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RAILSPLITTERS
2019

ABRAHAM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI FOUNDATION

ANNUAL DINNER CELEBRATION

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Social Time 5:30 PM

Dinner 6 PM

Awards Celebration 7 PM

ALHS ALUMNI FOUNDATION OFFICERS

President.....Anna Williams '63
Vice President.....Jennifer Van Wyk '91
Treasurer.....Alan Kincheloe '80
Assistant Treasurer.....Becky Dewey '83
Secretary.....Stephanie Brennan '03
Past President.....Nicole Graziano '86

WELCOME

Paul Williamson, *Principal*

OPENING REMARKS

Anna Williams '63, *President*

HALL OF FAME AWARDS

Gloria Gray '66, *Hall of Fame Committee Chair*

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Nicole Graziano '86, *Scholarship Committee Chair*

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES BY

LHS Vocal Music Department

Christian White, *Director*

2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

ALHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Eddy Andrade-Robles	Salina Khamdyrath	Yahsiah Scott
Yesenia Calderon	Hillary Lopez	Madison Searcy
He Eh	Consuelo Manzano	Corey Thacker
Sara Hassan	Hung Nguyen	Daunte Thompson
Analy Hernandez	Hugo Ramirez	
Je'Rika Hollings-O'Neal	David Reinier	

ALHS CLASS OF 1963 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jenna Dace

BLH BEVINGTON SCHOLARSHIP

Alana Astor	Kailee Keongam	Sydney Sanford
Erika Canada	Benjamin Knoebel	Logan Sharp
Janna Cook	Coby Konkol	Alex Song
Clayton Davis	Nathaniel McCraine	Kristina Toben
Johnathan Dooley	Roderick Orellana-Lemus	Makayla Van Erdewyk
Andrew Flinn	Daniel Pfeifer	Taylor Whipple
Victoria Grubb	Victoria Pliler	Eleanor Worth
Blessing Hutchinson	Abigail Ross	Natalie Worthington
Ryan Hyslope	Jared Roush	

CAROLE JONES MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Brittney Miller

CLASS OF 1964 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Anjana Biswa

THE CLAYLE, MILVA, MAXHN, AND JANINE MCCAW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Nixon Benitez	Steve Lo
Sara Hassan	Abigail Ross

CORALIE CHERRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Sydney Sanford

DAN SMOOT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Makayla Van Erdewyk

THE DAVE MILLS SCHOLARSHIP

Susmita Wagley

THE DAVE OSTREM FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Miles Curtis	Daniel Pfeifer
Edward Kouangvongthien	Jared Roush
Alesia Larsen	

DR. JOHN W. GREEN, JR. FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Erika Canada	Hannah Reeves
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DR. PATRICIA K. TICE SCHOLARSHIP

Coby Konkol

ELIZABETH C. VENCIL CHANDLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jharna Adhikari	Janna Cook
Alana Astor	Abby Wiedmann

THE ERICKSON FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Luis Avila

FUSE DSM, YOUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP

Abby Munsell

GEORGE "SKIP" TIMMONS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Nancy Coronel	Kailee Keongam
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THE GLORIA GRAY SCHOLARSHIP

Victoria Grubb	Eleanor Worth
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HOWARD WAYNE FOUST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Kaylee Weaver

HUGH KENT MEMORIAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Fatu Sheriff

JIM & RALPH WILSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Roderick Orellana-Lemus

LEO BRIDAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jada Franklin

THE MELINE FAMILY SWIMMING SCHOLARSHIP

Erica Benson

THE MYRNA NEWBURY AGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jenna Dace

NEFF FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Lanchi Nguyen

NICHOLAS J. MANCUSO SCHOLARSHIP

Kimberly Guerrero

RAY "MONK" AND ERMA WILSON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Madelinn Todhunter

RAYMOND AND SHIRLEY PHILLIPS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Ryan Hyslope

RICHARD HURD SCHOLARSHIP

Johnathan Dooley

ROLLAND GEIL & RUTH JOHNSON NICHOLS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Ivonne Almaraz-Mejorado

SARG FONTANINI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Kiara Banks

STUDEBAKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Ann Khanthaphengxay

WILLIAM "BILL" MCKIBBEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Alex Song

WOLFE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Marina Cruz-Espino

ZAC BALES-HENRY SCHOLARSHIP

Nixson Benitez

DENNIS DEARDEN, CLASS OF 1970. Dennis was the Senior Class president and was selected as "Man of the Year" during his senior year. He was an active participant in both baseball and basketball, was a 2 Year letterman in both sports and captain of each team his senior year. In basketball he was a 1st Team All-Metro selection and third leading scorer in the Metro his senior year. In addition to this he was Honorable Mention All-State.

Upon graduation from Lincoln, Dennis went on to attend Simpson College where he continued to play basketball and baseball. He lettered two times in each sport.

After graduating from Simpson, Dennis became a teacher, coach and school administrator, spending 20 years in the classroom. Dennis coached at several schools, including Lincoln, where he was on the staff of the 1975 State Title Basketball Team. He coached at Norwalk, Urbandale, and in Colorado. He was selected as Coach of the Year at both Norwalk and at Grand Junction High School in Colorado. In addition to his high school coaching, Dennis was also the Head Basketball Coach at Simpson College for three seasons. He was the Iowa Conference Coach of the Year in 1983. His overall career record was 270-74. In 2016 he was inducted into the Lincoln High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Dennis moved on to administration in 1993 and has served as Athletic Director, Principal, Superintendent, and was the Associate Executive Director of AASA, the School Superintendent Association. There he launched the first National Superintendent Certification Program. To date over 300 superintendents from around the country have gone through the program.

Before his time as superintendent, Dearden served as the Cluster I assistant superintendent for Fairfax County Schools in Virginia, where he was responsible for 22 schools and nearly 20,000 students. All 22 schools earned full state accreditation and the three high schools were included in the 2005 Newsweek top 100 high schools in the nation.

Dennis is known nationwide as an extremely talented educational leader. He has excelled at every level due in large part to his team building strength, his ability to communicate a clear and distinct passion for students and reaching out to a constituency that embraces change and breaks down barriers to teaching and learning.

Currently Dennis is the Superintendent of Sedona Oak Creek Unified School District in Sedona, Arizona.

DAVID HOLLINGSWORTH, CLASS OF 1971. David attended Park Avenue Elementary School, and Lincoln and Brody for junior high grades before coming to Lincoln High School. He is a fourth generation Southsider.

After Lincoln David graduated from the University of Iowa with a bachelor's degree in Finance and Quantitative Analysis. He then earned his MBA from Drake University.

David is a seasoned executive, successfully building, growing and transforming departments, companies and individual agencies. He has led sales, claims, product, underwriting, and processing organizations; counseled with insurance carriers, financial service firms, and insurance agencies of all sizes and types.

Currently, David is CEO of Hollico LLC and a partner in Renovo Partners LLC. He is a member of the Iscental Advisory Board of Directors and has the role of Board Chairman. Through both of his consulting businesses he has worked with several insurance carriers, banks, TPAs, insurance aggregators and over 100 different insurance agencies. The type of work done has included strategic planning, business valuations, benchmarking, business sales and purchase negotiations, exit strategies for owners, and business and agency training.

Prior to starting his consulting practice in 2006, David was a part of the Nationwide Insurance senior leadership team. During his over 30 years with Nationwide he held various positions with their agribusiness insurance company; held administrative responsibilities for a number of Nationwide subsidiaries; was COO of Gates McDonald & Company, turning the company into a profitable growing concern; and managed Nationwide's health business. His last position at Nationwide gave him responsibility for developing Nationwide's internet capabilities, and managing all of Nationwide's property casualty distribution, wholesale support agency, and board relations team. His team generated nearly \$10 billion in annual property casualty sales and \$900 million of financial product sales.

As a member of the Nationwide leadership team he held various board positions on more than 20 of Nationwide's subsidiaries, from 1995 through 2004.

Over his career David has served on the boards of the South Des Moines YMCA and the Greater Des Moines YMCA. He was a graduate of the

Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute, and a member of Park Ave. Christian Church. In Ohio, he was a member in the St. Paul Catholic Church, Westerville, OH. He was on the boards of Catholic Social Services, Recreation Unlimited, and Fore Hope, all in Columbus, Ohio.

SUSAN AMEND WOODY, CLASS OF 1981, grew up in Des Moines and attended Jefferson and Brody before getting to Lincoln. Her family owned Amend Meat Packing Company which had been in business for 90 years, until last Fall. While at Lincoln, Susan was captain of the Drill Team, sang with the Chamber Chorale and was a Mermaid.

After Lincoln she received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Iowa. She also received a Master of Library and Information degree from the University of Northern Texas.

She began her career with the Des Moines Public Library as a half-time storyteller and coordinator of children's programs. She then developed and managed the Rosie Outreach Program, designed and implemented the Rosie Reader mascot and brand, and was the full-time Rosie Outreach Coordinator, traveling the city to read to children and share her passion for literacy with central Iowa youth – a passion that continues today and guides her vision for the future.

Before becoming Director, Sue served as Branch Manager for both the South Side and Forest Avenue locations. She was the Supervising Librarian of Community Engagement, a position that oversaw library marketing, publicity, outreach and community engagement efforts. She also planned and organized the Authors Visiting in Des Moines author series, including podcasts.

Prior to her years of library work, for three years Sue owned and operated a children's book store called THE ALLIGATOR'S TALE in Des Moines.

Susan became Director of the Des Moines Public Library in July 2018, after a national search, and after 14 years of proven leadership and demonstrated communication skills. She leads with a passion to inspire the community to embrace all that the library offers, a desire to lead the organization with dynamic vision for short and long-term goals, and to establish an excellent working environment that encourages teamwork and innovation.

THANK YOU

VENDORS

Baratta's – Dinner Catering
Charles Stover '56 – Photography

STAFF & STUDENTS

Paul Williamson, *Principal*
LHS Vocal Music Department – Christian White, *Director*
Lincoln Railettes, *Hostesses/Servers*
LHS Operations Staff

ANNUAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Becky Clinton Dewey '83, *Chair*
Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson '75
John Thielke '80

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

Gloria Gray '66, *Chair*
Skip Phillips '68
John Thielke '80
Anna Ruperto Williams '63
Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson '75

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE

Nicole Graziano '86, *Chair*
Kerry Weldon Feuling '96
Amy Whisler Hutchens '83
Lisa Mahoney
Anna Ruperto Williams '63

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS
FOR MAKING THIS EVENT POSSIBLE!

SCHOOL SONG

We're loyal to you, Lincoln High
We're maroon and gold, Lincoln High
We'll back you to stand
'Gainst the best in the land
For we know you have sand
Lincoln High. Rah! Rah!

So smash that blockade, Lincoln High
Go crashing ahead, Lincoln High
Our team is our fame protector
On boys! for we expect
A touchdown from you, Lincoln High!

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