

Husky Connections



November 2022

Alumni Wall of Distinction Inductees - 2022

Our Alumni Wall of Distinction has quickly become a coveted tradition at Dieruff High School. The program is designed to provide lasting recognition to Husky Alumni (and faculty) who have distinguished themselves in various careers, bringing honor to themselves and also to their high school alma mater.

In addition, the program seeks to send a powerful message to the current students that these honored recipients once lived in their same neighborhoods, and walked the same hallways at Husky High. With dedication and hard work, significant success can be achieved.

Once again, our induction ceremony was held at The Palace Center. On Friday, October 14, 2022, seventy five family and friends joined the honorees for an evening of celebration.

In addition to the five recipients for the Class of 2022, William Gilly was also honored. He was unable to attend the festivities last year. Creative video introductions were projected on the wall for the audience to appreciate the magnificent accomplishments of each honoree, followed by heartfelt expressions of gratitude.

The next page reflects the plaques that have been added to the Alumni Wall of Distinction.



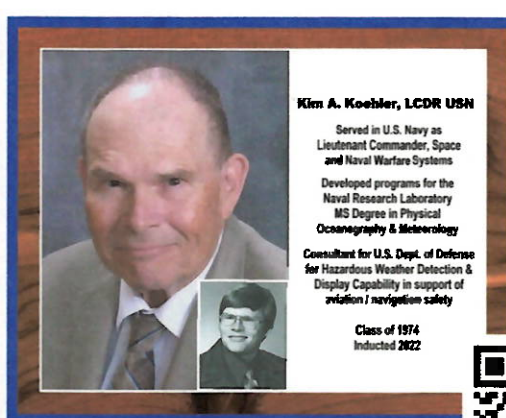
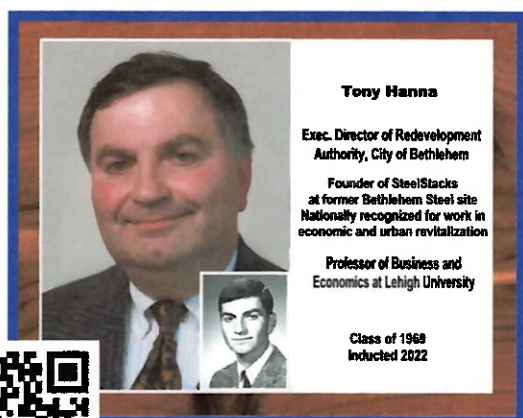
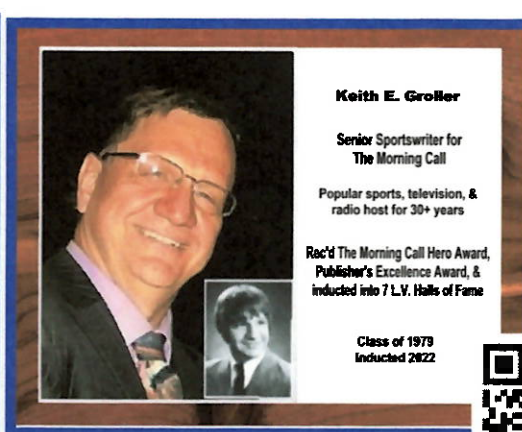
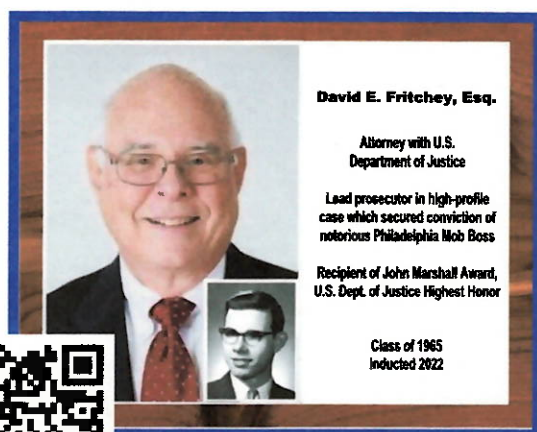
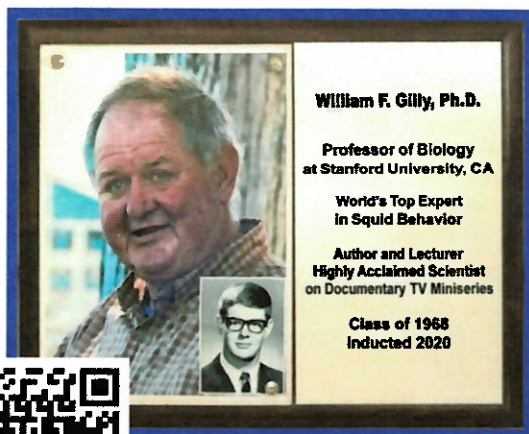
To view the five minute You-Tube videos that introduce each of the honorees, simply scan the QR Code next to each plaque.



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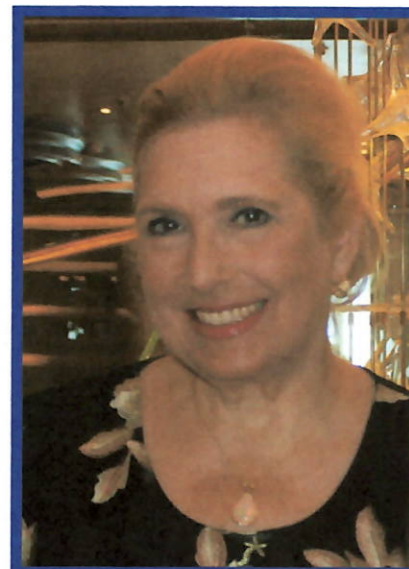


President's Message: Faculty, Friends & Family Pay Tribute

The expressions on the faces of the honorees at the Alumni Wall of Distinction induction ceremony told the story. Each one of them was genuinely proud to have their plaque added to the impressive collection of distinguished Huskies currently honored.

What enhanced their pride was having the support and admiration of family, friends, and faculty members that attended the ceremony.

Indeed, what is particularly impressive about the twenty-one people that grace the Wall of Distinction is the profound diversity. We certainly look forward to receiving nominations for candidate's for next year's class.



Kay Kurtz
President Alumni Association



Husky Happenings: Huskies Enjoy Pregame Pep Rally

Perhaps there was a good reason for concern. How "peppy" was this pep rally going to be? After all, most of these kids had never seen a Dieruff High School pep rally... thanks to COVID-19.

Well, there was absolutely no need to worry. The pep rally held on Friday, October 28th, the day before the football game against our cross-town rival was a smash!

Enthusiastic students, segregated by class into separate quadrants, packed both side of the school gymnasium. Principal Mike Makhoul opened the program, and defined expectations. The highly disciplined AFJROTC color guard presented the colors, followed by the National Anthem. The Dieruff choir, under the direction of Dr. Jenn Dodd, then delivered an inspiring rendition of the Alma Mater.

With great fanfare, the football team then entered the arena beneath the arched blades of the Saber Squad. In dramatic fashion, they promptly scattered the assemblage of blue and gray balloons on the floor, before taking their seats of honor at the west end of the court.

The student body was then entertained by a mix of performances by the ROTC Drill Team, the Cheerleaders, the Marching Band, and the Faculty Dance Team.... interspersed with fun competitions that included the football toss, a tug of war, and a toilet paper wrap-around. One of the most memorable events was the toe-touch competition, in which Principal Makhoul displayed his athletic prowess.



The pep rally successfully pumped Husky Pride to a new level. The student body was prepared to faithfully support their team at the "Big Game".

Husky Happenings: Alumni Organize "The Gauntlet"

The greeting could not have been any sweeter. As the Dieruff Football Players stepped off their yellow buses at the bottom of the ramp leading to Gate #2 at J. Birney Crum Stadium, they received a welcoming celebration that they will remember for a lifetime.



As they proceeded up the steeply pitched macadam ramp, the gridders passed under the impressive formation provided by the ROTC Saber Squad. They were then greeted by flanks of passionate cheerleaders, and then by members of the Dieruff Marching Band. Appropriately, the sounds of the "Dieruff Fight Song" and "Right On" blared a rousing salute.

Our Alumni Association is proud to organize this annual event, and feels rewarded to experience the excitement and positive spirit generated by "The Gauntlet".



Alumni Host Pregame Lunch for 100 Kids

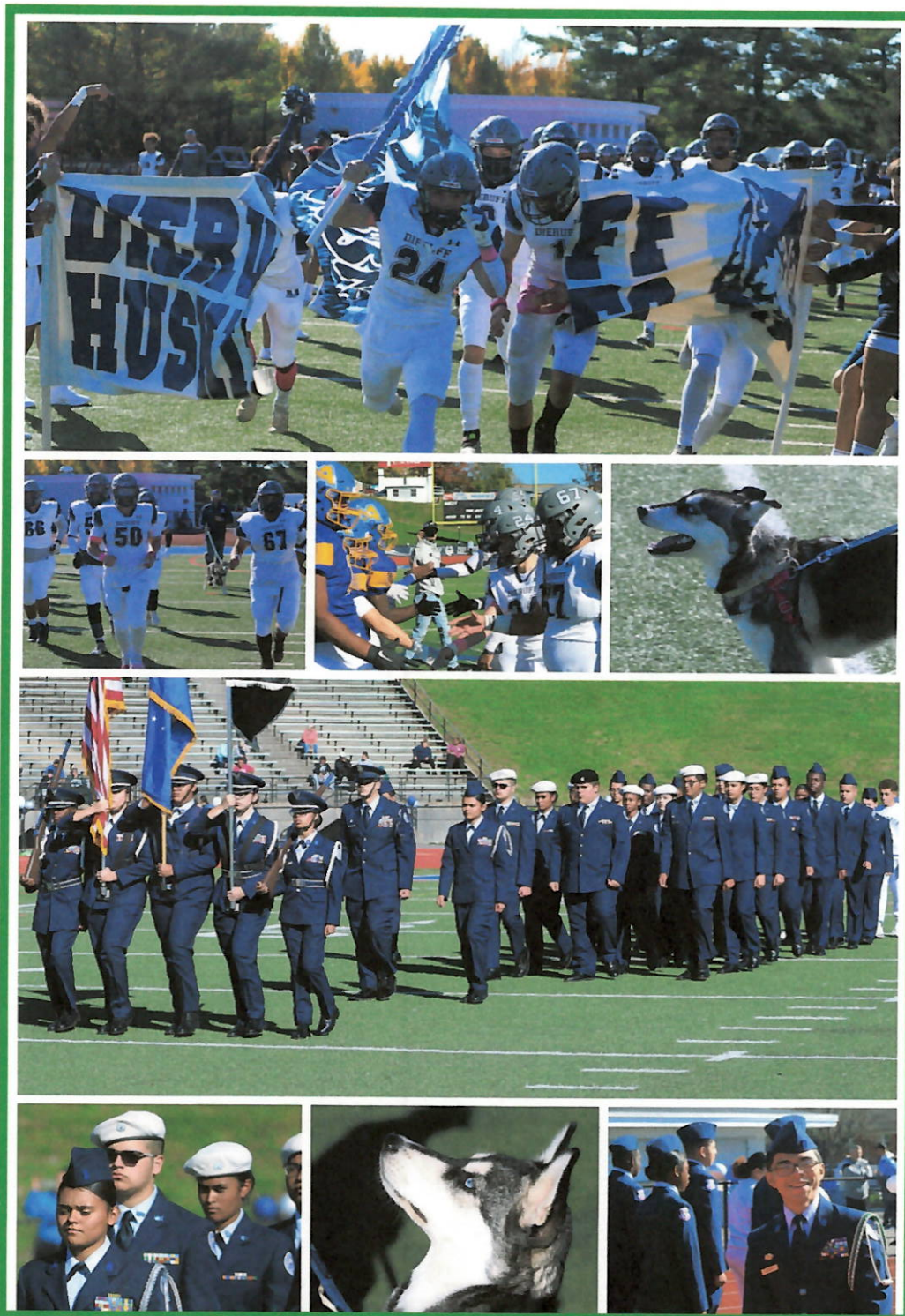
Who doesn't enjoy a hearty lunch before an important contest on the gridiron? Once again, the Alumni Association hosted a well-deserved treat for the students who participated in "The Gauntlet". After the football team had entered the stadium, the ROTC Cadets, the cheerleaders, and members of the marching band flowed back to the serving tables set up adjacent to the bottom of the ramp. We fed about 100 kids.

Conveniently packaged in white bags with handles, the lunches included a fresh 9" hoagie (choice of turkey, Italian, or vegan), two chocolate chip cookies, a snack pack, a bottle of water, and a napkin. A huge shout out goes out to our group of faithful alumni who organized and hosted the event: Ruth O'Connell, Bob Piehl, Jinny Hughes, Joyce Reed-Ebling, Kay Kurtz, and Diane Fritz.



Husky Happenings: Pregame Traditions

We always look forward to the pregame traditions at the Dieruff vs. Allen Football Game: The Break-Away Banner, Principal Mike Makhoul running on to the field with Kiska, Team Captains Handshake, and the precision drill of the ROTC Cadets.



Husky Happenings: The Big Game



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TIME-OUTS			
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Husky Happenings: Huskies Hoist The Hardware

The glow of the Dieruff Huskies victory over the William Allen Canaries was matched by brilliant sunshine that covered the post-game ceremonies at J. Birney Crum Stadium. Crisp fall temperatures provided a perfect atmosphere for a Saturday afternoon football game between the two cross-town rivals.

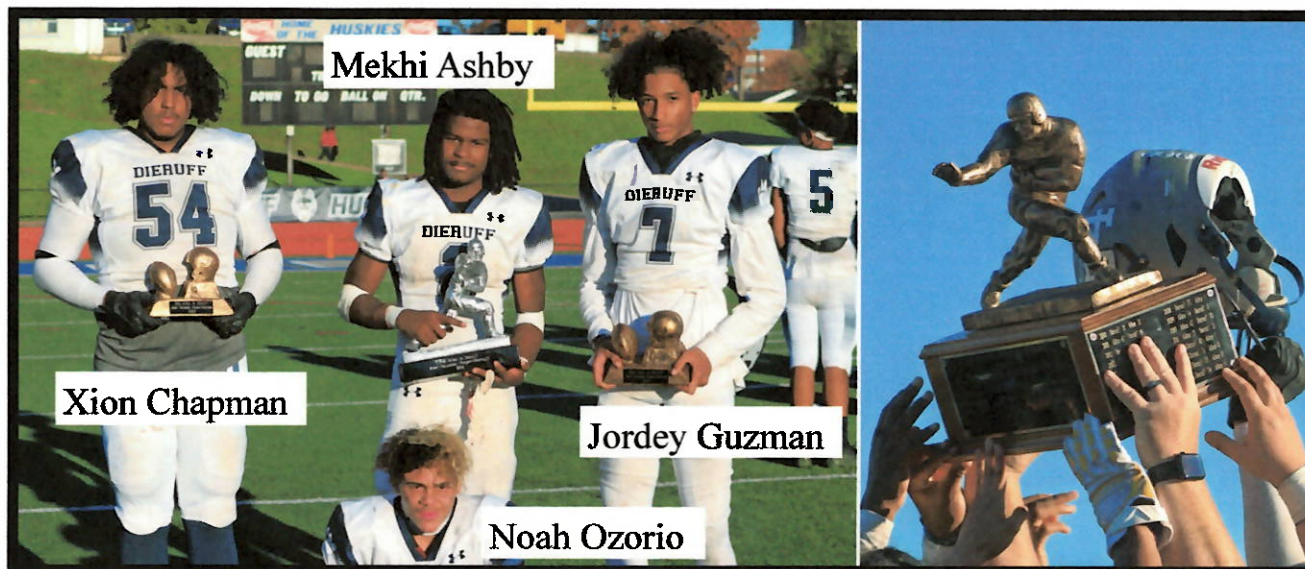
Following their decisive win, the Huskies proudly accepted the key trophies presented at midfield.

Junior Mekhi Ashby earned the MVP award, having run for 252 yards on 23 carries, and scoring three touchdowns. He also scored on runs for three 2-point conversions.

Jordey Guzman, Dieruff's Junior Quarterback, was named the offensive player of the game. He threw a 49-yard touchdown pass to Senior Noah Ozorio, and also ran for another score.

The defensive player of the game was Xion Chapman, a 6'5", 250lb Senior lineman.

Having secured a 37-14 victory over the Canaries, the Huskies proudly hoisted the game trophy. That win produces a tie of 33 wins for each school in the 66-game series. Dieruff has beat Allen for the third year in a row, and for the ninth time in the last 11 meetings. Our Alumni Association sends sincere congratulations to Coach David Lutte, his coaching staff, and the entire Dieruff Husky Football Team.



Hughes Presented With Game Ball

At the conclusion of the Dieruff vs. Allen Football Game on October 29, 2022, Coach David Lutte declared John Hughes, Class of 1961, “Mr. Husky Pride”, and presented him with the official game ball. Photos taken by the coach’s wife Amy Lutte.



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**Holiday Sing-Along
with Mr. "C"**

**Tuesday
Dec. 6, 2022
6:00 PM Sharp**

You are invited to join
Mr. Peter Carpenter and the Dieruff
Alumni Association for an evening
of fun, food, and holiday music.
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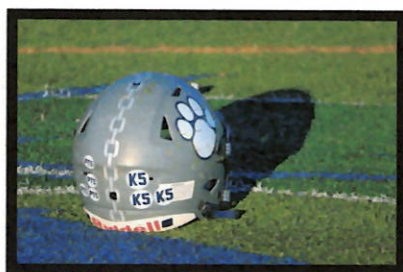
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Husky Hugs & Howls

I'm really tired! I realize I am a puppy and I'm expected to possess limitless energy, but I have been working very hard at being the new mascot. It is actually a great feeling.



The pep rally at Husky High was a hoot! I didn't even mind the popping balloons, the loud band, or the screaming kids. It was great to experience that Husky Pride.



And the "Big Game" was so much fun. I felt like a rock star, meeting the cheerleaders (of both sides), the fans, the coaches, and the players. I was happy to see that the team paid tribute to Kiska V by wearing "K5" emblems on their helmets.

And the photos! The paparazzi couldn't get enough of me. That is quite understandable, because I am quite photogenic!

Of all of the shots, I was most pleased with the one taken of "Uncle Mike" Makhoul and me running on to the playing field with the team. I would title that photo *"We have liftoff!"*

I truly believe I was born for this job!



With love,

Kiska VI

