mom for making me the Diva that I am.

Could go on forever, but you get the point.....

Happy Thanksgiving! with Love,





























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# **Husky Howls & Hugs**

Hi Everyone,

Been busy but it has been fun. The Husky win over Allen was great. So glad we did not play in that rain on Friday night. Saturday was perfect husky weather. Mom was afraid I might

slip on the wet field, but the field really drains. Mr. Makhoul ran me out and all was well. Made a new friend, my costume husky. Xavier really has a lot of energy and he does a great job. 49-12 says it all. Wonderful way to end the season. Not having a practice field and having to be bused to Keck Park was a hardship. Kids and coaches had many obstacles to overcome. Good job.



Attended the Wall of Distinction Ceremony. Thought I would do a Meet/Greet in the lobby. The Palace is a lovely venue. Instead of the lobby, I visited in the dining room. As nice as it was to meet the honorees, the food was the best. Had a sample



of everything. Mom kept feeding me so I would behave. The cake was yummy. I lasted for two hours, which is a lot to expect from a vigorous mascot and not a trained service dog. Gave a got a lot of hugs and kisses. Did slobber a bit on Dr. Lori. But as of last letter, we know the benefits of doggy drool. I know I ate too much and did have a tummy ache on Saturday. But it was a wonderful night.

Things will slow down now that football is over. The pandemic has changed or eliminated so many events. I plan on long walks and shuffling in the leaves

Love, Kiska V,

a tired party animal