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Upcoming EVENTS

Lottery	Sept. 11
Hall of Fame	Cancelled
Packer Sports Greats	Cancelled
Bowling Party	Feb. 20
500 Club Sales Start	Mar. 1

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CELEBRATING OUR CENTENARIANS

After receiving a donation from a class of 1932 alumna, we delved into our database to see how many other South High alumni have made it to 100 years or more! This summer we reached out to all alumni in our database who attended South between 1930 and 1938. Letters were sent to 121 alumni at the last known address we had for them. Through notification from both relatives and our tireless alumni researcher, **Pauline Lundgren-1962**, we learned that 89 of the 121 had passed away. There are 29 of them who we have not yet heard from; those names are listed at the bottom of page 19. We are happy to report that we did have three centenarians who responded: **Aliene (Kelpe) Hammer-1932**, **Leota (Ruff) Brown-1938**, and **Lillian (Hopkins) Halligan-1938**! At the age of 105 (106 this December), Aliene Hammer takes the top spot as our oldest living alum, and boy, does she have stories to tell! Check out page 18 to get to know these three centenarians.

Our 2020 Scholarship Recipients Details on page 11.

ARE YOU IN THE CLUB?

We had 444 Packer Backers buy a "membership" in our 2020-2021 **Packers 500 Club**! We want to thank each of you for supporting us through this fundraiser.

At the time this issue was published, winners had been drawn for March, April and May for our 2019-2020 club and June, July, and August for our 2020-2021 club. Those 66 winners are listed on page 3. Congratulations! And good luck to all the members in the remaining nine months of drawings.

From our PRESIDENT

By **Carole Safley-1976**

WOW!!! I don't even know where to start. At my last writing, SHSAA was deep into planning our 2020 events. Of course God had a different plan for all of us.

Our lives and plans were brought to our knees with all the closings and confusing daily updates from the professionals, all the while watching our leaders grapple with this unknown enemy, COVID-19. How do we get through all of it? It made me think of the old saying, "Desperate times breed desperate measures." (W. Shakespeare). Basically meaning, in adverse circumstance, actions that might have been rejected under other circumstances may become the best choice.

With that said, the alumni association had to make some tough choices this year in order to protect our alumni family, friends, teachers, and community. Pasta Dinner – cancelled. Hall of Fame Brunch – cancelled. Packer Sports Greats Banquet – cancelled. Our board of director meetings - cancelled. Class reunions – mostly cancelled.

We did manage to have a fantastic bowling party (our largest so far) in February. We were also able to continue with our Packer 500 Club and had an incredibly successful year during Omaha Gives. Thank you to ALL who supported us during those events.

Sadly, an in-person graduation was postponed until August and then cancelled all together. Senior Honors Night was also cancelled, but we were still able to award $29,000 worth of scholarships to some very deserving seniors.

We did end up hosting our annual Packer Golf Classic at the end of July. I struggled with cancelling, and, while somewhat surprised, was very thankful that 38 teams signed up to play. I was in discussions with the golf course, even taking a trip there to ensure we'd have a great outing, but would also protect all the attendees and volunteers. We had to change up several aspects of the event – individually packaged meals instead of a buffet; seating was mainly outside and spaced out, etc., but overall, it was a great event and we look forward to hosting another one next year; hopefully with better circumstances.

The Bull Project at the front of the school is still underway. Everything is set to be done this fall, we hope to be able to do an official unveiling next spring. On the bright side, we are just so thrilled that whenever students are able to come back to school, they will have something that reminds them that thousands of students, now alumni, have passed through those same front doors and that this tribute is from them to all current and future students to understand that "Once a Packer, Always a Packer."

We were able to welcome back our teachers with donuts and a bottle of hand sanitizer for each of their desks. We wish them the best during this difficult time as the decision was made that they would be teaching their students 100% remotely through October.

I also want to extend a late welcome our newest Alumni Office assistant. **Karen (Blythe) Braun-1971** joined us at the end of last year. It has been an absolute pleasure having her in the Alumni Office!

I wish each one of you, the very best through the rest of this challenge we're up against. I pray that you all stay safe, stay healthy, and that we will be able to get together soon to see each other face-to-face.

2020-21 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

9-1 Fall TOOTER mailed
9-11 Lottery begins *(pg. 7)*

DECEMBER

12-12 Lottery winners drawn

JANUARY

TBD Alumni Board Meeting

FEBRUARY

2-20 Bowling Party *(pg. 14)*

MARCH

3-1 Spring TOOTER mailed
3-1 Packers 500 Club *(pg. 5)*
Membership sales start

APRIL

TBD Pasta Dinner
TBD Alumni Board Meeting
4-30 Packers 500 Club
Membership sales end

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Packers 500 CLUB

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Congratulations to the 2019-20 Packers 500 Club winners for March, April, and May (top) and to the 2020-2021 winners for June, July, and August (bottom)! Upcoming winners will be listed online at www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com/500Club. Please note, due to having under 500 members, prize amounts have been adjusted in accordance with Nebraska State Gaming Commission rules and regulations. There were 416 members in the 2019-2020 club and 444 in the 2020-2021 club.

Are you interested in becoming a member in next year's club? Sales for the 2021-2022 Packers 500 Club will start on March 1, 2021. Look for details in the 2021 Spring Alumni Tooter.

Thank you to those in red for generously donating their prize money back to the alumni association!

Prize Amount	MARCH 2020 Member Number	MARCH 2020 Club Member Name-SHS Grad Year	APRIL 2020 Member Number	APRIL 2020 Club Member Name-SHS Grad Year	MAY 2020 Member Number	MAY 2020 Club Member Name-SHS Grad Year
$400	340	James Kisicki-1960	184	Doug Kaspar-1974	308	Angelo Perry-1958
$200	323	Leti Wees-1978	310	Linda Wells-1971	72	Paul Vacek-1967
$100	407	Candice Bogle-1978	130	Judi Koubsky-1961	310	Linda Wells-1971
$100	395	Christine Locke-1973	128	Margo Juarez-1976	62	Ken Kaluza-1974
$100	78	Joe Sousa-1953	49	Sally Hutfless	304	Russ Bullard-1966
$100	363	Jim & Tami Riha	65	Jim Hristakos-1966	67	Michael Grzywa-1969
$75	414	Patrick Sweeney-1978	254	Susan Lyons-1977	113	Betty Widoe-1970
$75	8	Paul Kracher-1961	245	Valerie Yates-1973	344	Leo Sova-1968
$75	360	Dave Polking-1974	142	Pete Casart	167	Terry Jones-1967
$75	215	Joe Dlugosz-1978	329	Margo Juarez-1976	342	Robert Blohn-1972
$60	121	Walter Dudzinski-1969	408	Kevin Altman	317	Sandy Horan-1961

Prize Amount	JUNE 2020 Member Number	JUNE 2020 Club Member Name-SHS Grad Year	JULY 2020 Member Number	JULY 2020 Club Member Name-SHS Grad Year	AUGUST 2020 Member Number	AUGUST 2020 Club Member Name-SHS Grad Year
$450	381	Burton Finch-1946	157	Cindy Keffer-1972	302	Bob Kosiski-1952
$250	183	Russell Rech-1983	353	Jim Remar-1979	147	Family of John Lukowski-1962
$100	240	Bev Krayneski-1962	333	Dorothy Barrett-1971	308	Angelo Perry-1958
$100	157	Cindy Keffer-1972	231	Eileen Peetz-1967	97	Karen Kilgarin-1975
$100	313	Marilyn Galaska-1954	420	Paul Anderson-1981	288	Lisa Tickle-1994
$100	172	Tony Czerwinski-1963	11	Christine Schmidt-1974	215	Joe Dlugosz-1978
$75	304	Larry Pesek-1978	188	Gerald Casart	168	Samantha Niemoth-2006
$75	134	Yvonne Armstrong-1976	337	Linda Moore-1966	344	Leo Sova-1968
$75	413	Bill Riha	150	Rod Mach-1957	67	Michael Grzywa-1969
$75	291	Michael Hinchey-1976	287	Linda Willson-1968	14	Ed Kosiski-1983
$60	433	Thomas Cech-1965	220	Matt Flynn	11	Christine Schmidt-1974

Packer GOLF CLASSIC

Another successful Packer Golf Classic was held Sunday, July 26, 2020 at Eagle Hills Golf Course. This year 38 teams took over the golf course and even a couple rain showers couldn't dampen all their fun! Foursomes were made up of alumni from 1964 to 2006, along with family, friends, and SHS staff. After golfing, the players were treated to a tasty lunch followed by raffle and team prize awards. A **big thank you** to the golfers, hole sponsors, raffle prize donors and volunteers for supporting SHSAA through this fun event. Money raised will go towards special teacher requests and student scholarships. Mark your calendars for next year's tournament! It will be held on Sunday, July 25, 2021 at Eagle Hills. **If you are interested in sponsoring a hole or donating a prize for next year's tournament please let us know!**

More pictures available online!
www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com

Only All Ladies Team

"Fore Amigas": Teresa Rodriguez-1994, Rochelle Rocha-1995, Nina DeLoa-1995, Jessica Rangel-1995

THANK YOU!

EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Carole Safley-1976 (Chair), Julie Diehm-1966, Tony Huerta-1969, Jen Kracher, Kelly Mulligan-1976, Judy Storm-1974, Mary Stanek-1976, and Catherine Stanek

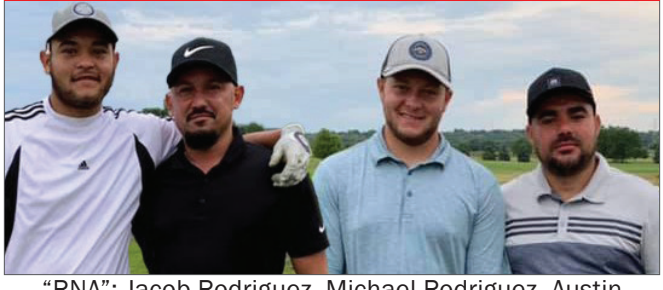
SPONSORS & DONORS

Quality Door & Trim, Rudy Tesar-1960 (NP Dodge Realty), Wild West Creations, John Krayneski-1961 (AAA Building Components), Julie Diehm-1966, Judy Storm-1974, Jen Kracher, Carole Safley-1976, Candy-1963 & Dean Rezac-1963, Vic-1961 and Bev-1964 Riha, Matt Cahill (Republican National Distribution), Jessica Rangel-1995, and the South High Alumni Association.

Team with Oldest Alum

"Double Eagles": Bill Yambor-1964, Gary Chase-1969, Jeff Chase-1996, Eric Nystrom-1995

Team with Youngest Alum

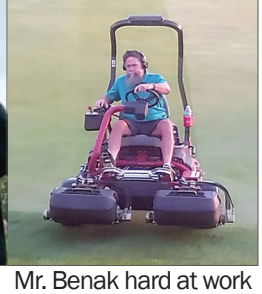


"RNA": Jacob Rodriguez, Michael Rodriguez, Austin Stamey-2006, George Guerrero

South High Teachers

"South High Staff": Andy Webb, Adam Byers, Amy Wagner, Sam Bojanski-2005

"Gold Standard Teachers": Bailey Smejkal, Samantha Koehler, Taylor White, Dan Podjenski
Received the Last Place Award (5 over par)



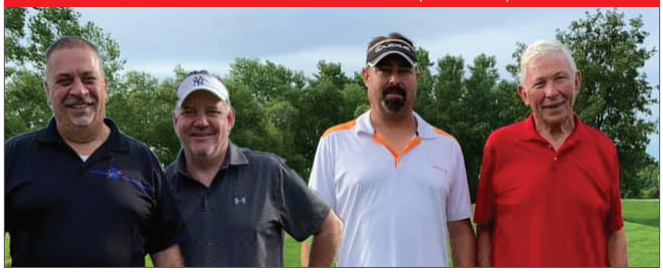
Mr. Benak hard at work mowing the course!

THE WINNERS!

FLIGHT 1 - 1st Place *(12 under)*

"So Disorganized": Randy Fitzgerald-1976, Mike Powers-1976, Ted Topolski-1976, Joe Mlotek

FLIGHT 1 - 2nd Place *(12 under)*

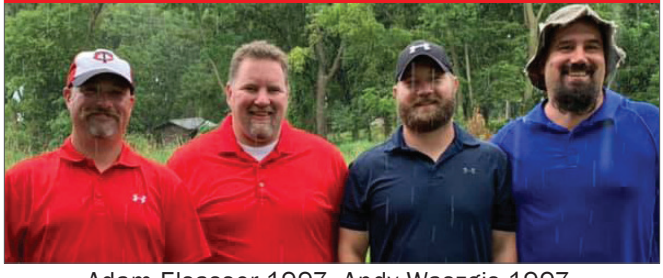


Chad Bolter, Todd Mueller, Doug Tangemen, Mike Soylan

FLIGHT 2 - 1st Place *(8 under)*

"Hit 'em Forward": Mark Lukowski-1979, Dave Kucirek-1979, Dan Rommelfanger-1979, Jack Moore-1965

FLIGHT 2 - 2nd Place *(8 under)*



Adam Elsasser-1997, Andy Waszgis-1997, Doug Niemiec-1996, Doug Neighbor

FLIGHT 3 - 1st Place *(3 under)*

"Kinsella Men": Jim Kinsella-1976, Dennis Kinsella-1980, Jeff Kinsella, Shawn Kinsella

FLIGHT 3 - 2nd Place *(3 under)*

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Omaha GIVES

Thanks to all our fabulous donors, we had our best Omaha Gives to date! During the online 24-hour charity challenge, **217 Packer Backers raised over $14,000!** Your support ensures SHSAA will be able to continue on with our mission to support alumni, the school and the South Omaha community during these unprecedented times. Our Omaha Gives donors are listed below - both those who gave online through the Omaha Gives website and those who sent their donation to the Alumni Office. Thank you to all!

We also wanted to highlight the following:

- Classes 1959, 1974, and 1994 and one anonymous Class of 1959 donor pledged at total of $5,200 of matched funds.
- Thanks to all our early donors we won a $1,000 Participation Prize for most unique donors by 8 a.m. **Patty Bogatz-1979**, your timely donation secured that prize! Thank you!
- Donations came from alumni across TEN decades! From the class of 1932 (**Aliene (Kelpe) Hammer** is 105!) all the way to the class of 2020 (congrats on graduating **Melanie Coronado Amaya**!).
- Four classes (1961, 1974, 1975, 1976) and one honorary class (1932) met their ten donor goal.

All that Packer love brings our 2020 total to $14,240! We thank you for your support in helping us continue our mission. Packer Nation is stronger because of donors like you!

OUR 2020 DONORS

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Connie Johnson-1967
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Krista Meisinger-1980
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Verity Swaney
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Frank Vondra-1960
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Jackie Mahr-1968
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Kelly Mulligan-1976
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Leon Nelson-1964
Marilyn Opocensky-1960
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Dave Polking-1974
Don Preister-1965
Anita Roth-1957
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William Smith-1974
Ronald Sum-1959
Judy Turnquist-1973
Christy Voycheske-1994
Joyce Zbylut-1956
Dean (Doris) Nicholson-1977
Mariah Buckner
Eileen Bullard-1966
Richard Cerny-1964
Joe Foral-1978
Kevin Girouex-1975
Linda Gomez-1969
Hilda Gurwell-1966
Elizabeth Horton-1998
Tamara Morris-1988
Mona Podany-1972
Janice Podoll-1960
Nancy Shelton-1963
Leo Sova-1968
Lynn Spielvogel-1974
Ron Urbach-1976
Lisa Todd-1978
Klaus Lindner-1968
Gretchen Lindner-1968
Bonnie Bubke-1953
Magdalena Cazarez-2013
Cynthia Cerveny-1974
Pollyanna Chamberlain-1982
Eric Cleaver
Nick Colanino-1965
Glenda Czaplewski-1956
George Felber-1963
Anne Felner-1997
Bettie Foral-1969

DONORS cont.

ONLINE DONORS cont.

Stephanie Gates
Rebecca Howard-1970
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Lori Justman-1981
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Patrick Krigbaum-1974
Patricia Landon-Merced-1976
Laura Lengyel-1984
John Nigrin-1973
Kathy Norris-1967
Dennis Nowlin
Celia Pecha-1976
Anita Plaza-1976
Bonnie Povondra-1969
Frank Povondra-1964
Jerry Quintero-1973
Linda Roark-1984
Gary L Schrack-1960
Carissa Stowe-Teacher
Terri Taute-1980
Susan Unger-1966
Vanessa Urbach-2005
Victoria Wagner-2000
Evelyn Winther-1972
Melanie Coronado Amaya-2020
Margo Juarez-1976
Jorge Silva-2017
AND 13 Anonymous Donors

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Kevin Bosiljevac-1983
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Aliene Hammer-1932
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Pamela Shirley-1977
Allan Napora-1958
Shaun Boldan-1983
John Hobbs-1958
Peggy Sorensen-1961
Walter Chandler-1967
Roger Kendall-1970
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James Palma-1966
Ruth Wise-1947
Cathy Adkins-1977
Gary Albin-1959
Shirley Anderson-1952
Jackie Casper-1961
Bob Johnson-1956
Alfred Martinez-1950
Dean & Candy Rezac-1963
Jean Schwalm-1945
Mardelle Wolf-1951
Dwight Anderson-1951
Irene Astleford-1949
Ron Bartunek-1962
Pat Beecham-1961
Deloris Bruns-1955
Don Corneer-1949
Rose Corneer-1952
Richard Cunningham-1983
Kaye Dodds-1955
Carolyn Fisher-1968
Rose Marie Hunter-1950
Larry Kozeny-1957
Richard Lane-1968
Margaret Lehmer-1939
Robert Lohr-1961
James Lorence-1958
Donald Martin-1956
Mary Moore-1957
Delia Perez-1951
Betty Piece-1950
Frances Riha-1945
Anthony Romano-1950
Henry Schiffbauer-1954
Peter Sorich-1956
Joseph Sternad, Jr-1938
George Strnad-1948
Vincent Toledo-1964
Paul Vacek-1967
Diane Vanil-1975
Judy Wages-1951
Sharene Waltermire-1963

ANNUAL LOTTERY

Ticket sales for our 2020 Lottery will start September 11th. You do not want to miss your chance to win big cash prizes while supporting a great cause!

Please contact the SHS Alumni Office at 402-738-9493 or office@omahasouthalumni.com if you would like additional tickets.

Our 2019 winners:

$3000 Prize: **Nick Bitzes - 1946**

$1000 Prize (2 winners): **Linda (Labanowski) Rippe - 1975**
Jim Kisicki - 1960

$500 Prize (3 winners): **Gabriel Montalvo - 1998**
Marty Martinez - 1972
Frank Novotny - 1957

Check out more past winners online at www.omahasouthalumni.com/lottery. **Thank you for supporting us during this fundraiser!**

Association NEWS

THAT'S A LOT OF BULL!

Our project honoring Dave and the late Carol Van Metre for all their incredible support and love of South High is in full swing! Sculptor John Lajba sent us these pictures showing how the bull statue was taking shape.

Construction on the new walkway 'path' in front of the school and landscaping around it will be starting soon.

We hope to have an official unveiling Spring 2021 or whenever we are able to safely congregate again!

SHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carole Safley – President	1976
Dean Rezac – Vice President	1963
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John Krayneski – Emeritus	1961
Jackie Casper	1961
Carol Cleaver	1975
Mike Contreras	1975
Carrie (Vlassakis) Contreras	1976
John Mulligan	1985
Kelly Mulligan	1976
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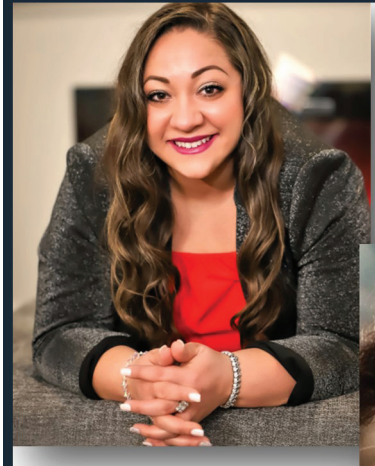

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School UPDATE

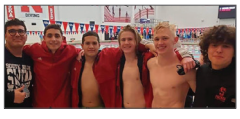
Second semester of 2020 has taught everyone just how flexible they can be! We came into March like any other and exited on a never-ending socially distant, virtual spring break! Here are some highlights of our ever-unconventional 2020 semester.

Mikey Vasquez-2020, at 220lbs, captured South High's first individual state wrestling title in 22 years!

Our JROTC dominated the OPS Color Guard competition! They received the following awards at the event: 1st Place JV Color Guard; 1st Place Varsity Color Guard; and Best Varsity Color Guard Commander.

During Fashion Week, an international fashion icon, Katie Betts, said: "South High, in our opinion, has the most robust fashion design program in the metro area," when she spoke at an assembly at South.

Five South High swimmers who competed in the NE State Swimming Championships: Terin Frodyma, CJ Stewart, Brandon Ramos, Donovan Grimm, and Javier Cervantes.

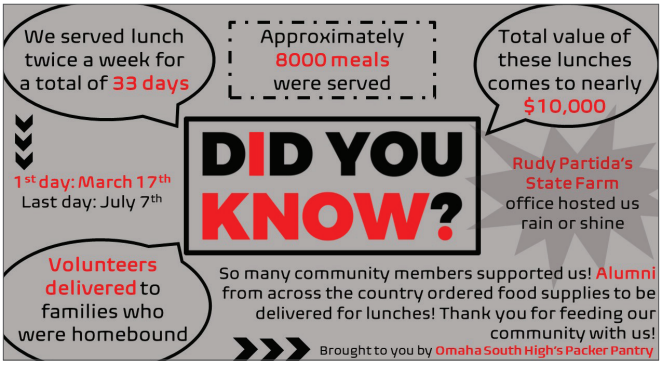


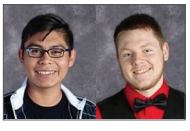
Amid the beginnings of the COVID-19 pandemic, the boy's basketball team beat Central to make it to state semi-finals. Their cheering section was limited to a few family members who were allowed inside. The Packers fell to Millard North.

Teacher Hannah Holguin was named a CHI Health Top Teacher in March. She was also named for Initiative of the Year, the Packer Pantry and Packer Closet.

Andrea Reyes-2020 and **Bryan Pichardo-Lara-2020** participated in the "Teachers Scholars Academy" at UNO. They were 2 of 24 members and will receive a full-ride scholarships to UNO for their participation.

When the pandemic closed school buildings and teaching went virtual, The Packer Pantry stepped up when they saw a need in the South O community, check out all that they accomplished.





Jeffry Atilano-Duenas-2020 and **Kobe Bustos-2020** were both recipients of the Salvation Army's "DJ's Hero" award. It is given to seniors who show selflessness, leadership and commitment to the community. The award also comes with a $10,000 scholarship to a school of their choice.

Alan Mendoza-2020 was named Offensive MVP of the Shrine Bowl. He nailed three field goals including a 51-yard field goal.

Teacher Samantha Koehler-Overton was honored by the Women's Center for Advancement. She was chosen for her achievements and dedication to bettering lives of women and children in our community.

Go Pack!!

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Scholarship RECIPIENTS

The SHS Alumni Association would like to extend congratulations to the 28 seniors who were awarded $28,750 in SHSAA scholarships this year. Collectively, the 2020 senior class was awarded over $10 million dollars in scholarships! Thank you to all our supporters, including those who funded the thirteen named scholarships, as this would not be possible without your donations!

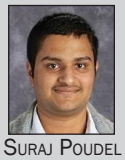
SHS Alumni Association Scholarship Recipients

$1,000 each | Event funded scholarships, includes 2-Golf, 2-Car Show, 2-Bowling, 2-500 Club, and 2-Lottery.

Kayle Alba | Jose M. Ayala Ortega | Itzel Correa | Leslie Gonzalez Sanchez | Yari Lizzet Hernandez Ayala | Miranda Lopez Tovar | Maria Ramirez-Garcia | Aldo Ramirez-Puc | Julianna Rodriguez-Anaya | Jennifer Torres-Alvarado

SHSAA Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Marine Corporal Shane Kielion-1999



Suraj Poudel

Tom Dickey- 1999

Amaya Brodine

Class Reunion Scholarship Recipients

Class of 1959 ($1500)

Evelyn Espinoza-Macias

Class of 1968 ($250)

Yovani Puc-Corona

Class of 1974 ($1000)

Ruben Valadez

Class of 1974 ($1000)

Yexalen Jaramillo

Class of 1994 ($1000)

Hilda Garcia-Velasquez

Named Scholarship Recipients

$1,000 unless noted | * Endowed Scholarships

***Margie (Krakowski) Speck-1940** ($1,500 each)

Brittany Yanez Romo | Michelle Vega

***Nancy Mudra -1962**

Paige McConnell

***Sheila (Little) Cain-1953**

Sandra Benitez-Albiter

***Lt. Gen. Leo J. Dulacki -1936**

Bryan Pichardo-Lara

***Lily Ann (Dvorak) Ogden-1941**

Jennifer Benitez-Jaimes

Judith (Henggeler) Spohr-1959

Melanie Coronado Amaya | Yvette Torres

Fern (Miyeno) Watanabe -1941

Michelle Lucio-Hernandez

Alberto Rodriguez

Bryan Pichardo-Lara

Joseph D. Connell -1941

Nyla Dawson-Holliday

"Thank you for my scholarship. As a first-generation college student, this scholarship has helped the financial burden of tuition as I attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I am super proud to now be part of the South High Alumni Association!" – Melanie Coronado Amaya

"I am writing to express how grateful I am of being awarded the 'South High Alumni Class of 1974 Reunion" scholarship. With your support, you are making a change not only in our community or our country, but in the world. You are investing in us and in the world's future. Once a Packer, Always a Packer!" – Yexalen Y. Jaramillo

"My years at Omaha South have been the greatest times of my life. I will be attending Creighton University. It is a great honor and privilege to receive this scholarship and I am very grateful." – Ruben Valadez

"I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of the Margie Krakowski Speck Memorial scholarship. I plan on attending the University of Nebraska – Omaha and thanks to the generosity of the South High Alumni Association I will be able to focus more on my studies than my financial state. I hope one day I will be able to help other people as the Alumni Association has helped me." – Michelle Vega

Reunion TIME

2020 *POSTPONED OR CANCELLED*

ATTENTION REUNION COMMITTEES! Please contact the Alumni Office (402-738-9493 or office@OmahaSouthAlumni.com) with reunion details or changes to already communicated reunion plans. The content deadline for the Spring Tooter is January 31, 2021.

1955-Monthly

We meet at 12:30 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the GI Forum (20th & N St.) to connect with fellow Packers. All 1955 alumni are invited to join. RSVP not required. Contact: Karlene "K.T." Deja at 402-733-6303.

1959-Annual

An annual event (scheduled for 7-11-20) was postponed until further notice. Please refer to www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com/1959 for updates.

1960

A 60-year reunion (scheduled for 8-15-20) was cancelled. The reunion committee is hoping to celebrate in 2021 with a 61 year reunion. Please refer to www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com/1960 for updates. Contacts: Jeannie (Johnson) Mill at 402-733-6096 or Lloyd-jeanmill@cox.net and Carolyn (Karpisek) Dittman at 402-339-7936.

1961-Annual

An annual event (scheduled for 7-25-20) was cancelled. Contacts: Jackie Casper or Judi Koubsky via the Alumni Office (402-738-9493).

1963-Annual

An annual event (scheduled for 7-31-20) was cancelled. Contacts: Helen (Earnest) Gladfelter at helenrglad@gmail.com or Bonnie (Yost) Fleming at elvisplvr@cox.net.

1964-Annual

An annual event (scheduled for 7-18-20) was cancelled. Contact: Betty (Parish) Stern at bettylstern@gmail.com

1965

A 55-year reunion (scheduled for 8-22-20) has been postponed until 2021. For those of you who have already paid: (1) For checks already cashed, your money will be refunded, and (2) Any uncashed checks will be destroyed. Check www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com/1965 for updates. Contact: Boyd Ellison at boydellison65@gmail.com.

1970

A 50-year reunion (scheduled for 8-1-20) has been postponed until 2021. Check www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com/1970 or Classmates.com for updates. Contacts: Patty (Harrahill) Svajgl at svajgl@cox.net or Mary (Samples) Rezac at mjrezac@cox.net.

1975

A 45-year reunion (scheduled for 8-7-20) has been postponed indefinitely. Please refer to the class' FB group "Omaha South High Class of 75" or www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com/1975 for updates. Contact: Ron Cerone at 402-672-1371 or southhigh75@gmail.com.

1980

A 40-year reunion (scheduled for 8-7/8-20) has been postponed until 2021. Check the class' FB group "South High Class of 1980", or www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com/1980 for updates. Refunds will be issued through Eventbrite to anyone who had paid. Contact: Kevin Rosemann at rosey.22@hotmail.com.

1985

A 35-year reunion (scheduled for Fall 2020) has been postponed until 2021. Please refer to www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com/1985, Classmates.com, or the class' FB group "Omaha South High Class of 1985" for updates. Questions can be emailed to south1985@yahoo.com.

1990

A 30-year reunion will be scheduled in 2021. Refer to www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com/1990, or the class' FB group "Omaha South High Class of 1990" for updates. Contact: Julie Popek at julie.popek@lfg.com.

1995

A 25-year reunion is scheduled for 9-19-20 at Paddy McGown's (45th & Center). Please refer to www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com/1995, or the class' FB group "Omaha South Alumni Class of 1995" for updates. Contact: Gen Capalite-Klenda at gcapalite@yahoo.com.

2000

A 20-year reunion (scheduled for 9-18/19-20) has been postponed until 2021. Refer to www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com/2000 or the class' FB group "SHS Class of 2000" for updates. Contact: Crystal Bitzes at crystalbitzes@yahoo.com.

2010

A 20-year reunion (scheduled for 9-18/19-20) has been cancelled. The decision to reschedule in 2021 has not yet been made. Refer to www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com/2010 or the class' FB group "Omaha South High Magnet School Class of 2010" for updates. Contact: Guadalupe Perez-Aguilar at zailyn.lupe@gmail.com.

2021

1966

A casual 55-year reunion is planned for 2021, date TBD. More info will be in the 2021 Spring Tooter or on www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com/1966. Contact: Micki (Weber) Zbylut at mickijo3@msn.com or Julie (Riha) Diehm at 402-293-1719.

CLASS GIFTS

1994

Class of 1994 donated $700 towards a scholarship from their 20 year class reunion.

Thank you for generously contributing to SHSAA Scholarships via a class gift!

Class Years up for a 2021 Reunion:

1946 (75) | 1951 (70) | 1956 (65) | 1961 (60) | 1966 (55) | 1971 (50) | 1976 (45) | 1981 (40)
1986 (35) | 1991 (30) | 1996 (25) | 2001 (20) | 2006 (15) | 2011 (10) | 2016 (5)

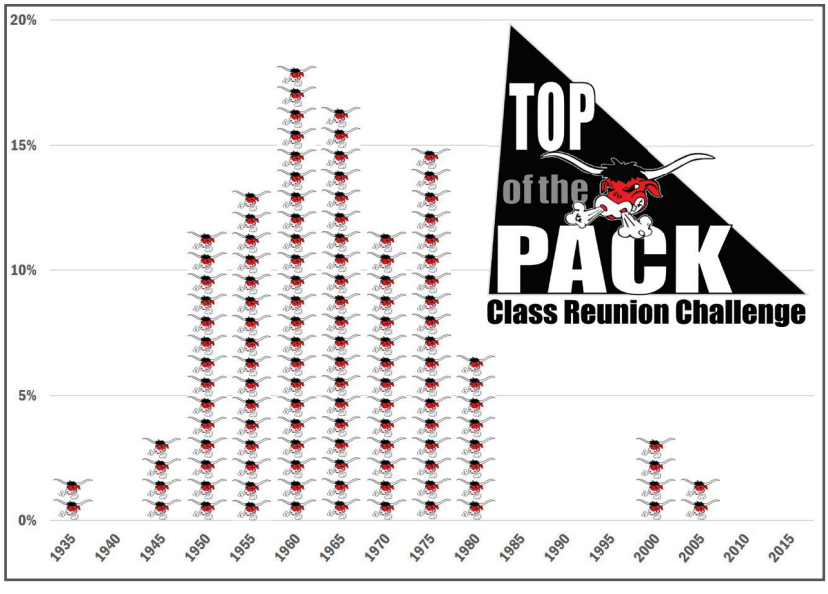
Let us know of any plans and we will spread the word!

TOP OF THE PACK: MID-YEAR UPDATE

Our second Class Reunion challenge year is halfway over. Any class that would have had major reunion (increment of 5 or 10 years) during 2020 is part of the challenge.

The class with the highest percentage of class challenge donors who make a gift to SHSAA during the year of a major reunion will achieve Top of the Pack honors and bragging rights for the year that they indeed are the best class!

Through mid year the **Class of 1960** has the highest percentage of all eligible challenge donors. THERE IS STILL TIME! Rally your classmates to send in their donation to the Alumni Association to help push your class to the Top of the Pack! We will announce 2020's Top of the Pack class winner in the Spring 2021 edition of the Alumni Tooter.



TIME FOR A REUNION?

LET US HELP!

Provide Class List (mailing / emails / deaths)
Promote in TOOTER / Facebook / Website
Non-Profit Mailing Rate for Reunion Communication

If you are in charge of your class reunion, let us know! Visit www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com and click on **Reunions**. Fill out the **Reunion Planning Form** and we will get you a class list, update your class page, promote print and digital media and answer any questions.

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We Need Your HELP!

SHS Alumni Association continues to need alumni support in order to meet our goals of connecting alumni to each other, to current South students and to the South Omaha community. That is why we are inviting you to make a gift of any size to the SHSAA. We deeply value alumni support as we realize you have many choices for your financial support. **We hope your South experience remains close to your heart, fills you with pride, and that you value the experience enough to want it to continue for future generations.**

There is a reason your mailbox and inbox are full of donation requests this time of year – that is because we are entering the "season of giving" which runs from fall through December. We hope that we can count on your support of the SHS Alumni Association.

When? Gifts must be made by year end, December 31, 2020, to be claimed as a charitable deduction for 2020. If you want to be part of the global initiative known as "Giving Tuesday," go online and make your gift on Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Donate to our General Fund: Gifts can be made in honor or in memory of classmates, former teachers, friends or loved ones.

Purchase a Brick in the Memorial Flagpole: An engraved brick in the SHS Memorial Flagpole is the perfect way to honor a fellow classmate, friend, teacher, special mentor or coach. Visit the SHSAA website or fill out the form on this page.

Start an Endowed Scholarship: By endowing a scholarship, you can create a lasting legacy, see the immediate benefits of your gift, and also receive an income tax deduction.

Organize a Reunion Gift: Reunions are a perfect time to revive Packer Pride. Some classes take up a special collection during reunion activities while others donate any dollars left over from the reunion to the SHSAA.

How? It's easy to do.

BY MAIL: Use the envelope provided in this Alumni Tooter to make a gift by check to the SHSAA.

ONLINE: Go online to **www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com** and make a gift by using a credit card on PayPal's secure site.

Contact us with any questions you may have!

MEMORIAL BRICKS

A LASTING TRIBUTE FOR SOUTH OMAHA

The South High Magnet School Alumni Association invites you to participate in a permanent tribute/memorial placed at the Collin Field Stadium site. The memorial is paved with high quality bricks, designed for lasting endurance and memories.

Each brick will be engraved as you designate to make the family name a lasting part of this timeless tribute or to record a special date, place or event. You need not be a SHS Alumni to participate; all are invited to purchase a memorial brick.

4" x 8" brick - $100 minimum donation each

Fill out the form below to purchase your brick (please print).

Name: _____ **Maiden:** (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Class Year: (if applicable) _____ **Phone:** (____) ____-____

Print clearly and exactly what you would like engraved on your brick in the boxes below.

- **You are allowed a maximum of 48 characters (3 rows with 16 characters per row).**
- **Characters include letters, numbers, spaces and punctuation – *no symbols please*.**

Send completed form along with payment* to the address below:
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Please copy this form for your friends and relatives or for multiple brick orders. Additional forms can be found at www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com under Support Us.

AlumNOTES

1940s

1944-Ken Thomsen and **Edna (McKinney)-1948** celebrated 70 years of marriage on June 11, 2020. They are proud parents of Larry (Sharon), John (Jean), Bruce (Amy) and Doug (Shannon).

1947-Ruth (Almquist) Wise writes: I served on the student council and was active in many ways. I am now 90 years old. I will always be grateful for the good education I received at South High. My husband **John-1947** and I were high school sweethearts and were married in 1949. He died 5 years ago. We adopted two children from the Nebraska Children's Home Society. Jan is now 60 and John is 57. Thank you for the good job you do on the Tooter.

1948-Frank Godek celebrated his 90th birthday in July. Frank was a former Tooter sportswriter and married **Arlene (Acamo)-1951**, first Homecoming Queen of South High School. Frank's daughter, Sandi sent in the picture below.

1947 Tooter Staff. Pictured is **Frank Godek-1948** standing with his hand on the chair. Standing next to him, holding the paper is **Don Mitera-1948**. Frank and Don wrote a sports column called "Spike and Don" for the Tooter.

1948-Frank Uryasz turned 90 years old in June. The band leader of Melody Makers can still be spotted on the golf course. Cards can be sent c/o Remington Heights – 12606 W. Dodge Rd. – Omaha, NE 68154.

1950s

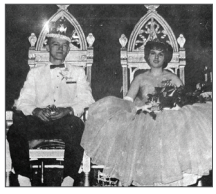
1950-Lorraine (Siedlyk) Troupe and husband Thomas celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a family dinner. Missing from the Troupe "Troop" were granddaughters Katie of Arizona and Lauren of South Dakota.

1953-Joan (Brockman) Palubecki's daughter, Melinda Palubecki, sent a thank you for receiving a sympathy card from the Alumni Association at the time of her mother's passing. She wrote "Thank you so much for the sympathy card for my mother and the South High Alumni pin. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. I like how South High keeps track of alumni that have passed. That's nice."

1960s

1962-Rich Kral and wife Bonnie celebrate 50 years of marriage in August 2020. Rich is retired Union Pacific RR. He and his wife are blessed with two children and three grandchildren, all of whom will help them celebrate with a trip to Kansas City during the summer months.

1963-Andrea 'Candy' (Fahey) and Dean Rezac-1963 celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on July 24, 2020. It has been 57 years since they were named Prom King and Queen.



1966-Sally Ganem is running for the Fremont City Council. Financial support can be mailed to: Sally Ganem for City Council at 1121 Maplewood Cove, Fremont, NE 68025.

1970s

1971-Patti (Petersen) and Tony Manna-1971 celebrated their 50th anniversary in May. They renewed their vows in Jamaica with family and friends.

1970-Cindy (Hunter) Brock and husband Mike celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in July.

1972-Tyrone Banks and wife Sandy celebrated 46 years of marriage in May. They reside in Arizona.

1980s

1985-Paul Fiarkoski returned to Omaha this summer to launch his new book, "Romancing the Blatt." It is a collection of true, heartwarming and humorous stories about his love affair with Omaha's field of dreams.

YEARBOOKS NEEDED!

We are in need of South High yearbooks from the following years to complete our collection:

1889-1904; 1909; 1910; 1912; 1914; 1919; 1920; 1934-1947; 1949

If you run across any and don't have a need for them, the Alumni Office would love to take them off your hands.

1990s

1993-Paul Coate is a professional actor in Minneapolis now in his 4th season with Theater Latte Da's Drama Desk Award-winning production of "All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914" having toured the production across the US and Canada. The 2019 production was filmed by PBS for national broadcast starting in Dec. 2020. Check your local listing for broadcasts.

1998-Gabriel Y. Montalvo-Zaragosa made over 40 dozen enchiladas. Sold out quickly but he didn't keep a dime to himself! He donated all the money (over $1,000) to The Packer Pantry for their meal distribution efforts.

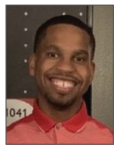
1999-Ryan Kilawee, an Omaha police detective, has been named the 2019 Swanson-Grimm Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year for his work clearing a 20-year-old child sexual assault case. Detective Ryan Kilawee is in the Child Victim/Sexual Assault Unit.

2000s

2001-La'Joy Green was awarded the 2020 Alice Buffet Outstanding Teacher Award. This award recognizes the achievements of skilled and dedicated OPS educators. La'Joy is a guidance counselor at North High.

2005-Ranae (Smits)Duncan was awarded the 2020 Alice Buffet Outstanding Teacher Award which recognized the achievements of skilled and dedicated OPS educators. Ranae currently teaches at Bryan High.

2007-Jay Donaldson saw a SHS Twitter post about graduation caps and gowns and asked if he could sponsor students who might have a hard time paying for them. Five members of the class of 2020 received a cap and gown thanks to Mr. Donaldson.



2010s

2013-Marissa (Gomez) and **Richard "Sam" Andrews-2013** were married on June 20, 2020.

2015-Abril Orozco has rejoined South as a Foreign Language teacher after getting her Bachelors in Education at UNO.

2018-Alyssa Marsh-Contreras plays basketball at Peru State and was named to the NAIA All-American Honorable Mention list.

MEMORABILIA DONORS

1940-Ruth (Hakenholz) Petersen yearbooks and memorabilia donated by daughter **Mary (Petersen) Beideck-1957**.

1950-Bernand Gregg donated his wife's, **Lucille (Wolf)-1951,** SHS Class 50th reunion booklet dated August 11, 2001.

1961-Sharon (Zagor) Hofschire donated a creative writing book from all OPS in spring of 1961.

1967- Vince Emery donated the 45-year reunion book from Class of 1962.

1967-Vernon Teply's family donated yearbooks from 1964, 1965, 1966. Also, a 40-year reunion book for class of 1967.

1970-Michael 'Mickey' Caniglia & family donated Tooters from 1906-1912.

1971-Steve Braun donated Coach Cecil Stutzman's yearbooks from 1962-1970 and memorabilia.

1976-Susan Strnad yearbook and memorabilia donated by **Michael 'Mickey' Caniglia-1970** and family.

Mike Mannon donated his 1958 yearbook which was the only year he attended.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone who donated memorabilia to the association's archives!

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

TELL US!

We'd love to hear about it!

Graduate from college? Get promoted?
Recently get married? Have a baby?
Cross something off your bucket list? Retire?

Visit www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com to share what's happening with your life! Click on **Submit AlumNote** to share photos and exciting life events. Click on **Update My Info** to notify us of changes in your name or contact information.

Packer CENTENARIANS

A SPOTLIGHT ON PACKERS OVER 100

Aliene (Kelpe) Hammer

Class of 1932 | Current Age: 105

Any memories from SHS? A great education, my 3 siblings (Marjorie, Henry, and William) also attended, and many wonderful friends! We all walked everywhere! Played tennis at Highland Park, roller skated to the South Omaha Library, and went to movies at the Roseland Center. Peony Park Royal Grove dances, Krug Park/Elmwood Park school picnics. Annual May Pageant, I was named Queen of Scholarship.

Who at SHS impacted your life? Principal Marrs hired me as his stenographer/secretary my senior year. He was well-respected & a very fine man! Miss Fern Eads was our admired Class Sponsor & even attended our class reunions. Miss Rasmussen was my Drama teacher. I became friends with Coach Cornie Collins while keeping track of athletes' scholastic eligibility.

What events shaped your life? Blessed to have godly and well-educated parents (father-veterinarian for government, Omaha Stockyards, and mother, who before marriage taught school in one-room schoolhouse). My father passed away my senior year (which was also during the Depression), so instead of college, I got a job so older siblings could stay in college and to help my mother raise my little brother. With God's help, overcoming hardships continued to be life-strengthening.

What did you do after SHS? After working for Principal Marrs for 10 years, then at South O Terrace Housing Authority. Married, had four daughters, and raised them as a single parent. I was secretary at Grace Methodist Church (25th & E) for 50 years, retiring 10 years ago at age 95. Enjoyed reuniting with my SHS class and being on the reunion committee. Ultimately all my daughters graduated from university. Today I have 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grand and 4 great-great. Thankful to have been at the same home since 1950.

What is your secret to living past 100? Take care of body, mind, and spirit. Body: A lot of walking! I never learned to drive, so I walked 2 miles each way for 45 years to work at the church. Also fresh air, hard work, healthy diet. Mind: Stay active working and learning. I took secretarial courses and a college class at age 75. Spirit: Above all, reliance on God. Be charitable, have a positive attitude and sense of humor.

Any advice for current SHS students? Value your education, do your best, love and respect others and God. Practice gratitude and kindness. Look for the best in everyone, including yourself. Golden Rule – Do unto others as you would have then do unto you. Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

Leota (Ruff) Brown

Class of 1938 | Current Age: 100

Any memories from SHS? Enjoyed cooking class – fun. Got kicked out of class due to my joking ways. I worked after school and was not able to participate in too many activities.

What did you do after SHS? Worked for County Hospital as a nurse's aide.

What events shaped your life? Working at hospital, I made a lot of friends.

What is your secret to living to 100? Drinking a lot of beer.

Any advice for current SHS students? Enjoy friendship and time in school.

Lillian (Hopkins) Halligan

Class of 1938 | Current Age: 100

Who at SHS impacted your life? Edith Wiedner, Edward Kuncel

What did you do after SHS? World War II Civil Service

What events shaped your life? Being a Beautician, Librarian, Health Store employee

What is your secret to living to 100? Good Genes

1937 STATE TITLE

It was in 1937 that South High celebrated their very first basketball state title. They did it with a 26-22 win over Jackson in Class A. Six-foot-7½ Al Randall scored almost half of the points for the Packers.

The team is pictured below. Front row (l-r): Wisdom Stewart, Walter Kieker, John Povondra, Mike Montello, Louis Mahacek. Back row (l-r): AC Breakfield, Cecil Cunningham, Al Randall, Coach Cornie Collin, Thomas Sullivan, Virgil Williams.

The Packers would go on to win two more state titles under Coach Cornie Collin in 1944 and 1960. SHS has since won state titles in 1990, 2016, and 2019.

Thank you to Coach **John Stella-1953** for sharing this image with us!

In MEMORIAM

Passings reported in this issue include those we learned about during our centenarian project research. To be included in this issue, the Alumni Office needed to be notified by July 31, 2020. A complete list of all departed Packers by class year can be found online at www.OmahaSouthAlumni.com/DepartedbyYear.

1920s

1928-Harold H Harder Sr. of San Diego, CA, 1-10-89.

1930s

1930-Marie (Kalpal) Kraus of Omaha, 8-5-04.
1930-Frances (Saniuk) Kurtz of Bellevue, NE, 2-25-05.
1930-Margaret (Linstrom) Stevens of Omaha, 12-23-01.
1930-Marie (Miller) Wilson of Blue Earth, MN, 1-10-05.
1931-Gerald Blunk of Waco, TX, 1-26-05.
1931-Jeanette (Considine) Jensen of Omaha, 1-4-94.
1931-Jerry J. Jaros of Omaha, 12-4-02.
1931-Richard C. Jeck of Nebraska, 1982.
1931-Ester (Jones) Cowdery of Cypress, CA, 2008.
1931-Stella (Kusleika) Buscher of Plattsmouth, NE, 1-21-01.
1931-Emil Mysicka of Omaha, 11-4-99.
1931-Ruth Quade of Omaha, 7-17-12.
1931-Theadora (Tarsikes) Garnett of Avoca, NE, 11-1-88.
1932-Bette (Barta) Foral of Omaha, 11-12-02.
1932-William Moore of Omaha, 2003.
1932-Helen (Mysicka) Quaintance of Newhall, CA, 9-16-01.
1933-Stanley J. Halski of Bellevue, NE, 2-18-10.
1933-Arthur H. Horky of Missouri, 11-7-11.
1933-Lawrence E. Knowski of Omaha, 8-8-03.

Centenarians (graduated 1930-1938) who we have not heard from are listed below. If you have info on any of them please let us know so we can update our records!

Florence (Niksich) Rezek
Dorothy (Haddad) Donahoe
Genevieve (Sobczyk) Bosiljevac
Rose M. (Vlcek) Regner
Helen K. (Burks) Rusch
Katherine (Fisher) Hall
Anne M. (Milobar) Matthews
Myrtle "Penny" (Bank) Speckter
Lillian (Bernstein) Sager
Libbie E. (Mikovec) Cook
Margaret (Bousha) Cotton
Edna (Hilderbrandt) Schoessler
Edward J. Wade (Voitan)
Veronica C. (Hahne) Hefflinger
Lillian (Pavlik) Vesiak
William Cornell
John Basarich
Jesse Tribulato
Ruth F. Povondra
Bernard Donahoe
Joe R. Agliolo
Ann (Lewis) Eaton
Bruce E. Nownes
Ernest Coleman
Eleanor Kula
Edward J. Morris
Louis S. Breci
Ralph E. Hess
Mary Ann Kissel

1933-Mary E. (McAuley) Jaworski of Omaha, 10-15-03.
1933-Dorothy (Schultz) Hornell of Bridgeport, CT, 2004.
1933-Cecilia M (Switek) Jankowski of Bellevue, NE, 12-29-05.
1933-Mitchell 'Stanley' Vosik of Omaha, 2-4-97.
1934-Leonard Dockweiler of Nebraska, date unknown.
1934-Geraldine (Haas) Ziegler, date unknown.
1934-Helene (Havlik) Jaros of Omaha, 4-8-90.
1934-Frances M. Jensen of Omaha, 5-11-01.
1934-Charles A. Jerome of Omaha, 4-10-09.
1934-Norbert E. Nelson of Omaha, 7-7-99.
1934-John E. Trecek of Omaha, 8-7-05.
1935-Virginia (Bazar) Duranski of Richmond, VA, 7-15-01.
1935-Frederick Blazek of Hermosa Beach, CA, date unknown.
1935-Billie (Brown) Norberg of Tempe, AZ, 8-26-06.
1935-Anna (Calta) Alwine of Washington, 2007.
1935-Harold B. Jellsey of Omaha, 3-1-98.
1935-Miles Kaiser of Wisconsin, 2006.
1935-Grace (Kennedy) Holzapfel of Omaha, 10-23-99.
1935-Bernice (Kranda) Reilly of Omaha, 2003.
1935-Agnes (Mucha) Jaros of Omaha, 1-14-10.
1935-Eileen E. (Muloony) Jeffress of Reno, NV, 7-1-97.
1935-Loretta (Nick) Rielly of Hillside, IL, 12-16-92.
1935-Joe H. Riha of Omaha, 9-19-11.
1935-Dan Semlak of Madison, WI, 8-19-12.
1935-Joe Supenski of Omaha, 10-11-86.
1936-Eugene E. Engel of CA, 2001.
1936-Frances (Finney) Lippold of Omaha, 2-29-12.
1936-Jon (Frank) Forman of Bellevue, NE, 4-2-08.
1936-James A. Gurciullo of Omaha, 11-12-04.
1936-Anna Mae (Hansen) Sink of Omaha, 1-13-05.
1936-Marie (Johnson) Anderson of Missouri Valley, IA, 3-23-09. Survived by son **John-1968**.
1936-Shirley (McMannan) Roland of Whittier, CA, 3-15-17.
1936-Richard L. O'Connor of Bellevue, NE, 9-26-02.
1936-Frank Subject of Hooper, NE, 12-29-11.
1937-Marvin Anderson of Omaha, 5-26-19.
1937-Virginia (Bilek) Overgaard of Bellevue, NE, 3-10-11.
1937-Anne (Brinjak) Izokaitis of Omaha, Sept. 2019.
1937-Frank Bukacek Jr. of Omaha, 2004.

In MEMORIAM cont.

1937-Betty (Burgess) Haas of Omaha, 2003.
1937-Betty (Burgoin) Menke of Cozad, NE, 2001.
1937-Patricia (Burns) Meckna of Omaha, 12-5-91.
1937-Leo J. Gaughan of Omaha, 3-6-88.
1937-Alice (Jacovic) Acquarelli of California, 2001.
1937-Robert C. Karvelis of Omaha, May 2002.
1937-Barbara (Koutsky) Burcher of Riverside, CA, 11-20-14.
1937-Thomas E. Mahr of Fultobn, FA, 1-11-09.
1937-Dorothy (Martin) Hornig of Medical Lake, WA, 8-1-17.
1937-Malena (Moneto) Rupprecht of Heun, NE, 3-19-11.
1937-Marie (Pavlas) Armburst of Bellevue, NE, 7-1-96.
1937-Leo Rusan of Denver, CO, 4-12-92.
1937-Alice (Trummer) Van Scyoc of Tabor, IA, 5-24-13.
1937-Vernon G. Warthen of Huntington Beach, CA, 1988.
1938-Ann (Hlavka) McCall of East Lansing, MI, July 2019.
1938-Helen (Bauer) Moore of Omaha, 9-17-00.
1938-Edith (Birkner) Cappen of Ralston, NE, 3-21-97.
1938-Richard E. Boetel of Omaha, 4-11-09.
1938-Marjorie (Cassidy) Topolski of Wheaton, MD, 4-13-11.
1938-June (Crocker) Hatz of Hutchinson, MN, 2006.
1938-Danny B. Daneff of Omaha, 1993.
1938-Jane (Davis) Beverland of Blair, NE, 10-3-14.
1938-Tillie S. (Delosky) Miller of Quincy, IL, 1-17-15.
1938-Mary (Galac) Koralewski of Omaha, 8-28-16.
1938-Catherine A. (Graham) O'Connor of Omaha, 7-26-02.
1938-John J. Heavey of Omaha, 6-5-94.
1938-Robert W. Holmstedt of Omaha, 8-15-88.
1938-Mary A. (Jershin) O'Rouke of Arlington, VA, 5-29-02.
1938-Leo Juszyk of Omaha, 12-2-10.
1938-Anne (Kostal) Nownes of Van Nuys, CA, 10-24-10.
1938-William J. Kozel of Omaha, 1-14-93.
1938-Dorothy A. Kramer of St. Augustine, FL, 4-11-10.
1938-Anna A. (Merten) Matthews of Toppenish, WA, 3-15-03.
1938-Rose Marie (Modlin) Cisar of Omaha, 1-23-15.
1938-Clara (Neilsen) Blankman of Dodge City, KS, 11-14-11.
1938-Virginia (O'Laughlin) Rose of Evanston, WY, 8-21-06.
1938-Rebecca J. (Petersen) James of Omaha, 3-14-02.
1938-Eleanor (Reynolds) Leach of Portland, OR, 11-10-17.
1938-Dorothy (Riha) Hurt of Scribner, NE, 5-20-19.
1938-Marcella (Rozmarin) Fister of Sac City, IA, 4-12-12.
1938-Richard R. Travicki of Omaha, 11-6-89.
1938-Robert M. Vanderhaven of Charles Town, WA, 12-7-11.
1938-Edward J. Vondra of Omaha, 1-25-96.
1939-Mildred Anne (Hrabik) Melia of Omaha, 2-5-20.
1939-Daisy M. (Panuska) Jankowski of Omaha, 4-25-08.

1940s

1940-Stanley Jershin of Wichita, KS, 1985.
1940-Anton J. Lawry of Gretna, NE, 3-10-20.
1940-Tom (Augustus) Tombrinck of San Diego, CA, 2-20-20.
1941-Jerome Jaros of Bonita, CA, 4-7-94.
1942-Irvin Frodyma of Omaha, 5-30-17.
1942-Willilam Semin of Omaha, 7-28-20. Survived by sister **Catherine Palinski-1946**.
1943-Betty (Drapalik) Salistean of Omaha, 6-20-20.
1943-Viola (King) Kush of LaVista, NE, 7-01-20.
1943-Patricia M. (Nary) Svagera of Omaha, 2-27-20.
1944-Cleve K. (Corby) Kidder of Omaha, 7-20-20.
1944-Joseph A. Jirak of Omaha, 6-9-20. Survived by son Robert-1976.
1944-Marjori (Mastick) Masek of Omaha, 2-16-20.
1944-Virginia (Nittler) Willats of Omaha, 2-17-20.
1945-Claude D. Black of Omaha, 5-25-20.
1945-Luetta (Nielsen) Maixner of Boern, TX, 12-28-19. Survived by brother **Gene Nielsen-1954**.
1945-Bernice (Zywiec) Randolph of Omaha, 3-15-20.
1946-Shirley (Citta) Schwer of Omaha, 4-30-20.
1946-Paul Filipowicz of Bellevue, NE, 5-22-03.
1946-Isabelle (Hassett) Larson of Bellevue, NE, 7-9-12.
1946-Edward J .Micek of Omaha, 6-22-20.
1946-Marcella (Miller) Burge of Phoenix, AZ, 3-12-20.
1946-Marie A. (Nekola) Overfelt of Bellevue, NE, 4-10-20.
1947-John Kaluza of Omaha, 3-05-20.
1947-John W. "Bill" McCoubrey of Omaha, 2-09-20.
1947-Evelyn (Merritt) Barrington of Omaha, 4-7-20.
1947-Adolph E. Shavlik of Waterloo, NE, 3-26-20.
1947-Leonard Sorys of Omaha, 2-28-20.
1948-Lois (Andersen) Havelka of Omaha, 6-19-20.
1948-Helen M. (Anazalone) Rotella of Omaha, 6-02-20.
1948-Irene (Gibilisco) Machese of LaVista, NE, 5-21-20.
1948-Marshall Grant of McCook, NE, 5-29-20. Survived by wife **Evelyn "Jean" (Jacobsen)-1950**.
1948-Eugene Ivan Hague of Omaha, 3-6-20. Survived by daughters **Elaine Wallick- 1969** and **Donna Newingham-1973**.
1948-Ross L. Pirruccello of Omaha, 1-30-20. Survived by wife **Mary Ann (Vermillion)-1952**.
1948-George H. Radden of Omaha, 6-16-20.
1948-Draga (Savich) Vermilion of Omaha, 3-19-20.
1948-Marcella J. (Swanda) Zaloudek of Omaha, 6-21-20.
1948-Betty (Wise) Bader of Kansas City, MO, 11-26-19.
1949-Dick D. Richt of Omaha, 7-18-20.
1949-Richard Quintero of Omaha, 4-13-20.
1949-Rose M. (Vala) Smartt of Omaha, 2-27-20.

1950s

1950-Lloyd L. Casteel of Waukee, IA, 3-11-20.

1950-Robert F. Hardin of Omaha, 3-12-20.

1950-Fred Holmquist of Boise, ID, 6-19-19.

1950-Leonard R. Kaipus of Ralston, NE, 5-8-20. Survived by wife **Louise (Bojanski)-1957**.

1950-Raymone Krupa of Omaha, 5-21-20.

1950-Paul H. Matejka of Alliance, NE, 2-09-20.

1950-Dwain E. Roos of Omaha, 7-24-20. Survived by wife **Ethel (Kellner)-1950**.

1950-Joseph J. Uzel Jr. of Omaha, 6-14-20.

1951-Eleanor (Davis) Luckey of Omaha, 7-6-20. Survived by sons **Gerald Bishop-1972** and **Darnell Bishop-1977**.

1951-Richard Kaminski of Omaha, 1-21-20.

1951-Dorothy 'Dee' (Kramer) Mort of Omaha, 2-07-20.

1951-Martha (Marling) Guinotte of Orlando, FL, 12-27-19. Survived by brother **George-1948**.

1951-Donna Rae (Merriam) McKenna of Littleton, CO, Sept 2018. Survived by sister **Kay Ivey-1956**.

1951-John Motzkus of Los Angeles, CA, 2-20-20.

1951-Walter Prem of Iowa City, IA, 10-4-19.

1951-Frederick P. Shimonek of Corsicana, TX, 3-5-20.

1951-Lorraine (Wyskowski) Novy of Omaha, 4-15-20.

1952-Cutea "Nadine" (Alston) Carter of San Berdino, CA, 11-5-99.

1952-Peggy (Ashton) Griffith, 2001.

1952-Dorothy (Kolc) Svajgl of Omaha, 4-23-20. Survived by husband **Donald-1951**.

1952 Lillian (Mostek) Rhoades of Papillion, NE, 5-24-20. Survived by silblings **Steve-1954**, **Janice Marstiller-1957** and **Eloise Childers-1960**.

1952-Elizabeth (Mruz) Ripa of Omaha, 3-17-20.

1952-Marlene (Novak) Cermak of Ralston, NE, 4-19-20.

1952-Ronald D. Plambeck of Kearney, NE, 6-15-20.

1952-Eileen (Smolinski) Clark of Elkhorn, NE, 4-17-20.

1952-Alice (Vodicka) Stanek of Omaha, 7-3-20.

1952-Richard A. Weak of Omaha, 6-10-20.

1953-Florence (Adams) Citta of Omaha, 2-15-20.

1953-Thomas C. Braniff Jr. of Omaha, 2-22-20.

1953-Roberta (Connor) Delp of Columbus, NE, 1-26-19.

1953-John 'Jack' Curran of Omaha, 5-06-20.

1953-Bonnie (Smith) Bubke of Cedar Rapids, IA, 5-20-20.

1953-Robert Sweetwood of Omaha, May 2020. Survived by wife **Nancy (Etter)-1954** and brothers **Don-1951** and **Rex-1963**.

Memorial Prayer

Life gives us brief moments with another, but sometimes in those brief moments we get memories that last a lifetime.

1954-Antoinette (Akromis) Anton of Las Vegas, NV, 4-22-20.

1954-Karel Forman of Cave Creek, AZ, 5-16-20.

1954-Rhode (Hoult) Horne of LaVista, NE, 5-05-20

1954-Lysle McMillian of Omaha, 6-27-20.

1954-Virginia Robinson of Omaha, 4-13-20.

1954-Glen L. Spears of Omaha, 5-18-20.

1955-Patricia Ann (Barraza) Driscol of Omaha, 6-17-20.

1955-Richard Cecetka of Montrose, CO, 4-20-19.

1955-Dorothy "Phyllis" (Moore) Stika of Omaha, 7-27-20.

1955-Feliksa (Pabilionis) Barren of Ocean Park, WA, 8-20-19.

1955-Anthony Pisci of Omaha, 2-12-20. Survived by sister **Mary Harter-1957**.

1956-Marilyn (Ashton) Knowlton of Omaha, 4-08-20.

1956-Mary Ann (Grzywa) Reyes of Omaha, 3-7-20.

1956-James J. Kozak of Omaha, 4-13-20.

1956-Janet (Lang) Proksel of Bellevue, NE, 7-16-20.

1956-Janice (Lang) True of Bellevue, NE, 5-26-20.

1957-Gloria (Castro) Dominguez of Omaha, 3-6-20. Survived by childern **Macrino-1977**, **Albert-1987**, **Danny-1987** and **Anna Ripoley-1989**.

1957-Carol Lee (Hason) Gubbels of Yankton, SD, 2-12-20. Survived by sister **JoAnn Hason-1957**.

1957-Lois (Lindstrom) Nemec of Omaha, 7-14-20.

1957-Gary P. Ryan of Omaha, 3-28-20.

1958-Judith (Hogarth) Miles of Omaha, 4-13-19.

1958-John Smailys of Omaha, 7-26-16.

1959-Louis W. Cottone of Omaha, 4-20-20.

1959-Betty (Mixan) Barnhart of Papillion, NE, 6-29-20.

1959-Julius 'Jay' Jensen of Lake Mary, FL, 6-29-20.

1959-Carlos A. Navarro of Omaha, 6-15-20.

1959-Richard E. Pesek of Omaha, 7-1-20. Survived by children **Rick-1977**, **Don-1978**, **Kathy Lee-1984**, and **Jodi-1986**.

1959-Fred Sacco of Plattsmouth, NE, 2-11-20.

1959-David Sidlinger of Burlington, NC, 2-22-18.

1959-Joseph Stock of Omaha, 2-06-20.

1960s

1960-Ron Anglim of Omaha, 3-20-20. Survived by siblings **Floyd Stein-1952**, **Pat-1969** and **Mike-1969**, **Patti (Anglin) Naughton-1961** and **Rosemary (Anglim) Wainwright-1964**.

1960-Kay (Crandall) Sanders of Omaha, 4-4-20.

1960-Ernie Gruber of Disputanta, VA, 1-15-19.

1960-Patricia (Harder) Sacco of Plattsmouth, NE, 2-25-20.

In MEMORIAM cont.

1960-Jacqueline (Julian) Hendrix of Omaha, 6-28-20.

1960-Paul Mathews of Omaha, 3-3-20.

1960-Lavera (Nielsen) Tinsley of Oklahoma City, OK, 5-4-19.

1960-Paul Sopinski of Omaha, 2-18-20.

1961-Donald J. Bowyer of Boulder City, NV, 7-10-07.

1962-Joyce (Dusek) Swanson of Omaha, 2-09-20.

1962-John M. Lukowski of Omaha, 3-20-20. Survived by wife **Rose (Feeney)-1964**.

1962-Georgia T. (Mann) Gaukel of Millard, NE, 5-29-20.

1962-Bonnie (Nemec) Orsi of Omaha, 6-17-20. Survived by children **Robert-1981**, **Nicholas-1982**, **Shirley Robinson-1984**, and **Andrea Retella-1990**, and siblings **Mary Higgins-1959** and **Butch-1957**.

1963-Susan (Elliott) Nicholson of Omaha, 6-14-20. Survived by husband **Larry-1960**, children **Larry Jr.-1983**, **John-1985** and **Kim Waszgis-1989**.

1963-Eugene Latzel of St Louis, MO, 2-13-20.

1963-Frank Riha of Omaha, 3-05-20.

1964-Jeanette Miller of Lyons, CO, 9-25-18.

1964-Thomas Skararil of Omaha, 1-05-68.

1965-Deanna Jo (Bower) Povich of Omaha, 5-3-20.

1965-Thomas W. Cech of Omaha, 5-6-20.

1965-Emmett T. Cunningham of Omaha, 2-04-20.

1965-Evelyn (Ellsworth) Coffelt of Loagan, IA. 6-22-20.

1965-Mary Smailys of Omaha, 9-10-09.

1966-Donna (Cooley) Samuelson of Omaha, 2-11-20.

1966-Anthony Grazziano of Omaha, 2-13-20.

1966-William R. Peters of Omaha, 7-10-20.

1966-Robert Stewart of Omaha. 7-23-20. Survived by brother **Duane-1970**.

1967-John "Mike" Cherion of Cedar Rapids, IA, 3-22-20.

1967-Patrick Cunningham of Omaha, 6-11-20.

1967-Kathy (Winans) Asche of Omaha, 2-02-20.

1967-James Kinmann of Omaha, 5-20-20.

1968-Karen (Loots) Darling of Omaha, 4-03-20.

1968-Patrick Robertson of Omaha, 2-4-20.

1969-Raymond Besta Jr. of Bellevue, NE, 6-26-20.

1969-Michael Cherek of Omaha, 2-12-20.

1969-James Kotlarz of Omaha, 7-12-20.

1970s

1970-James Briggs of Omaha, 3-26-19. Survived by wife **Debra (Savatovic) Briggs-1974**, and children Bianca and Carlos Montalvo.

1970-Ida (Wiese) Dowling of Wilson, NC, 9-25-19.

1971-Rodney Calek of Carter Lake, IA, 4-20-20.

1971-Mike J. Wees of Omaha, 3-15-20.

1972-Allen Davenport of Dominguez Hills, CA, 6-03-20.

1972-Mike W. Kendall of Omaha, 1-29-20. Survived by brothers **Kenneth-1968**, **Roger-1970** and **Gary-1978**.

1973-Terrance Cerveny of Omaha, 5-28-20.

1973-Linda S. Johnson of Omaha, 5-11-20.

1973-Terry Prososki of Omaha, 2-11-20. Survived by brother **Charles "Chuck"-1975**.

1975-Tom Briggs of Omaha, 7-23-20. Survived by sister **Anne-1980**.

1975-Rosvita Salkauskas of Omaha, 7-25-20.

1976-David E. Beierle of Omaha, 4-20-20.

1976-John Pijewski of Omaha, 6-25-20.

1976-James D. Renner of Omaha, 3-07-20.

1976-Sue Strnad of Omaha, 12-19-19.

1976-Donald Stuczynski of Herndon, KS, 7-21-20.

1977-Douglas J. Incontro of Omaha, 6-19-20.

1977-Suzanne (Karas) Markey of Fremont, NE, 2-14-20.

1977-Cathy (Kudlacz) Ferguson of Omaha, 2-26-20.

1979-Carl Tolles Jr. of Omaha, 7-23-20. Survived by sisters **Melody-1979** and **Wendy-1984**.

1980s

1981-John Clayton of Omaha, 6-08-19. Survived by siblings **Jacque-1972**, **Pam (Clayton) Wood-1976**, **Joan-1982**, **Rick-1971**, **Dave-1979** and **Kenny-1987**.

1981-Russell Liekus of Omaha. 6-4-20. Survived by siblings **Bonnie (Liekus) Baker-1979** and **Bryan-1984**.

1990s

1998-Douglas Camperud Jr. of Omaha. 6-20-20.

2000s

2000-Tiffany (Uhland) O'Connor of Papillion, NE, 4-23-20.

Corrections

The following were erroneously listed in our last issue as having passed. They are all alive and well.

1970-Mark Hook

1970-Barbara (Jones) Kinsella

1974-Barbara (Sterkel) Hansen

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1919-Eugene Edward Cullinane given by **Eugenia McDermott-1965.**

1919-Joanna Cullihane Halda given by **Eugenia McDermott-1965.**

1923-Helen L. (Fransiscus) Harm given by **Donald Harm-1960.**

1940-Tom (Augustus) Tombrinck given by daughter, Cecilia Goldkamp.

1948-John H. Brazda given by wife **Joan (Serefko) Brazda-1958.**

1948-Dan Vermillion given by **Frances (Magdziaz) Lindner-1948.**

1948-Draga Vermillion given by **Frances (Magdziaz) Lindner-1948.**

1950-Carl DeSordi given by wife Alice DeSordi.

1951-Richard Kaminski given by sister **Dolores Desmet-1951 (Jan Desmet).**

1951-James Ripa given by **Richard and Phyllis (Haymaker) Kowal-1952.**

1951-Fred Shimonek given by his wife Katherine Shimonek.

1952-Cutea Nadine (Alston) Carter given by Renee Carter.

1952-Betty (Mruz) Ripa given by **Richard and Phyllis (Haymaker) Kowal-1952.**

1953-Florence (Adams) Citta given by **Julie (Riha) Diehm-1966.**

1955-Feliksa (Pabilionis) Barran given by husband Nicholas.

1956-Joe T. Algya given by **Ronald and Martha Mayer-1952.**

1956-Janet (Lang) Proksel given by **Vic Riha-1961 & Bev (Forman) Riha-1964.**

1956-Janice (Lang) True given by **Vic and Bev Riha.**

1957-Patricia (Holcomb) Clanton given by **Dennis Holcomb-1959.**

1957-Lois (Linstrom) Nemec given by **Lorene (Tuma) Dailey-1957.**

1957-Roger Patrick given by **Dennis Patrick-1957.**

1959-Evelyn Krumland given by **Bill Krumland-1958.**

1959-Betty (Mixan) Barnhart given by **Vic and Bev Riha.**

1959-Franklin Patrick given by **Dennis Patrick-1957.**

1960-Mildred (Krover) Sedlacek given by **Jean (Kocourek) Lovely-1960.**

1960-Class of, given by **Karen Mill-1960.**

1960-Ron Anglim given by **Judi (Clark) Koubsky-1961.**

1961-Paul Sopinski given by **Judi (Clark) Koubsky-1961.**

1962-Stanley Novak given by **Ron Novak-1964.**

1965-Tom Cech given by **Garry Gernandt-1964.**

1965-Richard Slizinski given by sister **Donna (Slizinski) Bowdish-1963.**

1968-Don Jaksich given by **Jim Skarda-1968** and **Phil Bremken-1968.**

1969-Sherry (Martin) Dunn given by **Dan Martin-1971.**

1970-Jim D. Taylor given by **Delbert M. Peterson Jr.-1970.**

1971-Dan Baker given by **Cheryl (Baker) Carter-1979.**

1972-Beverly J. Kwasniewski given by **Delbert M. Peterson Jr.-1970.**

1977-Suzie Markey given by Tom Markey.

1981-John Clayton given by **Kenneth F. Clayton-1987.**

1987-Anthony "Tony" Rodriguez given by **Kenneth F Clayton-1987.**

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