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Ballard Cheer members greet Victor Salvino at the August 16 Golf Classic. The 2024 event was his final year of underwriting the tournament.

When Victor Salvino '51 joined the Millennium Club alumni fundraising group, upon the new Ballard High School building's opening in 1999, it also opened the doors to even more opportunities for Beaver students and staff. By championing needs as he saw them around campus, Victor became a shining example of giving back to one's school community and the work we do.

One only has to recall the transformation of the empty space near the gym when the new building opened 25 years ago. After Victor saw the need, he found a way to make things happen through fundraising, personal donations and partnerships. The resulting Henry A. Bendele* Weight Room is now buzzing with Beaver athletes of all skill levels, finding confidence and setting fitness goals as they participate in Coach Colin Matthiesen's '08 Strength & Conditioning program.

We recently saluted, celebrated, and thanked Victor for his amazing three-year sponsorship of the Golf Classic, which came to a close at Newcastle on August 16. It was great to see Victor beaming as the Ballard Cheer team held "Thank You Victor" signs aloft as the tournament day started. It was also inspiring to see the community give him a well-deserved standing ovation the night before at the Salmon Dinner event at Pacific Fishermen Shipyard.

It's not lost on me that his last year supporting the Golf Classic went out with a bang donation-wise too. His three tables of friends and family joined other bidders and hoisted their bid cards throughout the Salmon Dinner event. We ended up raising more than \$57,000 for the same fantastic program that started with an open room, waiting for Vic to share his vision and inspiration. Thank you, indeed, Victor!

*~ Dick Lee '61, Executive Director and Co-Founder
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**Note: Henry Bendele was a longtime BHS coach and 1924 graduate. He's also honored on the Foundation's Wall of Recognition at Ballard High School.*

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Victor & Angel Salvino are greeted by
BHS Cheer members at the Golf Classic
at Newcastle Golf Course on August 16.

Wilson Tribute Thanks



We recently received a kind note from Kimberly Parker, reflecting on her parents' tribute in the spring edition of *The Log* ...

Dear Mr. Lee,

I was given a copy of the spring/summer 2024 edition of *The Log* by a friend who thought I would appreciate your sentiments about my parents, **Steve** and **Carol Wilson**. Thank you for writing such a beautiful tribute to them. They both had such fond memories of their "schools days" and the lifelong friendships they made. Dad lived for three things -- his students, basketball and family. Mom lived for family and him. She was his biggest cheerleader and as they got older, his caregiver.

I can't tell you how many times I have picked up the phone during a football or basketball game to complain to Dad about a call and then, of course, realizing he was not going to pick up. Mom lived just six weeks after Dad, and all along we knew it would be a short window as they were destined to be together always. They were joined at the hip for 65+ years and they could not live without each other. Mom so missed her brother, Ken, and I think in the end she was relieved to know she would be with him again as well.

Seeing those two pass left a huge void in our lives. Thank you for honoring them.

Go Beavers!

Kimberly Parker

Alum's Band Shares Beaver Pride



Will Beard '65 reached out to *The Log* as a proud Beaver graduate. The now Everett resident formed The Inclusion Jam Project band in 2018 for the purpose of providing underage musicians a venue to perform with adults.

"We only play all-ages venues and play for free," Beard said. "(We) even bring extra instruments so people can just walk up and join in."

Beard, the band's keyboard player, said he likes to share his Ballard pride. "I wear a red shirt and black vest at these performances, have since the beginning."

He wore his 2018 Running of the Beavers t-shirt to the band's recent performance at St. Mary Magdalen's annual picnic, and celebrated having participated in the run three times. Beard also has Benny the Beaver looking out from his music stand facing the audience.

Beard invites other alumni to reach out to him if they want to say hello, and or jam with the band. You can follow the Inclusion Jam Project on Facebook to learn more! *Thanks the email, Will!*

Mascot Mayhem!

Calling all keepers of BHS lore! Do you know what year the mascot name changed from Benny the Beaver to Bucky the Beaver?

We'll share your intel in the next edition of *The Log*!

Send your response to Log Editor Gloria Kruzner at bhsfcomm@gmail.com



Principal Message: Welcome BHS Community!



Courtesy of Abby Hunt

Meet Ballard High School's administrative team (L-R): Assistant Principal James Leutzinger, Principal Abby Hunt, Assistant Principal David Fort, and Assistant Principal Jody Shuman. As of press date, the school has a healthy enrollment of 1704 students.

Hello fellow Beavers! It has been a great start to the 2024-2025 school year. We are seeing another positive year of healthy enrollment, and the family and community engagement is supportive as ever.

This year, with the generous backing of the Foundation, we have been able to continue the LINK program as we welcomed in 449 incoming 9th graders.

As community is at the center of who we are and what we do, I am inspired daily by our students and staff in how they foster a culture of care and support for one another.

While I have had the pleasure of seeing many of you at recent games or family events, I welcome you to the building if it has been a while since you have been to campus. Events and activities are listed on our website: ballardhs.seattleschools.org.

Whether near or far — Go Ballard!

~ Abby Hunt
Ballard High School Principal

Building Partnerships

We are grateful to our community partners with whom we collaborate on behalf of Ballard students and staff.

First, we thank **Principal Abby Hunt** for her leadership and support.

We are also thankful for Ballard High School PTSA President **Kim Flin**, Ballard Performing Arts (BPA) President **Cynthia Kemp**, Athletic Booster Club (ABC) President **Suzanne Dale Estey** and Ballard High School Athletic Director **Eric Ensign '91**, Associated Student Body (ASB) President **Nina Ando '25** and Ballard High School ASB Advisor/Activities Coordinator **Laura Lehni**.



Introducing James Leutzinger

Welcome to new Ballard Assistant Principal **James Leutzinger**! James was born and raised in Detroit, MI, and he has been a Seattle resident for the past four years.

Over the past decade, James has gained insight and experience in a wide variety of educational settings, including four years of elementary and four years of middle school teaching. In these settings he served as a lead teacher and administrative intern. Recognizing a desire to work with older students, James most recently pivoted to the secondary level where he joined the admin team at Kent Meridian High School working as Dean of Students.



Throughout his career, James has been dedicated to fostering cohesive educational environments by collaborating closely with students and educators alike. He firmly believes in continuous improvement and has been instrumental in growing schools, implementing innovative educational programs, and cultivating strong partnerships with community organizations, families, and educators.

James holds his administrative/principal certification from Arizona State University, where he earned his master's degree in educational leadership, and a B.S. in Elementary Education from Oakland University, where he also played soccer.

James currently resides in Seattle with his wife, Nora, and their beloved dog Hugo.

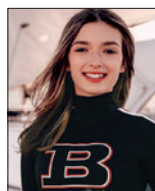
Link Leaders Welcome New Students



The 2024-25 Link Leaders gather in the Ballard Gym. The program offers incoming Beavers a peer-led introduction into high school life.

For the second year in a row, we are proud supporters of the Link Crew with another donation of \$10,000 (\$20,000 total given, including the 2023-24 school year). This contribution came at the request of Principal **Abby Hunt**. The Link Crew program involves training high school juniors and seniors to serve as peer mentors (Link Leaders) for incoming 9th graders. Mentors serve as positive role models and help guide the freshmen through a successful transition to high school. The program was previously at Ballard and returned last year.

This year's Link Crew logo was created by BHS Cheer member and Link Leader **Ingrid Pharris**, who passed away suddenly in August due to a heart arrhythmia event, which was a previously undiagnosed health condition. Ingrid's logo was selected by her peers last spring so it was touching to see the whole group representing her this fall through the cheerful logo, said ASB Advisor **Laura Lehni**. Ballard Cheer is also "All in for Ingrid," dedicating their season to Ingrid.



Courtesy of Laura Lehni

Link Leaders with ASB Advisor Laura Lehni (right).



The Ballard High School Foundation is a proud supporter of the Link Crew program, including \$20,000 in donations for two years of the program.

We Have Recently Lost ...

Per Kristian Johnsen '62

Per Kristian Johnsen died of Lewy Body Dementia on April 10, 2024, in Ollala, WA. Per was born in northern Norway in the winter of 1944 to Einar and Klara Johnsen. Klara, a widow with two children, and Einar, her young tenant, fell in love and started a family together. Per's parents were both athletic, adventurous and industrious. Legend has it that Klara rode her bike to the hospital through occupied Bodø to give birth to Per. As a boy, he learned to knit, darn and cook lefse on his grandparents' farm in Storvik where he often spent school breaks with his grandmother, Petra.



When Per was 13, his family sailed to New York, traveled across the United States, and settled in the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle. They started Johnsen's Scandinavian Foods and Norway Knits, Ballard institutions for over a half a century. Per worked in his parents' store, competed in track, excelled in academics and met lifelong friends George Zander, Gordon Strand, Tom and Gayle Robinson, Kathy Meyers Sparks, Colleen O'Brien, Gary and Cecelia Bloxham, Dennis Murphy, Janet Jacobsen, Emily Stipek, Sandi and Rich Tomlinson, and Ross Wood. Per also met the love of his life, Sandy (Sandra Rae Williams), at Ballard High School in his ninth grade French class.

The high school sweethearts both went to the University of Washington where Per studied psychology and Sandy studied education. A large group

of Ballard High School friends kept a continuous game of bridge going while at the UW, switching out hands when someone had to go to class.

In 1966 Per and Sandy were married at the Northminster Presbyterian Church in Ballard, attended by 150 friends and family. Per realized the United States was becoming his home and became a US citizen in the same year. They moved to a scenic apartment on Lake Washington as Per worked on his Ph.D. in Psychology and Sandy started her teaching career.

Per and Sandy had their first child, Kristianna Mari, in 1970 and moved their small family to Green Bay, WI. He worked as a professor of Psychology in the Urban Studies Department at the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay. They welcomed their second child, Randi Rachel, in 1976. The family of four spent family vacations camping, skiing and biking together and created many happy memories.

Per was the best husband, Pappa, Bestefar and friend; and he will be missed every day. His memory will live on in the hearts of all those who loved him.

Romela Solomon '79

Romela passed peacefully on May 12, 2024, after a courageous battle with an autoimmune disease. She was born on December 11, 1960, to Romeo



Sr. and Aurora in Manilla, Philippines. In 1970 the family moved to Seattle, settling in Ballard in 1972, which would be their home for more than 40 years. After Ballard High School, Romela went on to the University of Washington, where she graduated with a degree in Business Administration

In Memoriam

ANNETTE ALTHOFF '58
STEVEN ANDERSON '60
KAREN (BENDIXSEN) BOYD '52
NORTON EUGENE "GENE" ERKEN '61
SUSAN (HAUCK) GEREND '64
GORDON HIRST '50
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JAMES WILLIAM OLSON '63
JAN JOHANSEN '62
PER JONHSEN '62
KEN PHILLIPS '49
WILLIAM RICHEY '53
SUSAN SHEA '57
LINDA SLUMAN '71
FRANCES (JUNKIN) SMITH '58
ROMELA SOLOMON '79
JOHN STIMAC '74
JAMES TULARE '53
VERLENE VANDERBURG '59



She eventually relocated to Bellevue. Her career in retail was an excellent fit for her analytical mind. She loved teamwork, solving problems and helping people. She enjoyed a nearly 20-year career at Pacific Coast Feather Company, where her treasured colleagues became her dear friends.

Music played a vital role throughout her life, a source of comfort and sweet memories. She played violin and learned piano from her Aunt Tita Lourdes, who also inspired her to teach piano. Romela dedicated herself to the care and well-being of her parents even as she herself began having issues with her health.

Obituaries are condensed for space. Please send notices to the editor Gloria Kruzner at bhsfcomm@gmail.com

A special thank you to **Paul Plumis** and **Jeff Hanna '61** who review *The Seattle Times* and share "In Memoriam" BHS alumni names for inclusion in *The Log*.

Robyn Maddess Leaves Indelible Impact at BHS

We are saddened by the passing of Robyn Maddess, a BHS special education teacher for 14 years and champion of Ballard Unified, following a battle with cancer.

"She truly loved her students and colleagues and served as an inspiration to all," wrote Principal Abby Hunt in a community update. "She is truly missed."

Unified programs are a collaboration between SPS and Special Olympics of Washington that partner students with and without disabilities together to practice and compete. Unified is dedicated to promoting social inclusion through activities, shared sports training, and competition experiences.

Ballard Unified started in 2011 due to the tireless work of a BHS special needs parent, Ron Wang, said former Principal Keven Wynkoop '94. SPS had launched a Unified Soccer league the year before and Wang partnered with then BHS Special Education Department Head, Ed Herbert, to launch Ballard's first team. Maddess was an Instructional Assistant at the time, who helped to support the program. When she became a teacher soon after, she became progressively more involved. After she became the Special Education Department Head, took over leadership of Ballard's Unified Sports program.

"Robyn's commitment to growing opportunities for students with special needs was legendary," Wynkoop said.

In her Life Skills program, she launched a bistro where students designed menus, shopped for ingredients, prepared meals and formally served them to staff members. She also got a professional espresso machine donated that allowed her students to start a coffee business that delivered



Ed Tanaka

Ballard Unified hosted Lincoln at the 2023 Jam the Dam event.

drinks to staff. These programs gave students invaluable job skills to prepare them for future employment, he said.

The commitment to growing opportunities applied to Unified Sports as well, as Maddess found partners to allow her students to follow their interests, as Ballard added Unified Drama and Unified Robotics to the already established Soccer and Basketball teams, Wynkoop said. Initially, Unified Sports programs had basically no financial or logistical support from the school district or the building, but Maddess' persistence and advocacy led to coaching stipends, more frequent gym space and overall increased support.

"Robyn was truly the best of us and her passion, persistence and creativity for opening doors for students with special needs made a world of difference in the experience of her students and their preparation for the rest of their lives. I miss her deeply and the entire Ballard community will miss her impact as well," Wynkoop said.

She was also honored as a 2020 Educator of the Year by the Ballard PTSA, as nominated by BHS community members.



Ballard Unified

Robyn Maddess (right) was a champion of special needs students throughout her 14 years at BHS.

Principal Hunt said that at the beginning of the year, the school reached out to students and families who worked closely with Maddess and shared that supports were available from Ballard's social worker and school counseling team.

Ballard Unified continues its inclusive mission, now led by Special Education Instructional Assistant Jeff Hanson.

Look for details about the next Jam the Dam Unified Basketball event on the BHS website: ballardhs.seattleschools.org.

Another Round of 'Life Changing' Giving Planned

Planning is now underway for the Golden Beaver Scholarship process. We will again have an awesome \$150,000 in Hughbanks Family Scholarships, coupled with our awe-inspiring Golden Beaver Scholarships program. Since 1988, the program has given away more than \$1 million in scholarships to 463 graduates.

We are entering our second year of giving the Hughbanks Family Scholarship, a 10-year grant given by and in memory of Foundation co-founder **C. David Hughbanks '54**. This money, which can follow a student for up to two years of their post-graduate education, is geared toward students studying in Washington state. We also are entering the second year of the **Tim Nygard '01** Ballard "Legacy" Scholarship. This scholarship is given in memory of Tim, the son of longtime Foundation friend Gordie '69 and Mary Nygard.



Scholarship applications will be available in January on the BHS website. While we're still finalizing details for the June 1, 2025 scholarship luncheon, we are pleased Foundation Vice President Jinoo Mattila has agreed to return as emcee!

Thanks Einar!

We are grateful for the recent \$19,000 donation in memory of **Einar Johanson '47**, who died in December 2023. Einar was a generous supporter of BHS and many other area organizations. We are proud to have a Golden Beaver Scholarship named in his honor.



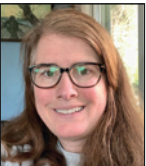
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Principal Abby Hunt joins the 2024 Golden Beaver and Hughbanks Family Scholarship recipients at Ray's Boathouse. Last spring's scholars were honored with an awesome \$187,000 in awards.

Thanks to Our Scholarship Committee

We are again indebted to this year's committee who is taking on even more responsibilities with the addition of the Hughbanks Scholarships.



The Scholarship Committee is led by co-chairs Ryan Carlisle '93 and Maggie Murphy Moffett '69. Committee members are (top to bottom, left to right) John Anderson '01, Meredith Davison, Ann Fitzmaurice, Kathy Madden, Becky Marion '93, Jinoo Mattila, Christie Spielman, and Beverly Verduin '14.



Class of 1959 Celebrates 65th Reunion



The Class of 1959 held their 65th Class Reunion on September 8 at the Ballard Elks. "It was a roaring success," said reunion organizer **Gary Cook**.

"We had an engaged group of class members with wonderful conversations taking place," he said. "In some cases, class members haven't seen each other since high school."

Cook said the Elks Hall was a wonderful and scenic venue for this special occasion and he was thankful to **Art Olsen '63**, who helped coordinate his 60th Class Reunion there the year before and provided advice.

Those in attendance honored classmates who had passed with the reading of a poem titled *The Empty Chair*. The photo on the right shows the empty chair with the listing of these class members.



Giving Back ...

Our sincere gratitude to the **Class of 1959** for their generous \$5,000 donation to the Ballard High School Foundation.

Send your Class Notes to Editor Gloria Kruzner at bhsfcomm@gmail.com.

Class of 1974 50th Reunion



The Class of 1974 celebrated their 50th Reunion on September 7, at the Women's University Club with a dinner and live music! As part of the dinner program, reunion coordinator and emcee **Julie Pheasant-Albright** celebrated **Lavender Antipolo**, voted the "least changed" classmate, as well as the longest married sweethearts, **Cheryl (Kasdorff) Johnson** and **Barry Johnson**. (*Congrats to these still smitten Beavers whose 50th Anniversary is in December!*) Another fun part of the dinner was a photo op for the various elementary school graduates who went onto to Ballard High School.

Other weekend reunion festivities included a Friday meetup at Old Stove Brewing and a potluck picnic Sunday at Golden Gardens.



Top: Class of 1974 reunion dinner attendees; West Woodland alumni; Debbie Gervais and Bev Bowe; Webster alumni. More fun photos on the class' Facebook page, Ballard High School 50th Reunion, Class of 1974.

Jean Smart Honored With Sixth Emmy



Congratulations to Ballard High School alum **Jean Smart '69** who won her sixth Emmy Award on September 15, for her lead actress performance in the HBO comedy series *Hacks*. In addition to her Emmy honors, the University of Washington alum recently provided a voiceover for a Huskies commercial, and she also kicked off the 50th season opener as the host of *Saturday Night Live*.

Smart is a celebrated member of the Foundation's "Wall of Recognition" at Ballard High School. Her dad, Douglas Smart, taught at Ballard High School from 1953-1962 before moving onto Nathan Hale High School.

At Ballard, Smart was a Song Leader and acted in theater her senior year. She credited drama teacher Earl Kelly for giving her the opportunity to develop her acting talent. Among her early roles was *The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker*. Bravo, Jean!



Jean Smart's yearbook photo and appearance with John Renforth in "The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker" (both from 1969 Shingle).

Class of 1964 Celebrates 60th Reunion

A toast to the Class of 1964 who celebrated their class reunion September 11, at the Ballard Elks.

"Our 60th reunion was a big success ... so nice to see so many alums and we certainly missed those unable to join us," said reunion organizer **Melinda Walsh Lamp**.



The planning committee also included **Loren Brown, Arvid Tellevik, Julie Olson, Bud Fish, Steve Jarvis, Doug Bredal** and "food guru" **Gary Shelton**. *These fun photos and more memories are on the Class of 1964 Facebook page!*



Class of 1953 Hosts 71st Reunion

The Class of 1953 celebrated their 71st reunion luncheon October 2 at Broadmoor Golf Club, with 16 classmates attending, as well as many family members.

Thanks to **Peggy Beeson Yeakel** for the festive red and black table decorations and the wall banner. Peggy welcomed the guests and **Shirley Bray Wilson** offered the opening prayer. Each classmate said a few words about what is going on in their life.

Howie Jones read a letter addressed to our class from **Tom Carskadden**, Class President, who lives in Hondo, Texas. Howie and Tom were best buddies in high school! Now they are back in touch!

Peggy Beeson Yeakel presented a bottle of wine for the classmate who



1. Bill Rosen, 2. Neil Lind, 3. Don Wilson, 4. Shirley Bray Wilson, 5. Larry Holdren, 6. Gary Dye, 7. Dan Olson, 8. Gretchen Stroh Scheumann, 9. Ron Bray, 10. Darlene Cohen Lane, 11. Howie Jones, 12. Caryl Schweizer Utigard, 13. Trudy Oliver Madsen, 14. Louise Darst Davis, 15. Evelyn Cole Anderson, and 16. Peggy Beeson Yeakel

traveled the farthest to attend, **Louise Darst Davis**, who traveled from Irvine, CA with her husband Joe. Howie Jones won a second bottle of wine as his birthday was closest to the class reunion date. **Trudy Oliver Madsen** and

Shirley Bray Wilson led the group in singing our Alma Mater. They truly had a wonderful time together! The reunion team was Peggy Beeson Yeakel, Trudy Oliver Madsen, Dick Selander and Gary Dye.

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Thanks for Your Support!

As we look back in this time of thanksgiving, we first want to thank you for your ongoing support of the Ballard High School Foundation and for allowing us to continue supporting students, staff and families as we have since 1998. Please consider a donation using the convenient envelope enclosed.

From October 2023 to September 2024, we have:

- hosted the Breakfast of Champions, raising money for mental health and honoring our good friend Sue Stimac Verduin '76 with the inaugural Woman of Impact Award.
- sponsored our fun community event, Running of the Beavers 5K Fun Run and Walk.
- joined for summer fun and fundraising with the Celebrating All Things Ballard silent auction (August 2-18), the live auction Salmon Dinner event, August 15, at Pacific Fishermen Shipyard, and a well-attended Annual Golf Classic at Newcastle on August 16.

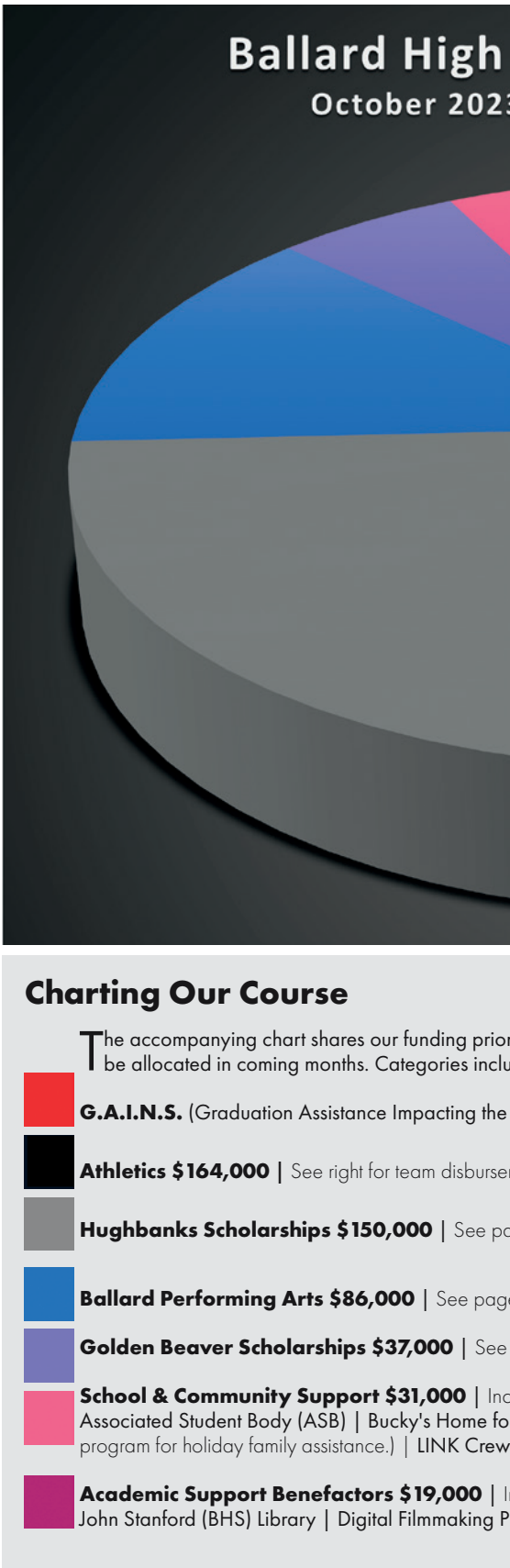
We've also partnered with the Athletic Booster Club in support of the school's Strength & Conditioning program. We worked with Athletic Booster Club, Seattle Public Schools, the Associated Student Body and school administration to facilitate the district's purchase of high jump pads and covers for the track team. We are collaborating with the District to plan ahead for the Memorial Stadium remodel closure. We look forward to the installation of up to 300-seat bleachers coming to Ballard Field in Summer 2025.

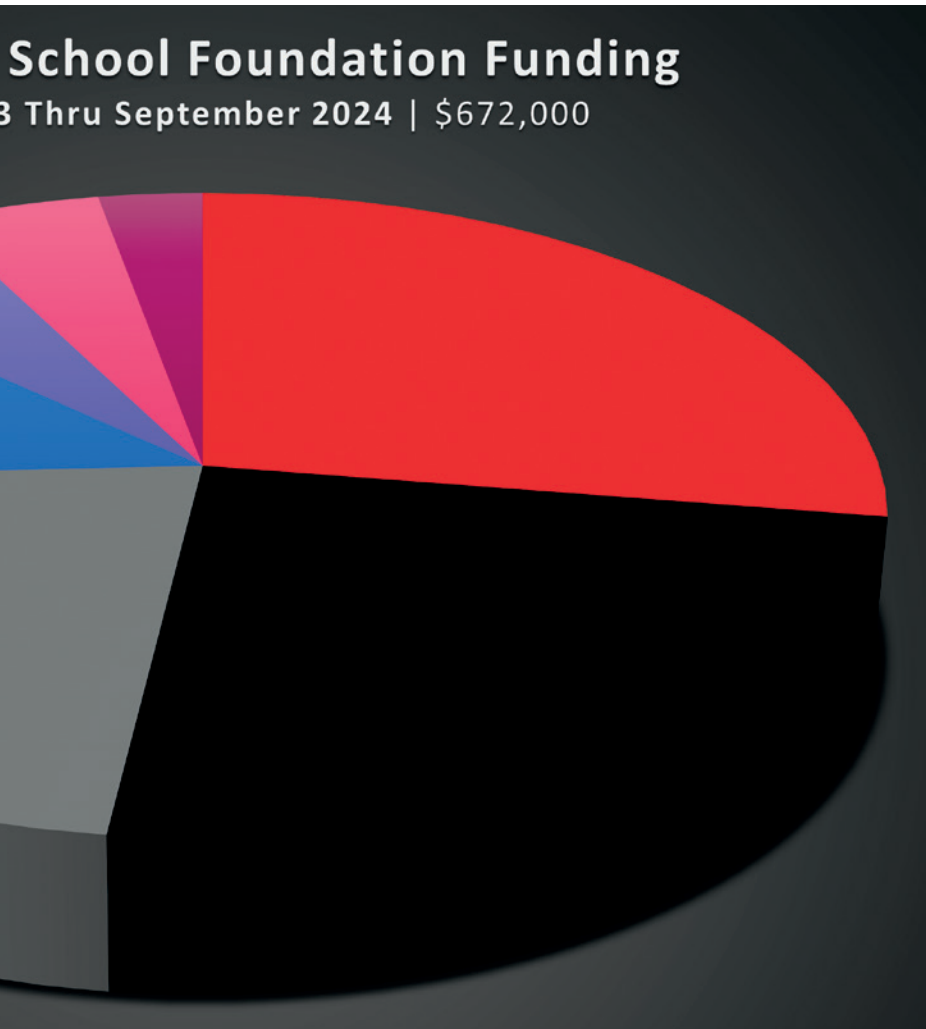
The G.A.I.N.S. program also benefited from major continuing donations as well as your individual donations. We've worked to increase lesson equity for Performing Arts students and funded major upgrades for the Performing Arts Center.

But perhaps the biggest Foundation news of the past 12 months was our burgeoning scholarship program with the infusion of Hughbanks Family Scholarship resources, an amazing \$150,000 worth, for this year's first-year recipients. This scholarship program, bequeathed by Foundation Co-Founder C. David Hughbanks '54, benefits students attending college or trade programs in Washington state. It joins our longtime spirit of giving and scholarship gifts through the Golden Beaver Scholarships.

We look forward to your continued support and participation in our events and hope you consider another donation as we close the calendar year. As always, we thank you for your involvement and care for ALL BEAVERS!

*~ Phil Brockman and Ryan Carlisle, Co-Presidents
~ Dick Lee, Executive Director and Co-Founder*





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Needs of Students) **\$185,000** | See page 23 to learn more.

ments. Totals affected by matching donations and event participation.

age 8 to learn more about these new "life changing" scholarships.

e 20 for details on "Lessons for All"

page 8 to learn more about our longtime scholarship program.

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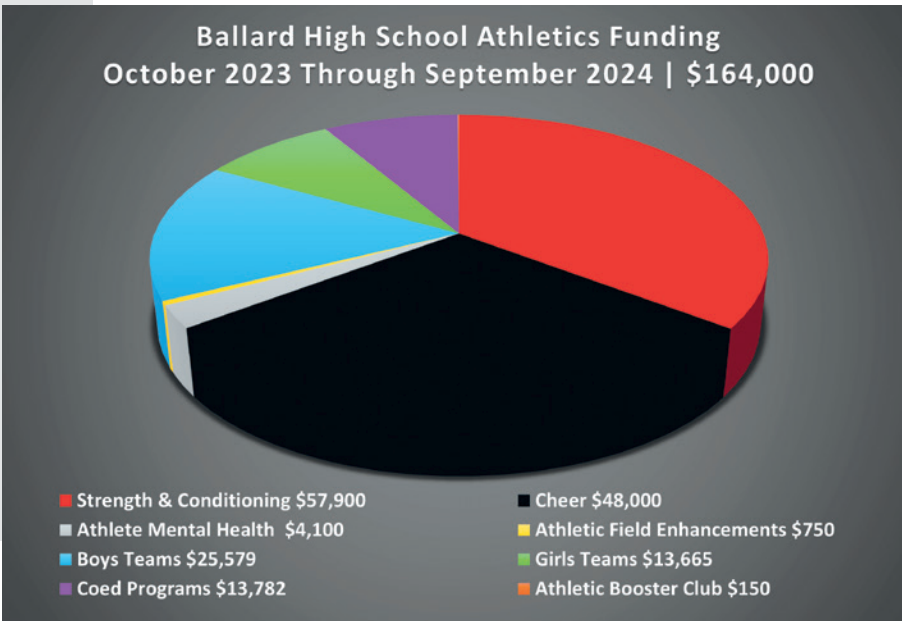
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5th Annual Running of the Beavers

On March 23, 2024, nearly 300 participants laced up their running shoes for the **Running of the Beavers 5K Fun Run & Walk** at Golden Gardens Park. The 5th annual fun run raised more than \$7,000 for Ballard Athletics, Performing Arts, Cheer Squad, Dance Team, and Ballard Food Bank. This is double the amount raised in 2023!

Bucky the Beaver, the Pep Band and the Cheer Team brought spirit and support for participants at the start and finish lines, especially motivating with a rainy start to the puddle-riddled very Ballard event. The Senior Class won the Class Competition for the most participants, earning \$500 for their ASB account.

Special thanks to Presenting Sponsor Anchor QEA; Event Chairs **Sue Stimac Verduin '78** and BHS Foundation Board Member **Beth Sylves**; the Ballard Athletic Booster Club; Associated Student Body Advisor **Laura Lehni**; Pep Band (Director **Jay Gillespie**); and race organizer **Jeff Orswell** (Orswell Events).

We hope to see you at the next Running of the Beavers, scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 22, 2025, at Golden Gardens!



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- Men's Division Winners:**
- 1. Garrett Knight, 16:38 (middle)
 - 2. Dexter Stevens, 16:57 (right)
 - 3. Andrade Whissell-Cote, 17:31 (left)



- Women's Division Winners:**
- 1. Cassidy Armstrong, 17:51 (middle)
 - 2. Emme Rousseau, 19:55 (left)
 - 3. Sadie Kibelstis, 20:32 (right)



Running of Beavers Team Totals

Funds distributed from the Running of the Beavers to BHS programs totaled \$6,660. Donors also contributed \$660 to event community partner Ballard Food Bank.*

Band	\$995
Baseball	\$150
Bowling	\$66
Boys Basketball	\$52
Boys Lacrosse	\$1,077
Boys Soccer	\$77
Cheer	\$421
Cross Country	\$693
Dance Team	\$28
Flag Football	\$24
Football	\$270
Girls Basketball	\$52
Girls Lacrosse	\$660
Girls Soccer	\$101
Golf	\$56
Gymnastics	\$21
Softball	\$154
Swimming	\$175
Strength & Conditioning	\$112
Tennis	\$101
Track	\$954
Ultimate Frisbee	\$241
Volleyball	\$133
Wrestling	\$42

*Team allocations were tabulated through stipends earned from event support and 70% of donor directed registration proceeds. (Remaining 30% applied to race management fees.)

Breakfast of Champions Coming Spring 2025

The Breakfast of Champions was a great community builder October 7, 2023, in the Ballard High School Commons. The event, co-sponsored by the Athletic Booster Club, featured performances by the Pep Band, Dance Team and Cheer Team, a program packed with inspirational speakers, and the awarding of the inaugural **Sue Stimac Verduin '78 Woman of Impact Award**. Proceeds helped support BHS teams and programs as well as the Positive Coaching Alliance coach training program that promotes mental wellness for athletes.



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Sue Stimac Verduin '78 was honored with the inaugural Woman of Impact Award and a standing ovation at the 2023 Breakfast of Champions. Next, we'll honor longtime PE teacher, Bebe Burns, who taught at Ballard High School for 30 years.

We're eagerly planning our next pancake breakfast event for Spring 2025. We will honor the second Woman of Impact Award recipient, retired BHS PE teacher **Bebe Burns**.



1979 Shingle

Bebe taught at Ballard from 1966-96, was Sue's mentor and is proud to state that she was the first woman in the state to coach boys' sports as the Beaver tennis coach!

We will keep you posted as we finalize a date! Ticket proceeds will again be directed to your choice of athletics team, Performing Arts, Cheer, or Dance Team. Interested in helping as a table captain or sponsor? Email Dick Lee at rjlee@seattleschools.org. Are you an alum who wants to share a Bebe Burns reflection? Email Log editor Gloria Kruzner at bhsfcomm@gmail.com.

Breakfast of Champions Funding:

The 2023 Breakfast of Champions raised \$13,540 for a variety of Ballard teams, programs, and our direct ask, mental health initiatives:

Mental Health	\$4,100
Baseball	\$85
Boys Basketball	\$1,260
Boys Lacrosse	\$185
Cheer	\$885
Cross Country	\$400
Dance	\$650
Football	\$35
Girls Basketball	\$660
Girls Bowling	\$100
Girls Lacrosse	\$125
Girls Soccer	\$870
Girls Swim & Dive	\$420
Girls Volleyball	\$370
Greatest Need	\$235
Not Specified	\$310
Performing Arts	\$300
Softball	\$240
Tennis	\$195
Track	\$675
Ultimate Frisbee	\$270
Wrestling	\$1,170

**Team allocations were tabulated through stipends earned from event support and 100% of donor directed registration proceeds.*

Sue Stimac Verduin '78 Woman of Impact Award

Dedicated to and named after Sue Stimac Verduin '78 (shown with children Johnny '11 and Beverly Verduin '13), the **Woman of Impact Award** honors Sue's sense of community, team work and personal drive on and off the courts.



Not just an athletics honor, the Woman of Impact Award will be presented, as merited, to future Beaver female recipients for outstanding efforts in a variety of capacities, be it in the classroom, on the performance stage, through volunteer service, and/or school community leadership. We look forward to honoring retired longtime Bebe Burns in the Spring 2025.

Dance Team: A Legacy of Passion & Excellence

Ballard's Dance Team is a competitive and passionate group of dancers who are a key part of the Ballard's athletic and artistic culture. The team showcases a wide range of dance styles, from hip hop, contemporary, and modern, to traditional pom where the team shows their Beaver pride!

The team competes with other local high schools and has qualified for District and State Competitions in the last two years, achieving an 'Excellent' rating. Ballard Dance also performs at school assemblies, BHS games, local performing arts events, and with the BHS Marching Band at the Ballard Syttende Mai and Leavenworth parades to amplify our school spirit.

One of the team's biggest events is the annual Winter Dance Showcase, featuring original dance performances. This is a truly special event where dance team members perform original pieces choreographed by team members and coaches including guest performances from others in the dance community. You're invited to join us for this year's event at Ballard High School's Performing Arts Center on December 7, 2024.

For a sneak peek into this year's Winter Showcase, captain Katherine Wenrick has told us, "We've been

working really hard on our group routines to be ready for Showcase, and our first competition on December 14. We are also very excited about the choreography of some talented students that we'll be using."

This 2024-25 school year, the team consists of 17 dancers who are known for their impressive performances, discipline, and dedication to the art of dance. This commitment to excellence is driven by the leadership of this year's team captains, **Katherine Wenrick**, **Bria Meurn** and **Wren Wooten**, and a committed coaching team of Bethany Nielcen and Brittany Smith.

Dance Team Director and Head Coach **Bethany Nielcen** has a lifetime of experience in dance. She had the distinction of being part of the American All-Star dance team, which led to a memorable performance at the Super Bowl XXXIV Pregame Show alongside artists like Tina Turner and Faith Hill. Bethany attended both Auburn University and Birmingham-Southern College, where she majored in Secondary Education and Dance. She was a member of the Birmingham-Southern College Southern Stars Dance Team, competing and reaching the Semi-Finalist round at the UDA College Dance Team National Championship in Orlando, FL. Bethany's background in both education and performance fuels her passion for mentoring and leading the Ballard Dance Team.



Ballard Dance

Ballard Dance performs in a wide range of dance styles throughout the school year and also brings spirit to BHS assemblies and games. Bottom: The team competed at the State Championships in Yakima on March 22, 2024.

Assistant Coach **Brittany Smith** joined the Ballard coaching staff during the 2022-23 school year, bringing her love for dance to the team. Competing in various styles on both regional and global stages, her achievements include multiple top 5 finishes in the Wisconsin State competitions, two international tours, and a top 100 placement at the World Championships of Irish Dance in 2007.

The Beaver Dance Team continues to thrive, creating an environment where students can develop their dance skills while learning discipline, teamwork, and the pursuit of excellence.

Thanks to the Ballard Athletic Booster Club, you can donate online to Dance Team or any athletic program. Go to ballardathletics.com/team-donations.

Dance Winter Showcase

Enjoy dance performances at Ballard Dance Winter Showcase on Saturday, Dec. 7 in the Performing Arts Center. Time and ticket details



will be available soon on the BHS website, ballardhs.seattleschools.org.

Field of Dreams: District to Add Bleachers at BHS Field This Summer



News flash! Ballard Field is one step closer to bleachers to improve the fan experience, as the District has agreed to install bleachers there in summer 2025! We are so thankful for the continued efforts of Foundation Co-Presidents **Phil Brockman '76** and **Ryan Carlisle '93** to set this in motion.



With work at Memorial Stadium kicking into high gear soon and limited space for team play as a result, Seattle Public Schools is looking to enhance viewing opportunities at school facilities.

For Ballard High School, this means bleacher seating for up to 300 fans, portable bathrooms, and, if we are lucky, an enhanced sound system. We can't wait!



Tim Durkan

Memorial Stadium will soon be retrofitted, causing a strain on already limited athletic field space.

New BHS Swim & Dive Record Board Unveiled at Ballard Pool



It's been nearly 15 years since a BHS Swim & Dive record board has been on display at Ballard Pool. The Ballard High School community celebrated the unveiling of the new swim record board at the Beavers' October 4 swim meet!

The record board has been a mission of the swim team leadership for nearly 6 years, and has taken extraordinary efforts, patience, and coordination from coaches, parent volunteers, the Athletics Booster Club, BHS administration, and Seattle Parks and Recreation Department.

Special thanks to Boys Swim and Dive Head Coach **Kyle Morean**; swim team representative **Kim Courtney**; Girls Swim and Dive Head Coach **Tom Keenan**; ABC President **Suzanne Dale Estey**; Seattle Parks Department's **Brian Jaeger**, **Jenette Budrow** and **Angela Eddy**; BHS Athletic Director **Eric Ensinn '91**; and Principal **Abby Hunt** who worked together to make the dream of a record board a reality.



(L-R) BHS Principal Abby Hunt, Athletic Director Eric Ensinn '91 and Boys Swim & Dive Coach Kyle Morean join Girls Swim & Dive Coach Tom Keenan at the unveiling of the Swim Record Board at Ballard Pool.

Celebrating All Things Ballard Auction & Salmon Dinner

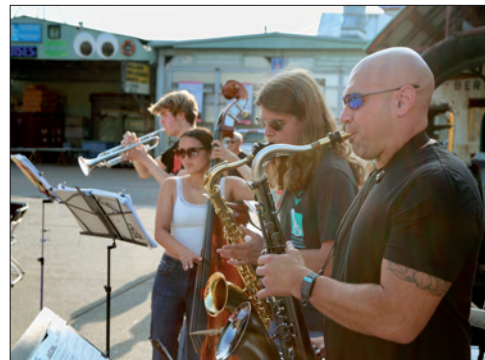
Thanks to our sponsors, volunteers and donors, the **Celebrating All Things Ballard Online Auction/Salmon Dinner and Golf Classic** summer fundraisers grossed more than \$138,000 supporting the Ballard High School Foundation, Athletics, Performing Arts, Cheer and Dance. This total also included an amazing \$57,000 for this year's special ask, Strength & Conditioning.

There was a celebratory mood at the August 15 Salmon Barbecue as the Ballard Jazz Combo welcomed the dinner guests at Pacific Fishermen Shipyard. Pac Fish's **Chris Johnson** led a tour around the historic shipyard.

Past Principals **Phil Brockman '76** and **Keven Wynkoop '94** thanked **Victor Salvino '51** for his longtime support of Ballard High School and hosting the Golf Classic. Salvino brought a large contingent of family and friends from Texas to celebrate his giving spirit and received an appreciative standing ovation from everyone in attendance.

Auctioneer **Stephen Kilbreath**, Emcee **Jinoo Mattila** and Auction Reader **Brandi Mattila** encouraged spirited bidding for an array of dining, sports tickets and travel packages. This year's event also included a fastpitch demonstration (thanks to Metro Softball MVP Pitcher **Colette Howren '25** and All Division Catcher **Katie Davis '26**) and the opportunity to bid on new team uniforms. Donors also had the option to purchase uniforms for the Flag Football program and balls for other teams.

Special thanks to Title and Presenting sponsors, **Mason '68** and **Linda '67 Williams** (Covich-Williams), and **John Goodman '71** (Goodman Foundation). *We look forward to seeing you at next year's event on August 14 at Pacific Fishermen Shipyard. There will also be an online bidding option August 1-17.*



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Let's Thank Victor Again for an Amazing Run!

We are thankful to amazing alum **Victor Salvino '51** for three years of hosting the Golf Classic. This year marked the final year of his commitment. A full field of 250 golfers enjoyed another amazing round at Newcastle Golf Course for the Victor Salvino 24th Annual Golf Classic on August 16.

From Victor's arrival with the Cheer Team hoisting Beaver red and black "Thank You Victor" signs, to the hugs, handshakes and pats on the back around the clubhouse and the tee boxes, golfers, friends and family found a myriad of ways to thank Victor.

Victor also sponsored this year's popular putting contest, the cash hole-in-one contests and four of the six Carter Motors vehicles that were in play for the lucky individual who might cup a hole in one. (The other two cars were kindly sponsored by Carter Motors.) Sadly for the golfers' hopes, no cars or cash were disbursed.

Let's celebrate this year's overall winners! Congratulations to two-time Classic champions **Andrea VanderLende, Erin Belling, Debra Marsten and Jen Douvis**, who topped the field with a score of 58 on Coal Creek. **Kyle Morean, James Murphy, Hans Stegemoeller and Oliver Stegemoeller** took first place honors at China Creek with their score of 57. *Full results are at: ballardhighschoolfoundation.org.*

Making a Golf "Classic" may be a tall task, but it was easily met with the enthusiasm of the Athletic Booster Club and team volunteers who hustled to make sure it was another wonderful event. We are also thankful, as always, for our returning sponsors.

We'll see you Aug. 15 for next year's Classic.



Bruce Johnson/Rowland Studios

Victor Salvino is thanked by student golfers; a golf party poses by a Carter Subaru on the course. Principal Abby Hunt welcomed players on the course; players enjoy a putting contest and barbecue before teeing off.

Thank You Golf Sponsors

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New LED Lights Illuminate Performing Arts Center

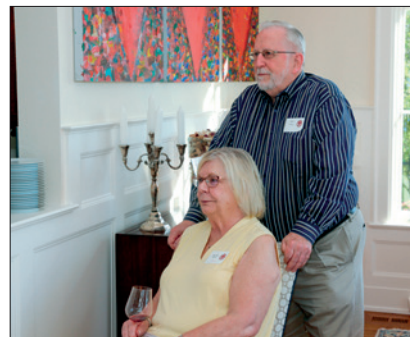
We, at the Ballard High School Foundation, are proud of our support of Ballard Performing Arts. We recently completed a \$40,000-plus project to update the Earl Kelly Performing Arts Center (PAC) with longer-lasting LED lights.

Encore to **Tom and Dorothy (Zemke '64) Sheehan** for their incredible \$60,000 donation to Ballard Performing Arts and PAC improvements, which assisted with both last year's purchase of wireless microphones and this year's lighting project.

Both upgrades will enhance the audience experience, while using more cost-wise and eco-friendly products.



Thanks to Ballard Performing Arts Committee Chair **Chris Witeck**, and the team below for all their hard work.



Bruce Johnson/Rowland Studios
Dorothy (Zemke '64) and Tom Sheehan donated \$60,000 to the Performing Arts Center projects.

We are also thankful for **Jerry Masters'** amazing \$17,000 donation that helped pay for the audio equipment used in this spring's smash production of "The Addams Family."



What a team effort to get the Performing Arts Center improvements completed, from Program Directors Jay Gillespie (band), Daniel Valdez (orchestra), Courtney Rowley (choir), Miller Shor (theatre); School Principal Abby Hunt; 2022-24 BPA Booster President Kelsey Fatland; and the Foundation's BPA Committee Members Cyndy Clegg '78, Dick Lee '61 (ex officio), and Joel Niemeyer '78.

Valdez Honored With PTSA's Golden Acorn Award



Congratulations to Orchestra Director **Daniel Valdez**, recipient of the Ballard PTSA Golden Acorn "Educator of the Year" Award for 2024, as voted on by students and BHS families.

Valdez has led the orchestra program since 2022. This BPA photo shows the orchestra members' appreciation for Valdez at the Spring Concert, the group's final performance of the 2023-24 school year.

We'll Double Your Donation for BPA Music Lessons

Ballard Performing Arts (BPA) strives to provide an inclusive, welcoming, and united community for all BHS students. Aligned with this is the strong belief that ALL students should be able to equally participate in all activities -- including private music lessons -- that the BPA offers regardless of their financial ability to participate.

In 2021, we had a special "ask" at the Celebrating All Things Ballard Auction in support of BPA's effort to make private lessons equitable and affordable to anyone. Our amazing donors answered the call, giving more than \$24,000 for the program.

Many students take focused lessons with a specialist concentrating on their instrument or voice part. The skills gained help with the student's technical ability, confidence, and overall musicianship. However, a significant family and financial commitment is needed to access these one-on-one lessons. The BPA Directors and Boosters have long desired a way to make these lessons more equitable and accessible to all students.

When polled in 2021, two-thirds of the program's music students had taken these types of focused lessons at some point in their high school music career. However, 17% said that financial circumstances either "Somewhat" or "Very Much" served as a barrier in accessing lessons.

The BPA Boosters wanted to ensure there were no barriers to anyone and that everyone could benefit from one-on-one coaching! The money raised in



Ballard Performing Arts

The Jazz Band works with local jazz legend Scott Brown. Your donations help make lessons for all possible.

2021 went a long way, however, now more funds are needed for Ballard's young talented performers of today and tomorrow.

"We have exhausted those funds and we have some students who are still very interested in taking lessons, but do not have the means to do so," said Band Director **Jay Gillespie**.

Please consider a donation today. For every dollar raised, the Ballard High School Foundation will match (up to \$2,000 total match from the Foundation).

I literally have had parents moved to tears when they find out we can help their students get lessons at no or reduced cost.

~ Jay Gillespie
Band Director

Just think, a \$50 contribution will pay for one lesson. For \$1,000 you could help one student access instrument specific lessons twice a month for the entire school year. For \$5,000, BPA could help five

students access lessons twice a month for the school year. Please help us make these music lessons equitable for ALL Ballard Music students!

"I literally have had parents moved to tears when they find out we can help their students get lessons at no or

reduced cost," Gillespie said. "We all appreciate everything you all do for the Ballard Performing Arts students. The Foundation literally changes lives!"

We are proud longtime supporters of Ballard Performing Arts, and our commitment even included the purchase of several saxophones for band members last year! Thanks to the Performing Arts Committee Chair **Chris Witeck** and Committee Members **Cyndy Clegg '78** and **Joel Niemeyer '78** for working on the 2021 fundraising campaign for equity in music lessons and continuing to be responsive to BPA needs as they arise.



Help Support Music Lessons for All!

Donate online:

bit.ly/lessonsforall

or via the QR code!



Questions? Email Dick Lee at rjlee@seattleschools.org.

Class of 2024: Where Are They Now?

Alabama

University of Alabama

Alaska

University of Alaska Fairbanks

Arizona

Grand Canyon University
Northern Arizona University
University of Arizona 6 (*numbers are students at each campus*)

California

Azusa Pacific University
Loyola Marymount University
California Lutheran University
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo 10
California State University-Chico 2
California State University-San Marcos
Chapman University 3
Otis College of Art and Design
Point Loma Nazarene University
San Diego State University 6
San Jose State University
Santa Barbara City College 3
Santa Clara University
Scripps College
University of California-Irvine
University of California-Los Angeles
University of California-San Diego
University of California-Santa Barbara 2
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of San Diego
University of Southern California
Westmont College

Colorado

Colorado State University-Fort Collins 3
University of Colorado Boulder 6
University of Denver

Connecticut

Connecticut College

Delaware

University of Delaware

Florida

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach
University of Miami

Georgia

Savannah College of Art and Design 2

Hawaii

University of Hawaii at Manoa 3

Idaho

Boise State University 2

Illinois

Columbia College Chicago
DePaul University

Knox College
Loyola University Chicago
University of Illinois Chicago

Indiana

Purdue University 2

Louisiana

Tulane University

Maine

Maine Maritime Academy

Massachusetts

Emerson College
Lasell University
Mount Holyoke College 2
Northeastern University
University of Massachusetts-Amherst 2

Michigan

University of Michigan 2

Minnesota

University of Minnesota 2

Missouri

Washington University 2

Montana

Montana State University 3
University of Montana

New Jersey

Rutgers University 4

New York

Fordham University
New York University-Tisch School of the Arts
Sarah Lawrence College
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Syracuse University 2
University of Rochester

North Dakota

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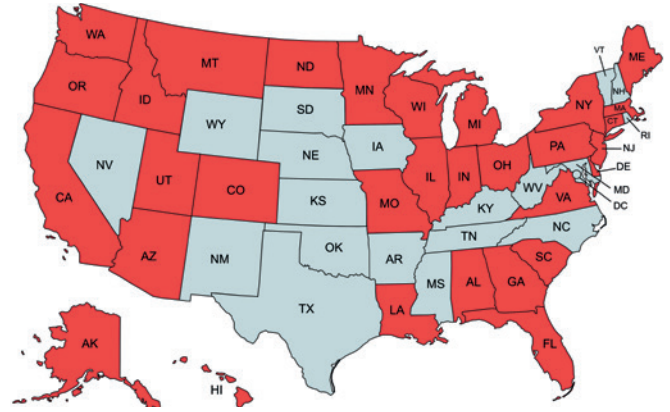
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Kenyon College

Oregon

Lewis & Clark College 2
Oregon State University 20
Portland State University
University of Oregon 4
University of Portland 2
Willamette University 2

Pennsylvania

Drexel University
Lafayette College
Pennsylvania State University



The Class of 2024 is attending schools across the U.S. (highlighted in red), and in Canada and France.

South Carolina

University of South Carolina

Utah

University of Utah 3

Virginia

University of Virginia

Washington

Academy of Interactive Entertainment
Bellevue College
Central Washington University 2
Eastern Washington University
Gonzaga University 5
North Seattle College 45
Pacific Lutheran University
Seattle Central College 29
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University 7
Shoreline Community College
Spokane Falls Community College
University of Puget Sound 2
University of Washington 33
University of Washington-Bothell 5
Washington State University 18
Western Washington University 40
Whitman College 5
Whitworth University 2

Wisconsin

Lawrence University
Marquette University
University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Canada

McGill University
University of British Columbia
University of Victoria
Wilfrid Laurier University

France

Ecole Polytechnique

Beaver Senior Year Flies By!



Rowland Studios

The Class of 2024 gathered on BHS Field for the annual senior class photo.



Seattle Public Schools

And, celebrations at Memorial Stadium on graduation day! Meet Ballard's newest alums!

Class of 2025 Comes Next!

Class of 2025 Graduation
June 13, 2025, 8 p.m.
Memorial Stadium



Thankful for ALL G.A.I.N.S.

Our longtime support of the Graduation Assistance Impacting the Needs of Students (G.A.I.N.S.) program helps foster a community where students can aspire for their dreams.

As part of the program, Ballard's G.A.I.N.S. Success Coordinators **Dale Griffith** and **Malik Prince**

'11 work with Ballard High School administrators, counselors, and teachers to mentor students who are at risk for delayed graduation or dropping out due to grades, absenteeism, or disciplinary issues.



We are fortunate to have a grant from the Grousemont Foundation, through the 2027 school year, allocating \$75,000 toward a coordinator position.



This leaves a shortfall from a coordinator's \$96,000 annual salary. We also are committed to paying a second G.A.I.N.S. coordinator but your donations will continue our efforts for G.A.I.N.S. students of tomorrow. We ask you to consider a donation using the envelope in the center of *The Log*. Thank you, on behalf of ALL Beavers.

For the Logbook



Dec. 3, 2024 | Foundation Annual Board Meeting
& Reception, 5 p.m. Blue Ridge Community
Club

February 18, 2025 | Foundation Board Meeting, 4
p.m. Ballard High School Library

March 22, 2025 | Running of the Beavers, 9:30
a.m. Golden Gardens

Spring 2025 | Breakfast of Champions, 9-11 a.m.
Ballard High School Commons, honoring
retired longtime BHS PE teacher Bebe Burns

June 1, 2025 | Golden Beaver Scholarship
Luncheon, noon Ray's Boathouse Northwest
Room

June 10, 2025 | Foundation Board Meeting, 4 p.m.
Ballard High School Library

Aug. 1-17 2025 | Celebrating All Things Ballard
Online Auction

Aug. 14, 2025 | Salmon Dinner Event, Pacific
Fishermen Shipyard

Aug. 15, 2025 | Victor Salvino 25th Annual Golf
Classic at Newcastle Golf Course

A Final Word In Thanks of Making Connections

Advocating for Ballard High School allows me to make wonderful personal connections all around our community, whether it's lunch with volunteer school parents, a visit to the local bank, and or catching up with an amazing alum who has given so much back to our school we both hold dear. So, I want to thank these individuals.

First, to **Jim and Christie Spielman**, who, for decades, have made heads and Beaver tails of all the procured items for the Ballard Bash Auction (during their students' school years) and then the Dinner of Champions Auction (now Salmon Dinner Event) so our donors can eagerly bid upon the wonderful items shared by our generous community.

Next, Crown Hill Keybank's **Alice Karn** for all her help and support with the Foundation's banking needs over the years.

Finally, longtime Finance Committee and Board member, **Jim Crim '52**, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday and is still giving back to the Foundation. Thank you, Jim, and a hearty Beaver "Happy Birthday" to a true friend.



Happy Birthday Jim!

And another special thank you to our donors, as you consider another year-end gift for our annual Direct Appeal, using the convenient envelope in *The Log*. I hope to see you around the neighborhood to celebrate being a Beaver too!

*~ Dick Lee '61, Executive Director and Co-Founder
Ballard High School Foundation*