# NEWS FROM THE NEST

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## ALUMNI AND TEACHERS OF THE YEAR TO BE HONORED

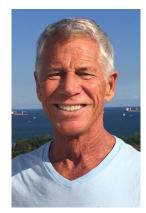
Every year, the HHS Alumni Association selects an alumnus to honor who has achieved greatness in his or her professional career or has given back to HHS and our community to ensure that future Bluebirds can maximize their own greatness. In addition to honoring the Alumnus of the Year, we also celebrate the achievements and contributions of teachers from HHS and HMS and one elementary school teacher (rotating between the three schools).

This year, we are excited to present Tom Jones (HHS Class of '63) as our Alumni of the Year. Mr. Jones has been giving back to Highlands since 1995 as a substitute teacher, through financial contributions and many other ways.

#### ALUMNI & TEACHER OF THE YEAR DINNER

#### April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm | Highland Country Club | Tickets \$30

Honorees: Tom Jones (Class of '63), Bill Poff (HHS), Kevin Nieporte (HMS), Nancy Browning (Johnson) Guest Speaker: Jeff Walz, UofL women's basketball head coach Event and table sponsors available



Tom Jones- "Needless to say I could not be more appreciative of this great honor. Being a part of Highlands for me began 61 years ago. There has never been a gap as Highlands has always been a part of me, one way or another, first as a student, for a bit as a teacher and proudly as an alumnus. I look forward very much to sharing some thoughts about my Highlands alumni pride at the dinner."

#### SAVE THE DATES

04.13.18

Alumni & Teacher of the Year Dinner

04.20.18

HHS Baseball @ GABP

10.19.18 10.20.18 10.21.18

Homecoming & Hall of Fame

## PLANNING A REUNION?

Let us help! Call 859.815.2004

HHS STUDENTS LOOKING FOR INDUSTRY MENTORS

Interested? Call or email to learn more.



#### **INDUSTRY MENTORS NEEDED**

The district is currently working on the 'Portrait of a Graduate', a project that examines what we want our students to know, do, and be like when they leave our district as graduates. Part of this exciting work is to build an industry mentor database to match with students as they think about their future profession. Mentors will fill a variety of roles for current students including job shadowing, job fairs, 1-on-1 coaching or industry networking. We'd love to add to you to the list, you do not need to be local. Call or email us your industry, contact information and how you might be able to help and we'll work to connect you to an HHS aspiring student.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

#### **Introducing Your HHS Alumni Association Committee Members**

Being a Highlands graduate means so much to so many of us. For our Alumni Spotlight this edition, we thought it would be fun to hear from our Alumni Association Committee members what being an HHS Alumni means to them.

#### **MEGAN (HOSEA) ABNER**

(Class of '91)



As an alumna I have a deep sense of pride and loyalty in our school and community. As a member of the Alumni Association. I am excited about

connecting current students with alumni to ensure continued success of our district and the students who graduate from Highlands.

#### **DIANE ALEXANDER**(Class of '71)

I am doubly fortunate to be both an HHS



alum and a retired HHS faculty member, and my father John Alexander was HHS teacher and principal of Moyer my connections run

deep! I've been so fortunate to have these connections to HHS that I hope to provide other alums the opportunity to participate in events to reconnect with friends and classmates.

#### MARK COLLIER (Class of '01)



Being a Highlands alum means the world to me. Connecting with fellow Bluebirds creates a meaningful and lasting network. joined the HHS

Alumni Committee because I wanted to devote myself to further helping our alumni connect and to recognize the efforts of those who are so deserving.

#### TIM DOUGHERTY (Class of '86)



Being an HHS Alum has meant more to me as I have gotten older and especially now that I have children in the district and seeing the difference being a

Bluebird really makes compared to other districts. I would love to see the HHS Alumni Association be a more active organization that provides resources/opportunities to alumni that other school alumni groups don't.

#### **ED & BEV (ACHZEHNER)** HARBER (Class of '66)

HHS means a great deal to our family. We



love the school and want to do what we can to support it. It's important to keep in touch not only with classmates, but also with the new things

going on in the school system. The Alumni Association is important to keep in touch with the graduates and future graduates.

#### CHAD HUDEPOHL (Class of '06)



Being a HHS Alumnus comes with a huge sense of pride; whether it's the academics. athletics, or performing arts, HHS has always found a way to raise

the bar. That "never content" mentality resonated with me and it has definitely helped shape my life thus far. Joining the Alumni Committee has been a great honor and I am looking forward to networking with alumni from many generations.

#### STACY (HUDDLESTON) KOENIG

(Class of '93)



I'm proud to be a HHS alum. I enjoyed my time at Highlands and I believe my experience with academics, sports and clubs contributed to success in college

and professionally. I joined the HHS Alumni Committee to help create a network to benefit our children, community and alumni.

#### AMY (THOMPSON) LEIGH

(Class of '82)



A Highlands alumnus a recipient of carefully crafted opportunities provided generations community members who value

education and Fort Thomas students. As a member of the HHS Alumni committee, I have the privilege of joining with other HHS alumni as we seek to connect with past generations and elevate future generations of HHS students.

#### ANN (DAVIS) MEYER (Class of '74)



Highlands' а As graduate, teacher. counselor as well as a parent of Highlands' graduates, I value the education and the opportunities afforded

to me and my children because of the strong educational background and support. I like the energy that the community has for our school system and think that there is opportunity for our alumni to share their journey and accomplishments to our current students.



We'd love to hear from YOU! If you or someone you know would like to be included in our Alumni Spotlight please email to HHSAA1891@gmail.com.

#### **SAM SHELTON** (Class of '17)



To be an HHS Alum means that you have been given the best foundation for your future in college and beyond. As alum, we become part of the

traditions of Highlands, but still work to ensure the future and continued success at Highlands.

#### PHIL SCHERRER (Class of '98)



I look back on my time at HHS and am thankful for the solid foundation it has given me. HHS is an integral part of the community in Fort Thomas and remains

the single greatest reason why Fort Thomas consistently ranks as a great place to live. Being a part of the HHS Alumni Committee it's a great opportunity to help ensure the HHS of tomorrow ascends to new heights.

#### **BRIAN SCHWALBACH**

(Class of '92)



I am grateful to be an alumnus of HHS for the education, opportunities and relationships (including my wife!) and look forward to my children

being able to experience some of the same. Being a part of the HHS Alumni Association is an exciting opportunity as we look for new ways for alumni to get involved and to stay in touch.

### BRIEFS& BRAVOS

#### **ATHELTIC**

#### **BOWLING**

Girls Bowling Regional Champs **Andy Campbell** State Champion

#### **CHEER**

1st Region 9 Coed A
1st NKCCA Fall Coed
4th UCA Bluegrass Championship Small Coed
4th KHSAA State Coed A
1st NKCCA Winter Coed
1st All Girl Senior Stunt Missy White Scholarships
1st Coed Stunt
11th UCA National
High School Cheerleading

#### **DANCE**

#### Varsity:

2nd in KHSAA State Tournament
1st in Hop Hop and Pom (KDCO Regional)
4th in Hip Hop (KDCO State)
5th in Pom (KDCO State)
3rd place in Hip Hop (Nationals)
14th place in Pom (Nationals)
Junior Varsity:

JV State Champs for Hip Hop and Pom (KDCO) 3rd in Hip Hop (KHSAA State)

#### BASKETBALL

Girls basketball 36th District Champs **Zoie Barth** 1500th point vs Mason Co 1/11/18

#### **SWIM & DIVE**

Region 7 Boys Champions Region 7 Combined Champions NKAC Boys Champions NKAC Combined team Champions 3rd in State Boys Swimming 6th in State Combined Team Finn Murphy State Dive Champion

### ARCHERY (INAUGURAL SEASON)

52 athletes **Emily Flotemersch** qualified for state

#### **ACADEMIC**

#### **NHS MERIT FINALIST**

Highlands High School senior Savannah Brady has been named a Finalist in the 2017-18 National Merit Scholarship Program.

About 15,000 of the 16,000 Semifinalists named in September 2017 met all requirements to advance to Finalist standing in the competition. All Finalists will be considered for National Merit Scholarships to be offered in 2018.

#### PERFECT ACT SCORE

Highlands High School junior William Burnham earned a perfect score of 36 on the ACT exam. Nationally, less than one-tenth of 1% of all students who take the ACT earn a score of 36.

#### **COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR**

Trinity Walsh was named High School Counselor of the Year by the KY School Counselor Association

The Kentucky High School Counselor of the Year Award is awarded based on recommendations from other counselors.

#### **EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR**

**Kathy Anderson** named KMEA Middle School Music Educator of the year.

#### **AP EXAMS**

We are giving 1,186 AP Exams this year



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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

04.13.18

Alumni & Teacher of the Year Dinner 6pm @ Highland Country Club Join us for dinner to honor our Alumni and Teachers of the Year.

Buy tickets online on FTEF.org, Facebook, Twitter or call 859.815.2004

04.20.18

HHS Baseball @ GABP HHS Baseball v. Cov Cath @ 4 pm **06.05.18**Reds v. Rockies @ GABP

HHS recognized during pre-game activities

Two games for \$10 For tickets: www.HighlandsAthletics.com

10.19.18-10.21.18

Homecoming & Hall of Fame

Don't forget to stop by and shake your Tailfeather at the Tailgate before the game.

All alumni and friends welcome!

For info: www.HighlandsAthletics.com or www.HighlandsAlumni.com