



Meet Our New Foundation Board Members



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Meredith Davison



Jinoo Mattila



Beth Sylves



Bev Verduin '14

Thank you to our new 2023 members of the Ballard High School Foundation Board.

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And our new Co-Presidents



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Ryan Carlisle '93

Thank you, Phil and Ryan, for your service!

Register Now for the Running of the Beavers



The Running of the Beavers 5K Fun Run and Walk is back after a two-year hiatus, starting and finishing at Golden Gardens Park. The proceeds directly benefit Ballard Athletics, Cheer, Dance, Band, and Associated Student Body. New this year, we're partnering with the Ballard Food Bank.

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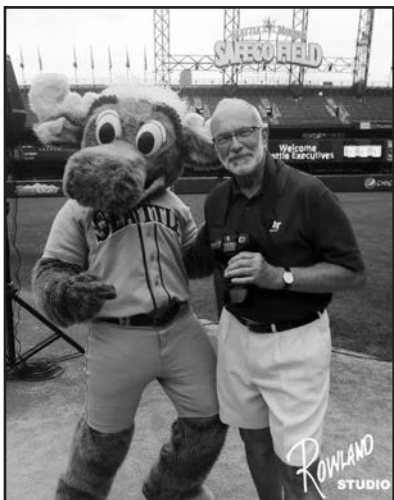
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We Couldn't Picture BHSF Without Him

Bruce Johnson (Rowland Studios) is a past winner of the Foundation's Captain Ballard Award, presented to individuals and organizations making exceptional contributions to Ballard High School and the Ballard High School Foundation.

Bruce has taken all the photos at BHSF's many events for years, as well as student photos and photos of school events. We just couldn't see ourselves without his help.

Bruce and the Mariner Moose



BHS Administrative Team Update



Principal Abby Hunt

I am honored to be joined by Ms. JaLynn Montes, Mr. David Fort, and Dr. Jody Shuman. I am including a brief bio for each of them below and I hope you have them opportunity to meet them soon if you haven't already. ~ Principal Abby Hunt

JaLynn Montes has a BAE in Education and English from PLU, a M.Ed. in Adult and Higher Education from WWU, and a residency admin certificate from WWU. Over the years, she has taught ELA/SS in Portland Public Schools, the Edmonds School District, and in Seattle Public Schools. While having and raising her 3 children, she worked for 15 years at Everett, Edmonds, and Shoreline community colleges as a part-time ESL teacher to immigrants, refugees, and international students. For the past 2 years, she worked as an AP at Redmond Middle School in the Lake Washington School District. She is happy to be back in SPS as an AP at Ballard where two of her three children attend.



From <https://ballardhs.seattleschools.org/news/ballard-hs-administration-team/>

David Fort is a lifelong Seattleite and parent of two Seattle Schools students who has spent 18 years working with SPS. As a teacher, he taught Language Arts and Senior Projects at Chief Sealth High School.



He taught World History and American Government at Franklin High School where he worked on the Building Leadership Team and was a Career Ladder Teacher. For the last 6 years, David worked as a Consulting Teacher (STAR Mentor) working on teacher induction and teacher growth and support. He also worked on the Racial Equity team there and led district-wide trainings for new to profession and new to district teachers.

Jody Shuman has a Ed.D. in organizational leadership with an emphasis in special education and a M.Ed. in special education, both from Grand Canyon University. She has 10 years of experience in education from schools in Texas, Colorado, and Seattle. This will be her first year as an administrator but not her first year at Ballard. She taught in special education for the last 4 years, in addition to coaching volleyball and basketball. She is excited to continue working with the Ballard community in her new role.



4th Annual Running of the Beavers March 25

After a three-year hiatus, the Running of the Beavers is back, 9 a.m., Saturday, March 25 at Golden Gardens!

Sponsored by the Ballard High School Foundation, the Running of the Beavers is a 5K Fun Run and Walk. Proceeds directly benefit Ballard Athletics, Cheer, Dance and Band.

The run starts and finishes at beautiful Golden Gardens Park, going along the waterfront at Seaview Avenue. Enjoy stunning views of Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains on this fast, flat course. The finish will take you right by Golden Garden's famous Beaver Pond.

New this year is a class competition for Beaver students, where the grade level with the most participants earns \$250 for their class funds.

We are also excited to announce a new partnership with the Ballard Food Bank. Look for more details as we get closer to the race!

See you there, bright and early on March 25 to run, walk or cheer on your Beaver friends!

Register or donate at <https://runningofthebeavers5k.com/>.



We couldn't stage the Running of the Beavers Chair without the support of Chair Sue Stimac Verduin '78 (left), and event sponsor Anchor QEA.

Thank you also to Ballard High School ASB Advisor Laura Lehni (right) for her support and assistance with the Class Competition.



Welcome to Our New Board Members

Phil Brockman '76

Phil worked for the Seattle Public Schools for 30 years, beginning his career in education as a math teacher and coach at Rainier Beach High School. Phil advanced through his career as a middle and high school principal, including becoming the Ballard High School Principal in 2004. Phil also held the position of Interim High School Director, Executive Director of Schools, and Executive Director of PK-12 School Operations. In 2013, Phil became the Superintendent of the Sedro-Woolley School District and after 38 years in the world of education, retired in 2021. In addition, Phil



was active in the state school associations serving in leadership positions as well as non-profits such as the United Way. Phil, a 1976 alum, grew up in Ballard and has four brothers that graduated from Ballard High. There have been 12 family members who have graduated from Ballard, with the most recent in 2020. Phil's parents Frank and Elenore were well known in the Ballard community, and his very active 93-year young mother, still lives in the family home. Phil has been married for 39 years to his beautiful bride Tamera and has two daughters, Tera and Jill, and two grandkids, Izaiah and Lauren. Phil is excited to return to the Ballard High School Foundation as co-president in support of programs that support students through their graduation and beyond.

Beth Sylves

Originally from Tennessee, Beth Sylves arrived in the Pacific Northwest by way of Arizona in 2001. A native of Jackson, TN, Beth was her high school's Color Guard captain and attended the University of Memphis where she developed a passion for sports during internships in junior hockey and the Canadian Football League (in TN), earning a marketing degree and a deep loyalty to anything relating to Penny Hardaway. Headed to Phoenix to pursue a life in a rapidly growing sports community, Beth worked in sports media, both print and broadcast, while earning her MBA with a specialization in Sports Business from Arizona State University in '01. Since moving to the Pacific Northwest, Beth has directed marketing, sales and promotions efforts for the Tacoma Dome, Emerald Queen Casino, accesso ShoWare Center, a cluster of commercial radio stations, healthcare plans, and is now on the business team at GeekWire. Beth is currently a mentor for WISE (Women in Sports & Events) Seattle chapter. Past local activities have included volunteer duties at the Boeing Classic, the US Open & Senior Open, Tacoma Rotary #8, and was named as a "40 Under 40" honoree by the Business Examiner in 2003. Beth resides in Magnolia, with husband Rob, and they are very proud parents of Cass Sylves, BHS '23.



Jinoo Mattila

Graduating as a three-sport letterman from Fort Vancouver High School, Jinoo traveled north to attend the University of Washington. After earning his degree from the UW in International Studies, he joined Seattle's booming tech scene. Having supported and delivered on multimillion-dollar tech initiatives, to leading teams across the globe, Jinoo understands that the most important thing is always the strength and foundation of the team. His diverse career experience includes tech work with one of the world's largest software companies, a wireless phone service leader, a luxury fashion retailer with a reputation



for world-class customer service, and finally working for the largest philanthropic organization in the world. He now lives with his wife and two daughters in Ballard – the youngest at Hamilton and the oldest a sophomore at Ballard High School. An avid local sports fan, Jinoo also loves to play golf in the beautiful PNW, rain or shine. These days, if not found on a golf course somewhere, you can find Jinoo supporting his daughters' activities of dance and cheer as their biggest fan, yelling from the stands or sidelines. Passionate about his community, Jinoo looks to build a grassroots movement that only gets stronger for the long term. Always looking for more inclusive ways to involve members of the community, Jinoo has focused on building personal and long-lasting relationships that will foster an environment for all.

Many Thanks

Thanks to Outgoing Board Members Rob Han '03 and Jerry Smith '66 for their work on behalf of the Ballard High School Foundation. We also recognize Jerry Smith for his work as chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Meredith Davison

Meredith was raised in Connecticut and attended college in upstate New York. After 10 years of practicing law in Boston, she and her husband relocated to Seattle. Since her arrival in 2016, Meredith has worked as an attorney at Malone Law Group PS in the Ballard neighborhood, representing local families, small businesses, and nonprofits. She provides advice on business succession plans, contracts, real estate transactions, estate planning and the probate process. Through this work, Meredith has had

the pleasure of working with Ballard leaders, stakeholders and residents and she appreciates the strong connection her clients have with the community. Looking to make their own connection, Meredith and her husband recently purchased a home in the area. In her free time, she enjoys exploring the Pacific Northwest, hosting out-of-town guests, and gardening.



Rob Han '03



Jerry Smith '66

Bev Verduin '14

Beverly was born and raised in Seattle, and from the age of 5, lived in Ballard. She attended Ballard High School from 2010-14, lettering all four years on the basketball team while bouncing around in other sports and activities. After graduating from Ballard, she went on to Central Washington to play on their women's basketball team and received a degree in Social Services. From there she came back to Seattle to attend Seattle University and achieve her Master of Nonprofit Leadership Degree. While at Seattle University, Beverly had an internship with United Way of King County which led



to her career in development. In her second year at Seattle University, she worked in their Athletic Department as a Graduate Assistant for Development. After graduating, she began working at Evergreen Goodwill as a Philanthropy Coordinator and was then promoted to Philanthropy Officer, raising major gifts for Goodwill's free job training and education programs. In September 2022, Beverly had the amazing opportunity to return to Seattle University as the Assistant Athletic Director for Development and couldn't be happier! None of this would be possible without her time at Ballard High School. She is really looking forward to giving back to the community that helped shape her and paying it forward for the next generation of BHS grads.

And Special Thanks for Joel Niemeyer's Years of Service

A special thank you to Joel Niemeyer '78 for completion of your service as a Board Member, President and Co-President of the Ballard High School Foundation. A true Beaver, through and through, your inspired leadership left an indelible mark upon our work.



Class News

Class of '53 Reunion Lunch

Our 69th Class of 1953 Reunion was held on September 23, at Broadmoor Golf & Country Club. A wonderful lunch was served, along with a short program welcoming all in attendance. A letter to all classmates was read from Tom Carskadden, Class President, who lives in Hondo, Texas. He is doing well, but “missing” Seattle rain! We all sang our Alma Mater! We love to keep in touch with our classmates, and thanks to Dick Selander, our computer guru, we are succeeding! Our reunion team is Dick Selander, Trudy Oliver Madsen and Peggy Beeson Yeakel. Hope to see all next year for our 70th!!!

Class of 1960 Update

Greetings to the Class of '60. This report is in memory of fallen classmates James Eldon Goodin (we knew him as Jimmy), Billie Jo Larson Therson (or Willa Josephine Larson), Mike Mills, and Wesley Wagner (we knew him as Peter). We are sorry for their loss and, in some cases, belatedly ... as sad news doesn't always travel very fast.

On another note, I've included poetry by one of our own, Magnhild (Monnie) Trigstad Meland. I hope you enjoy her writing.

Sometimes

Sometimes the spirit will carry a poem like a birthday gift upon my tongue holding the juice of words flowing, releasing through my pen, perhaps melting storm clouds, and embroidering sun rays to circle me like a puppy in motion...all wagging body.

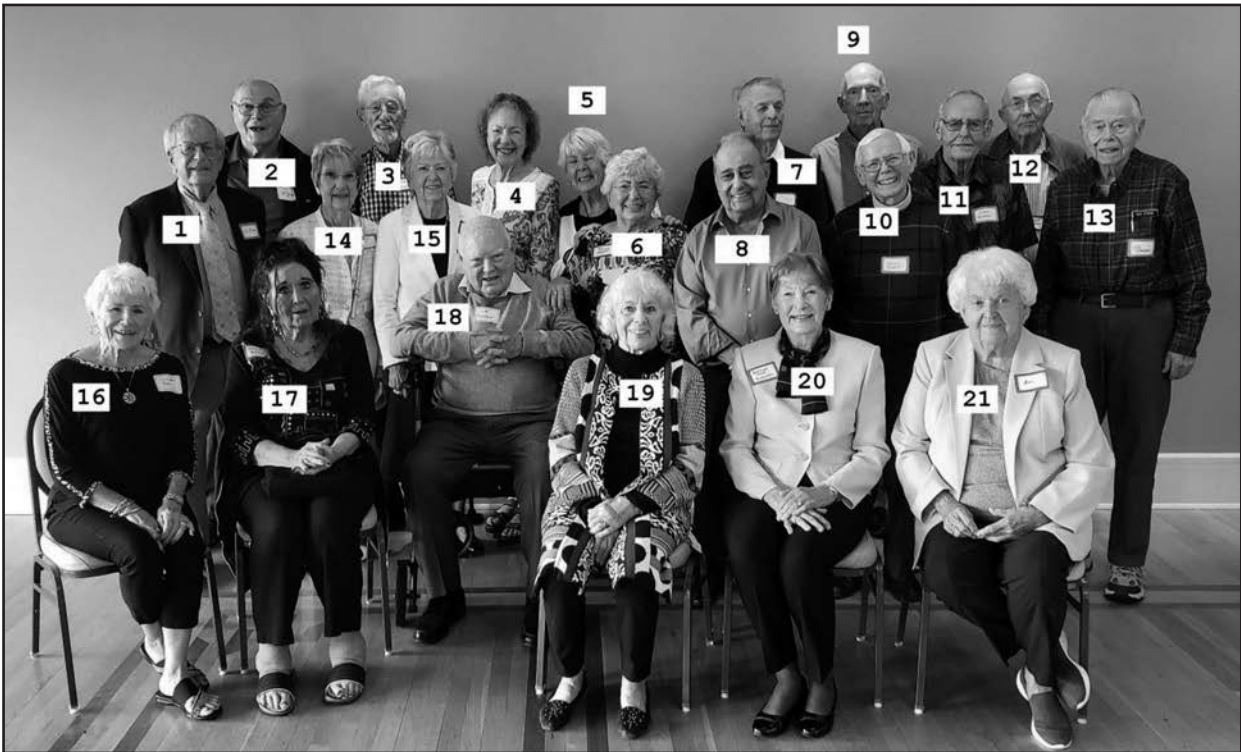
Stay in Touch!

Your fellow Ballard grads would enjoy any comments you have regarding the August 2022 reunion event, the life you're living, or thoughts on your years at Ballard High. Those musings can be passed along through our email: ballardhigh1960@aol.com. We will share what you submit with classmates who've given us their email addresses. Let's hear from you — we hold the magic years of high school in our hearts. Carry on, stay cool and be well.

Update courtesy of Class of '60 Reporter Carol McLean Jackson

One Last Stop ...

Ballard Foundation Board Member Cyndy Clegg '78 (center) enjoys a recent Dick's Drive-In Progressive Dinner Journey that she purchased at the 2021 Celebrating All Things Ballard Online Auction. These six celebrants are true Ballard Beavers from the Classes of 1978 and '79. Needless to say, they loved it!



1 Bill Rosen	2. Al Jones	3. Larry Holdren	4. Shirley Bray Wilson	5. Marylou Morrison Strandoo	6. Trudy Oliver Madsen	7. Don Wilson
8. Louie Therson	9. Gary Dye	10. Howie Jones	11. Dan Olson	12. Dick Selander	13. Dick Strand	14. Darlene Cohen Lane
15. Roselene (Rosie) Jensen Kelley	16. Louise Darst Davis	17. Evelyn Cole Anderson	18. Don Simpson	19. Peggy Beeson Yeakel	20. Gretchen Stroh Scheumann	21. Ann Knudson Hyde

Why Alumni Come Back to BHS

We always wondered why alumni come back to Ballard High School after they graduate! We decided to ask a few people, and this is what information we received back:

Doug Montgomery '03

My name is Doug Montgomery, and I've been the Head Baseball Coach at Ballard since 2013 (may need Seattle Times subscription to read). I was a 2003 Ballard grad, who played baseball at the school for Eric Chartrand (class of '84), Gary Seefried (class of '64) and Kevin Miller (class of '94). I took over the program from John Lamm (class of '82), and I'm fortunate to have been mentored by class of '56 Mick McDonald (Westside article). All of which goes to say that dating back to the 70's there has been a Ballard Beaver at the helm of the baseball program- 7 in a row if my history is correct.



Additionally, on our current staff, we have Nick Thornton-Jack ('05), Emmett Niland ('09), and Frank Airey ('13).

When I interviewed for this job as a 27 year old with very little coaching experience, I remember bluntly saying, "this isn't just another coaching job for me. You won't see me

coaching at Ingraham or Blanchet. This is it for me. This is where my pride is at."

Nick Thornton-Jack '05

I came back to Ballard, and am serving as an assistant football and baseball coach because I am extremely proud to be an alum of Ballard High School. I returned in order to give back to the community that allotted me to get a degree and hopefully supply the students of today with the tools I was given here that allowed me to be successful both athletically (in football, track and field, and wrestling) and academically.



John Marshall '19

I graduated from Ballard in 2019. I'm now the varsity tennis head coach, while at Ballard I played tennis and swam. I came back to Ballard because I love playing tennis and coaching, especially teaching the right mindset to approach challenges in competition.

Eric Ensign '91

I graduated from BHS in 1991. I played basketball. I came back to Ballard because without Ballard athletics, I wouldn't be where I am today. High School sports helped me stay motivated and from my experience, it led me to go into coaching and teaching as a career. I've always been proud to be a Beaver!



Thank you Athletic Booster Club (ABC) for the great newsletter updates!

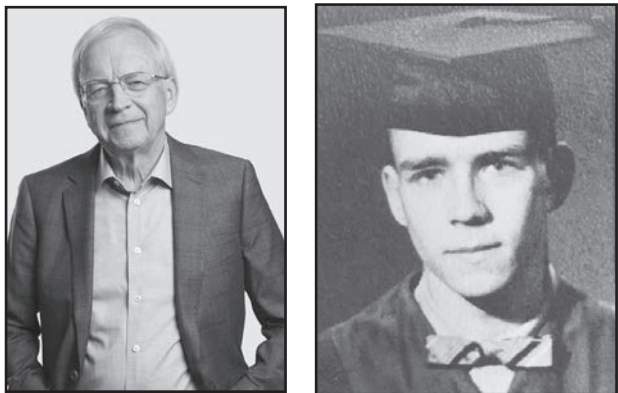
Do You Have a Class Update?

We're looking for class reports... If you are a class representative from the class of 1971 or earlier and you have updates about your classmates, please send them to Dick Lee at rjlee@seattleschools.org so we can include them in The Log!

Class News

We Have Recently Lost...

Tom Alberg '58



Tom Alberg left this world on August 5, 2022.

Tom co-founded Madrona in 1995 and actively worked in support of Madrona and its portfolio companies. Tom served on the boards of numerous public and private companies, including Amazon.com, on which he started serving before it went public in 1997. He was a former director for Impinj, a prior Madrona Portfolio Company that is now a public company. Immediately prior to founding Madrona, Tom served as president of public companies LIN Broadcasting Corporation and executive vice president of McCaw Cellular Communications, Inc. Previously, he was chair of the executive committee and partner in the Northwest's largest law firm, Perkins Coie, where he was principal counsel for The Boeing Company, Alaska Airlines, and a number of early technology companies. Before that, he was an attorney with Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York.

He was past chair of the Washington State Technology Alliance, the Discovery Institute, and the Pacific Science Center and past president of Intiman Theater in Seattle. He was co-chair of the capital campaign for the Computer Science and Engineering Department's building at the University of Washington and of ACES Northwest Network, a coalition of businesses supporting the implementation of autonomous, connected, electric and shared vehicles in the region. He served on the boards of TechNet Northwest, the Pacific Science Center, and Challenge Seattle. He was formerly a member of President Obama's National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship. He was also on the Investment Committee of the Seattle Foundation. He was also previously ranked number 12 of the 35 most influential

business leaders in the Seattle area by Puget Sound Business Journal.

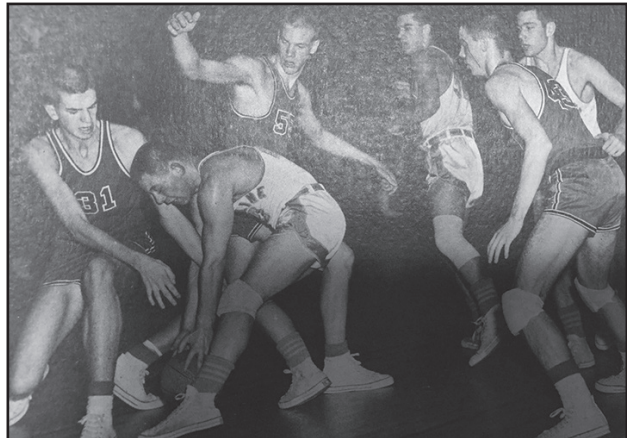
Tom was an avid sailor, and he joined forces with celebrated winemaker Mike Januik to build the Novelty Hill Januik winery in nearby Woodinville, Washington. He was also one of the principal participants in the development of the Four Seasons Hotel in downtown Seattle. He and his wife, Judi Beck, also founded Oxbow Farm and Conservation Center.

Tom was a 1958 graduate of Ballard High School in Seattle, and he attended Harvard College, where he graduated cum laude. He received his law degree from Columbia Law School, where he was an editor of the "Columbia Law Review." Obituary c/o Madrona Venture Group. Tom was added to the Ballard High School Foundation Wall of Recognition in 2006. Read more about his extraordinary life at <https://www.madrona.com/tomalberg-2/>

Coach Norm Goldstein

Right: from The Seattle Times obituary;

Below: 1961 BHS basketball team from The Shingle



Coach Goldstein's 1961 boys basketball team finished second in the state, which was the best finish ever for a Beaver boys' hoops team.

In Norm's memory, Victor Salvino '51 spearheaded a fundraiser for the BHS boys basketball program. More than \$8,000 has been raised. You can still donate, contact Dick Lee for more info at rjlee@seattleschools.org.

Find a full obituary at <https://obituaries.seattletimes.com/obituary/norman-goldstein-1086705532>

Judy Olson Rikansrud '58

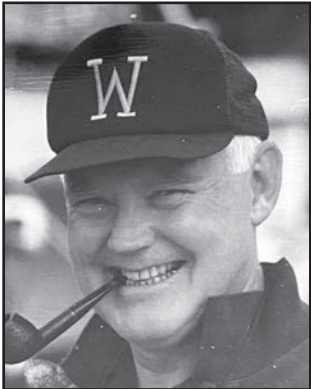
We cannot thank Judy enough for all her work on behalf of the Ballard High School Foundation and the Golden Beavers. Flnd a full obituary at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/seattle-wa/judith-rikansrud-10813377>



Don Simpson '53

A former BHSF and Golden Beavers president, Don Simpson '53 grew up on Sunset Hill in Seattle, graduated from Ballard High School and the University of Washington, and lived all but a couple of years of his life within a few miles of his childhood home.

Find full obituaries in The Seattle Times at <https://obituaries.seattletimes.com/obituary/donald-simpson-1086974254>



Dori Monson '77

We are sad to hear of the recent passing of long-time radio host Dori Monson '77, who often spoke of himself as the "kid from the mean streets of Ballard."

Find a full obituary in The Seattle Times at <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/dori-monson-conservative-seattle-radio-host-dies-at-61/>



Photo courtesy of KIRO Newsradio

In Memoriam

Acknowledging those whose loss has been reported to us since last spring.

- Virginia Coates Abell-Clayton '44
- Tom Alberg '58
- Willy Blom '56
- Bob Boraker '53
- John Bratland '48
- Robert Brown III '62
- Gary Card '61
- Randall Christensen '59
- Ann Clingan '49
- James D. Edwards '65
- Colleen (Rockas) Farmasonis '56
- Donna Lee Cottingham Fish '55
- Janet A. Good '50
- Leah House Helmick '51
- Pam Humphries '66

- Lois Hummel '53
- Fritz Johnson '48
- Susan Casey Johnson '61
- Willard Kanouff '71
- James (Jim) Kay '64
- Robert Kropp '55
- Dennis Lair '68
- Charles Leibst '55
- John Nick '44
- Charles (Chuck) McMillian '59
- Michelle Mercier '07
- Dori Monson '77
- Alan Olson '77
- Gail Lygdman Reiff '59
- Judy (Olson) Rikansrud '58

- Shannon Russell '75
- Mardette Sanders '43
- Don Simpson '53
- Darryll Smith '60
- James Tagart '57
- Nancy Thurmond '46
- Irene DiMaio Vitulli '48
- Edwin R. Waldal '53
- Robert Wollman '69
- Gary Lynn Yager '56
- Alan Young '66



Ballard Art Collection’s Ethnic Rainbow

by Matthew Kangas ‘67

Since its founding in 1997 25 years ago, the Orre Nobles Art Collection of the Ballard High School Foundation has sought the best art possible to hang on the walls in the hallways and offices of the new building, designed by Mahlum Nordfors Architects and opened in 2000. The blue-ribbon judging panel, comprised of art world alumni and experts, was able to make sure artists of minority status were included from the beginning, its Washington State Arts Commission One-Half Percent legal allotment allowing us to acquire two works by nationally acclaimed African-American artists, Jacob Lawrence and his wife, Gwen Knight. His *Windows* and her *Diva* anchor the collection which has grown into a wonderful display of ethnic diversity, with artists representing many racial and ethnic groups.

The Lawrence holdings were supplemented with an extraordinary gift of prints of prominent Nigerian artists, given by Professor Emeritus Simon Ottenberg of the University of Washington. He is the author of the definitive book on contemporary Nigerian artists. Artists such as Michael O. Agwu (Igbo tribe) and Mike Tunde Togbe (Yoruba tribe) celebrate music and dance and are on view outside the Earl Kelly Performing Arts Center. In the music rehearsal room is a painting by a Greek-American alumnus, James Manolides, ‘57. His *Piano* (1964) is a perfect fit for the purpose of the room. Outside the band room are two other Lawrences, a pair of silkscreen posters, *Runners* (1971), specially commissioned for the 1972 Munich Olympics. Appropriately, they face the track and field trophy cabinet.

Reflecting the diversity of the student body and staff is one of four criteria for entering the Orre Nobles Art Collection. As a result, the school’s historic origins for a Scandinavian-

American enclave of commercial fishermen and carpenters are reflected in numerous artworks by area residents and alumni with roots in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. These include Art Hansen, ‘47; Einar Hansen; Steve Jensen, ‘74; Robert Maki; Alden Mason; John Moilanen; Frederick D. Olson, ‘52; Carol Pettersen, ‘62; Joan Stuart Ross; Matt Timo, ‘68; Sandi Johnsen Tomlinson, ‘62; and Brom Wikstrom.

Besides artists of Nordic heritage, other artists in the collection demonstrate how broadly diverse Ballard became, in addition to its Northern European roots. For example, Dionne Haroutounian’s *Armenian Diary* chronicles a visit to her ancestral homeland in Central Asia while the noted British artist Michael Lawson lived in Ballard in the 1960s after meeting Dale Chihuly in graduate school. The latter’s family came from Czechoslovakia. His *Ikebana Diptych* painting was a gift of the artist whose studio and headquarters are in Ballard. Lawson’s popular *Department Store* (1969) is on loan from a private collection. Another painting that mixes alarm and comedy, *High Tide* (2013) by Polish-born artist Ula Trudnos depicts Ballard neighborhoods submerged by the exigencies of climate change.

Professor Ottenberg’s donation of Nigerian monotypes was joined by gifts of prints by Indigenous artists from the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, and Canada. These continued the Visual Arts Committee’s current priority initiative, enriching the Collection’s holdings of Native American art. Realizing sculpture



Windows by Jacob Lawrence (above)
Diva by Gwen Knight (below)



Talisman Journalism Awards

Congratulations to the Talisman staff which received Honorable Mention for its Editorial “Pandemic Shows How Our Healthcare System Fails Disabled People” in the National Scholastic Press Association 2022 Story of the Year competition.

Also, congratulations to Talisman Photographer Tom Fathi, who received fourth

place in the NSPA’s Photo of the Year for his “Tech Theatre” image.

The top prizes in scholastic journalism, NSPA’s Pacemaker awards highlight journalistic excellence. Winners were announced during the Fall National High School Journalism Convention, Nov. 10-13, 2022, in St. Louis.

and tribal carvings were out of financial reach for the Committee’s holdings of Native American art, Dr. Ottenberg offered five prints by celebrated Indigenous artists Randy Capoeman, Roger Fernandes, Shaun Peterson, Susan Point and Dylan Thomas.

This enormous act of philanthropy was enhanced by another generous gift, a carved cedar cabinet by John Hoover (Aleut). The donor, Greg Robinson, made the gift in memory of Visual Arts Committee member Steven Charles, ‘79, who instigated the acquisition initiative with his own donation of an artwork by Navajo artist Conrad House.

Although few Asian-Americans lived in Ballard in the early years, they are now represented in the student body. To reflect their interests in heritage, another alumnus-donor, Steve Clayton, ‘62, presented *Cornered* (1992), an unusual, all-white abstract painting by Frank Okada. Along with the other artworks mentioned above, *Cornered* bolsters the collection’s examples of abstract art, the core of 20th century art and legacy that much of today’s art builds on and renews. As the collection grows, it will continue to reflect the diversity of the students and staff as well as the changing ethnic make-up of the Ballard, Magnolia, and Queen Anne Hill areas. Gifts of art are complemented by cash donations that go directly to purchases, maintenance, and conservation.



Award-winning “Tech Theatre” by Tom Fathi

Hallway Artwork: New Pieces and Old Favorites

Revisiting the Orre Nobles Collection 25 years after its creation

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by Annie Welman, Editor-in-Chief
Photos by Emma Steinburg



“Warm Spirit Brings Light...Golden Gardens,” (2000) was painted by Ballard alum Joe Reno. This piece is a reference to teenage love and Golden Gardens.

As students pass between classes, their heads are often turned down towards shuffling feet or towards each other, wrapped up in hallway conversations. Every now and then, though, heads turn up, away from the clutter of moving bodies. In these moments, students might notice the vast array of paintings and art features, scattered throughout the corners of the school. Accompanied by small, shiny plaques,



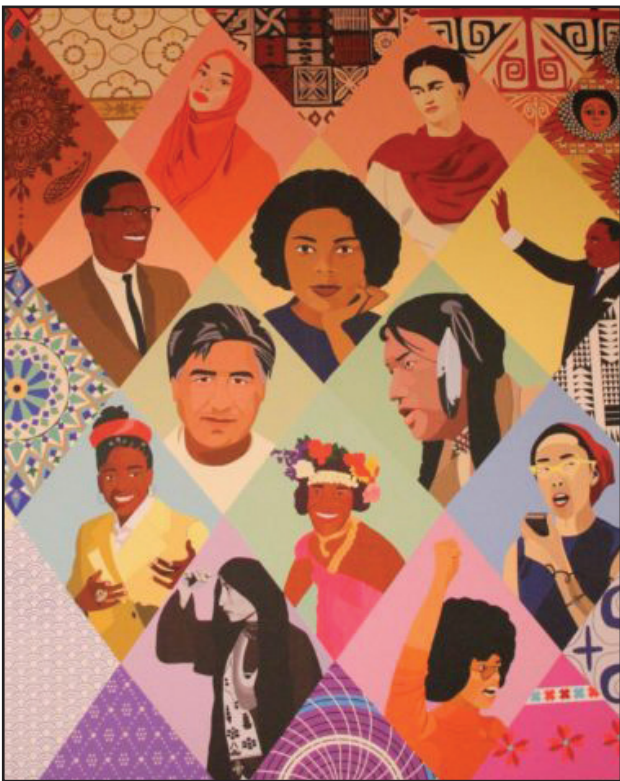
“Poplars by the Ship Canal,” (1973) by Joan Stuart Ross, is located above the attendance office. The painting depicts the trees as “dancing figures,” and was inspired by Ross’ experiences with local student artists.

these pieces make up the Orre Nobles Collection, an assortment of curated and eclectic pieces. This collection was named after a former Ballard High School teacher who was known for his mentorship and creative influence on the community. Though many are unfamiliar with this feature of the school, this collection is a unique and involved effort to showcase diverse art. In fact, Ballard is one of the only high schools in the country to house an art collection, with more than 75 pieces on display. Despite its unusual existence, the news of the Orre Nobles Collection rarely reaches students. “I did not know that there was a collection,” senior Garrett Knight said. “I’ve seen a lot of the paintings around and I’ve always kind of wondered what the deal was with them.” Art Teacher Matthew Harkleroad seconds these thoughts, after interacting with students each year who have never heard of the collection. “I get the sense that students aren’t very aware of the art around them,” Harkleroad said. The collection is maintained and curated by the Ballard High School Arts Foundation, which is led by Matthew Kangas, a professional art critic and Ballard alum.



“Big Red Boat,” (2018) was created by Steve Jensen, a graduate of the class of 1974. This wooden piece reflects the traditions of Norwegian boat builders.

“I don’t know of any other public schools in the country that have a collection like this,” Kangas said. “It’s like a regular small museum.” Within this “museum,” a variety of art is showcased in an attempt to meet the foundation’s four goals for the collection. As a whole, these goals focus on exhibiting art that represents regional history and the school’s diversity, often created by local or alumni artists. “[The collection] should represent the given makeup of the student body and the staff,” Kangas said. Throughout the 25 years since the collection’s creation, new pieces have been regularly added with these goals in mind. Recent additions have been no exception, and include pieces by African-American artists like Jacob Lawrence and Gwen Knight. Indigenous artists such as Randy Capoeman and Susan Point are also showcased, along with Nigerian artwork gifted by UW Anthropology Professor Simon Ottenberg. “I call [the collection] the curriculum-free art history class,” Kangas said, referring to the opportunities for students to learn from the varied pieces as they pass through the halls each day.



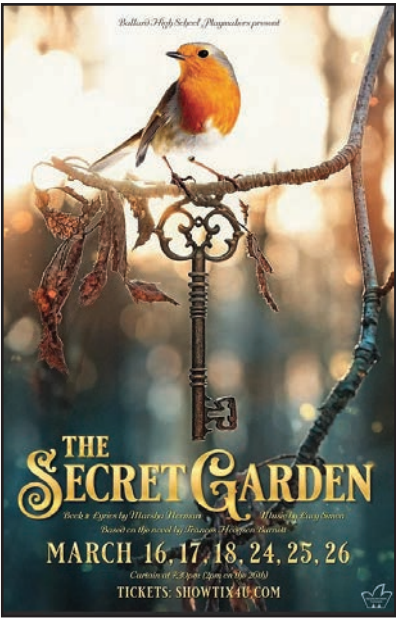
This mural was designed by Cameron Patel, through the Multicultural Club. It celebrates activists like Amanda Gorman and Marsha P. Johnson.

In addition to the Orre Nobles Collection, several murals adorn the school walls, adding to the array of hallway artwork. One mural was created in 2019 and resides outside the library, while another was added to the Activities Center last spring. “[The murals] are a complement to the collection as a whole,” Kangas said. The Multicultural Club led the creation of the most recent mural, which was designed by BHS graduate Cameron Patel. “Our goal with the mural was part of a larger project to make the Activities Center more overtly welcoming of multicultural students,” Patel said over email. “We specifically wanted to highlight the contributions of activists and artists of color while also showcasing patterns from a variety of cultures.”

The mural depicts various prominent figures, such as poet and activist Amanda Gorman, surrounded by a rainbow color scheme and bright background patterns. Many of these patterns were contributed by students or clubs, adding to the mural’s goals for diverse representation. “[PASIFIKA Club] submitted a Samoan pattern, [Ballard graduate Eden] Mulu sent me an Ethiopian pattern, and [junior Semai] Hagos sent me an Eritrean pattern,” Patel said. Leaders of both the Orre Nobles Collection and the Murals hope that their messages extend beyond the artwork itself. “Ideally, it is a gateway for people to learn more ... I don’t want this mural to be the only time people interact with these cultures and histories, I want it to be a jumping-off point,” Patel said. In the future, the array of hallway artwork will continue to grow and shift, as the collection is maintained and students make their creative marks on the building. “I surely hope [that clubs continue adding artwork to the building], because it makes the school a more beautiful and vibrant space,” Patel said.

Find the original article at <https://ballardtalisman.org/4310/features/hallway-artwork-new-pieces-and-old-favorites/#>

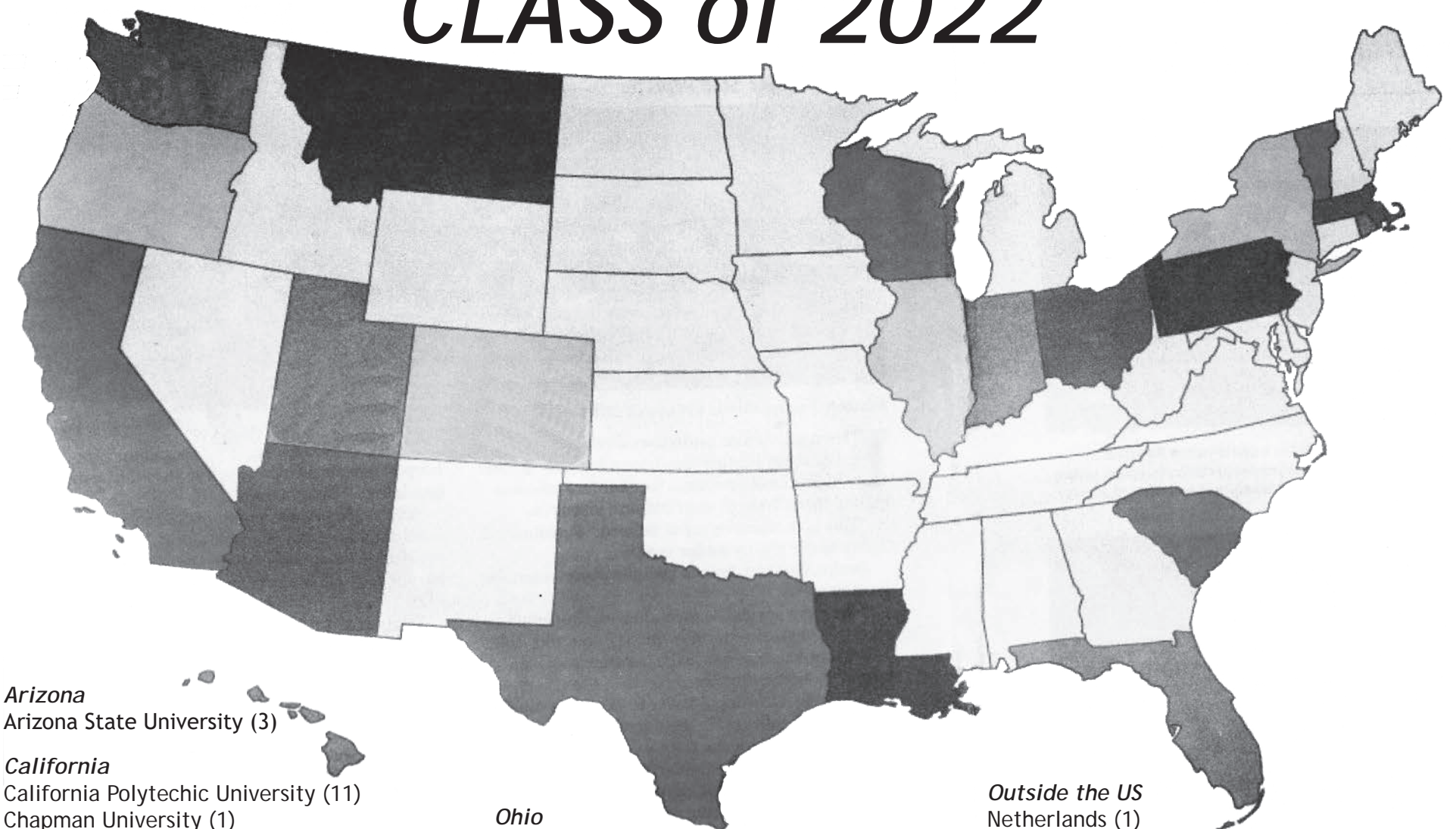
Buy Tickets to Spring Musical



Tickets are now on sale for *The Secret Garden*, which runs March 16-18 & 24-26. This enchanting classic, based on Frances Hodgson Burnett’s 1911 novel, is reimagined in brilliant musical style by composer Lucy Simon and Marsha Norman. Purchase tickets at <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/68931>.

Where Are They Now?

CLASS of 2022



- Arizona**
Arizona State University (3)
- California**
California Polytechnic University (11)
Chapman University (1)
Chico State University (1)
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (1)
Occidental College (1)
San Diego State University (2)
Santa Clara University (2)
Stanford University (1)
University of California Santa Barbara (2)
University of California Santa Cruz (3)
University of San Francisco (2)
University of California Los Angeles (3)
University of Redlands (1)
- Colorado**
Colorado State University (1)
University of Colorado Boulder (2)
- Florida**
University of Florida (1)
University of Miami (1)
- Hawaii**
University of Hawaii Manoa (2)
- Illinois**
DePaul University (1)
- Indiana**
Purdue University Northwest (1)
- Louisiana**
Loyola New Orleans (2)
Tulane University (1)
- Massachusetts**
Boston College (1)
Boston University (1)
Clark University (1)
Emerson College (1)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1)
Mount Holyoke College (1)
University of Massachusetts Amherst (2)
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (1)
- Montana**
Montana State University (3)
- New York**
Fordham University (1)
New York University (1)
New York Institute of Technology (1)
The New School (1)

- Ohio**
Oberlin Conservatory (1)
Denison University (1)
- Oregon**
Lewis & Clark College (2)
Linfield University (1)
Oregon State University (6)
Portland State University (1)
Southern Oregon University (1)
University of Oregon (3)
Willamette University (1)
- Pennsylvania**
Drexel University (1)
Temple University (1)
- Rhode Island**
Johnson & Wales University (1)
- South Carolina**
University of South Carolina (1)
- Texas**
University of Texas at Austin (1)
- Utah**
University of Utah (4)
- Vermont**
University of Vermont (1)
- Washington**
Gonzaga University (4)
Lower Columbia College (1)
North Seattle Community College (8)
Pacific Lutheran University (1)
Seattle Central College (5)
Seattle Pacific University (1)
Seattle University (2)
Shoreline Community College (2)
University of Puget Sound (1)
University of Washington (20)
Washington State University (7)
Wenatchee Valley College (1)
Western Washington University (12)
Whitman College (2)
Yakima Valley College (1)
- Wisconsin**
University of Wisconsin (1)

- Outside the US**
Netherlands (1)
Denmark (2)
New Zealand (1)
United Kingdom (2)
Italy (1)
- Other** (4)
- Housing**
Living on Campus 81%
Living at Home 8%
Off-campus 7%
Greek Life 3%
Other 2%

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Keeping Our Scholarship Dreams Alive

Our high school students keep looking to the future and to more education and training. You can read some of their inspiring stories in these pages. We know they'll still need support as they move ahead, and we still intend to provide it. The Golden Beavers Scholarships are not going away.

A little has changed. The BHSF Standing Committee for Scholarships is now the Golden Beavers Scholarship Committee and consists of both previous Golden Beaver committee members and current Foundation members. Scholarships will continue to be awarded annually by this Committee from an account set up to ensure their continuation far into the future.

We need your commitment and your contributions as much as ever. We trust you will move forward with us to support our Ballard scholars into the future.

To make donations to the Golden Beaver Scholarships within the Ballard High School Foundation, we invite you to mail in the form to the right or visit the link in the form.

BHSF Golden Beavers Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Coming in 2023

Save the date for our 34th Annual Golden Beavers Scholarship Awards Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21 at Ristorante Piccolino's. Reunite with fellow alumni and renew friendships as we congratulate the 2023 Ballard High School Foundation Golden Beaver Scholarship Award recipients. We'd love to have you join us. Let's congratulate our graduating seniors on their efforts! Want to RSVP? Email Dick Lee at rjlee@seattleschools.org.

2022 Scholarship Luncheon, photo by Rowland Studio



Choosing Our Scholars is Hard Work...

And our dedicated Scholarship Committee members do a lot of it. Our thanks to co-chairs Ryan Carlisle '93 and Maggie Murphy Moffett '69, BHS Counselor Sonja Petersen and Counseling Secretary Carol Bristol, committee members Dick Mitchell '51, Evelyn Balch '56, Blair Leckie '62, Meredith Davison, and Beverly Verduin '14, and ex-officio members Marianne Baker '70 and Dick Lee '61.



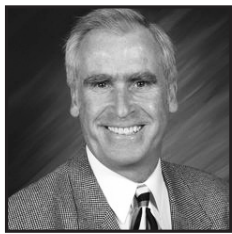
Sonja Petersen (L) and Carol Bristol (R)



Dick Mitchell '51



Evelyn Balch '56



Blair Leckie '62



Maggie Murphy Moffett '69 and Ryan Carlisle '93



Meredith Davison



Beverly Verduin '14



Marianne Baker '70



Dick Lee '61

From 1988 to, and including 2022, Ballard High School students received 395 Golden Beavers Scholarships for a total of \$827,307.

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Thank you from all of us and all our scholarship winners of the future!

Ballard High School Athletics Updates

Some highlights include (fall content from the November Athletic Booster Club newsletter, winter with some information from December Athletic Booster Club newsletter):

Slowpitch Metro Championship and State Playoff Run

Slowpitch Softball Head Coach Dale Griffith had a lot to celebrate this season: "With an incredibly inspiring group of young, talented student-athletes, the Ballard Beavers finish the Fall season 14-4 and bring home the trophy for the 2022-2023 Slowpitch Metro Championship with their victory over Chief Sealth High School." The young club, led by senior Monse Eckert, took third place in the District Tournament, only one game short of qualifying for the State Tournament. In only the second year of the program, this was a monumental achievement for the school and sets the precedent for years to come. After just coming off a spring season Fastpitch State Tournament appearance, with a nucleus of young talent, this is further proof that the softball program is in great hands. With the trophy already in hand, the championship gym banner is on the way!



Ballard Slow Pitch Softball - Metro Champs!

Girls Swim & Dive Sets BHS Record during 2022 Season, Individual Success at State

The Ballard Girls Swim & Dive Team had an amazing 2022 season this year! During the regular season, Ballard's record was 4-2 and of the 21 swimmers on the team, 19 qualified to Metros. At Metros, our 200 Freestyle Relay (Claudia Yovanovich, Alyson Chew, Mia Onkels, Lucy Ahrens) broke the Ballard school record with a time of 1:45.16. Daisy Williams qualified for Districts in the 100 Backstroke, and Claudia Yovanovich won the 50 Freestyle. At Districts, our



200 Medley Relay qualified to State for the first time in at least five years, and Claudia

finished second in the 50 Freestyle and third in the 100 Backstroke. At state, the 200 Medley finished 12th and Claudia finished third in the 50 Freestyle and third in the 100 Backstroke.



Ballard Cross Country at State

Cross Country Girls Finish 10th in State

In Cross Country the program continues to grow as we return to the norm. The team had much success over the year, increasing the number of athletes who qualified for state and culminating in the Girls Varsity Team placing 10th at the State Championship Meet. The boys sent two individuals to the State Meet, and Ballard qualified its first Ambulatory student athlete to state as well! We are looking forward to continued success in the future as the season wraps up and students prepare for future seasons and sports.

Volleyball Finishes 1st in Metro Mountain League

In Volleyball, first year Head Coach Zach Wurtz led his varsity team to a first place finish in the Mountain Division of the Metro League. While they lost their District playoff match to Lake Washington, they played tough all the way there, only losing to eventual Metro League champs, Lakeside. Congratulations to Metro League Sound Division MVP Josie Adamson; Sound Division First Team selections Carmella Urrutia and Rachel Dunagan; Second Team selection Violet Martel; and Honorable Mention Francis Vann.



Ballard Varsity Volleyball

New Winter Sports Girls Flag Football/Girls Bowling

Ballard High School offered two new Metro sports options for students this Winter, Girls Flag Football (coached by teachers Laura Lehni and Robyn Dowdy) and Girls Bowling (coached by teacher Scott Cachopo).

Unfortunately Sunset Bowl is no longer available for the young bowlers, who have to commute to West Seattle Bowl for many of their contests. Regardless they are bringing that Beaver spirit to their inaugural campaign.

"Our inaugural season of girls bowling has gotten off to an exciting start," said Coach Scott Cachopo. "In the third game of the season, we had a big win that came down to the final frame where we squeaked out a win by one point!"

The Flag Football team started competing in early January. Games are held on half fields at Memorial Stadium on Saturdays.

"We are ALL still learning the flag football rules and having so much fun together building a new program for BHS," Lehni said.



New Sports: Flag Football (above) and Bowling (below)



Unified Basketball Update

Unified Basketball is off to a great start! On Dec. 7, co-captains Niko Tingleff and Addy Wynkoop led the team as they faced off against Roosevelt for the first in-person game since 2020. Ballard Cheer and Pep Band rooted for the team as countless fans filled the gym for an unforgettable day of stiff competition and community support. Ella Eckhart was presented with a sportsmanship award. The team is looking forward to making Ballard proud in tournaments beginning in January! Kiana Peterson joined the coaching staff alongside existing coach Rachel Schmidt for a season that is sure to be memorable.

Unified Basketball is a partnership between Ballard High School and Special Olympics of Washington. It partners students with and without developmental disabilities together to build teamwork, camaraderie and play basketball against other Unified teams.



Unified Basketball

Find more news from the BHS Athletic Booster Club at ballardathletics.com.

Performing Arts Updates

Wind Ensemble and Navy Band Northwest Perform Together, November 10, 2022

The Wind Ensemble had an amazing day performing with the Navy Band Northwest. The Navy Band brought 22 members of their 35 person band and dazzled the audience and students with their incredible musicianship.

Students met with the band immediately after school and got to work in sectionals. Many rave reviews on the sectionals were heard afterward and students appreciated the “little nuggets” of information that the band had to share. Dinner was a huge success and students had a chance to get to know more about the Navy Band life and being a musician in general. The highlight of the evening was a toss up between our BHS Wind Ensemble performing the Holst Suite together with the Navy Band or getting to hear the amazing musicianship of Navy Band Northwest when they took over the stage.

It was a moving evening of music with more than 250 students, parents, and community members showing up to the performance. Special thank you to Jill Hansen, Carol Cheyne, and all the parents who volunteered to make sure this special event went off without a hitch!

Watch the Navy Band Northwest Concert on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwCCydeP0_KT8OtP-PW2M66DpfQ3H2-WM

from <https://ballardhs.seattleschools.org/news/performing-arts-fall-concerts/>



Photos courtesy of Carol Cheyne and Director of Bands Jay Gillespie

BHS Marching Band Award

The BHS Marching Band was awarded the Mayor’s Award for the Best Musical or Drill Entry in the Auburn Veterans Day Parade. If you missed it, the parade was streamed live by KOMO 4. Here’s the link to view the livestream: <https://komonews.com/station/contests-community-events/auburn-washington-veterans-day-parade-observance-november-2022>. We are in position 153 of about 170 entries.



Photo stills from KOMO 4 parade coverage

BHS Junior Selected to Times Student Voices Project

Congratulations to BHS Junior Lucas Salm-Rojo for being selected to the Seattle Times 2023 Student Voices Project.

For this seventh year of its Student Voices project, Seattle Times editors invited eight Washington teens and young adults to detail their experiences and suggest how schools can better support students in overcoming language, financial and transportation barriers, among other obstacles.



“Between now and the end of the school year, these eight young people will share their perspectives and suggestions for making systemic changes they believe can improve the school experience for all students, and help everyone receive a fair, just and accessible education,” wrote Times Education Reporter Jenn Smith. The Times will update the student-provided biographies with links to the student essays as they are published at <https://www.seattletimes.com/education-lab/meet-the-2023-student-voices-writers/?amp=1>.

Lucas is in the BHS Digital Filmmaking Program and President of the BHS Bicycle Club. In the future, he hopes to go to film school and “create documentaries that inspire positive change in the world.”

Way to go, Lucas!

New Orchestra Director Hired

from the Ballard Performing Arts website: <https://www.ballardperformingarts.org/post/new-orchestra-director-hired>

This fall, Daniel Valdez took over as Ballard High School’s Director of Orchestras. He’s a bass player, and moved from Chicago where he had been teaching. Mr. Valdez has been teaching in orchestra programs for more than 10 years. He has led successful programs in the San Francisco, Austin, Houston, and Chicago areas. Each orchestra he has led demonstrated musical excellence in a variety of competitions, festivals, clinics, and concerts. Daniel earned a Bachelor of Music



degree in Double Bass Performance from the University of California at Santa Cruz, and a Master of Music and Human Learning degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Daniel is originally from Northern California, where his first introduction to performing music was playing electric bass in a garage band with his friends. Immediately falling in love and wanting to learn more, he began studying jazz with a private tutor, eventually transitioning to the double bass and focusing more on performing classical music with orchestras. He has a deep passion for all forms of music and loves nothing more than sharing that with others. In his free time, Daniel enjoys spending time with his wife, his 3 cats and his dog, traveling,

and exploring nature. He is incredibly excited to join the faculty at Ballard High School and make some great music with the orchestras!

Find more news from Ballard Performing Arts at www.ballardperformingarts.org.

Foundation Golf Classic and Celebrating All Things Ballard Events Raise Funds for BHS

Last summer, the Ballard High School Foundation held its Celebrating All Things Ballard Online Auction/Salmon Dinner Event, which raised more than \$100,000 for support of Ballard High School (including \$20,000 for the funded item, the Strength & Conditioning program). The day after the Aug. 18 salmon barbecue at Pacific Fishermen Shipyard, a full field of 250 golfers teed off at Newcastle for the Victor Salvino 22nd Annual Golf Classic.

Coming in 2023

Feb. 28 | Foundation Board Meeting, 4 p.m. Ballard High School

March 25 | Running of the Beavers, 9 a.m. Golden Gardens

May 2-3 | GiveBIG fundraising effort

May 21 | 2023 Golden Beavers Scholarship Luncheon, Ristorante Piccolino's

June 13 | Foundation Board Meeting, 4 p.m. Ballard High School

August | Celebrating All Things Ballard Online Auction

Aug. 17 | Salmon Dinner Event, Pacific Fisherman Shipyard

Aug. 18 | Victor Salvino 23rd Annual Golf Classic

Sept. 19 | Foundation Board Meeting, 4 p.m. Ballard High School

Oct. 14 (Saturday Kickoff to Homecoming Week) | Breakfast of Champions, 8-11 a.m. Ballard High School

Dec. 5 | Foundation Board Meeting TBD



Thank you to all who helped with the 2022 Salmon Dinner, including a myriad of volunteers and Auctioneer Stephen Kilbreath. Photos by Bruce Johnson.

Victor Salvino 23rd Annual Ballard High School Foundation Golf Classic

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Thanks to Einar Johnson '47 for his significant donation supporting scholarships.

We are also grateful for Tom and Dorothy (Zemke '64) Sheehan's second year of generous donations to Ballard Performing Arts.

Einar Johanson '47 (left)
Tom and Dorothy (Zemke '64) Sheehan (right)
Sheehan photo by My Edmonds News



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