

# TOPEKA HIGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## News from the Paul Fink Room

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### TOPEKA HIGH SCHOOL TROJANS WIN BEST HIGH SCHOOL IN AMERICA 1961

By Mike Stewart THS 1967

Many of today's Trojans are not aware they are attending a high school which was the recipient of the highly prestigious Bellamy Flag Award, for being the Best High School in America, from the nationally prominent Bellamy Awards Foundation in 1961. Topeka High was selected from hundreds of applicants from all over America by the awards committee of the foundation. The criteria by which all applicants were selected were based on the school's overall performance in several categories, including an "accomplished student body, distinguished alumni, a proficient school faculty and administration, and a harmonious relationship between the school and its community." Today's Trojans are still exemplifying these virtues as they proudly represent our school.

Upon receiving the award, Topeka High achieved national prominence for it, with letters of congratulations arriving from many of America's most famous and prominent celebrities, lawmakers, officeholders, educators, and past recipients, including among others, the President of the United States, John F. Kennedy.

A full week of celebrations around our receipt of this award took place in 1962 and featured visits from many local, state and national dignitaries. A US flag was flown over the US Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. on May 18, 1961, and then presented to us during the October 1962 celebration week, where it was hoisted high above our east courtyard on the THS flagpole, formerly a mast from "Old Ironsides", the famous US navy ship, USS Constitution. Another feature of the week was the school's hosting of a US Naturalization Ceremony for 38 new US citizens during an all school assembly in the auditorium on October 12, 1961, presided over by the Honorable Delmas C. Hill, of the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit of Appeals. The Topeka High School Chorus sang the official version of the Pledge of Allegiance during the festivities. News of our national achievement was permanently recorded into the US Congressional Record by our own Kansas Senator Carlson.

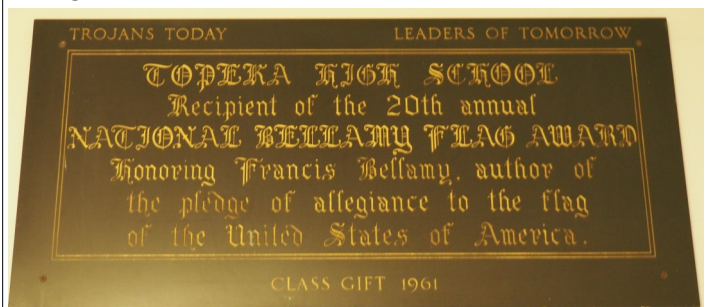
In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our winning this award, the Topeka High School Historical Society has collected memorabilia and documents from this wonderful time in our Trojan history and assembled them into a display for

everyone to enjoy in the office of the THSHS on the second floor. Feel free to come by and view it any time the office is open.

The Bellamy Foundation is named after Francis Bellamy, the famous author of the nationally recognized Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, which is still commonly recited today, over 100 years later, during school meetings and assemblies. He wrote the original pledge in 1892, and it was modified by Congress in the 20's and again in the 50's to update the wording to the pledge we recognize today. The US Postal Service recognized Bellamy and the pledge with a commemorative "first day of issue" stamp in 1992, during America's national celebrations for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the pledge of allegiance. The Topeka High School Historical Society was presented with 2 copies of this historic stamp for our archives by Mr. Frank P. DiBerardino, current president of the National Bellamy Award Organization, in Rome, New York, in honor of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of receiving this historic and prestigious award.

The Bellamy Award was presented for nearly four decades to deserving schools, beginning with Rome Free Academy, Rome, New York, in 1942 and ending with Princeton High, Princeton, West Virginia, in 1977. One interesting side note for the award's history is that the world famous Boys Town High, in Boys Town, Nebraska, about which the famous movie starring Bing Crosby was made, was the 1945 winner.

Topeka High has been an award winning level high school for almost 150 years now, so it is really no surprise that we won this prestigious award back then. We are all proud Trojans together, no matter which year we claim for our own graduation!



Class gift from the THS Class of 1961. It is hanging on the high wall east of the Teachers Cafeteria entrance.

**THSHS TOWER SOCIETY DONATIONS** We work every day to ensure that the beauty and integrity of this glorious building is maintained at a level that makes every graduate and friend of THS proud. Below you will find names of individuals who have donated to support the THSHS Tower Society Fund. This fund was established in 2009 so that operating expenses could be separated from building projects in order to ensure the long-term success of the organization. Tower Society contributions are listed below aggregated. If you are interested in making a contribution or learning more, please contact Joan at [thshs2001@yahoo.com](mailto:thshs2001@yahoo.com). To make a donation, please visit us online at [thshistoricalociety.org](http://thshistoricalociety.org) or a check can be mailed to the attention of the Topeka High School Historical Society at 800 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Topeka KS 66612. All Tower Society contributors and gifts are kept on record with the THSHS.

**THS Guardian Level, \$10,000 and above**

\*John A. Alberg '48  
Tom Barrett '48, in memory of Marilyn Dunn Barrett '52  
William Barrett '47  
\*George Batz '32  
\*John Dawson '57  
The Garlinghouse Family  
Ralph King '59  
Jayne Allen Powell '55  
\*Pratt Family Charitable Foundation  
\*Pudgie Benton Robb '53  
\*Barbara Weigand '39  
Adrian W. Whited '48  
THS Class of 1948  
THS Class of 1951  
THS Class of 1961 (Trojan Plaza)

**Mighty Trojan Level, \$2,500-\$9,999**

Richard Barrett '56  
Dr. Ginny Campbell '71, in memory of Jeff Roether  
Charles Crawford '48  
\*David Curnutt '56  
Patrick J. Donnelly '59  
Donald Drescher '63  
Jon T. Eicholtz '56  
Letitia Staebler Evans '60, in memory of Dr. Ed Saylor '57  
Sue Self Hamilton '71  
Dr. Tamara Haygood, in honor of \*Bill Miner '38  
Ed Hershey '50  
William (Roscoe) Jackson '63  
Wellington 'Duke' Jones '63  
Frank & Carolyn Barrett Keller '61  
Linda Haughawout Lee '66  
\*Frank Lindemuth '48  
Charles L. Marshall, Jr. '49  
Deb Craig McCullough '71  
Michael McKee '56, in memory of C.J. McKee  
Tom & Joan Watts Mistler '59  
Renee Henderson Quinton '71, in memory of Wilmer Henderson '47  
Richard Ryan '44, in memory of Kathryn Creel Ryan '45  
Knowles Smith '77, in memory of Doane & Marjorie Jasperson Smith '51  
Michael Stimpert '62  
John E. Stumbo '57  
\*Bob and \*Jeanne Taggart '44  
Thompson Family, in memory of Elizabeth 'Letty' Weber Thompson '46  
Douglass Wallace '65, in memory of James D. & Harriet Johnson Wallace '31  
Dale & Bonnie Barrett Wilson '49 & David Brian Wilson  
THS Class of 1944  
THS Class of 1958  
THS Class of 1963

THS Class of 1965  
THS Class of 1966 (sundial)  
THS Class of 1969  
THS Class of 1978

**Top of the Tower Level, \$1,000-\$2,499**

Joe Anderson '61  
Marcia Fink Anderson '55  
Mary Ward Baker '46, in memory of Carrie Summers Boten '01, Richard C. Ward '17, Elizabeth Boten Ward '22 and Richard J. Ward '46  
Ruth Taggart Barker '53, in loving memory of  
\*Brenda Worley Billings '76  
\*Ray and Maggie Beers '48  
\*Norton Belknap '43  
Byron Gomer Benard '57  
Holly Benson Blodgett '65  
\*Paul '47 & \*Shirley Hicks '48 Boatwright  
\*James Boling '53  
Margery Gamble Borger '48  
Barry & Judy Coffman Bray '58  
Rod Brown '50, in memory of friends in Class of 1950 – Doug Kay, Doug Smith & Phil Dangerfield  
John Bunten '50  
\*William Bunten '48  
Michael & Marcia Nelson Cassidy '58  
\*Emalene Gooch Correll '48  
Forrest '44 & Eula Mae Geyer '45 Cowell, in memory of Lucile Geyer Doyle '34  
Patricia Piatt Cowell '50, in memory of Walter L. Cowell '48  
Barbara Brown Craft '58  
\*Bill Davis '39  
Joyce Dryden-Damron '54  
John Dayton, in honor of Class of 1957  
Becky Robb Dickinson '73, in memory of Pudgie Robb  
Jack & Kathy Bonner Flesher '59  
Veneta Kinsley Fusco '49, in honor of Don Fryhofer and memory of Jeanette Fryhofer Allison  
Katherine Garlinghouse '01, in loving memory of Marjorie Beard Garlinghouse Lovewell '33  
Richard Gassdorf '59, in memory of Glenda M. Brunswick Gassdorf '60  
Peggy Shavey Griswold '61  
Marilyn Hickman Hackey '49  
Casey Halsey '72  
Marion A. Hammarlund '46  
Martha J. Herrick '49  
Jay Holstine '51  
Jay Howe '63  
Vivian Ransom Hulsopple '46, in memory of Charles Hummert '55  
Leah Ransom Kimmel  
James Hurd '63, in memory of Elbert Fly & \*Rev. James Coder  
Sue Anderson Iverson '51  
Carl Johnson '60  
Frank Keller '61  
Sibyl Riekenberg Kerr '57  
Mel Lewis '57, in memory of Carol Orr Lewis '57  
Thomas Liley '66  
\*James Linger '48  
Scott Linscott '61  
Jeff & Janet Hill Litfin '73, in memory of Eugene F. Hill '43  
Betty Searle Macy '44, in memory of Albert Macey '43, Marjean Macey Klotz '50 and in honor of Joyce Macey Popham '51, Mayre Macey Hoffman '63, Steven Macey '66, Dee Bennett Macey '68, Chris White '88, Fahryn Hoffman White '91, Heather Hunter '91, Joe Hoffman '92, and John Burns '17  
Richard Marshall '58  
Elizabeth Martell '78  
Michael Luis '67 & Guadalupe Tetuan '68 Martinez  
R. Craig Maupin '78  
Tom McBride '63  
Ted N. & Judith Crane McCoy '51  
Stan Metzger '63  
Jack Miller '61  
Joan Smith Miller '51  
\*M. Brad Miller '47  
\*Robert Leland Miller '48, in memory of Connie Jo Miller Winget '77  
Richard Mistler '58  
\*Thomas J. Moore, Jr. '54  
\*James Nellis '49  
Mark Nusbaum '73  
Tom & Connie Bohannon Paulson '69, in memory of Freida Gray '68  
Patricia Peterson Pilkington, in honor of Marilyn & John Shideler  
\*Robert K. Petro '42  
Mitchell and Robin Pozez, in memory of Shaol Pozez  
Andy Reeves '78  
Miriam 'Mimi' Davis Reid '58, in memory of Martha Dumars Davis  
\*Jack '46 & \*Laura Graves Richmond '55  
Brady Robb '77, in memory of Pudgie Robb  
Doris Allen Roberson '51  
Donna McElroy Robinson '58  
Lori Roenbaugh and Kent Roenbaugh, in memory of Pudgie Robb '53  
Jennifer Robinson, in memory of Donna McGary Harold '52  
\*Ann Colvin Rolley '52  
John '50 & Alicia Laing '57 Salisbury  
Dan '75 & Sally Hare-Schriner '76, in memory of Paul Fink  
Richard Schroder '63, in memory of Jack Dean - Teacher, Coach & Friend  
Jay Scott '58  
\*Melvin L. Sebright '51  
Mike Shinn '61  
Helen Graves Silvia '52, in memory of Charles "Chick" Graves '22

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Milo G. Sloo III '59  
 Family of Bob & Mary Alice Steves Smith '52, in memory of their parents  
 Judy Stuenkel Soule '58, in memory of Paul L. Stuenkel, Jr. '55  
 James Love Stephenson '59, in honor of Martha Herrick  
 Mike Stewart '67 and Connie Stewart DiPasquale '70 (foyer bench), in memory of Fred W. Stewart '47  
 Delores Atkins Sundbye '49  
 Dan Swearingen '57  
 \*Ed Terrell '33  
 Sheryl Tyree, in memory of Mark Tyree '65  
 Cynthia Wahle '46  
 Bob Wanamaker '57  
 \*Mary Moser Wasson '43  
 M. Beth Wasson '72 and Paul Stuewe, in memory of Lynn Wasson '65 & Mary M. Wasson '43  
 Jason Wiens 2000, with the Kauffman Foundation's Matching Gifts Program  
 The Rev. Brinton W. Woodward '58, in honor of Judy Stuenkel Soule '58  
 Sandra Bromich Wittmer '59  
 \*Jim Wright '56  
 Jerry Wymore '57  
 Stephen G. Young '70  
 THS Class of 1939 (THS Library)  
 THS Class of 1950  
 THS Class of 1953  
 THS Class of 1954 (THS Crest)  
 THS Class of 1955  
 In honor of the Class of 1956 (THS Library)  
 THS Class of 1957 (statue bench)  
 THS Class of 1958 (statue benches)  
 THS Class of 1959 (statue bench)  
 THS Class of 1962 (statue bench)  
 THS Class of 1964 (statue bench)  
 THS Class of 1967 (statue bench)  
 THS Class of 2001

### Senior Level, \$750-\$999

Keith Adams '68, in memory of David Adams '73  
 John & Cynthia Barrett '53  
 Leigh Barrett '65  
 Larry Bennett  
 Sue Parker Burgdorf '52  
 David Clark '67  
 Dan & Helen Gardner Crow '70  
 Virginia Kay Foster '71  
 Charles '56 & Elizabeth Fink '61 Farnsworth, in memory of H. Bernerd Fink '27  
 Jack Hawn '55  
 Doug Kieswetter '59  
 Jeff McGhehey '82  
 James Payne '62  
 \*James Barton Phelps '34  
 Robert Rhodes '45, in memory of Kenneth Rhodes  
 Emery Robertson '42  
 Jim and Carol Lyon Vogel '63  
 Stanley N. Wellborn '62

### Junior Level, \$500-\$749

Donna Adams '53  
 Gene Baker '58  
 Sarah Bausch Benson '71  
 Barry R. Boyer '81  
 Sandra McPherson Braunsdorf '59  
 \*Jacquie Timmons Brewer '43, in memory of Captain Lewis H. Cameron '43, USMC, MIA, N. Korea 1952  
 Mike Butler '63  
 Craig Case '74  
 David S. Christy '81  
 Eldon Clark '49  
 Lawrence Daeschner '59

Patrick Dittamo 2009  
 Christopher Edmonds '82  
 \*James E. Foster '43  
 Jerry '64 & Patty Paulson Foster '66  
 Ruben Fox '53  
 \*Dallas Freeborn '48  
 Rick Friedstrom '69  
 \*John H. Gray, in honor of Frances Hadley Gray '44 and Robert T. Gray (Math Teacher 1948-51)  
 \*Stuart Hamilton '38, in honor of Chester and Fay Wallace Hamilton '40  
 Barbara Howard Harlan '57, in honor of the THS Class of 1957  
 Sara Senne Hischke '62, in memory of Ted Hischke  
 \*Kepler Johnson '48  
 Helen Badenoch Kanatzar '63  
 David Kensinger '89  
 \*Jane Badders Klefstad '39  
 \*Jan '54 and Bev Elliot '57 Leuenberger  
 Jacque Alvis McKibbin '55  
 Mary Kay Paige McPhee '45  
 Grant Niven '48, Sandie Niven James '69, David Niven '71 & Daniel Niven '77 in memory of Elizabeth Niven Doores '43  
 Randy O'Boyle '75  
 Susan Moore Palmer '76  
 Vicki Loeb sack Peterson '60, in memory of Gary Peterson '58  
 Douglas R. Richmond '76  
 Bill '63 & Marsha Martin '67 Sheahan  
 \*James Silvia, in memory of Helen Graves Silvia '52  
 Linda Dickinson Spalding '61, in memory of S.A. (Skip) Dickinson '51  
 Gordon Toedman '79  
 Richard Vernon '57  
 Robert Webb '63  
 THS Class of 1975 (Tower Stairs)  
 THS Class of 1980 (THS Library)  
 THS Class of 2002

### Sophomore Level, \$350-\$499

Michael Alexander '60  
 Holle Nieman Baskett '58, in memory of Christine Nieman Gettig '61 & Kurt D. Nieman '70  
 Charles A. '58 & Joleen Johnston '61 Billington  
 Betty Skoog Bomar '46  
 Peggy Godbey Broxterman '48  
 James Carlin '69  
 Callan Cohen '60  
 Aurora Galvan Cowing '67, in memory of Tomasa Dominguez  
 Russ Davis '46, in memory of Ginnie Davis  
 \*Mary Laughlin Dibble '39  
 Debra Reynolds-Eskie '72 & Dennis Eskie '62  
 Charlotte Ellis '38, in memory of Miss Gertrude Wheeler  
 \*Hilda Erickson Enewold '61, in honor of John Erickson '56  
 Scot Ferrell '81  
 \*Willa Jean Coffman Gades '37  
 Richard & Donna Peery Granger '60  
 Salena Conway Gregory '44, in honor of Dean Annabel Pringle and English Teacher Berenice Fuller  
 \*Elizabeth Heaton '39  
 Darla Benning Johnson '75, in memory of Orville & Dolores Benning  
 \*Lillian Williamson Johnson '37, in memory of Dennis C. Payne  
 Julie Nicolay Larrivee '75  
 Jean Pantle Litchfield '49  
 Frank Logan '48  
 Mark Lowes '73  
 \*Doris Williamson Perry '41, in memory of Frank C. Williamson  
 \*Gene Olander '50, in memory of Frank C. Olander '64  
 Richard & Rita Petro '43

\*Stephen R. Phelps '40  
 Pauline Pruyser '68  
 Jason Ramirez '91  
 Malcolm Robinson '66  
 James P. Scott '59  
 Janice Osburn Williams '57

### Freshman Level, \$200-\$349

Charlotte Gaither Adair '65  
 Carolyn Jackson Akins '80  
 Charles & Sherril Murrow '60 Anderson, in memory of Ella Marie Williamson Fisher '38  
 Nancy Granger Appelhantz '66, in memory of Warren E. Granger '43  
 Gene Baker '58  
 Nancy Landon Kassebaum Baker '50  
 \*Jim Bass '51, in memory of Jean Bass  
 Daniels Benfer '84  
 Deanna Bisel '66  
 \*Dorothy Palmer Brock '39  
 Robert D. Brooks '51  
 Steve A. Brown '63  
 Polly Palmer Brunkhardt '60  
 Sandy & Tucker Burrow '65  
 \*Margaret Moore Cabbage '49  
 Betsy O'Hara Cacioppo '58  
 Courtney Canfield '71  
 Daniel Carlson '59  
 Richard & Frances Blum Carman '63  
 Richard Coke '63, in memory of Jack R. Heath  
 Sheri Karst Curran '78, in memory of Henry 'Butch' Hendrix, Jr '78  
 M. Lowell Curry '45/46  
 Jan Cottle Darrah '72  
 Mary Lou Coates Davis '39  
 Ed Davis '40  
 \*Georgia Deatrick '63  
 Roger Donnelly '51  
 Mary Janet Douglass '47  
 Lanny Ellis '58  
 Cyrus Elting '60  
 Robert A. Engelbrecht '60  
 Mark & Sue Goodin Erickson '59  
 Martha Johnson Fee '51  
 Jackie Fink, in memory of Paul H. Fink '48  
 \*Ella Marie Williamson Fisher '38  
 Burdell Funke '44  
 \*Marie Keeling Gaither '39  
 T. Michael Garrison '57  
 Gerald '50 & Sue '49 Goodell  
 Sue Cross Green '58, in memory of Linda Beeman Rhodes '58  
 Patricia Richardson Gurss '58, in memory of Veon D. Gurss '58  
 Linda Beiter Gwaltney '78  
 \*Carol Brodecker Hagen '49  
 Sheila Crossley Hanks '57  
 Gerald W. Hart '67  
 \*Glenn '41 & Mary Furgason '42 Henderson  
 Danton Hejtmanek '69  
 Jean E. Foster Herrold '67  
 Brendon Hirschberg '63  
 \*Parthene Duvall Holstrom '37  
 Kathy McClure Hood '63  
 Jayne Houdyshell '71, in memory of Chris Wright '71  
 Kari '51 & Patricia Dykes '53 Hummel '53  
 Janis Brown Hutchison '52, in honor of Mary Louise Plumb Brown '41 and memory of Richard D. (Dick) Brown '41  
 Nancy Deatrick Jones '63  
 Dana Kimbrough '76, in memory of Kyle Kimbrough '44  
 Alyce (Lowe) Klema '40  
 James Lagerberg '48  
 Stanley Lamar '51  
 Nialson Lee '70  
 Jean Pantle Litchfield '49

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Ken '63 and Gail Harden '68 Leonard  
 Robert Loehr  
 Jim Maag, in honor of Kathleen Covert Maag '60  
 Susan Mann '60  
 Leah Ott Marshall '65  
 R. Holland McIntosh '49  
 C. F. "Gene" Miesse '55  
 Dave Miller '62, in memory of Dorothy R. & Bobby J. Carroll  
 Don R. Moe '57  
 Van Moe '60  
 Molly Jones Morris '57  
 Tina Nimz  
 Carl Nuzman '48  
 JoAnn Jellison O'Brien '59

Kathleen Haskell Olweiler '53  
 Martine Hunter Padilla '78  
 William R. '41 & Berneta Warner '44 Palmer  
 Jack '62 & Jodi Johnson '63 Panula  
 Sarah Bremer Parks '78  
 Jack Paslay '44  
 Julia Carothers Payne '49  
 Marian Haskell Perrone '51  
 Norma Smith Pettijohn '57  
 Duane & Debbie Briggs Pomeroy '70  
 JoAnne Rose Reida '53, in memory of Richard A. Rose  
 John Reppart '51  
 Donna McElroy Robinson '58  
 David Roe '58  
 Rod Ross '67  
 Robert Saderstrom '61  
 DonnaLee Lamb Simmons '56  
 \*Ralph Skoog '47, in memory of

Richard O. Skoog '52  
 Frank L. Spicer '51  
 \*Hayden '58 & Susan '60 St. John  
 Bette Settle Tompkins '45  
 Benny R. '67 & Cheryl '69 Turner  
 \*Betty Cave VanSlyck '39, in memory of Harold E. VanSlyck  
 Marilyn Perrin Vaughn '54  
 David Walls '87  
 \*Gloria Gray Wolbach '43  
 Barbara Ossian Williamson '59  
 Albert W. Whiting '48  
 Alice J. Wurtz, THS Faculty  
 THS Class of 1951  
 THS Class of 1986  
 \* Deceased

## ~ 2021 CLASS REUNIONS ~

**Homecoming 2021 - September 24 - THS vs Manhattan**  
**Let the THS Historical Society know about class reunion plans**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>For More Information</u>
Class of 1960	Postponed until 2021	jpffetze@gmail.com, samari0043@gmail.com
Class of 1965	Postponed until 2021	cadair47@gmail.com
Class of 1970	Postponed until 2021	dwdscednal@yahoo.com (Postponed)
Class of 1980	Postponed until 2021	mbrentnall@gmail.com, Facebook www.topekahigh1980.com
Class of 1985	Postponed until 2021	Chuck Metzger
Class of 1990	TBA	Facebook
Class of 2000	Postponed until 2021	TaCarra82@yahoo.com, Facebook
Class of 2010	Postponed until 2021	williamchristopherdale@gmail.com
Class of 1961	September 24-26, 2021	skipglad43@windstream.net
Class of 1971	September 24-26, 2021	pmorgan379@gmail.com, Facebook

The THS Historical Society assists class reunions by: 1. providing classmate contact information 2. arranging THS tours 3. facilitating the use of the building 4. offering discounts for memberships during reunions. Go to [thshistoricalsociety.org](http://thshistoricalsociety.org) for words to the school song, THS graphics, information for reunion coordinators and more. **Let the THSHS know if your class is having a reunion and we'll help you get the word out to your classmates.**

## 2021 Graduate Hall of Fame Honorees Named

Individuals familiar to many in the Topeka High School community have been named to the **Topeka High School Hall of Fame**. 2021 honorees include **Steve Holloman** (THS 1970), retired music instructor; **Gary Krohe** (THS 1971), author of *Portraits of Troy*; and **Marian Douglas** (THS 1950), who has recently passed away and was a member of the THS security staff and a special education paraprofessional. **Anton Ahrens**, science and chemistry instructor, is the Distinguished Staff honoree.

Additional information about the honorees and the date for the Hall of Fame ceremonies, traditionally held on a Sunday afternoon in the fall, will be announced soon.

## IN MEMORY OF OUR GRADUATES & FRIENDS

Philip W. Patterson 1938	Donna Brock Quinn 1951	Janice Taylor 1960
Dorothy Badders Klefstad 1939	Charles Evans 1952	Cheryl Barnett Mather 1960
Dorothy Anderson Frickey 1939	Delores Merriam Stitt 1952	Janet Dawson Littlejohn 1960
Jean Badders Daniels 1940	Warren G. Rose, Jr. 1952	James W. 'Bill' McBride 1960
Eleanor Smith Parnell 1940	Huberta Elithorpe Eisele 1953	Jerry D. McElroy 1960
Dorothy Mae Warner 1941	John D. Cleland 1954	Robert C. Duckworth 1960
Edwin L. Bozarth 1941	Philip A. Baker 1954	Gale Gardner-Sparkman 1960
Louise Boatright Coombs 1942	Dorothy Stuenkel Crume 1954	Connie Christenson Askew 1961
Everett Cook 1942	Janet Waylan Talbot 1954	Kathleen Saylor Calhoon 1961
Morley Cook 1942	Dorothy Trickett D'Anna 1955	Edward W. Lund 1962
Eleanor Johnson Jewell 1943	David E. Starr 1955	Delores Serna Delgado 1962
John M. Culbertson 1943	Barbara Barr Gaddis 1955	Tommy Royer 1963
Virginia Hoss Tevis 1943	Steve Shutt 1956	Donald E. Benson 1963
Gerald E. Robinson 1944	Beverly Jo Hansel Hughes 1956	Lana Pearson Meier 1963
Virginia Shimer Reinking 1944	Marjorie L. Bush 1956	Alice Merchant-Sylvester Thacker 1963
Phyllis Wileman Stewart 1945	Beverly LaCrone Locke 1956	Tommy J. Royer 1963
Charles E. Carlson 1945	Jim Carpenter 1957	Steve Carlson 1965
Ed Stewart 1945	Daniel Jackson 1957	James A. Stoops 1965
C.L. Kendall 1945	Lavina Rice Olson 1957	Larry Taylor 1965
William Bryant 1946	Barry L. Warkentin 1957	Sammye Rice Starkey 1966
Roberta Knoll James 1946	Palmer D. Blackwell, Sr. 1957	Jerry P. Bohnert 1967
Charles F. Green Sr. 1946	Barry K. Wilkes 1957	Lonnie W. Silver 1968
Leatrice Endlich 1946	Mary Lou Williams Ashby 1957	Donald L. Myrick 1969
Marylee Kirkpatrick Maxwell 1948	Betty Johnson Sourk 1957	Beverly Goodson Holly 1970
Margaret 'Maggie' Hazard Beers 1948	Rachel Corona Escobar 1957	Shelli Douglas Ohlsen 1971
Betsy Lenore Chappell 1948	Patricia Eaton Tillman 1957	Richard Rodriguez 1971
Philip C. Peterson 1948	Regina Baker Meyers 1957	Ron Pederson 1972
Lila Meggison Hazlett 1948	Corine Sanford Christman 1958	Michael F. Blevins 1972
Nancy Martin Echols 1948	Gene Baker 1958	Paula Rae Harmon 1973
Harold L. Endlich 1949	Judith Calihan Skoch 1958	Lois Sarkesian Gerhardt 1973
Celia Foster Eddy 1949	Joe G. Anderson 1958	Barbara Powell Hall 1976
Jose' Borjon 1949	Con Poirier 1958	Charley R. Coe II 1976
Marian Knight Douglas 1950	Charlene Black Stover 1958	Douglas E. Samsel 1976
Mary Slatten Baker Mills 1950	Derrill Campbell 1958	Jimmie R. Kebert 1977
Lois Diepenbrock Metzenthin 1950	J. Larry Hutchinson 1959	Michael J. Kopf 1980
Norma Jean Dodds DeGraff 1950	Sally Blake Bentobji 1959	Charles H. Martin 1983
Carl (Gene) Vanderbur 1950	David I. Miller 1959	Michelle Griggs Heaton 1984
Marjorie Jasperson Smith 1951	Gary Rosenwald 1959	Julius N. 'Jay' Martell
Charles D. Sodergren 1951	Ramon C. Noches 1959	Wilfred W. 'Willie' Nicklin Faculty/Coach
Jim Carpenter 1951	Sue Falley Anderson 1959	Lewis T. 'Lew' Mills - Faculty

### We know you aren't lost, but we can't find you!

The pandemic has created many challenges and the postal service has created one for the THSHS. Over the past year hundreds of pieces of mail, intended for our supporters' mailboxes, have been returned with different messages on the yellow stickers: Unable to forward, Return to Sender, Change of Address, Temporarily Away. We have resent much mail, only to have it returned again. If you have not received the October 2020 newsletter, you can get caught up on your reading at the THSHS website: [www.thshhistoricalsociety.org/points-of-interest/newsletters](http://www.thshhistoricalsociety.org/points-of-interest/newsletters).

Please let us know the status of and/or addresses for these valuable THSHS members whose mail was 'returned to sender'. Jean Mize Anticoli 1952, Ron 1969 and Lisa 1970 Balsters, David E. Becker, Michael Blackwell, Mary Breitenstein, Rose Burns, Barbara Campbell, Annette Chance, Barry 'Bill' Cohen, Julie Connor, Donald Critchfield, D. Gene Davenport, Dewayne Dirks, Vic & Renee Dyck, Katherine Clare Eddy 1942, Mark & Sue Erickson 1959, Mary Fitts Fagras 1956, Judith Holle Finch 1959, Johanna Flott, Darlene Gooding, Paul Gray, Michael & Cathy Grigsby, Megan Horchem Heyns, Philip W. Kyle, Beverly Lee, Noble Lovgren, Betty Macey, Doris Baker Mayfield 1948, Addie McGee, Neil & Betty McNeil, Nancy Nickell, Karla Norsworthy, Jeanne Pickett, Pauline Pruyser, Nancy Pryor 1944, William Sanders, Lee C. Schmidt, Gordon Scott, Donna Sellen, Sarah Sellers 2004, Teri Shepard, Brent Sledd, Harriet Smith, Richard E. Smith 1956, Stephen Snyder, Anita Reid Tannuzzo 1943, Lois Mae Trace, Gerianne Wise, Mary Kathryn Woodhull and William G. Ziegler.



## 150th celebration of Topeka High School

150 years of Topeka High School excellence include successes in academics, on the stage, in sports arenas, and in music, debate, science and art rooms. Those 150 years of accomplishments need to be celebrated, especially after the year we have experienced.

Topeka High is going to celebrate her 150 years, in the grand way it deserves, in the 2021/2022 school year with events throughout the year. The celebration of 150 years of Topeka High is meant to be a gift to our graduates and supporters.

Topeka High is a gift to the Topeka community and beyond the city limits. That gift presents itself in the form of students and staff who once "Walked the Halls of Troy". Those people have gone on to be city government officials, business owners, musicians, actors, college professors and community leaders all over the world.

**Ice Cream Social Honoring the THS Class of 2021** on the Western Barrett Plaza – Date to be decided before commencement (May 22, 2021). The Sunflower Chapter of the 100<sup>th</sup> THS Class of 1971 is hosting this event for the 150<sup>th</sup> THS Class of 2021.

**Annual Patriotic Chimes Concert** – Sunday before July 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, June 27, 2021. THS Front Lawn.

**Birthday cake for students and staff** on the front lawn honoring the first day of Topeka High in 1871 - September 17, 2021.

### Homecoming Weekend

Friday, September 24, 2021 – Royalty assembly, parade, special halftime show.

Saturday, September 25

**Open House at Topeka High** – Affinity Groups, Food Trucks, displays, etc.



**'Crawl Kansas Avenue'** Graduates and the community will enjoy the downtown establishments, then meet at Every Plaza with music provided by the Ric Baron Band.

**THS Graduate Hall of Fame**, Sunday afternoon ceremony in October or November, with an alternate date in the spring 2022.

**Naturalization Ceremony** hosted by THS & the THSHS, honoring the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of THS receiving the national Bellamy Award – Wednesday, November 10, 2021(unofficial).

**The Black & Gold Gala**, unofficially rescheduled to December 4, 2021.

**'Fiddler on the Roof'** - November 2021 or February 2022. THS Graduates will be invited by the THS Drama Dept. to participate in the opening number 'Tradition'.

**Graduate Variety Show and Surprise Finale** – Spring 2022, Date TBD

**Graduates and Friends Sock Hop** – Original date April 24, 2021. Rescheduled to April/May 2022, THS North Gym. Held on the same night as THS Prom.

**Graduate Art Show** – First Friday in June of 2022.

Keep up with events and activities: **Topeka High 150 Facebook, TopekaHigh150.com, thshistoricalsociety.org and THS Historical Society Facebook.**

Get involved & join the fun!

Contact the 150th Committee at [Topeka-High150@gmail.com](mailto:Topeka-High150@gmail.com) and get signed up to help with Homecoming 2021.



Last chance to sponsor the refinishing of an original student cafeteria chair so all of them look like the chair on the left. Only \$200. Pay online at [thshistoricalsociety.org](http://thshistoricalsociety.org).



This 3D 6 inch model was created by Sean O'Callaghan (THS Faculty) The next step in the process of creating a 4 foot statuette is to send the 3D model off to be laser cut from foam at full scale. The laser cut foam sculpture will then be coated in clay and a mold will be made. The mold will be used to make 4 or 5 fiberglass castings. Interested? Give us a call.

# THS Historical Society Supporters (On a mission for THS)

Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name (at graduation) \_\_\_\_\_ Current Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

THS Spouse's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

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## MEMBERSHIP DUES – (for operational expenses & THSHS special events)

	Amount
Yearly (\$25) .....	\$ _____
5 Years (\$100) .....	\$ _____
Special annual payment of \$1 for each year since my graduation (i.e. Class of 1966, 50 years since graduation=\$50)	\$ _____

### I want to give a membership to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Membership levels: \_\_\_ Yearly (\$25) \_\_\_ 5 Year (\$100) \_\_\_ 10 Year (\$175)

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed:  (payable to THS Historical Society or THSHS) TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Expiration Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: THSHS, 800 SW 10<sup>th</sup>, Topeka, KS 66612, or pay dues online at: [thshistoricalociety.org/](http://thshistoricalociety.org/)

## ***EACH ONE TREAT ONE***

***Be Cool ! Surprise a friend with a THSHS membership***

### **THIS 'N THAT AT THS**

- You might not have recognized **Russ Hutchison (1981)** playing Vince Lombardi 'to a T' in the Super Bowl pre-game program. This person thinks Russ should have been given the Lombardi Trophy. Bravo Russ!
- **Nijaree Canady (2022)** scored her 1000 point on January 9 vs Junction City. The Lady Trojans are undefeated in the last 40 games and are headed to State as #1 in 6A. We are proud of Nija and her team of student athletes.
- **Gayle and Alice Terry (1951) Vernon** recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Did Alice teach you how to swim? She taught swimming lessons to Topeka kids for over 60 years.
- Stormont Vail Health announced the selection of **Peggy 'Peg' Jordan Burnette (1984)** as the health system's senior vice president and chief financial officer. She previously served as CFO of the Denver Health and Hospital Authority.

### **THSHS NEWSLETTER ONLINE**

**Let us know if you are interested in receiving the THSHS newsletter online. This might be a good option for you if you travel or leave your primary address part of the year.**



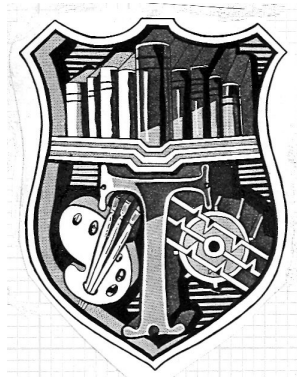
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**The THS Historical Society appreciates our members!**

Help us get the word out about our mission to support Topeka High. Encourage a classmate or friend to join the THSHS. Consider giving a THSHS membership to a sibling or classmate as a gift. You don't have to be a THS graduate to be a THSHS member. All who are interested in historic preservation of a Topeka landmark are welcome. You can remit your dues by completing the form on page 7 of this newsletter or by going on-line at [thshistoricalociety.org](http://thshistoricalociety.org) and joining the effort for THS by credit card.



**THS HISTORICAL SOCIETY ACCOUNTS**

**THSHS ENDOWMENT** - Established in 2019 to sustain the operations of the THSHS and encourage building preservation - administered by the Topeka Community Foundation

**THSHS 150TH** - These funds are used for the celebration activities/events

**THSHS TOWER SOCIETY**— established in 2009 to be used for building projects - list of donors is included once a year in the THSHS newsletter and on the THSHS website

**MEMBERSHIP DUES AND YEAR END APPEAL**— These funds are used for operating expenses of the THSHS.