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151th Annual All Class Reunion

Dinner Set for June 20th

ALL C.H.S. ALUMNI INVITED!!!!

The Chardon Alumni Association will host its Annual Alumni Dinner June 20th at St. Mary's Banquet Room, 401 North Street in Chardon.

Registration 5:30PM/Dinner 6:30PM

Dinner will be a buffet with gluten-free selections available. This will be a B.Y.O.B. event. Maximum seating is 200 so get your reservation in early so we can plan for your arrival! Early reservations are the key to a happy committee & great reunion!

You can make your reservations for the Alumni Dinner by mail using the reservation form in this Newsletter, or you can make your reservations online at

www.chardonalumni.org

WEBSITE/EMAIL!

SEND US YOUR CLASS LINKS!

Here's a quick summary of what we're trying to do to make things easy for you!

The Alumni Association has a website www.chardonalumni.org and a Facebook page Chardon Alumni Association, Inc.

These sites will help you stay in touch with each other and *your* hometown. We have Hall of Fame Nomination Forms, the ability to donate online, purchase dinner tickets online & more!!

If your class is planning a reunion now or in future years, the Alumni Association has a database with names and contact information for all Chardon graduates. We need your help keeping that database current. So *please*, when you move or when members of your family who are C.H.S. grads move, how about going to the website and dropping us a line?

Here's our email info@chardonalumni.org

VERY SPECIAL REUNION

CLASSES INCLUDE:

CLASS OF 1946 – 80 YEARS

CLASS OF 1951 – 75 YEARS

CLASS OF 1956 – 70 YEARS

CLASS OF 1961 – 65 YEARS

CLASS OF 1966 – 60 YEARS

CLASS OF 1971 – 55 YEARS

CLASS OF 1976 – 50 YEARS

CLASS OF 1981 – 45 YEARS

CLASS OF 1986 – 40 YEARS

CLASS REUNION CONTACT INFORMATION

Class of 1966 – 60th Reunion

Karen Knierim knierim7420@gmail.com

Contact Alumni Association for:

Class of 1976 – 50th Reunion

Class of 1986 – 40th Reunion

Chardon alumni classes with upcoming milestone reunions should consider fundraising to benefit Chardon High School or graduating Chardon seniors for college or trade school.

The Class of 1966 will meet its goal to raise \$6,600 for its 60th reunion. Alumni from other schools across the country are launching scholarship drives 5-10 years before milestone reunion celebrations. Perhaps your class has one or more favorite activities you would like to support. The Principal and other leaders at the High School have many ideas for good use of donated funds.

The Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) and can serve as the fiscal agent so that donations may be tax deductible and perhaps even matched by an employer. Get us involved and we will be happy to help. E-mail info@chardonalumni.org for details.

Please sign up for email at www.chardonalumni.org

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

Each year your Alumni Association honors alumni who have made a significant contribution after they graduated (+20 years). Hall of Fame inductees will be honored at the Alumni Dinner. The inductees this year are

Adam Armstrong
 Alex Armstrong
 Chris Black
 Josephine Culliton
 Liz Grabowski
 Russell & Irene Haueter






Please let us know alumni you think are worthy of this recognition so their accomplishment can be celebrated at our Alumni Dinners and at Chardon High School. Chardon students should learn about the accomplishments of those who graduated before them, so they can be motivated to strive for excellence in their own lives. A Hall of Fame nomination form is included with this Newsletter or can be accessed at our website. Please note that the Alumni Hall of Fame is separate from the Chardon Athletic Hall of Fame.

High School Memorabilia

If you have Chardon High items you would like to contribute to the memorabilia collection, please bring them to the Alumni Dinner, or send us an email so we can arrange to get it from you. The display at the dinner will be items from special reunion years. If you are coming to the dinner and want to see something in particular, please let us know.

All Memorabilia in our collection will be on display at Chardon High School on July 3 as part of the USA 250 celebration/fireworks show.

DO YOU REMEMBER THESE Classic Restaurants & Hangouts

-  Rickards Bakery
-  Master Pizza
-  Lehman's Pharmacy (formerly Cook's)
-  Geauga Movie Theater, Hazelwood Drive-In
-  Chardon Community Pool

SHARE YOUR STORY!

We want to hear from you! Send us:

- Alumni Updates & Class Notes
- Career milestones
- Weddings, retirements, anniversaries
- Family news
- Personal memories from your time as a Hilltopper

Your memories make this newsletter come alive!

Principal to Lead Tour of the School

Adam Tomco is the principal of Chardon High School. He has eagerly volunteered to lead a tour of the school on June 20th before the Alumni Dinner. The tour will start at 4:00 p.m. and will last about one hour. Please let us know if you want to attend the tour so we can advise Principal Tomco and the number of participants he should expect.

C.H.S. Alumni Financial Report

C.H.S. Alumni Financial Report	
Checking Balance 1/1/25	\$3,512.85
Income	
Dinner	4,975.25
Donations	11,287.34
Transfer from investment account	7,000.00
Income Total	23,262.59
Expenses	
Alumni Dinner	4,407.76
Bank/PayPal Expense	0.00
Newsletter	4,503.06
Post Office	159.20
Scholarships	6,000.00
Ohio 501(c3) fee	50.00
CHSAA Website	330.09
Hall of Fame	640.52
Memorabilia	824.00
Expense Total	\$16,914.63
Checking Balance 1/1/26	\$9,860.81
Encumbrances for 2026	
College Scholarships	4,000.00
Printed - Newsletter (2026)	500.00
Memorabilia storage	864.00
HOF and other	700.00
Encumbrance Total	6,064.00
Checking Balance less Encumbrances	\$3,796.81
A shortfall for encumbrances must be made up by donations or by withdrawal from investment account	
Investment Account Balance 1/1/2025	\$58,682.64
Income	
Dividends and interest	721.50
Market appreciation	3,703.80
Income Total	4,425.30
Expenses	
Transfer to checking	7,000.00
Market depreciation	0.00
Expense Total	\$7,000.00
Investment Account Balance 1/1/26	\$56,107.94
Trade Scholarships will be paid from investment funds.	

If you have questions, please contact the Treasurer at info@chardonalumni.org

Officers

Pres. Bonnie Feigle Clemson '75

VP. Judy Jonke-Thrasher '82

Sec. Debbie Lehmann Chuha '78

Treas. Tom Fazekas '66

Additional officers are needed if the Alumni Association continues to exist. Please consider nominating yourself or a classmate to be an Alumni Association officer. Nominations can be submitted by mail or email. Be sure to include the name, address, and phone number of your nominee. Officers will be elected at the Alumni Dinner.

Interesting Websites and e-mail

info@chardonalumni.org

Chardon Schools:

www.chardon.k12.oh.us

www.chardonalumni.org

www.chardonathletics.com

www.highschoolalumni.com

www.chardonschoolsfoundation.org

www.geaugatv.org

Facebook:

Chardon Alumni Association, Inc.

G-TV - School News

The New HD Chardon Square Cam!

Classmates.com (3,100+ CHS Alums!)

153rd CHARDON COMMENCEMENT

Chardon High School's 153rd Commencement is set to take place at Parkside Church in Bainbridge Township on May 19, 2026 (7:30 PM). The event will be live streamed by G-TV. The streaming link will be available on the Alumni, School District and G-TV websites. Alums are welcome to watch! Check our website for more current news when it is available.

Alumni Database

The Database is a source of contact information for classes that are planning reunions, and it is our record of whether you want to receive your Alumni Newsletter by mail or email.

Please remember to let us know if you move, and please send us your email, so we can keep your information up to date in the Database.

If your class is planning a reunion, please reach out via email, so we can send you contact information for your classmates. If you get updated classmate contact information, please pass it on to us so we can keep the Database up to date.

NONPROFIT DONATIONS

The Chardon High School Alumni Association is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization.

Our main charitable purposes are memorabilia preservation, academic and trade scholarships for CHS graduates, and donations to Chardon High School for beneficial projects. Your donation to the Association is tax deductible to the extent your individual tax filing situation permits.

If you have an IRA or 401(k) and must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), please consider using part of that as your donation. If the donation goes directly from your retirement account to a qualifying charity, then the donation amount is not taxable and counts as part of your RMD. Talk to the institution that holds your account for details about Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD). Let them know the Alumni Association EIN (Tax ID) is 34-1430603, if they ask for it.

Any check must be payable to the CHS Alumni Association and mailed to:

CHSAA

P.O. Box 161

Chardon, OH 44024.

ALUMNI GENEROUSITY

With the help of the C.H.S. Guidance Department and Auburn Career Center, the Alumni Association awards \$2000 scholarships to graduating seniors. The 2025 scholarship recipients for college or trade school were:

Elle Deszczykiewicz

Stone Faucett

Luke Mosely

Thanks to YOUR support, we were able to increase the size of scholarships in 2024 and anticipate maintaining the scholarships at that level in future years.

MAILED ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

The Alumni Association will mail the annual Alumni Newsletter to alumni who have specifically request a mailed copy. If you received this Newsletter by mail, you will continue to get a mailed copy in future years. Please keep us up to date with your current address if you move.

You can sign up for an email version of the Newsletter at [Alumni Subscriber request](#). Email is the preferred distribution method.

If you received an emailed Newsletter, you will continue to get emails of the Newsletter and other Alumni updates via email. Please keep us up to date with your preferred email address if it changes.

ORDER DINNER TICKETS ONLINE AT

[Alumni Dinner Reservation](#)

OR

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/7TYVV4R4L6GCU>

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MAJOR DONORS in 2025

JEFFREY BEHM
ROBERTA BRZOZOWSKI
LINDA CHAPMAN
BRIAN DEFRANCESCO
JOAN DOWNS
TOM AND KATHY FAZEKAS
CAROL GOODRICH
VICTORIA HOPES
ROBERT HORN
DAVE JEVNIKAR
RICHARD KELLY
STEWART LANDIES
JEANETTE OPPER
JAMES OSBORNE
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JOSEPH SVETE
MARK TAYLOR
HELEN THOMAS
ROBERTA WEAVER
BARBARA WILLIAMS
GREG WOLCOTT
CLASS OF 1966

ALUMNI DINNER RESERVATION AND DONATION FORM

You can make your reservations to the Alumni Dinner by completing and mailing this form along with your payment, or you can make your reservations online at www.chardonalumni.org. Please RSVP by June 1st.

Name _____ Year graduated _____

Name of Chardon alumni child/spouse _____ Year graduated _____

Address Correction _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Your **email address** please! _____

Check Here _____ and mail this form to request mailed copy of the Newsletter in future years. If you received a mailed Newsletter this year, you will continue to get it by mail in future years unless you tell us to stop or to send an email copy.

Please reserve _____ Dinners @ \$45.00 ea. Total =\$ _____

I would like to make a Donation to the Chardon Alumni Association \$ _____

Preferred use of donation ___ General Funds ___ Scholarship ___ Memorabilia Preservation
___ Other (Please specify _____)

MAIL TO CHARDON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, P. O. BOX 161, CHARDON, OH 44024

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ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

NOMINATION FORM

Hall of Fame Purpose – To connect our present student body with their heritage and let Alumni know they are still a part of Chardon High School.

Objective – The Hall of Fame nomination honors the inductee but just as importantly strives to influence current Chardon High School students.

Requirements for Eligibility

Candidates will be eligible 20 years after graduating from Chardon High School.
The honoree may be deceased.

Criteria for Consideration

Community Involvement
Career Success and/or unique contribution
Positive Role Model
Demonstrated leadership

Nomination for:

Name _____ Graduation Year _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Reasons for Nomination:

Attachment(s) as needed – Must have by July 10th

Name of Person Nominating:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Chardon High School Alumni Association, P. O. Box 161 Chardon OH 44024

Email – *info@chardonalumni.org*