



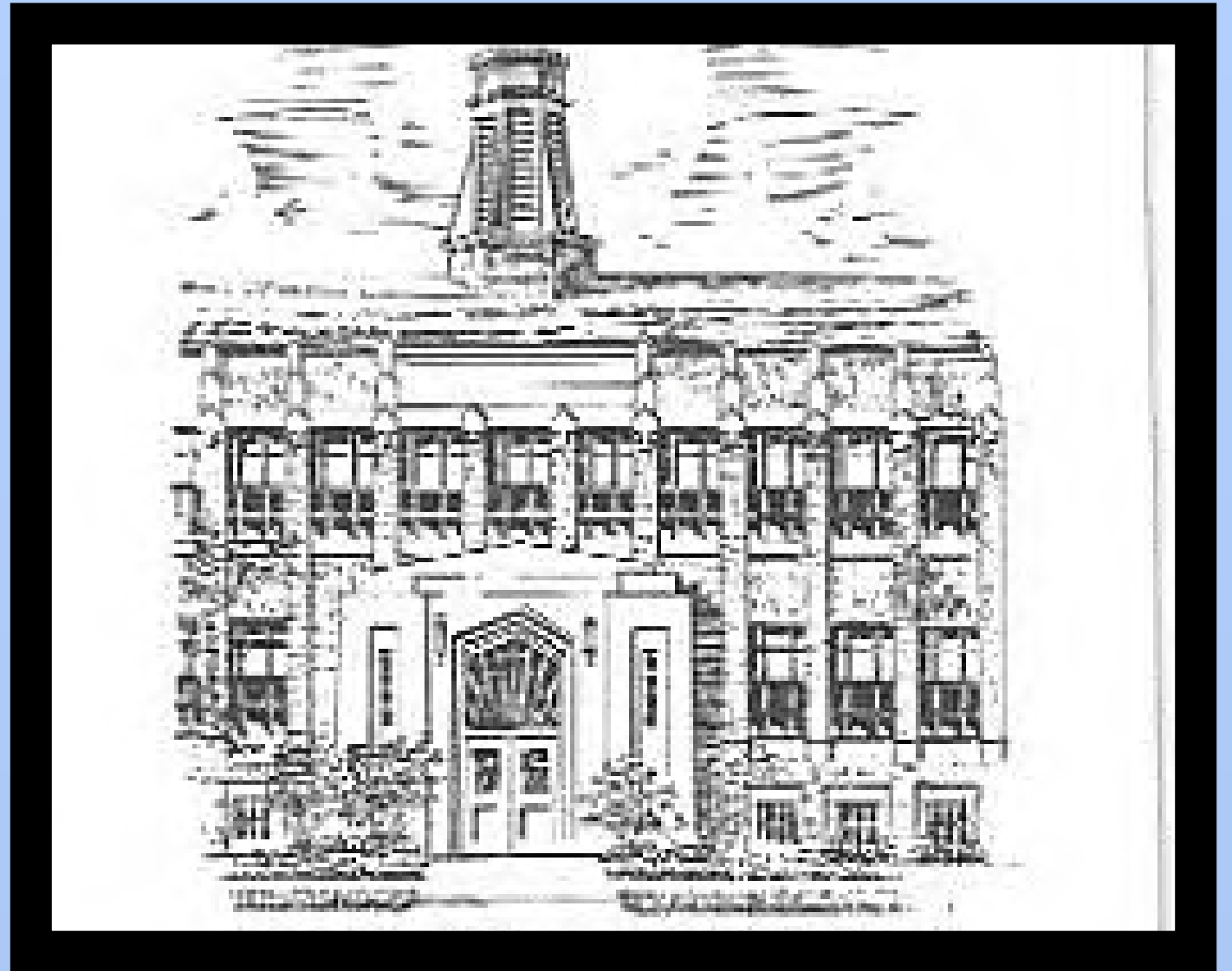
THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE RENSSELAER NY SCHOOL DISTRICT

OUR HISTORY

1898 → 1998 → 2011

Rensselaer High Alumni Association History

Although an alumni association had been documented to exist in the 1920's and 30's, it was little more than a directory of classmates' names and addresses.



The Centennial Award

1898 - First graduating class made a challenge that in 50 yrs, something of significance be established.

1948 - The class accepted the challenge and decided to establish an annual award, marking the 100th year for the school.

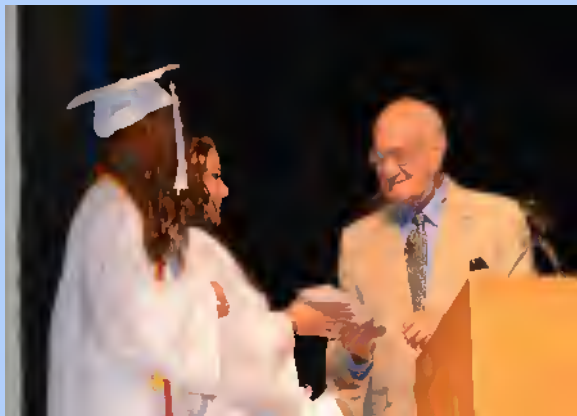
1998 - Class of '48's committee of 16 raised \$10,000 and launched an annual award of \$200, which later grew to \$500.

2005 - The award was increased to \$1000.

2011 - 21 awards had been given, depleting the account. Fundraising dinner to replenish the account and re-establishment of Alumni Association to take over for aging class of 1948.

2012-2020 - 18 awards have been given by the Alumni Association.





CENTENNIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS



1998 Rodney Garcia

1999 Eddie Flynn

2000 Tiffany Underwood

2001 Steven Keeler

2002 Tessa Ogren

2003 Jessica Gigliotti

2004 Emily White

2005 Gina Hahn & Steven Poole

2006 Alex Carson & Shamara Dean

2007 Nicole Eaton & William Foust

2008 Keith Britt & Amy Cramer

2009 Erica Stasack & Dan Mann

2010 Ethalier Zan & Cha Cha

2011 Mananda Khaing & Kathleen Kopaskie

2012 Kelsie Burns & Tim Burek

2013 Alexis Stammel & Katie D'Allesandro

2014 Raynika Wilcox & Win Myint

2015 Pwint Hnin & Emily Kretzschmar

2016 Sirawit Ratchatacharoenpong and Alex Prusky

2017 Joshua Kenna and Sudarat Hormhuan

2018 Alexandria Maxian and Alaysia Thomas

2019 Kira Weston and Alani Thomas

2020 MacKenzie Brown and Andrew Kretzschmar

2021 Lin Wai and Devin Krause

2011-12 Reconstitution of the Alumni Association

- Oct 2011 - A successful fund raiser was held and by the end of the year, the class of '48 asked for a slate of officers to continue what they had started.
- Jan 2012 - Officers were elected; Articles of Organization were approved; a name and logo were chosen and The Alumni Association of the Rensselaer NY School District was born.

PURPOSES of the ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Association is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organized exclusively for charitable purposes. To that end, it:

- ✓ Bestows the Centennial Award annually to one or more graduating seniors, as defined in the By-Laws;
- ✓ Enhances the educational experiences of students of all grades through the Enrichment Grant and various methods as outlined in the By-Laws;
- ✓ Preserves the history of the RCSD; and
- ✓ Fund-raises for the above purposes.

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



2011-12 ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Held monthly membership meetings.
- ✓ Established annual membership & fund drive letter campaign.
- ✓ \$119 donated to continue the class of '48s tradition of hosting breakfast for graduating seniors.
- ✓ Held fund raisers at annual school events: Craft Fair, Homecoming, Open House & at Kiwanis concerts in the park.
- ✓ \$1000 donated to continued class of '48s Centennial awards including establishment of an application process & inclusion of alumni in the selection process.
- ✓ Established Hall of Fame & inducted inaugural 9 members & the entire class of 1948.
- ✓ \$1000 awarded for the established the Enrichment Grant.
- ✓ Established a website and data base of approx. 2000 alumni.
- ✓ Assisted school staff with the Hometown Heroes project.
- ✓ Compiled a history board of the education system in the city of Rensselaer.
- ✓ Elected Officers & wrote Constitution & By-Laws.
- ✓ \$2,312 raised.

2012-13 ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Continued all the accomplishments of the preceding year and added the following:
- ✓ Alumni Club for RHS upper classes established.
- ✓ Sing-a-long at the Winter Concert & reunion of Sweet 16 at the Spring Concert.
- ✓ Planned for display cases for alumni memorabilia and archives & established an alumni wall with bulletin board at school.
- ✓ Class List archive of approx. 6,000 names added to website.
- ✓ 8 more inducted into the Hall of Fame.
- ✓ **\$200** donated for the Sr. Breakfast
- ✓ **\$1000** for the Enrichment Grant and **\$1000** for 2 Centennial Awards donated.
- ✓ Planning for memorial park for RHS veterans and alumni.
- ✓ Mixers to promote membership.
- ✓ Raised over **\$5479**.

2013-14 ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ Continued monthly meetings, \$223 for the annual Senior Breakfast; fundraised at annual Jr Class Craft Fair, Open House and sports events; sang at the Winter Concert with the HS chorus; continued the Alumni Club for students; updated and maintained our Facebook Group Page and Websites; held mixers and added the following:
 - ❖ \$2650 donated for 2 display cases
 - ❖ \$1000 granted for the Centennial Awards;
 - ❖ \$1000 donated for the Enrichment Grant;
 - ❖ \$175 donated to Sr English class for transportation to poetry presentation at U Albany;
- ❖ Judged HS English “Poetry Out Loud” and Shakespearean Recitation competitions;
- ❖ \$500 donated to the Athletic Association for the new football field sign;
- ❖ Set up the display cases displaying the memorabilia and archives;
- ❖ Continued planning for the Veteran’s Memorial and began planning for Memorial Day Parade, All-Class Reunion & digital sign;
- ❖ 12 new members were inducted into the Hall of Fame; and
- ❖ \$7644 was raised.

2014-15 ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued monthly meetings, **\$238** donated to the annual Senior Breakfast, fundraised at annual Sr. Class Craft Fair, Open House and sports events, sang at the Winter Concert with the HS chorus, continued the Alumni Club for students, updated and maintained our Facebook Group Page, Website and display cases;
- **2, \$500** Centennial Awards given;
- **\$1000** donated for the Enrichment Grant;
- **\$500** donated to Pop Warner Team's 5K fund raiser;
- Continued planning for Memorial Day Parade & Digital Sign;
- 5 new members inducted to the Hall of Fame;
- Collaborated with DAR on events for the 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War;
- **\$6,586** raised

2016-2017 ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued monthly meetings, annual Senior Breakfast, fundraised at annual Sr. Class Craft Fair, sang at the Winter Concert with the HS chorus, continued the Alumni Club for students, updated and maintained our Facebook Group Page, Website and display cases;
- 1200 letters mailed to alumni for the membership fund drive;
- \$1500 donated for the Enrichment Grant;
- \$250 donated for performance at the Kiwanis' Concerts in the Park;
- Alumni Day at the Races in Saratoga;
- \$1000 donated for two \$500 Centennial Awards;
- Began planning for first annual Alumni Golf Tournament fund raiser;
- R.A.D.A.R meetings;
- Trick or Treat, Meet and Greet;
- Alumni Author day and meeting with NAMI@EMMA
- Memorial Day Parade float and march;
- \$190 donated to Jr. Honor Society for pins and certificates for their ceremony;
- \$500 donated to the Drama Club
- 11 new members inducted into the Hall of Fame
- \$500 donated to the Friends of the Half Moon for 8 students to go to The Netherlands;
- Continued planning the Vietnam Veterans Commemoration with the DAR; and
- Continued planning with the Rensselaer Athletic Association, the Eagles, the Kiwanis and the Gerald O'Neil American Legion Post for the school's digital electronic sign.
- \$13,841 raised

2017-18 ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued monthly meetings, annual Senior Breakfast, fundraised at annual Sr. Class Craft Fair, updated and maintained our Facebook Group Page, Websites and display cases;
- Sent out 1200 letters to alumni for the membership fund drive;
- \$1000 donated for the Enrichment Grant;
- Sponsored ½ of a performance for the Kiwanis' Concerts in the Park;
- Organized an Alumni Day at the Races in Saratoga;
- \$1000 donated for two \$500 Centennial Awards;
- Alumni Golf Tournament fund raiser held;
- \$175 donated to the student Art contest for the Vietnam Veterans Commemoration with the DAR;
- \$125 donated to the 9th grade 30-Day Challenge;
- \$125 donated to the Active Parenting Now Seminars;
- \$260 donated to the Middle School Science Olympiad Team;
- \$2500 donated to the Regional Food Bank Back-Pack Program;
- 10 new members inducted into the Hall of Fame;
- Continued planning with the Rensselaer Athletic Association, the Eagles, the Kiwanis and the Gerald O'Neil American Legion Post for the school's digital electronic sign;
- \$16,931 raised.

2018-2019 ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued meetings, annual Senior Breakfast, annual Sr. Class Craft Fair, updated and maintained our Facebook Group Page, Websites and display cases;
- Sent out 1200 letters to alumni for the membership fund drive;
- \$1500 donated for the Enrichment Grant;
- \$125 donated to Kiwanis' Concerts in the Park;
- \$250 for Crest & Shield ad
- \$1000 donate for two \$500 Centennial Awards;
- \$4,121 raised by Alumni Golf Tournament fund raiser;
- \$1100 donated to the Drama Club;
- \$125 donated to the 9th grade 30-Day Challenge;
- \$200 donated to the library for books ;
- \$260 donated to the Middle School Science Olympiad Team;
- \$2250 donated to the Regional Food Bank Back-Pack Program;
- 12 new members inducted into the Hall of Fame;
- Continued planning for the school's digital electronic sign;
- \$12,237 raised

2019-2020 ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued meetings, annual Senior Breakfast, updated and maintained our Facebook Group Page, Websites and display cases;
- Sent out 1200 letters to alumni for the membership fund drive;
- \$1500 donated for the Enrichment Grant;
- \$125 donated to Kiwanis' Concerts in the Park;
- \$1000 donate for two \$500 Centennial Awards;
- \$200 donated to the Middle School Science Olympiad Team;
- \$2250 donated to the Regional Food Bank Back-Pack Program;
- \$400 donated for the Strengthening Parenting Program;
- \$250 donated for Crest & Shield ad;
- 10 new members inducted into the Hall of Fame;
- Continued planning for the school's digital electronic sign.
- \$14,508 raised.

2021-22 ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued meetings, annual Senior Breakfast, updated and maintained our Facebook Group Page, Websites and display cases;
- Sent out 1200 letters to alumni for the membership fund drive;
- \$2500 donated for the Enrichment Grant;
- \$250 donated to Kiwanis' Concerts in the Park;
- \$2000 donate for two \$1000 Centennial Awards;
- \$144 donated to the Middle School Science Olympiad Team;
- \$1000 donated to the Regional Food Bank Back-Pack Program;
- \$250 donated for the senior breakfast;
- \$500 donated to the Drama Club;;
- \$250 donated for Crest & Shield ad;
- 10 new members inducted into the Hall of Fame;
- Continued planning for the school's digital electronic sign.
- \$11,559 raised

TOP PHOTO \$700 raised from raffle of a queen size quilt, handmade by Larry Dooris, Jane Adalian & Ginny Colvin Lazzaro all from the Class of 1969.



BOTTOM PHOTO Over \$600 raised selling chicken dinners and raffle tickets for baskets. Pictured are Ginny Colvin Lazzaro '69, Doris Nichols Roberts '61, Howard Dickson '54 & Ruth Keenholts Dickson '56.



Annual Spring/Fall Craft Fair

Each year the Junior Class holds a Craft Fair to raise money for their senior events. The Alumni Association rented a booth each year 2012-19. We sold merchandise and displayed our history and activity boards. It also gives us an opportunity to promote our organization and sign up members.

PHOTO shows Beverly Finlay Ackerman '70 and Doris Nichols Roberts '61, Alumni Association VP 1st term at the 2013 craft fair.





The class of 1948 started the tradition of hosting a breakfast for the graduating senior class which costs **\$200-\$250**. The Alumni Association has since taken this over. We have chosen Prom Day to hold it since seniors must attend school the day of the prom and view a safe driving film.

From L to R our alumni association member volunteers are: Jim and Jean Greenshields Burns, both class of '48, Bob Eckert '48, Ginny Colvin Lazzaro '69, Alumni Association Treas. 2nd term; Doris Nichols Roberts '61, Alumni Association VP 2nd term; Ruth Keenholts Dickson '56 & Donna Zobre Baxter '70, Alumni Association Sec. 1st term.

2013 Homecoming Quilt Raffle

This beautiful queen size quilt in our school colors of blue & white was made and donated to the Alumni Association by Tom Mulyca '69, his talented wife Char and daughter Christy, who all had a hand in making it. Over **\$600** was raised.



MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

IN 2014 -15 MIXERS WERE INITIATED TO PROMOTE CAMARADERIE & NEW MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION



Alumni Association of the Rensselaer NY School District



**VALENTINE'S DAY
MIXER**

FRIDAY, FEB 14, 2014
7-10 pm
Karaoke at 8pm

MELVIN ROADS AMERICAN LEGION POST
200 Columbia Turnpike (Rtes. 9 & 20)

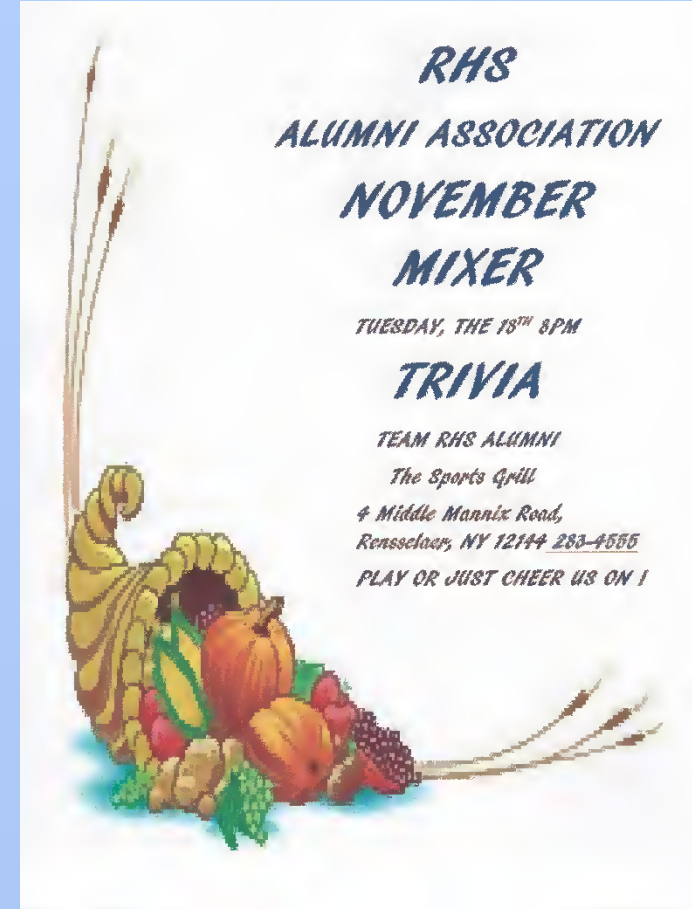
Come mix and mingle
whether you're an alumnus or not
Bring a friend or find one there !



Alumni Association of the Rensselaer NY School District

St Patrick's MIXER

Friday, March 14th 2014
Melvin Roads American Legion
Columbia Turnpike Rensselaer NY
7pm-11pm
Karaoke at 8pm
No cover - cash bar
Just show up and join the fun !
All are welcome
You don't have to be an Alumnus
OR
IRISH !



**RHS
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER
MIXER**

TUESDAY, THE 18TH 8PM

TRIVIA

TEAM RHS ALUMNI
The Sports Grill
4 Middle Mannix Road,
Rensselaer, NY 12144 263-4555
PLAY OR JUST CHEER US ON !



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OF
RENSSELAER NY SCHOOLS

MIXER

FRIDAY OCTOBER 24TH

7-11PM

MELVIN ROADS POST
COLUMBIA TURNPIKE,
RENSSELAER
TRIVIA AND KARAOKE



Rensselaer High School ALUMNI DAY AT THE RACES

**PLEASE JOIN US ON
MONDAY AUG. 17TH 2015**

**Meet 12 noon @ the Paddock Picnic Area
Bring a chair & a snack to share**

**Need not be an alumnus to attend
Please RSVP to lynnebmeister@gmail.com
(so we know how many tables to save)**

FUN FUN FUN !!!!!!!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT COLLABORATION

WINTER CONCERTS

Association arranged for alumni to sing a long with the chorus.



2014 SPRING CONCERT

A reunion of “Sweet 16” the 3-part all female voice ensemble of the 50s-70s took place at the concert. 14 Alumni participated.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DISPLAY CASE PROJECT

Donations from W J Lyons Jr Funeral Home (\$500), the estate of Anna Irving '45 (\$250), the Gerald O'Neil American Legion Post (\$200), Darryl Dillion '70 in memory of her brother Lee Irving '66 (\$100), and Charlene Mulyca (\$250) in name for her husband Thomas '69 were given for display cases handcrafted by alumnus Jim Adalian '74. Our memorabilia & archives are now on display & kept secure in the cabinets for all to see.



2015-16 50th
COMMEMORATION
OF THE VIETNAM WAR

The Alumni Association collaborated with the Crailo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution on comprising a list of all Rensselaer City Vietnam Veterans and events to honor them.



Memorial Day Parade



Sponsorship of Kiwanis Concerts in the Park



Alumni Author as School Guest Lecturer

March 20, 2017

Hall of Famer Barry Cavanaugh



2017 & 18 Golf Tournament Fundraisers


FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT THE RENSSELAER HS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

 **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017** 

9AM BREAKFAST BUFFET
10AM REGISTRATION
10:15AM - 3PM GOLF SCRAMBLE
3PM BBQ including BEER, SODA, SALADS & CHICKEN

\$125pp for full day of golf and meals / \$40pp for BBQ only / Sponsors Ads \$300 or \$100
\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ PRIZES \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

PRE-REGISTRATION due September 8, 2017 USING FORM BELOW

SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

\$100 [] TEE BOX OR [] FLAG SPONSOR (check one)
NAME: _____ (please include ad)
PHONE # & EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

\$300 BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR (only one with ad on the cart)
NAME: _____ (please include ad)

INDIVIDUAL/FOURSOME REGISTRATION FORM

[] TOURNAMENT \$125pp x # _____ = _____ or [] BBQ ONLY \$40pp x # _____ = _____
NAME(S) individual or foursome:

1) _____ PHONE #S & EMAIL ADDRESS
2) _____ PHONE #S & EMAIL ADDRESS
3) _____ PHONE #S & EMAIL ADDRESS
4) _____ PHONE #S & EMAIL ADDRESS

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO Rensselaer Alumni Association
Send to the Association at 25 Van Rensselaer Dr., Rensselaer, NY 12144
CONTACT GERRY MULLANEY '65 - 518-648-0497 for questions



The background of the image is a dense, overlapping pattern of US one hundred dollar bills. The bills are oriented in various directions, creating a textured, financial backdrop. The text 'DONATIONS & GRANTS' is superimposed over this pattern in a bright green color.

DONATIONS & GRANTS

ENRICHMENT GRANT

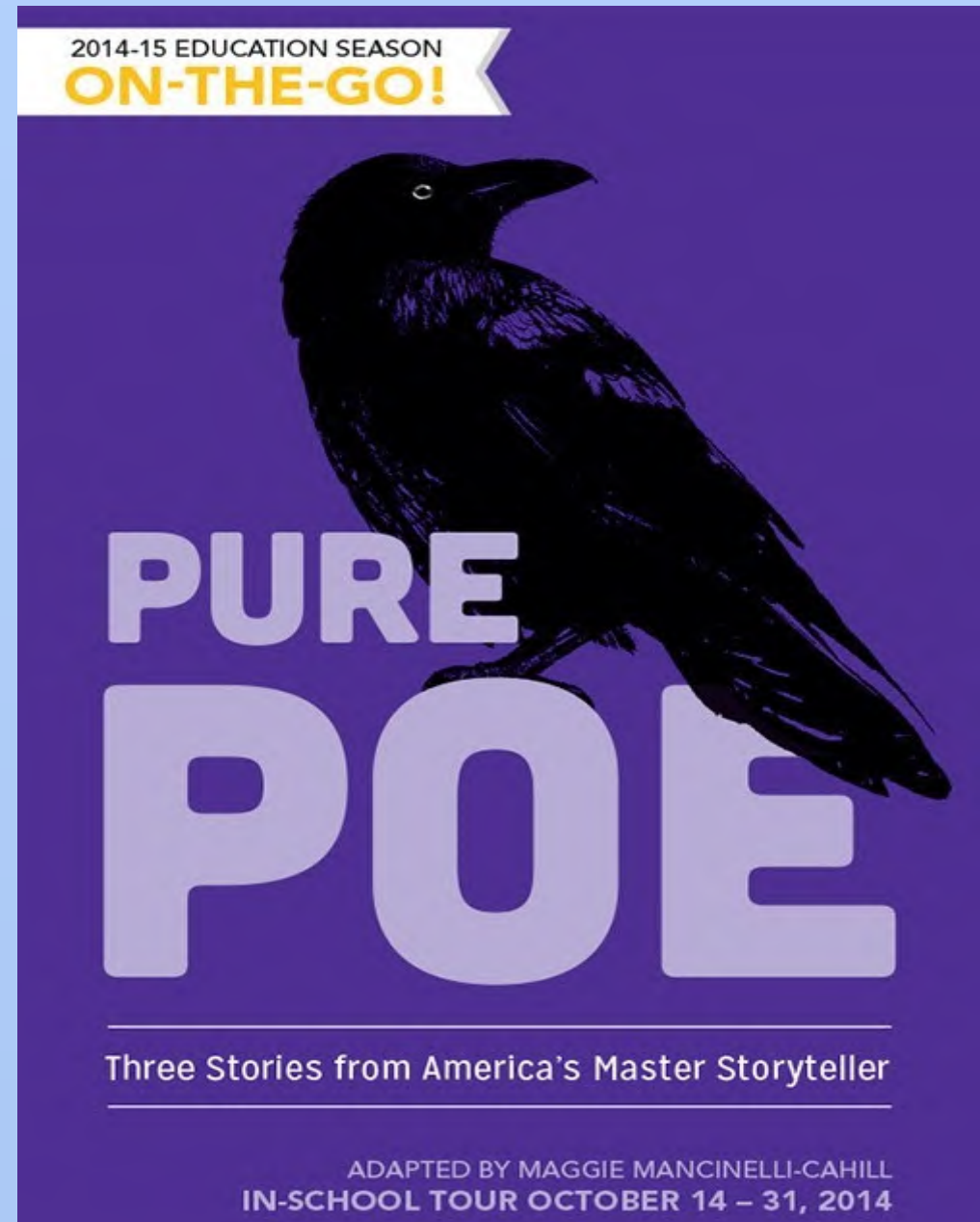
“Enrichment” is defined as learning experiences over and above requirements and exposure to things beyond the curriculum.

PHOTO shows John Mooney, President of the Board of Education & Karen Urbanski, former RHS Principal receiving the ceremonial grant check for **\$1000** at the 2013 Hall of Fame dinner and another **\$1000** each year for 2014 - 2017. In 2016, the annual grant was raised to **\$1500**, in 2020 & 2021 **\$2000**. and in 2022, **\$2500**



**2014 -15
MIDDLE SCHOOL
Enrichment Grant**

9th grade students
saw “*Pure Poe*” at
Albany’s Capital
Repertory Theater.



2014-15 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Enrichment Grant

Pictured: Sheri Amsel: Author, Illustrator, Graphic Designer, Science Educator worked with the children in grade 5 to help them create an illustration, and signed books for the students.



**2015-16
MIDDLE SCHOOL
Enrichment Grant**

7th and 8th graders
attended the Russell Sage
production of ***Number the
Stars*** set during World
War II and seen through
the eyes of two
adolescent girls.



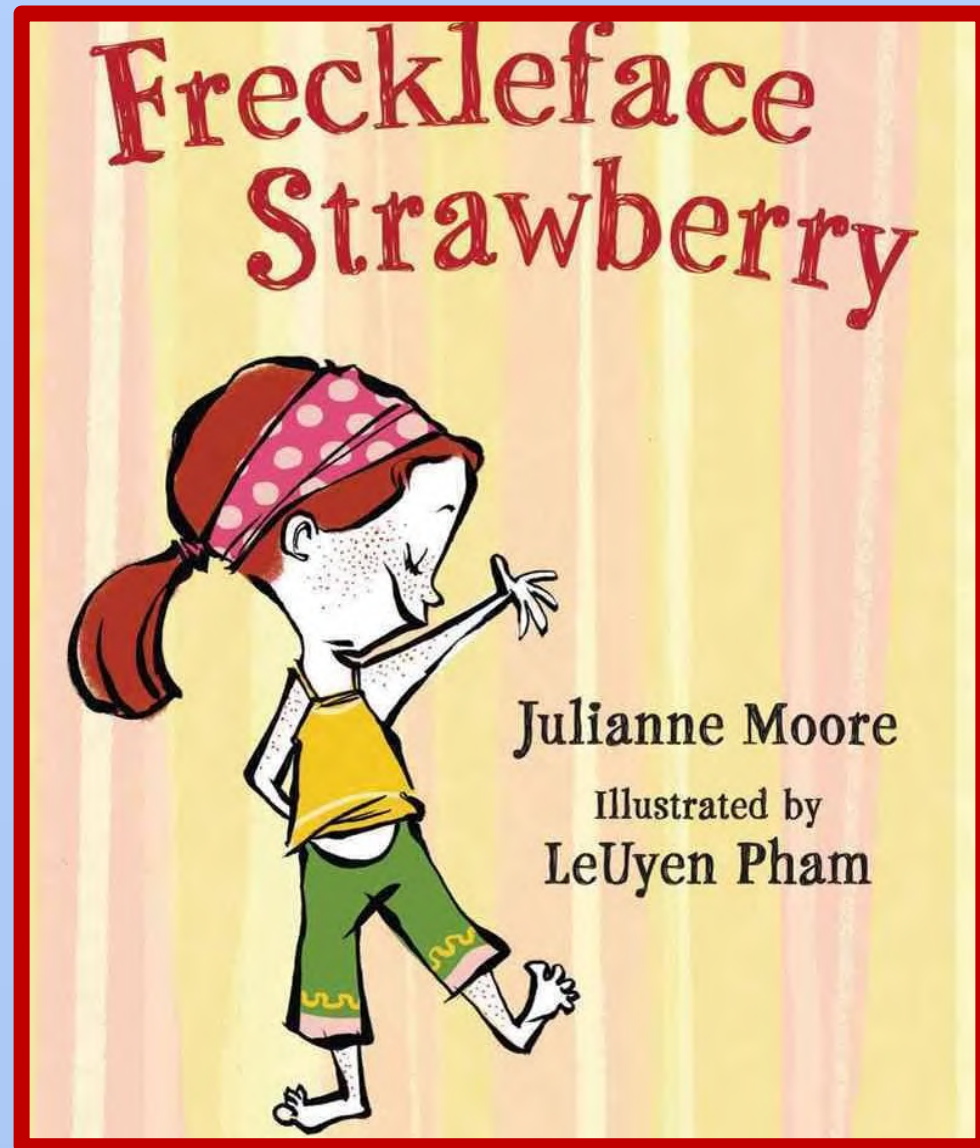
**2015-16
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Enrichment Grant**

Elementary students were treated to the Park Playhouse production of ***Freedom Train*** which tells the thrilling story of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad.



**2015-16
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Enrichment Grant**

Students saw the Park Playhouse production of ***Freckleface Strawberry The Musical***, based on the beloved *New York Times* Best Selling book by celebrated actress Julianne Moore.



2017-18 ENRICHMENT GRANT

Cap. Rep. Classroom Edition

Shakespeare: The Remix



Enrichment Grant 2018

100 students
from grades 7-
12 attended.



Enrichment Grant 2019

45 Seniors
attended
Shakespeare and
Company in
Lenox, MA.



2014
\$175
Transportation Grant

The Association gave \$175 to send the Creative Writing Class to U Albany's production of "County of Kings" as part of learning about poet Lemon Anderson's style of writing.

Here the class is pictured with actor Michael Angel (center) & teacher Denise Roberts Wright '83 (far right)



2014 \$500 Grant to Athletic Association

The school's football field was renamed for Coach Norm Preston. The Athletic Association designated the event as "Alumni Night" & several alumni/faculty along with the mayor & school officials presented the Coach with a citation renaming the stadium after him.



They also presented the school with a new sign. The Alumni Association gave the Athletic Association \$500 towards the sign.





Doris Roberts VP & Ginny Lazzaro Treas at the Reservation Table



Principal Urbanski receives the Enrichment Grant

August 2015- \$500 Gold Level Sponsorship

1st Annual Rensselaer Ram Pop Warner 5K Run/Walk



2016 \$500 DONATION
RHS DRAMA CLUB



The Rensselaer High School Drama Club
Presents:

A Parent's Night Out...
(21 years and older)

With
Paul Failla

in:
"The Class of Life"

A Theatrical Experience

Directed by: Michael Moriarty

Saturday, March 19, 2016

At 7:00pm

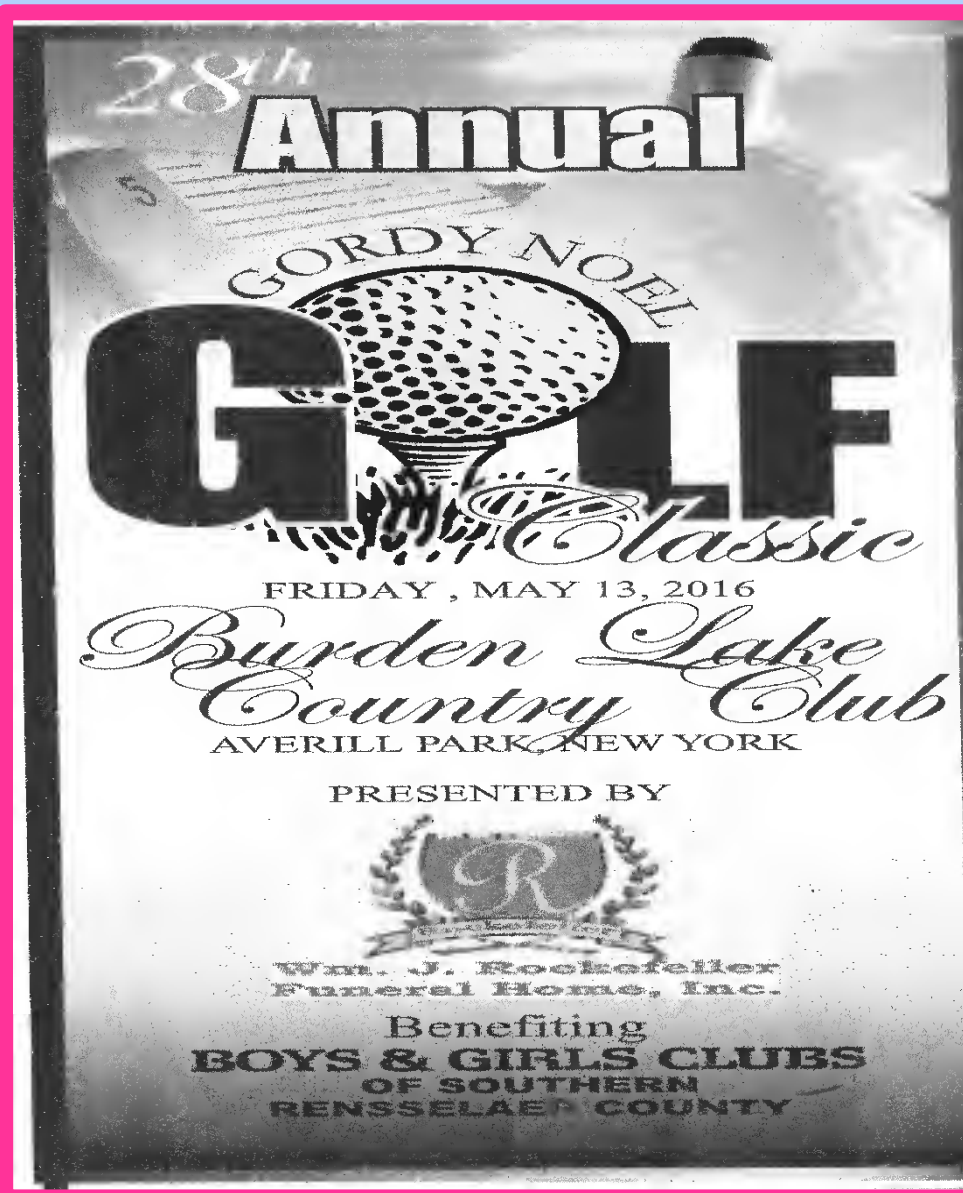


2016 \$500 DONATION FRIENDS OF THE HALF MOON

8 RHS students traveled to The Netherlands for 9 days. They attended a Dutch school for several days and stayed with host families. The exchange program was with the Bornego College, Heerenveen Netherlands.



DONATED \$225



**Trick or Treat Meet & Greet and
PTA Trunk and Treat \$75 Donation**



2017 Junior Honor Society

\$156 Donation

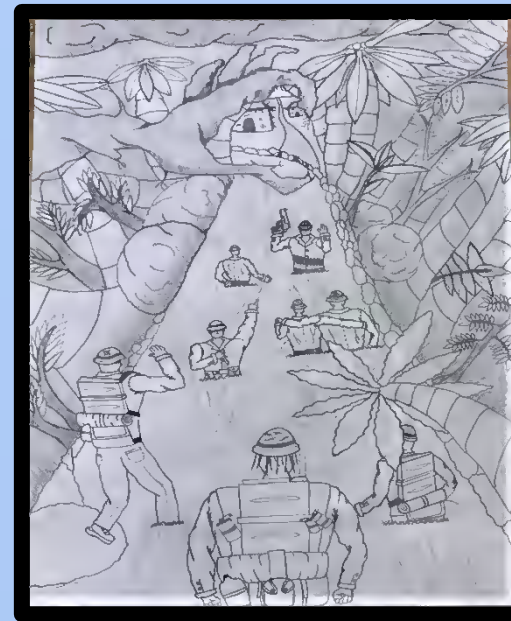
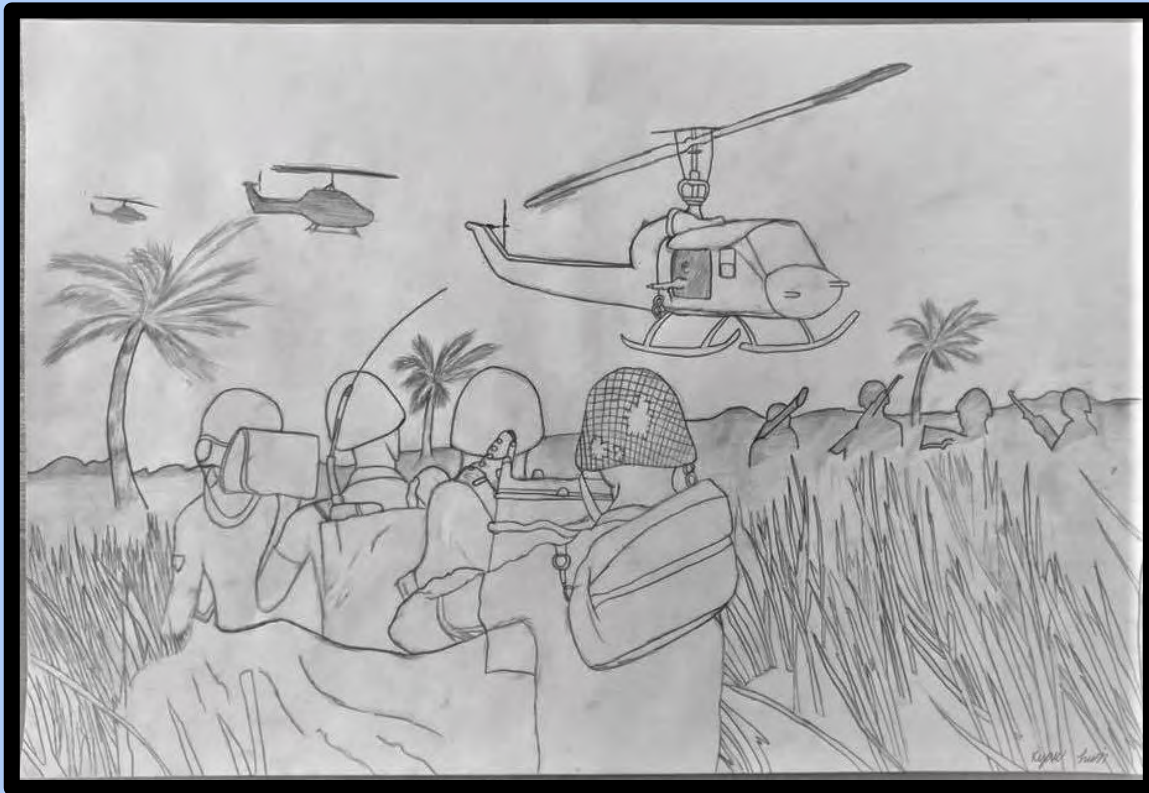


**2017-18 Donation of \$125 and 2019-20 of \$400
to the
Active Parenting Now & Strengthening Families seminars**

Substance Abuse Prevention course for parents of students ages 5-11



**Donated \$175 to the Student Art Contest for the DAR Viet Nam War Commemoration Project
1st, 2nd and 3rd place**



**2017 -18 Donated \$125
for the
9th Grade 30-day Challenge**



**2017-22 Donated \$5,725
for
Regional Food Bank Back-Pack Program**



The Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York's
BackPack Program

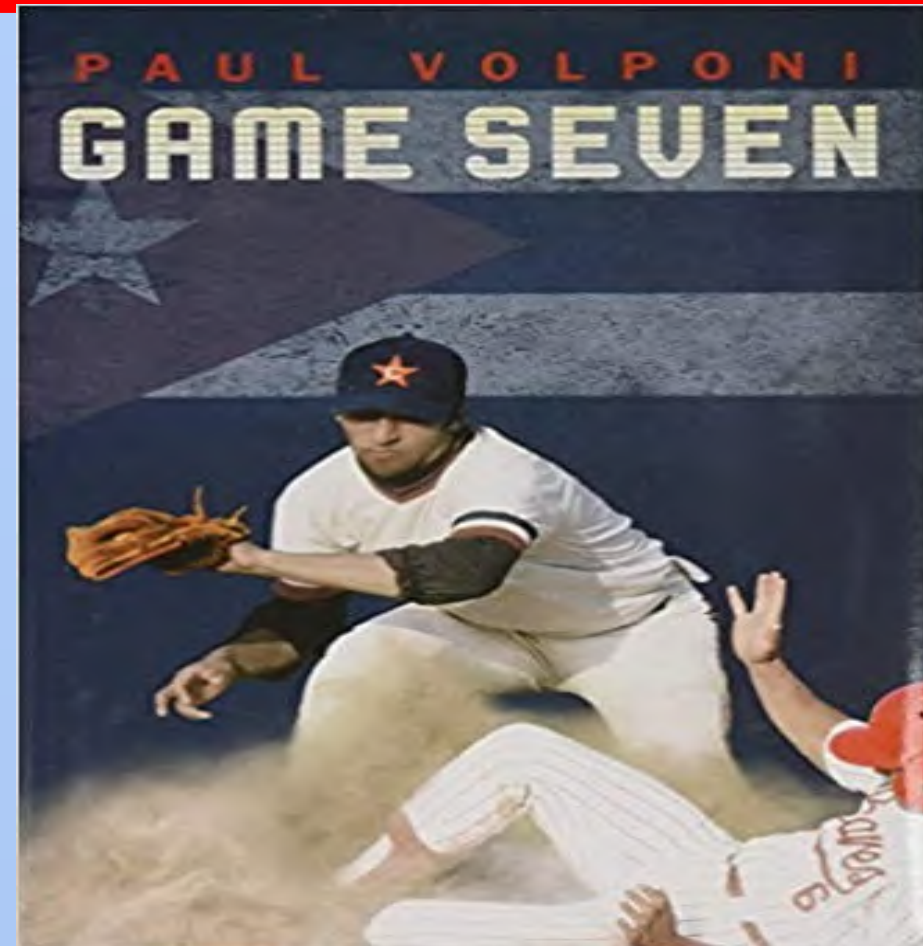
2017-2021 Donations of \$478 to Jr High's Science Olympiad student T-shirts



2019 \$200 Donation to the Library

Book Signing

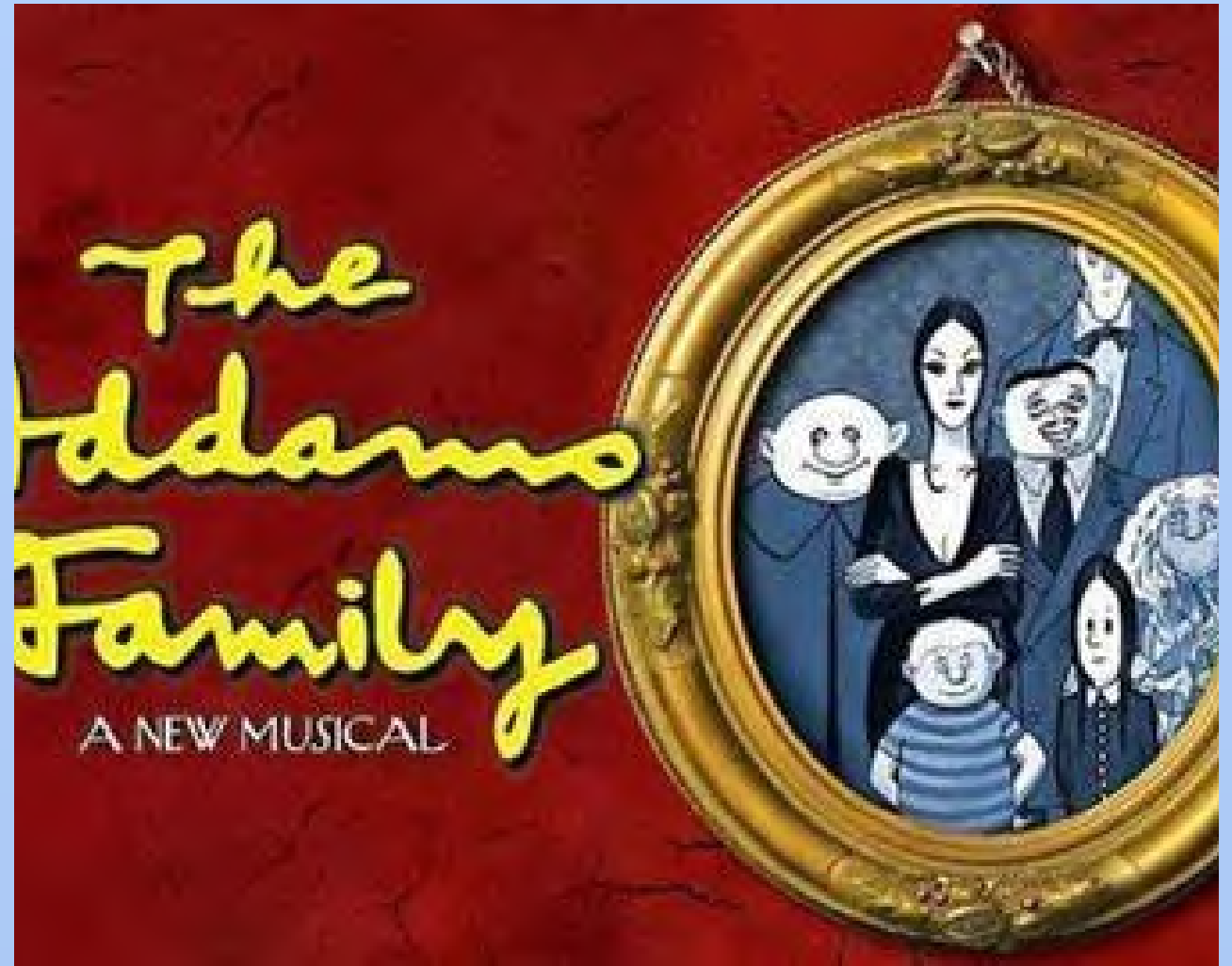
Alumni Association donated 25 books at the request of the library for a book signing of "Game Seven" by the author Paul Volponi



2019 \$1100

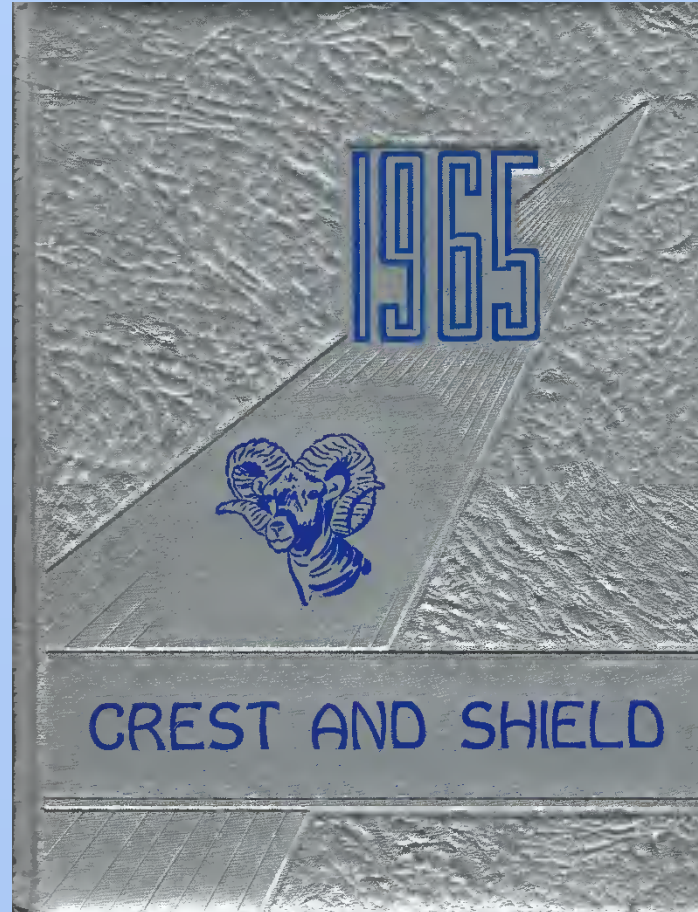
DONATION TO THE
DRAMA CLUB

Alumni Association
supported the Addams
Family Musical by
purchasing a full-page ad
in the program and
helping to pay for props
and costumes.



2018-22 Crest & Shield Ad

\$1,100



HALL OF FAME



HALL OF FAME

PURPOSE & ELIGIBILITY

- The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor the accomplishments of those who have, through their high school years, and post-HS careers:
 1. Brought pride and inspiration to RCSD students and the city of Rensselaer community,
 2. Exemplified the tradition of excellence fostered by the RCSD; and
 3. Reinforced to current students the importance of a sound educational foundation.
- Those who are eligible must be:
 1. RCSD graduates;
 2. RCSD attendees and/or;
 3. RCSD faculty, administration or parent volunteers.
- Posthumous and self nominations are also eligible.

HALL OF FAME NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- Anyone can nominate a candidate, if they follow the instructions on the nomination form, and meet the eligibility requirements.
- Nominees cannot nominate someone in the same year that they are nominated.
- A Call for Nominees will be publicly announced once a year through letters, websites, emails, etc.
- Nominations will be received continually but no later than (2 ½) two and a half months prior to the date of the induction ceremony.
- Nomination forms will include 1) identifying information, 2) the category for nomination, 3) supporting documentation such as resumes, news clippings, articles, letters of endorsement, etc. and 4) personal references.
- Forms will be completed and submitted within the above time-frame.
- The selections will be publicly announced e.g. newspapers, websites, emails within a month of the submission deadline and in public at an annual awards induction ceremony in the spring, preferably around the end of April.
- Nominees will be inducted by the Alumni Association President or designee, e.g. the person that nominated them or another committee member. A tangible item such as a plaque, a trophy, certificate, etc. will be presented to the honoree or a family member of a posthumous honoree, indicating that the person is inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame and the year. The Alumni Association will maintain a Hall of Fame Perpetual Plaque with each inductee's name and the year of induction. The plaque will be displayed in the High School.

INDUCTEES

by Year

2013-19; 2020

postposed to 2022

& 2021 canceled

due to pandemic

2013 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



L TO R : JAMES COCHRAN '66, ERNIE MANN '65, DR. LINDA ROZELL SHANNON '72, BARRY CAVANAUGH '75, KEITH CHAMBERS '75, DR ROBERT PASCIULLO '48 & THE ENTIRE CLASS OF '48; POSTHUMOUS INDUCTEES: LOUIS DUTCHER '24, PFC ERNEST BLAINE RICHARD '48, & MARCIA LEHNER, FACULTY

2013 HALL OF FAME

LOUIS H DUTCHER

CLASS OF 1924

FACULTY & ADM 1930-70

Lou was nominated by his granddaughter, Lynne Beiermeister '69 and inducted posthumously for his academic achievements, his career of 40 yrs with the Rensselaer School System and his community leadership.



2013 HALL OF FAME
MARCIA LEHNER
FACULTY 1941-77

Marcia was nominated by alumna Doris Roberts '61 and inducted posthumously for her service in WW II, her long and respected career as a Jr High Math teacher in the RCSD and her service on the Board of Education.



2013 HALL OF FAME
PFC ERNEST BLAINE RICHARD
CLASS OF 1948

Blaine, as he was known, was nominated by his classmate, Bob Eckert. He was inducted posthumously for his representation of all servicemen from RHS of the era, who served and gave their life for their country in the Korean Conflict.



2013 HALL OF FAME
CHARLES “ERNIE” MANN, JR
CLASS OF 1965
FACULTY 1970-2002

Ernie was nominated by his colleague James Cochran. He was inducted for his 32 yrs of teaching at RCSD, his work on authoring “Rensselaer Then and Now” and “Railroads of Rensselaer” and his 48 yrs of volunteering for the Rensselaer Fire Department.



2013 HALL OF FAME
JAMES R. COCHRAN
CLASS OF 1966
FACULTY 1971-2003

Jim was nominated by his colleague Ernie Mann. He was inducted for his long career as a teacher in the RCSD, his dedication to going beyond “just” teaching, and his community service.



2013 HALL OF FAME
KEITH D. CHAMBERS
CLASS OF 1975

Keith was nominated by his friend and classmate, Barry Cavanaugh. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame for his cross country running notoriety and his exceptional academic and professional career.



2013 HALL OF FAME
BARRY CAVANAUGH
CLASS OF 1975

Barry was nominated by his classmate and friend, Keith Chambers. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame for his stellar athletic accomplishments and his dedicated career in coaching young people.



2013 HALL OF FAME

LINDA ROZELL SHANNON, PhD
CLASS OF 1972

Linda was nominated by alumna Lynne Beiermeister '69. She was inducted for her academic achievements; her humanitarian work with, and in establishing, the Vascular Birthmarks Foundation; and authorship of legislation relating to serial offenders of DWIs and identification of emerging mental health issues in high school students.



2013 HALL OF FAME ROBERT PASCIULLO, PH.D CLASS OF 1948

Bob was nominated by alumna Ruth Dickson '56 and was inducted for his leadership of the class of 1948, in managing the Centennial Award and the reconstitution of the Alumni Association; for his advice as ex-officio officer; for founding the Rensselaer Improvement Committee and directing the City's Office of Planning and Development; and for his outstanding body of work in his long career and volunteer activities.



2013 HALL OF FAME THE CLASS OF 1948

The class of 1948 was nominated by several members of the alumni association and collectively inducted into the Hall of Fame for revitalizing the Alumni Association from dormancy, and for starting the Centennial Award in 1998.



Alumni Association of the Rensselaer NY School District

2014 RENSSELAER HS ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

DINNER & INDUCTION CEREMONY

HONORING

In alphabetical order

ROBERT W BUCKNER

Faculty & Coach 1929-59 Posthumous

J. ROBERT ECKERT '48

Centennial Award/Alumni Association founder

MICHAEL FUSCO '66

Athlete, Civic Volunteer & Faculty 1971-2002 Posthumous

ANNA IRVING '45

RCSD staff 1945-95 Posthumous

LEE IRVING '66

Class President, scholar & Civic volunteer Posthumous

WILLIAM MCCARTHY '68

Scholar, Athlete, Civic volunteer & Faculty 1972-77

NORMAN PRESTON

Faculty & Coach 1965-97

JOHN RUCKER '61

HS & college athlete/Pro-basketball

SATURDAY, APRIL 26th, 2014 ~MOSCATIELLO'S RESTAURANT

Cocktail Hour 5-6pm ~hors d'oeuvres & cash bar

Dinner 6pm ~ Salad, Beverages, Buffet & Dessert

Induction Ceremony 7:30-9pm

Reservations \$40/pp

Check made out to Rensselaer Alumni Association

25 Van Rensselaer Dr., Rensselaer, NY 12144

2014 HALL OF FAME
"COACH"
ROBERT W BUCKNER
FACULTY & ADM 1929-59

Nominated by his son, Donald R. Buckner, class of 1951, Bob is being inducted posthumously for his 30 years of service in the Rensselaer City School District as a physical education teacher, athletic coach and Elementary School Principal.



PHOTO BY BOB
PASCIOLO

Bob was nominated by his friend and classmate, Bob Pasciullo, just prior to his death. He is being inducted for his contributions to making the Alumni Association what it is today.



2014 HALL OF FAME
MICHAEL J FUSCO, JR.
CLASS OF 1966
FACULTY 1971-2002

Mike was nominated twice, once by his daughter Michele Benyo, and also by his colleague and classmate, James Cochran. He is being inducted posthumously, for his high school athleticism; his lengthy, successful career in the Rensselaer City School District and his civic contributions to the city and its youth.



**2014 HALL OF FAME
ANNA MEURS IRVING
CLASS OF 1945
RCSD STAFF 1945-95**

Mrs. Irving, as she was known at school, was nominated by her daughters, alumni Deborah Irving Reimann '74 and Mary Irving '83. She is being inducted posthumously, for her 50 years !! of dedication as an employee of the Rensselaer City School District, and for her humanitarianism.



**2014 HALL OF FAME
LEE IRVING
CLASS OF 1966**

Lee was nominated by his classmate James Cochran. Lee is being inducted posthumously, for his leadership and scholastic achievements in high school and his continued success in the business world, as well as for his leadership in his church and community activities.



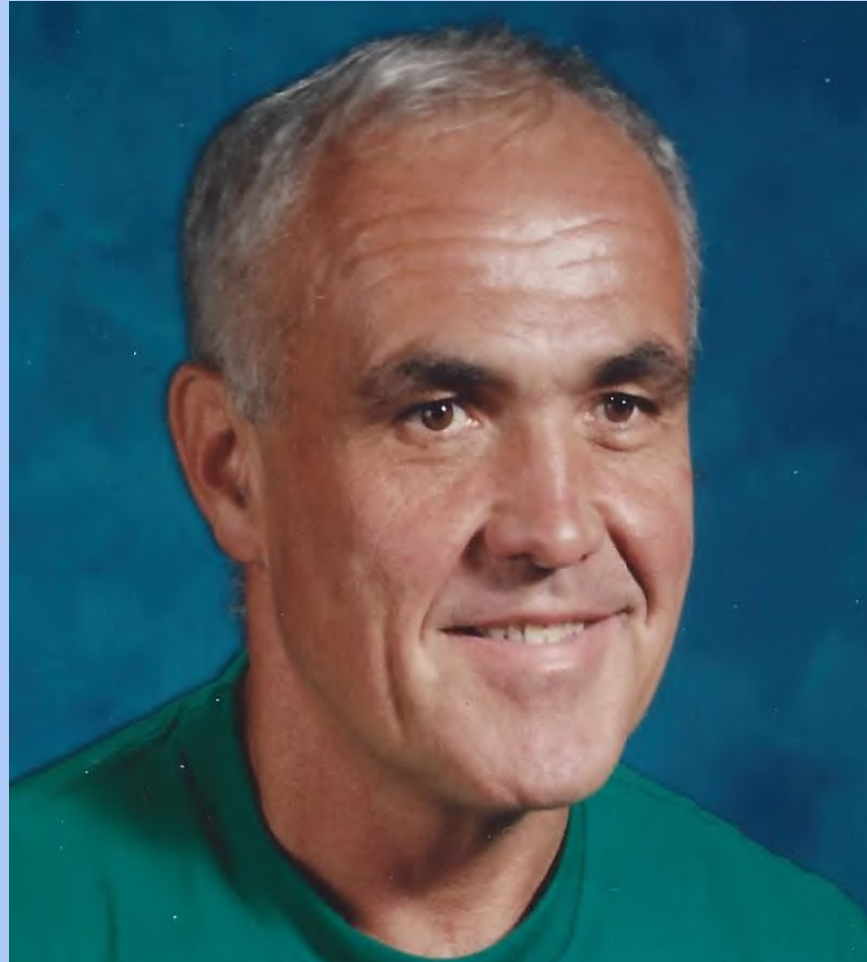
2014 HALL OF FAME
WILLIAM MCCARTHY
CLASS OF 1968
FACULTY 1972-77

Bill was nominated by '75 alumnus and Board of Education President John Mooney. Bill is being inducted because of his academic achievements, his successful career, including teaching at Rensselaer High and his determination to give back to the city where he was raised.



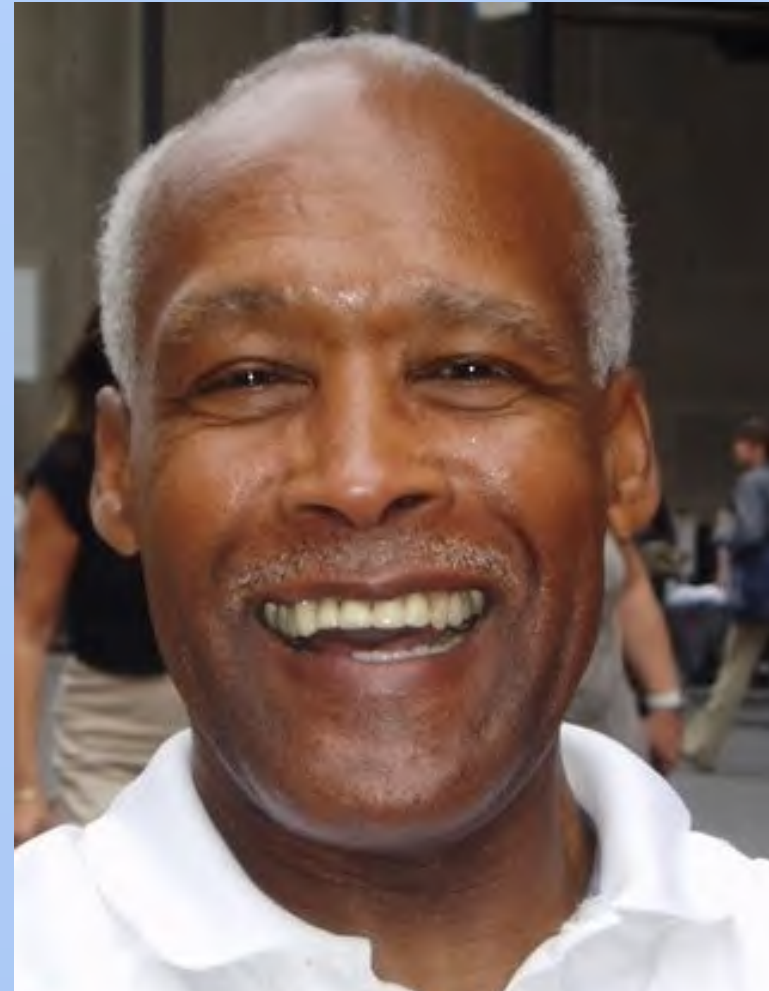
2014 HALL OF FAME
“COACH”
NORMAN PRESTON
FACULTY 1965-97

Norm was nominated by this son, Joel Preston, an '86 alumnus and RCDS teacher and coach himself. He is being inducted for his lengthy and successful teaching and coaching career at Rensselaer High School and notoriety throughout the Capital Region athletic community.



2014 HALL OF FAME
JOHN RUCKER
CLASS OF 1961

John was nominated by '69
alumnus and sports writer
James Konstantakis. John is
being inducted for his
outstanding athletic
accomplishments, bringing
both pride and notoriety to
his school and community.



2015 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



2015 Hall of Fame

Frank H. Allen Class of 1952

Nominated by his daughter, Tabitha Marie Allen Tufano, Frank H. Allen is being inducted into the Hall of Fame posthumously, for his lifelong community service benefitting the residents of Rensselaer and West Sand Lake.



2015 Hall of Fame Lynne Beiermeister Class of 1969

Nominated by classmate
Ginny Colvin Lazzaro &
alumna Doris Nichols
Roberts '61, Lynne
Beiermeister is being
inducted into the Hall of
Fame for her academic and
career achievements, and for
the resurrection and
leadership of the Alumni
Association.



**2015 Hall of Fame
Kathy Baldwin Keenan
Class of 1968**

Nominated by her daughter, Emily Lupe, Kathy Keenan is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for her achievements in career and community service.



**2015 Hall of Fame
Stephen Mann
Class of 1989**

Nominated by family friend, faculty & 2013 Hall of Fame Honoree, James Cochran '66, Stephen Mann is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his exemplary high school career, his career achievements in government and his service to his community.



**2015 Hall of Fame
Mary McNally
Class of 1924/Faculty**

Nominated by her niece,
alumna and faculty member
Denise Roberts Wright '83,
Mary McNally is being
inducted into the Hall of Fame
posthumously, for her
academic and professional
accomplishments, her
dedication to the students of
the Rensselaer School System,
and her efforts to preserve
the history of the city of
Rensselaer.



2015 Hall of Fame John Mooney Class of 1975

Nominated by his wife,
alumna Laurie VanVorst
Mooney '76, John
Mooney is being inducted
into the Hall of Fame for
his untiring dedication for
many years to the
Rensselaer School District
and citizens of the city.



2015 Hall of Fame Fran Pilato Faculty

Nominated by her
colleague, faculty member
and 2013 Hall of Fame
Honoree, Ernie Mann '65,
Fran Pilato is being
inducted into the Hall of
Fame for her dedication
to the students of the
Rensselaer School District.



**2015 Hall of Fame
Joseph Reilly
Faculty/Administration**

Nominated by his daughter, Anne Vadney, Joseph Reilly is being inducted posthumously into the Hall of Fame for his service to his county, his 30+ years of teaching and administering in the Rensselaer City Schools and for his volunteer service to his community.



2015 Hall of Fame William Staats Class of 1950

Nominated by his six children, all alumni, William Staats is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his love of family, learning and community; service to our country, teaching career, authorship and gusto for life.



2015 Hall of Fame Michael Stammel Class of 1972

Nominated by alumna Deborah Irving Reimann '74, Michael Stammel is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his many contributions to the school, his volunteerism, and longtime government service to the city and county of Rensselaer.



2015 Hall of Fame Michael Storonsky Class of 1946

Nominated by 2014 Hall of Fame Honoree Robert Eckert '48, Michael Storonsky is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his champion athletic accomplishments, career in education and extensive volunteerism.



**2015 Hall of Fame
Mary Biddle VanLeuven
Class of 1966**

Nominated by classmate
& 2013 Hall of Fame
Honoree James Cochran,
Mary Biddle VanLeuven
is being inducted into
the Hall of Fame for her
contributions to secular
and spiritual education
and humanitarianism.



Alumni Association of the Rensselaer NY School District

**2016 RENSSELAER HS ALUMNI HALL OF FAME
DINNER & INDUCTION CEREMONY**

HONORING

In alphabetical order

Walter Dlugolecki, Faculty, Posthumous
Barbara Cochran Grube '62, Alumna, Posthumous
Richard McCabe, Faculty
Marie Stark Mohan '43, Alumna, Posthumous
Ronald K. Rucker '68, Alumnus

SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd, 2016 5-9pm

The Troy Elks Club, 134 N Greenbush Rd, Troy, NY 12180, (518) 283-1193

Cocktail Hour 5-6pm ~hors d'oeuvres & cash bar

Dinner 6pm ~ \$40/pp Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roast Beef or Vegetarian Pasta
Primavera

Children under 12: \$15/pp Chicken Nuggets & Fries

Salad, Potato, Vegetable, Beverages, & Dessert

Induction Ceremony 7:00-9pm

Reservations required by March 15th - No refunds

Reservation forms available on alumni website by clicking on this link

<http://www.rensselaernyalumni.org/images/Forms/HOF2016ReservationForm.pdf>

or go to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RenssSchoolsAlumni/>

Lynnebmeister@gmail.com for information

**2016 Hall of Fame
Walter “Coach D” Dlugolecki
Faculty & Coach 1959-1991**

Nominated by colleague, friend and 2014 Hall of Fame Honoree Bill McCarthy, Coach D is being inducted posthumously into the Hall of Fame, for his long career with the Rensselaer City School District, his dedication to his students and athletes and his community service.



2016 Hall of Fame

Barbara "Bobbi" Cochran Grube

Class of 1962

Nominated by her friend
and 2015 Hall of Fame
Honoree Fran Pilato,
Bobbi is being inducted
into the Hall of Fame
posthumously for her
academics and
community and
international service.



**2016 Hall of Fame
Richard McCabe
Faculty & Coach 1970-2005**

Nominated by alumnus Michael Burns '96, Rick is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his dedication, leadership and commitment to his students and the communities of Rensselaer and East Greenbush.



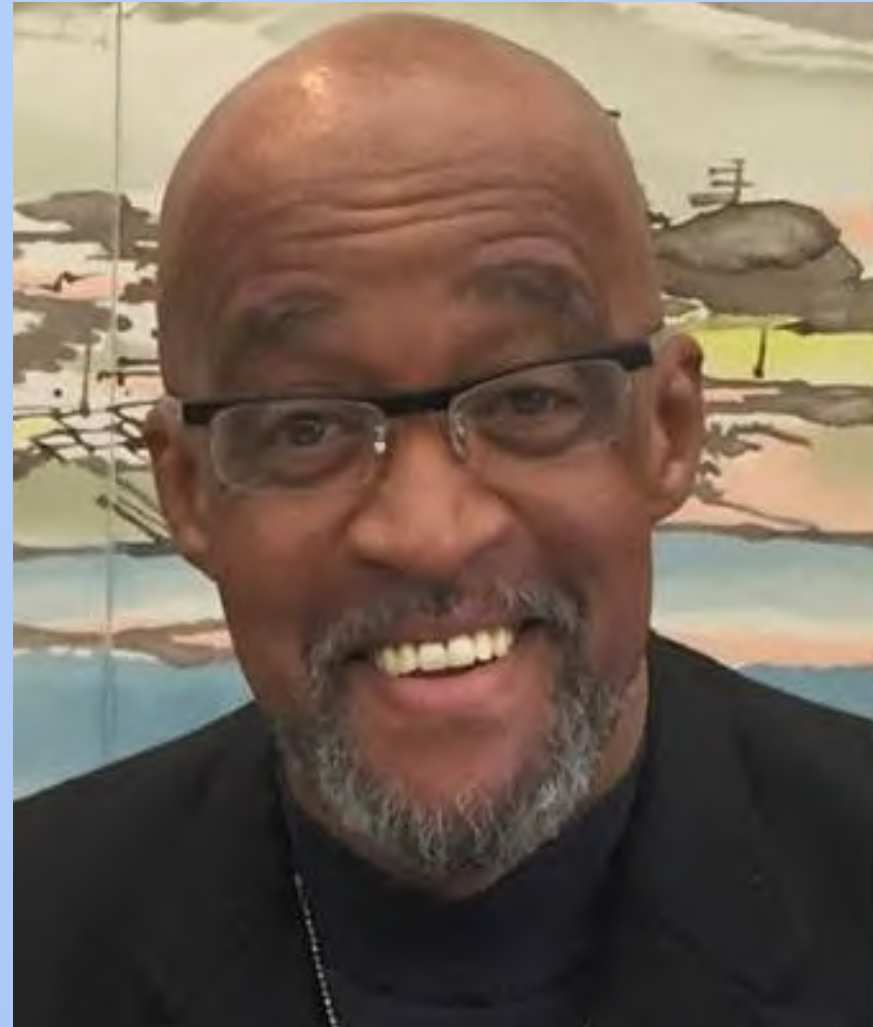
2016 Hall of Fame Marie Stark Mohan Class of 1943

Nominated by alumna and daughter, Kathleen Mohan Gdula '66, along with her other children, Ruth, Tina and Daniel '68, Marie is being inducted posthumously into the Hall of Fame for her example of continued self-education, and her extensive community service.



2016 Hall of Fame Ronald K. Rucker Class of 1968

Nominated by alumna
and 2015 Hall of Fame
Honoree Lynne
Beiermeister '69, Ron is
being inducted into the
Hall of Fame for his
achievements in music,
performing arts and
gospel ministry.



2016 Hall of Fame Inductees & Representatives



L to R: Rick McCabe, Walter Grube for his wife Bobbie, Marcia Chandler for her brother Ron Rucker, Mary Dlugolecki for her husband Walt (Coach "D") & Kathy Gdula for her mother, Marie Mohan

Alumni Association of the Rensselaer NY School District

**2017 RENSSELAER HS ALUMNI HALL OF FAME
DINNER & INDUCTION CEREMONY**

HONORING

In alphabetical order

Robert Ackerman '70

Ruth Ackerman '48 & RCSD Administrative Staff, Posthumous

Michael Dunn '83

James E. Finke '28, Posthumous

James J. Finke '57

Ethel T. Houser, RCDS Faculty & Administration, Posthumous

Linda Martino '73

Louis Polsinello, Jr. '78

William Stewart '71

James VanVorst '68

Denise Wright '83 & Faculty

SATURDAY, APRIL 22rd, 2017 5-9pm

The Troy Elks Club, 134 N Greenbush Rd, Troy, NY 12180, 518-283-1193

Cocktail Hour 5-6pm ~hors d'oeuvres & cash bar

Dinner 6pm ~ \$45/pp

Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roast Beef or Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

Children under 12: \$15/pp Chicken Nuggets & Fries

Salad, Potato, Vegetable, Beverages, & Dessert

Induction Ceremony 7:00-9pm

Reservations required by MARCH 10th - No refunds

Reservation forms available at rensselaerallyumni.org, Facebook page Rensselaer Grade Schools and HS Alumni, or Rensselaer City School District page under Alumni News

2017 Hall of Fame Robert Ackerman Class of 1970

Nominated by his classmate, Beverly Finley Ackerman, Bob is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his career achievements and for his generous support of the Alumni Association and student affairs.



**2017 Hall Of Fame
Ruth T. Ackerman
Class Of 1948
RCSD Staff 1965-92**

Mrs. Ackerman, as she was known at school, was nominated by her daughter, alumna Nancy Ackerman Schroeder '68. She is being inducted posthumously, for her 32 years of dedication as an employee of the Rensselaer City School District, and for her efforts, with her class, to start and maintain the Centennial Award.



2017 Hall of Fame Michael Dunn Class of 1983

Nominated by his classmate and wife, Jaqueline, Mike is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his achievements in high school and in his career, but most notably for his extensive volunteer work with several charities, athletic organizations and the school district.



2017 Hall of Fame James E. Finke Class of 1928

Nominated by his son,
alumnus James J. Finke '57,
James is being inducted
posthumously, for his
academics, distinguished
career, and service to his
community.



2017 Hall of Fame
James J. Finke
Class of 1957

Nominated by his friend,
alumna Ginny Colvin
Lazzaro '69, Jim is being
inducted, for his
abundant community
service and volunteer
work.



2017 Hall of Fame
Ethel T. Houser
Faculty & Administration

Mrs. Houser, as she was known at school, was nominated by her son, alumnus John Houser '62. She is being inducted posthumously, for her dedicated service to the students of the district and community as a whole.



2017 Hall of Fame Linda O'Toole Martino Class of 1973

Nominated by her friend
and 2013 Hall of Fame
Inductee, alumna Linda
Rozell Shannon, Ph.D '72,
Linda is being inducted for
her dedication to bettering
the lives of the
disenfranchised and
fighting for legislative
change.



2017 Hall of Fame Louis Polsinello, Jr. Class of 1978

Nominated by his friend,
and 2016 Hall of Fame
inductee Rick McCabe,
Lou is being inducted for
his volunteerism,
heroism,
entrepreneurship and
concern and generosity
towards his community.



2017 Hall of Fame William Stewart Class of 1971

Nominated by his
classmate and friend,
Sharon Craft DeMartini,
Bill is being inducted for
his academics and
many years of extensive
community service and
volunteerism.



2017 Hall of Fame
James Van Vorst, Jr.
Class of 1968

Nominated by his
friend, alumna
Beverly Finley
Ackerman '70, Jim is
being inducted for his
service to his country
and community.



**2017 Hall of Fame
Denise Roberts Wright
Class of 1983
Faculty**

Nominated by her mother, alumna and Alumni Association officer, Doris Nichols Roberts '62, Denise is being inducted for her academics, creative arts accomplishments, dedication to her students, and volunteerism.



2016-17 Hall of Fame Inductees



Alumni Association of the Rensselaer NY School District
2018 RENSSELAER HS ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

DINNER & INDUCTION CEREMONY

HONORING

In alphabetical order

Philip Erlich, RCSD Faculty & Administration
David Foust '71, Alumnus & Faculty
Norma Hardenburgh, RHS Faculty
Christopher Leahey, '83 Alumnus & Faculty
Rev. Carolyn Bellamy Lester, D.Min.'66, Posthumous
Kristopher Remington '94
Sally Ann Shields, RCSD Administration
David Stewart '63
Irwin Stewart '35, Alumnus & Past Rensselaer City Mayor, Posthumous
Benjamin Thorp '56

SATURDAY, APRIL 21st, 2018 5-9pm

The Troy Elks Club, 134 N Greenbush Rd, Troy, NY 12180, 518-283-1193

Cocktail Hour 5-6pm ~hors d'oeuvres & cash bar

Dinner 6pm ~ \$45/pp

Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roast Beef or Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

Children under 12: \$15/pp Chicken Nuggets & Fries

Salad, Potato, Vegetable, Beverages, & Dessert

Induction Ceremony 7:00-9pm

Reservations required - No refunds

Call Lynne Beiermeister at 518-765-2624 for reservation information

**Reservation forms available at rensselaernyalumni.org, Facebook page Rensselaer Grade Schools
and HS Alumni, or Rensselaer City School District page under Alumni News**

2018 Hall of Fame
Philip Erlich
Faculty & Administration

Nominated by his brother-in-law and colleague, 2013 Hall of Famer alumnus Ernie Mann '65, Phil is being inducted for his contributions to the RCSD over the course of his long career and for his volunteer work with the Rensselaer library and community.



2018 Hall of Fame
David Foust
Class of 1971
Faculty

David Foust was nominated by his student, 2013 Hall of Famer and 1975 alumnus, Barry Cavanaugh. Dave is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his coaching career achievements and for his generous support of students.



2018 Hall of Fame
Norma Hardenburgh
Faculty

Norma, or “The Senorita” as she was known by her students, was self-nominated and is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for her many contributions to education and volunteerism.



2018 Hall of Fame Christopher Leahey Class of 1983 Faculty

Christopher Leahey was nominated by his classmate and 2017 Hall of Famer, Michael Dunn. Chris is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his achievements and dedication to the youth and city of Rensselaer.



2018 Hall of Fame
Rev. Dr. Carolyn Bellamy Lester
Class of 1966

Rev. Dr. Carolyn Bellamy Lester was nominated by alumni Karen Garhartt '72, Pearl Haggray '72 and David Bellamy '82. Carolyn is being inducted posthumously into the Hall of Fame for her dedication in obtaining her degree and following her calling into ministering to her community.



2018 Hall of Fame
Kristopher Remington
Class of 1994

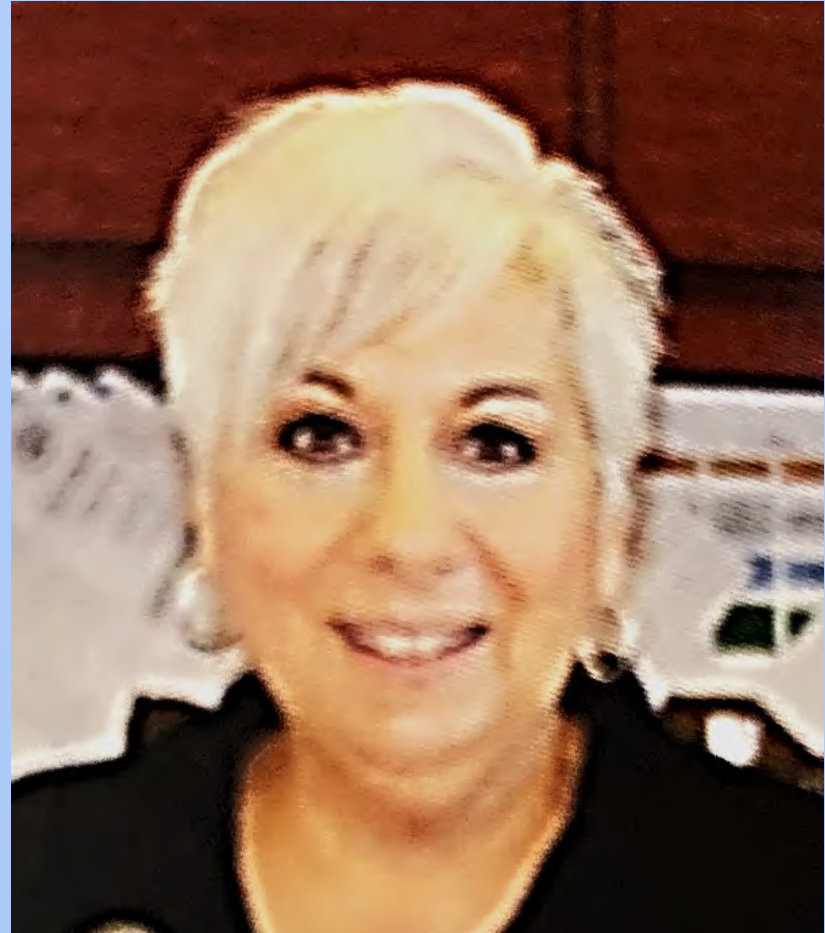
Kristopher “Fibbs”

Remington was nominated by Alumni Association VP and class of 1974 alumna, Deborah Reimann. Kris is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his entrepreneurship and volunteerism to the citizens of Rensselaer and Brant Lake.



2018 Hall of Fame Sally Shields Administration

Sally Shields was nominated by 2015 Hall of Famer, Lynne Beiermeister '69. Sally is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for her career achievements with the school district, her dedication to the students and families of the city, and her support of the Alumni Association.



2018 Hall of Fame
David Stewart
Class of 1963

David Stewart was nominated by his sister and alumna Linda McDonald '65. David is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his accomplished career and community volunteerism.



2018 Hall of Fame
Irwin Stewart
Class of 1935
Former Mayor of Rensselaer

Irwin Stewart was nominated by his son David. Irv is being inducted posthumously into the Hall of Fame for his contributions, leadership and community volunteerism to the community of Rensselaer.



2018 Hall of Fame
Benjamin Thorp
Class of 1956

Benjamin Thorp was nominated by his schoolmate Rodney Schroeder. Ben is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his leadership and accomplishments in career and community volunteerism.



2017-18 Hall of Fame Inductees



Alumni Association of the Rensselaer NY School District
**2019 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME
DINNER & INDUCTION CEREMONY**

HONORING

In alphabetical order

Tony Butler, Jr. '67
Tracy Cooney Farley '83, RCSD staff
Arthur Felt '67
Susan Garrigan '75
G. Arthur "Art" & Marie Lee Hall 1902, Posthumous
James Kapp '69 Lasalle Institute & RCSD Faculty & Athletic Coach
Robert "Pat" "Scoop" Lewis '67, Posthumous
Lt. Col. Ret. Thomas Mulyca '69
Karen Urbanski Faculty & Administration
Robert J "Wimpy" Whitford '82, Posthumous

SATURDAY, APRIL 27th 2019 5:00-9:00 pm

Birch Hill's Conservatory Ballroom

One Celebration Way, Castleton-on-Hudson, NY 12033 518-732-4444

Cocktail Hour 5:00-6:00 pm ~hors d'oeuvres & cash bar

Dinner 6:00 pm ~ **\$45/pp**

Salad Course: Choice of one of the following:

Classic Caesar salad with garlic croutons or
Parisian salad with candied pecans, chevre, pears and raspberry vinaigrette

Entrée: Choice of one of the following:

Boneless chicken w/prosciutto, spinach, roasted red peppers, fontinella cheese, & garlic cream sauce
Marinated grilled flank steak served over a bed of portabella mushroom

Cavatelli pasta with grape tomatoes, spinach, and roasted garlic, tossed with olive oil

Side Dishes: Roasted garlic mashed potatoes & Honey ginger glazed carrots

Beverages: soft drinks, coffee, water, tea

Dessert: Hall of Fame iced cake

Children under 12: **\$15/pp** Chicken Nuggets & Fries

Induction Ceremony 7:00-9:00 pm

Reservations required - No refunds

Reservation forms available at rensselaernewyorkalumni.org, Facebook page Rensselaer Grade Schools and HS Alumni, or
Rensselaer City School District page under Alumni News OR send each name, meal choice and name of inductee or
party with check made out to **"Rensselaer Alumni Association"** to Alumni Association c/o RHS, 25 Van Rensselaer Dr.,
Rensselaer NY 12144

2019 Hall of Fame
Tony Butler, Jr.
Class of 1967

Shihan Tony Butler, Jr. was nominated by Michael Stammel & Karen Garhartt both '72. He is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his dedication to improving the lives of children and adults in the capital district community, through his teaching and entrepreneurship in the martial arts.



Tracy Cooney Farley was nominated by her friend and classmate Bonnie E. Smith. She is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for her dedication and humanitarianism to the students, faculty and staff of the School District and the city.



2019 Hall of Fame
Arthur Felt
Class of 1967

Arthur Felt was nominated by his wife Patricia. He is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his service in the military and for volunteering in veterans' programs.



2019 Hall of Fame
Susan Garrigan
Class of 1975

Susan Garrigan was nominated by Deborah Reimann '74. She is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for her extensive, varied career in business, finance and education and for her community volunteerism.



2019 Hall of Fame

G. Arthur &

Marie Lee Hall

Class of 1902

G. Arthur & Marie Lee Hall
were nominated by their
Lynne Beiermeister '69. They
are being posthumously
inducted into the Hall of
Fame for completing their
higher education at the turn
of the century and for their
major roll at the Methodist
Church and in the
community, through the
Masonic Temple.



2019 Hall of Fame

James Kapp

Faculty & Coach

James Kapp was nominated by alumnus Barry Cavanaugh '75 , a 2013 Hall of Fame inductee and endorsed by 2018 Hall of Fame inductee David Foust '71. He is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his career and dedication to students and other children to whom he taught, coached and gave a better life.



**2019 Hall of Fame
Robert “Pat” Lewis
Class of 1967**

Pat Lewis was nominated by his classmate and friend, Joseph Branion. He is being posthumously inducted into the Hall of Fame for his contribution to the foundation and continuation of the sport of football and his infamous school football career.



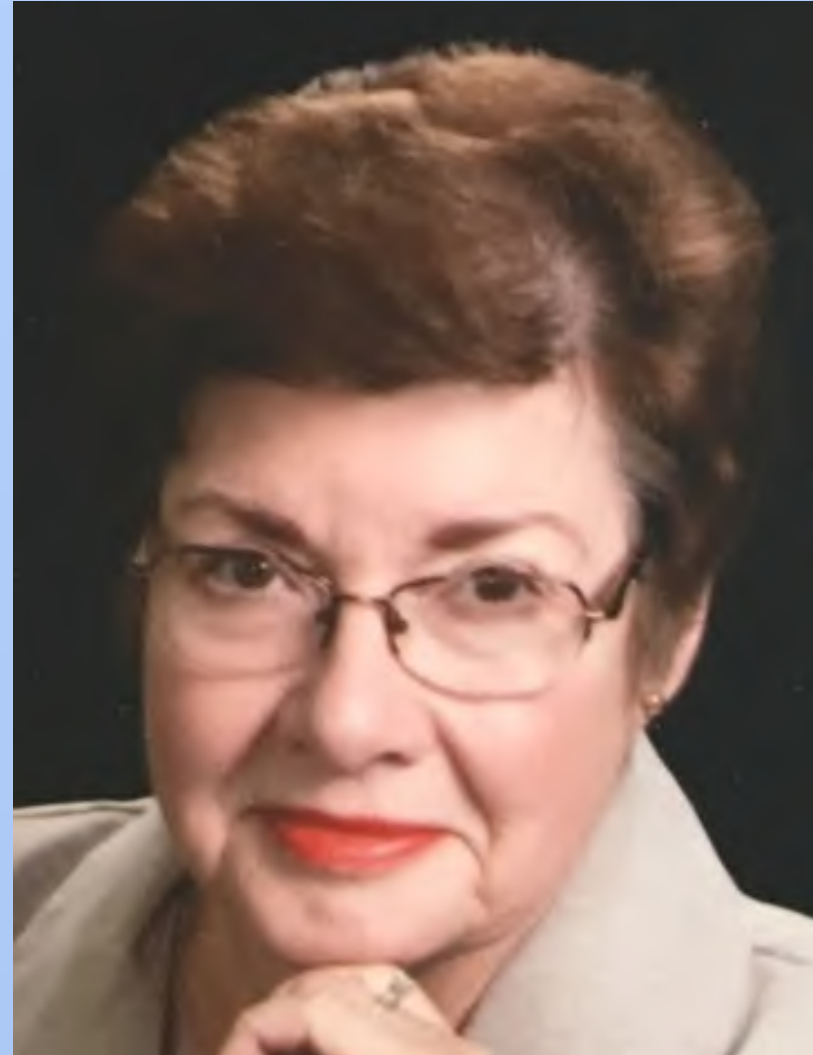
**2019 Hall of Fame
Lt. Col. Ret.
Thomas Mulyca
Class of 1969**

Lt. Col. Ret. Thomas Mulyca was nominated by his wife Charlene. He is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his career accomplishments in the Army, and his technical abilities and volunteerism in developing and maintaining the Alumni Association's data base and website.



**2019 Hall of Fame
Doris Nichols Roberts
Class of 1961**

Doris Nichols Roberts was nominated by her son Gary and daughter Denise '83, who is in the Hall of Fame, on faculty at school, and the faculty advisor to the Alumni Association. Doris is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for her contributions to school, community and country.



**2019 Hall of Fame
Karen Urbanski
Faculty & Administration**

Karen Urbanski was nominated by last year's Hall of Fame inductee, Sally Shields, RCSD's former Superintendent. Karen is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for her outstanding career in the RCSD, and for her support of the Alumni Association.



**2019 Hall of Fame
Robert “Wimpy”
Whitford
Class of 1982**

Robert “Wimpy” Whitford was nominated by his 2 sons, Anthony and Nickolas. He is being posthumously inducted into the Hall of Fame for his dedication to the youth of the city through his volunteering in athletics and for having been a member of several civic organizations.



2018-19 Hall of Fame Inductees



2020 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME DINNER & INDUCTION CEREMONY

HONORING

In alphabetical order:

Rikki Terry Allert '95

Jon Badi '62

James "Jay" Corcoran '66

Carol Davis '72

Philip Foust '76

Frances Harrison, Faculty, Posthumous

Edward "Eddie Angel" Heeran '71

Bryan Leahey '74

Jacklyn Nixon, Staff

Ret. Capt. Grant Staats '78

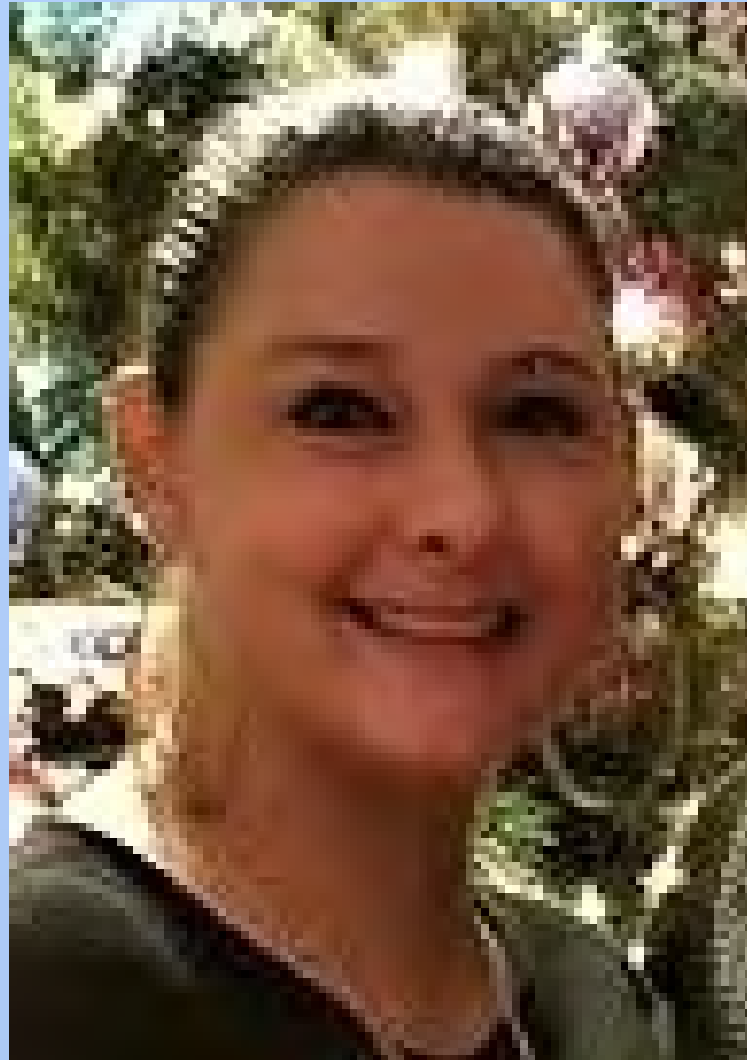
SATURDAY, **APRIL 9th, 2022** 5:00-9:00 pm

Birch Hill's Conservatory Ballroom

One Celebration Way, Castleton-on-Hudson, NY 12033 518-
732-4444

2020 Hall of Fame Rikki Terry Allert Class of 1995

Rikki Terry Allert was nominated by Dawn Allert '68. She is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for her selfless act of courage, love and kindness of donating her kidney to her brother and for volunteering for organ donations.



2020 Hall of Fame Jon Badi, Sr. Class of 1962

Jon Badi is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his tireless volunteerism for military veterans' organizations and his community service to the city's school, fire department and to boys' Little League baseball.



2020 Hall of Fame James “Jay” Corcoran Class of 1966

Jay was nominated by Jim Cochran '66, Ernie Mann '65 and Steve Mann '89. Jay is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his long and varied career serving the community in the city's and county's fire departments.



2020 Hall of Fame Carol Davis Class of 1972

Carol was nominated by classmates Karen Garhartt and Joanne Fariello. She is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for her extensive career as an author and for her community volunteerism.



2020 Hall of Fame Philip Foust Class of 1976

Philip Foust was nominated by William Reimann '74. He is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his dedication to serving his community through his work as a fire fighter and with Kiwanis, Pop Warner Football and Little League.



**2020 Hall of Fame
Frances Harrison
Faculty**

Frances Harrison was nominated by Eileen Wilkinson '83. She is being inducted posthumously into the Hall of Fame for her dedication in teaching at the RCSD, being a writer, and her numerous volunteer positions within her community's charitable organizations.



2020 Hall of Fame Edward “Eddie Angel” Heeran Class of 1971

Edward “Eddie Angel” Heeran was nominated by Ernest Dambrose '82. Eddie is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his contribution to making, performing and recording music internationally and for his generous giving to community organizations.



2020 Hall of Fame Bryan Leahey Class of 1974

Bryan was nominated by his sister Jane Reynolds '76. He is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his service to several branches of the city's government and volunteerism with many activities and organizations that serve children.



2020 Hall of Fame Jacklyn Nixon Staff

Jacklyn Nixon was nominated by Alvin Pickens '64. Jackie is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for her contributions to the RCSD and volunteerism with school and community organizations.



2020 Hall of Fame Ret. Capt. Grant Staats Class of 1978

Ret. Capt. Grant Staats was nominated by David Allen '77. He is being inducted into the Hall of Fame for his extensive education and military career and for community volunteerism with children.



ALUMNI CLUB

ALUMNI CLUB PURPOSES

- ✓ To foster a bridge between the students/school and the association.
- ✓ To make Alumni Association activities relevant to the students, school and Rensselaer community at large and encourage their participation.
- ✓ To offer an opportunity to students for community service in a way that would prepare them to qualify for the Centennial Award.
- ✓ To create a learning experience through example and to offer mentorship.
- ✓ To create pride in the history of the school, its alumni, and the community.

2013-14
ALUMNI CLUB

Under the supervision of RHS English teacher and club advisor, Denise Roberts Wright (class of '83) the 20 juniors and seniors:

- Helped sell stadium seat cushions at sports games;
- Attended monthly meetings;
- Helped with membership fund drive mailing;
- Learned about the history of education in Rensselaer & its alumni;
- Assisted at Open House, the Craft Fair, Homecoming & the Hall of Fame event.

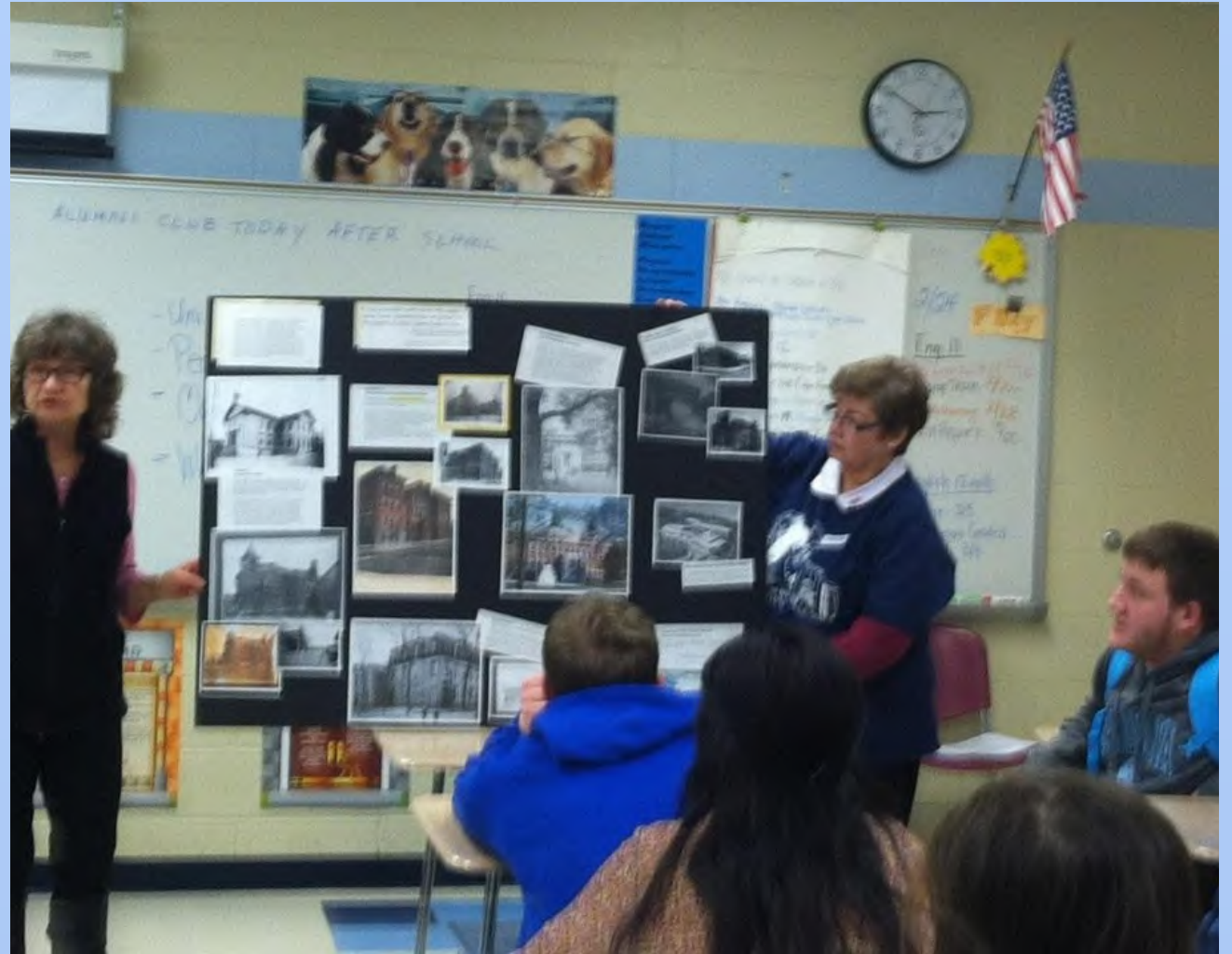


Wanna buy a seat cushion? \$10 or 2/\$18



2014 Alumni Club Meeting

Ginny Colvin Lazzaro '69 & Doris Nichols Roberts '61, Alumni Association officers use the poster board Ginny made to explain to the student club members the history of the educational system in the city of Rensselaer during an alumni club meeting.



2014-15 ALUMNI CLUB

Emily Kretzschmar

Autumn Shambeau

Pwint Hnin

Jonathan Hall

Monica Hood

Dylan Brooking

Chelsey Reed

Ezra Neal

Htat Aung

Cassie Costa

Sabrina Medina

Alex Prusky



2015-16 Alumni Club

Denise Roberts Wright '83 Faculty Advisor

Chelsey Reed (returning member)
Donovan Burrows
Cassandra Costa (returning member)
Dylan Biancaniello
Alex Prusky (returning member)
Htat Aung (returning member)
Suarat Hormhuan
Mia Stewart
Ciara Saure
Sirawit R.
Jordan Caywood
Natalie Mercedes
Isaac Brightbill
Kthari Han.



A word cloud centered around the word "Statistics" in large red letters. Other prominent words include "data", "collection", "interpretation", "statistical inference", "theory", "organization", "descriptive", "analysis", "mathematical", "parameters", "design", "population", "experiments", "prediction", "probability", "science", "discipline", "branch", "word", "also", "provides", "mathematics", "information", "consider", "total", "statistic", "well", "including", "pertaining", "mathematical", "branch", "design", "parameters", "statistical", "inference", "theory".

DONATIONS BY CLASS DECADE

1940's

<u>Class</u>	Participation Rate	Contribution to Fund \$Total
1944	2.00%	.00%
1945	9.70%	0.12%
1946	3.80%	0.39%
1947	4.30%	0.79%
1948	3.60%	0.79%
1949	2.40%	7.89%

DONATIONS BY CLASS DECADE

1950'S

<u>Class</u>	<u>Participation Rate</u>	<u>Contribution to Fund \$Total</u>
1950	8.70%	8.05%
1951	1.30%	0.66%
1952	2.10%	0.39%
1953	3.90%	0.39%
1954	4.90%	1.97%
1955	1.90%	0.16%
1956	14.80%	8.99%
1957	2.30%	1.58%
1958	1.90%	0.23%
1959	3.60%	0.95%

DONATIONS BY CLASS DECADE

1960's

<u>Class</u>	<u>Participation Rate</u>	<u>Contribution to Fund \$Total</u>
1960	8.80%	0.35%
1961	14.30%	2.92%
1962	3.20%	1.34%
1963	4.50%	0.47%
1964	9.70%	3.23%
1965	6.50%	3.31%
1966	7.10%	5.13%
1967	8.80%	3.0%
1968	13.60%	8.52%
1969	16.90%	11.66%

DONATIONS BY CLASS DECADE

1970's

<u>Class</u>	<u>Participation Rate</u>	<u>Contribution to Fund \$Total</u>
1970	11.80%	9.47%
1971	3.80%	4.26%
1972	1.70%	0.96%
1973	2.10%	0.95%
1974	1.00%	0.79%
1975	2.80%	2.13%
1976	1.90%	1.74%
1977	0.90%	0.16%
1978	1.50%	0.39%
1979	0.90%	0.77%

DONATIONS BY CLASS DECADE

1980's

<u>Class</u>	<u>Participation Rate</u>	<u>Contribution to Fund \$Total</u>
1980	1.10%	0.04%
1982	2.50%	0.47%
1983	2.40%	0.47%
1984	1.20%	0.02%
1986	2.50%	0.79%
1987	3.30%	0.08%
1988	1.40%	0.07%
1989	1.30%	0.32%

DONATIONS BY CLASS DECADE

1990's

<u>Class</u>	<u>Participation Rate</u>	<u>Contribution to Fund \$Total</u>
1993	1.90%	0.05%
1995	2.10%	0.02%
1996	2.00%	0.02%
1999	4.20%	0.07%

DONATIONS BY CLASS DECADE

2000's

<u>Class</u>	<u>Participation Rate</u>	<u>Contribution to Fund \$Total</u>
2000	2.40%	0.79%
2002	2.10%	0.02%
2003	1.70%	0.16%
2010	1.40%	0.02%
2013	1.70%	0.16%
2020	13.00%	3.95%

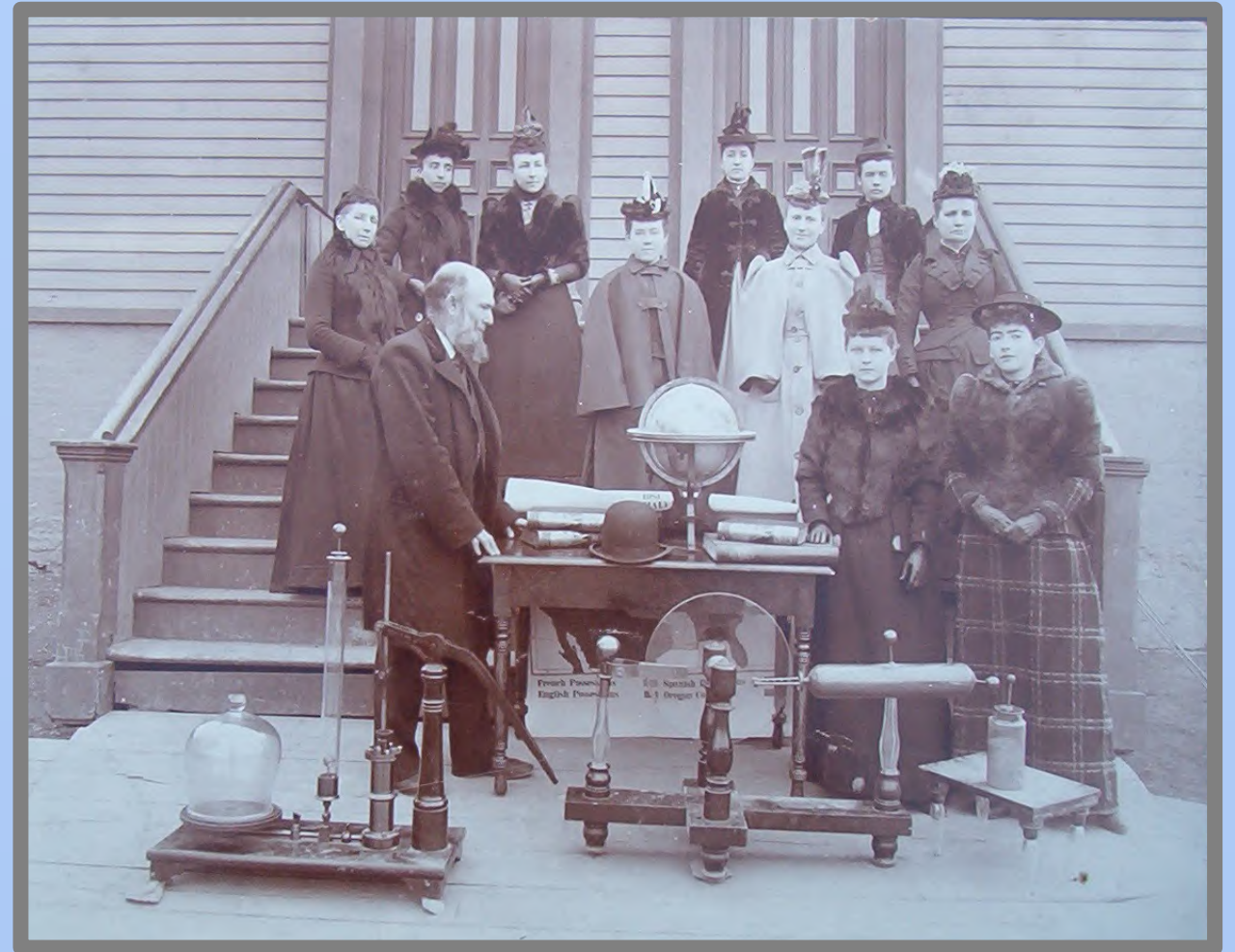
SCHOOL HISTORY

RENSSELAER SCHOOL HISTORY

The school in Bath-on-Hudson served the three towns that later made up the city of Rensselaer in the mid-late 1800s.

Seen here are Prof. George A. Quay & teachers Sadie Champin, M.A., Emily Aston, Elizabeth Stever, Anna Wygant, Mattie Jones, Julia E. Brown, Sarah Bell, Ida Taylor & Hattie Quay. (from "Images of America Rensselaer" by Charles Semowich, PhD)

SCHOOL IN BATH C. 1890



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ARCHIVES PROJECT

- One of the Association's purposes is to preserve the history of the school.
- This was accomplished, thus far, by collecting and displaying school memorabilia such as yearbooks, prom favors, graduation programs, donated trophies, etc.
- Superintendent Shields dedicated a wall in the main entrance to the school for the Alumni Association. There is now a bulletin board for our announcements as well as a place of prominence for the Hall of Fame Perpetual Plaque. The display cases are also located there.



CLASS LIST ARCHIVE PROJECT

Through the help of association volunteers Lynne Beiermeister, Ginny Colvin Lazzaro, Tom Mulyca, and Denise Roberts Wright with the Alumni Club, we have compiled an archive of all classes. The data includes at least one student in each class from 1900 to present.

The data was collected from yearbooks, Oracles and archives from the City's Historian. The data base includes over **7000** names from which a directory was created for public use.

PROGRAMME		CLASS OF 1932	
TRIBUTE MARCH FROM ATRALIA	Musicians	*Mervil B. Arline	Scholarship
PRAYER		Joseph T. Aronson	Academic
Rev. R. W. Bremer		Robert Barry	Commercial
CHORUS—"I Look Into Your Garden"	Wood	*Victor Janet Bahl	Classical
SALUTATORY HONOR—"Washington, the Statesman"		Paul E. Beane	Classical
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN		*Beth Blevins	Academic
SOLO—"On the Road to Mandalay"	Spoken	Edward E. Bonell	Academic
Denise Mulero		Clara Davis Brown	Academic
READING—"The Two-Water Debate"	McHenry	Wayne F. Brown	Academic
ROYE BILLY		*Dorothy D. Buchanan	Classical
CHORUS—"A Man's Beliefs"	First	*Eleanor F. Coon	Commercial
ESSAY—"Washington's Influence on Present Day Life"		*Margaret W. Coot	Academic
(State Paper Exam written by Alvin Connel)		Norval E. Clark	Commercial
WILLIAM BAKER		Albert E. Clardy	Commercial
SOLO—"The Prince and the Pauper"	Band	Charles Elida Collier	Academic
KATHLEEN C. FORD		Frederic E. Cook	Commercial
READING—"The Triumph of Peace"	Chorus	*Elizabeth A. Cook	Classical
Prada L. Pratt		Kenneth Duder	Academic
CHORUS—"The Love Day Chorus"	Academic	Robert M. Dyer, Jr.	Academic
ESSAY—"George Washington, the Soldier"		Mary Jane Eason	Commercial
WILLIAM KIMBLE		*Dorothy Marion Jackson	Classical
CHORUS—"Vigil Song"	Chorus/First	William S. Finkbe	Academic
VALENTINE HONOR		*Gladys M. Finkbe	Classical
Dorothy M. Denney		Charles L. Frank	Commercial
CLASS SONG		*Evelyn Edna Gorman	Academic
Words and Music by THOMAS HERRICK		Gertrude M. Griggs	Academic
PURIFICATION OF DIPLOMAS		*Laurie M. Gynell	Academic
Mr. George G. Kucera, President of the Board of Education		Lacy Elmer Hall	Commercial
ADDRESS TO THE CLASS OF 1932		Frank R. Harbo	Academic
The Board of Education, State Department of Education		Thomas H. Hervey, Jr.	Academic
PURIFICATION OF THE LOUIS E. ROBINSON MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH		*Alice L. Hug	Commercial
CONFERRING OF THE KENNELAER HIGH SCHOOL "B"		Larry Johnson	Commercial
CHORUS—"Alma Mater"	Barney	*Richard W. Johnson	Commercial
Words by W. S. Clark		*Walter E. Johnson	Scholarship
		*Roy S. Howe	Commercial
		Maria G. Hughes	Commercial
		*Ayrith H. Johnson	Commercial
		Reuben E. Johnson	Commercial
		Maria M. King	Commercial
		John Kirk	Classical
		*Bertrand Koffer	Classical
		*Walter Koffer	Commercial
		*Mary E. Langer	Commercial
		James Langer	Academic
		*Warren E. Langston	Commercial
		Abraham Lark	Commercial
		Christina Anna McHenry	Classical
		Robert McGee	Academic
		Garry A. McNelly	Academic
		Lena Macomber	Scholarship
		*Ernest Joseph McLean	Commercial
		*Richard L. McLean	Commercial
		Karl B. McLean	Scholarship
		*Verna G. Merrill	Commercial
		Flora J. Merrill	Commercial
		*Harry M. Olson	Commercial
		Charles Paulman, Jr.	Classical
		Kathleen C. O'Brien	Academic
		*Frank L. Pratt	Commercial
		Mary A. Rife	Commercial
		Kenneth C. Rife	Commercial
		Joseph E. Rife, Jr.	Commercial
		Paul Roth	Academic
		Beth L. Stahl	Academic
		Helen M. Stahl	Academic
		Edith W. Stone	Commercial
		Myrtle Stoy	Academic
		John E. Stultz	Classical
		Phyllis L. Stultz	Commercial
		Leonard G. Tamm	Academic
		*Marian C. Tamm	Classical
		John Wagner	Commercial
		Frank Wardlaw	Classical
		William J. Weidner	Commercial
		Laurie R. Wynn	Classical
		Eleanor Gertrude Wilson	Commercial
		Charles Wilson	Academic
		George H. Whitlock	Scholarship

*Indicates that the student has maintained an honor standing in scholarship and department for four years and is entitled to receive the Remond "B."

RENSSELAER'S
FIRST
HIGH SCHOOL
1894-1895

This photo was labeled “Our First High School” in an article in the 1948 Oracle, the school’s literary periodical. This wooden structure was replaced by the brick building, School #3. The section on the left was originally the Methodist Church.



SCHOOL #1

1897-1920

(Replaced by Fort Crailo School)



SCHOOL #2

2nd St. & Harrison Ave.

Began as a High School & later served as an elementary school



SCHOOL #3

Upper Broadway

Built 1896; interior destroyed by fire & rebuilt in 1899; destroyed by fire in 1979

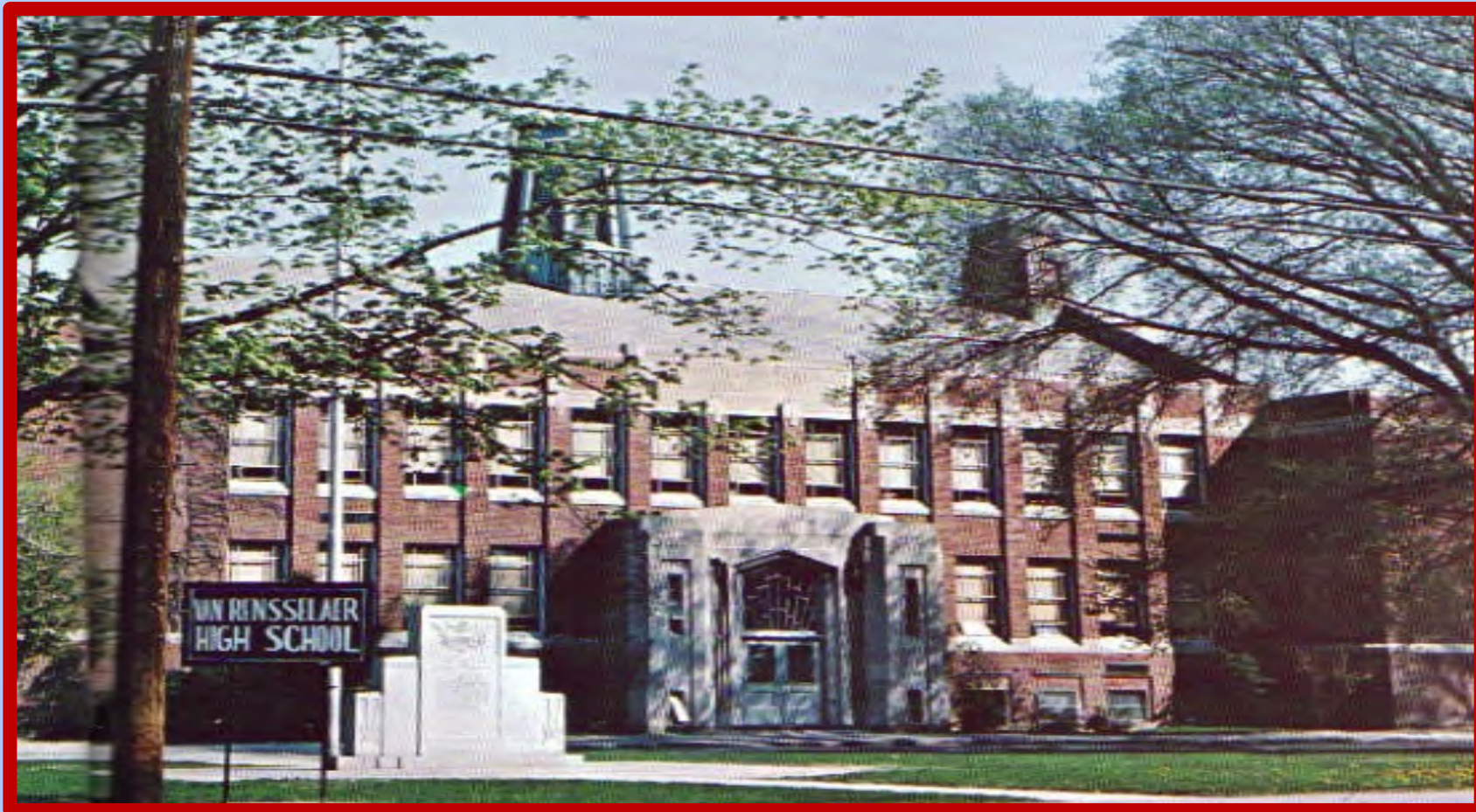


FORT CRAILO ELEMENTARY & JR HIGH SCHOOL 1916

Third Ave. & Washington St.
(now CITY HALL)



VAN RENSSELAER ELEMENTARY & HIGH SCHOOL 1932-1971
(now DOANE STUART)



RENSSELAER JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL

Lower Broadway

1972-2006

Demolished



VAN RENSSELAER ELEMENTARY
&
RENSSELAER JR. & SR. HIGH SCHOOLS
2007



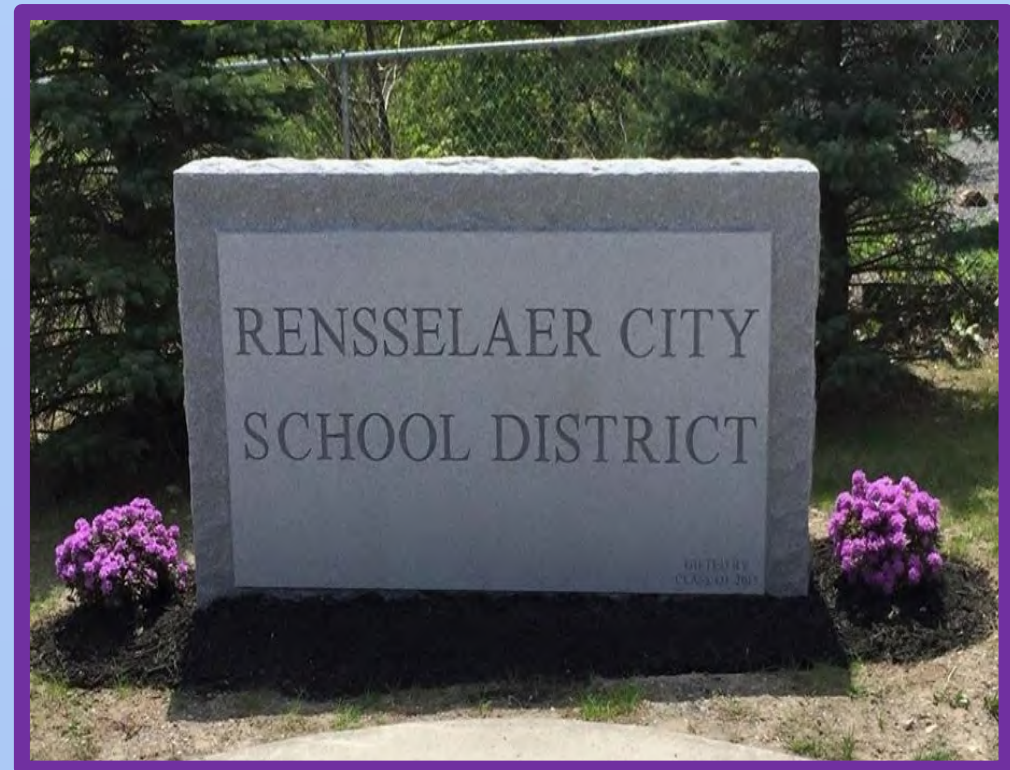
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- SCHOOL WEBSITE : www.rcsd.k12.ny.us – High School tab, then Alumni News