

# HEIGHTS NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## Alumni of Castle Heights Military Academy

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### June 2024 Newsletter

## Alumni Association UPDATE

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Dear Fellow Alumni:

Homecoming 2023 saw 310 for the luncheon and 143 for the evening event at the Mitchell House. Our Homecoming luncheon and tent meeting were held on the Library grounds. Class reunions were held for the classes of 1963, 1973, and 1983.

**Homecoming for 2024** will be held on **Saturday, October 12** coinciding with the annual Columbus Day weekend. The location for the picnic luncheon will be on the grounds of the Rutherford Parks Library and our evening function will be held again at the Mitchell House.

Currently, our investment account is at \$148,161.23 as of April 30, 2024. As of May 21, we have a balance of \$2,652.50 in regular checking, \$60,579.55 in the LTA account, and \$22,564.44 in the Library account. We also have a special Sweatt Scholarship Fund with the remaining amount of \$20,000 which was established by family and friends in honor and memory of John L. Sweatt Jr. '59, and Col. John L. Sweatt Sr. In July, we will be funding three Heights scholarships for \$2,000 each, and the 3rd Sweatt Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000. The name of the recipient for the Sweatt Scholarship for 2024-2025 is on page 3 of this newsletter.

As of March 18, 2023, we have received donations of \$37,685 for the general fund, and \$20,345 for the library fund. A total of 288 donors contributed to the general and library fundraisers. These figures are from the beginning of our May 2023 fundraiser through March 2024 of this year. At the tent meeting following our luncheon we auctioned off 7 bottles of "high-end bourbon" from Jim Beam donated by Fred Noe '75. A total

of \$5,200 was raised from the sale. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's fundraiser

If anyone is interested in funding one of three full Heights scholarships for \$2,000 in honor or in memory of a classmate or anyone else, please contact me at 615/451-0468 or email me at [shosier@msn.com](mailto:shosier@msn.com). All three scholarships were funded by alumni or families of alumni this year

The Scholarship Selection Committee, chaired by Tina Drnek '75, completed the selection of this year's three scholarship recipients for the academic year 2024-2025. We have now completed the 24th year of the Alumni scholarship program. The list of this year's recipients are on page 3.

**HOME COMING  
2024**

**OCTOBER 12**

**please place this date  
on your  
calendar now**

The endowed J.B. Leftwich CHMA Editors' Scholarship at Cumberland University (in its 13th year) was awarded to Mia Harris for the academic year of 2023-2024 in the amount of \$2,500. Mia is a Secondary Education major in English, and was a Junior this year.

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find **contribution forms** and a self-addressed return envelope to be sent to the Alumni Association with your donations. **Please remember that all of contributions are IRS tax deductible.** Also enclosed is an

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Alumni Questionnaire to be completed and returned to us. Some of the information you send will be used in the August newsletter in our "Alumni Update" section.

For this year's Homecoming, plans are being made for reunions for the classes of 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, and 1984. The 65-year reunion for the Class of 1959 is being arranged by Clay Woods, email clay.woods@att.net, cell phone 731-694-2882, and Jerry Ream, jerryream@glasgow-ky.com, cell 270-651-8987. A 60-year reunion may be possible for the Class of 1964, and if interested, please contact Bill Goodner at williegood@comcast.net or cell phone 256-509-1676. A 55-year reunion dinner is planned for the Class of 1969 by Tony Polston, thpolston@icloud.com, cell 615-633-7122. The 50-year reunion for the Class of 1974 will be planned by Mitch Damsky, damskey5@aol.com, cell phone 205-516-3493, Chuck Lowe, ctloweiii@msn.com, cell 615-945-9409, and Dana "Arkie" Devine, devinebankcard@gmail.com, or cell 813-748-4115. Jeff Seely is planning a 45-year reunion for his Class of 1979, contact Jeff at jeff.seely2010@gmail.com or cell 615-364-3561. Leslie Lancaster Willis '84 will make arrangements for a 40-year reunion if enough classmates are interested. Contact Leslie at leslie.willis8331@yahoo.com or cell at 615-481-0460. If anyone is interested in planning a reunion, please email Susan Hosier at shosier@msn.com or call 615-451-0468. We will be happy to provide you with a roster of names, addresses, phone numbers, and email.

Currently, the following repairs will need to be done prior to Homecoming. The Alumni House will need some plastering and duct work done. The Library will need some minor painting. Also, I hope to have the 2nd marble bench that was donated by the 1959 class at their graduation, pressure washed and sealed.

This past year was one of our best fundraisers. I want to thank each and everyone who contributed. We look forward to this year's Homecoming and class reunions as well as individuals who will return to the Hilltop.

Please be sure to reserve the weekend of Saturday, October 12, for the 2024 Homecoming.

We have been fortunate over the years to have good turnouts from both individual class reunions as well as others who return to campus on a regular basis. We look forward to seeing those of you who are able to attend

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of the Alumni Association.

Best Regards, Rob Hosier '63

CONTRIBUTION FORMS

Enclosed you will find the Alumni Association's annual Contribution Form and Library Contribution Form along with a self-addressed return envelope. Contributions help with maintenance on the Alumni House, the scholarship fund, the general operating fund, and the Library projects and maintenance fund. We appreciate any and all of your contributions! Please designate on your check how your contribution is to be used.

Thank you, and remember, your contributions are Tax Deductible with the IRS.

Make Your Room Reservations Now For Homecoming 2023, October 7

Listed below are some of the hotels in Lebanon located off of I-40, Exit 236 (Hartmann Drive) and Exit 238 (Hwy 231 also known as S. Cumberland St).

Table with 2 columns: Hotel Name and Phone Number. Includes Avid Hotel, Candlewood Suites, Cedar Valley Inn, Comfort Suites, Fairfield Inn, Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn Express, LaQuinta Inn & Suites, and Quality Inn.

Online Sites for Booking Lodging are:

- www.booking.com
www.expedia.com/hotels
www.priceline.com
www.travelocity.com/hotels

INFORMATION ON CLASS REUNIONS and THE RESERVATION FORM FOR HOMECOMING 2024 WILL BE IN THE 2024 AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Detailed information on all the reunions for Homecoming 2024 will be in the AUGUST NEWSLETTER to be mailed the last week of August. A list of all the activities for Homecoming Day on Saturday, October 12, will be enclosed with that newsletter as well as the RESERVATION FORM for you to complete and return to us. Detailed information about the reunions will be listed in the August newsletter.

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RECENT DEATHS OF ALUMNI and FACUTY

ALUMNI

- WESLEY ANDERSON '76
- DAVID R. BITZER '53
- DAVID BODMAN '55
- BILL BOSWELL '52
- TOM BROADHEAD '85
- JEAN CARSON '46
- JOHN DITMORE '57
- JERRY ELY '70
- JOE D. GRIBBLE '62
- CHARLES "CHUCK" HAYES '58
- ATWOOD J. HUFF II '51
- JOHN G. L. INGRAM '52
- WILLIAM "BILL" KEITH PG'59
- JOHN C. KEMMER IV '65
- MIKE LADD '63
- BOB REMEN '51
- ALEX SPACH '63
- GEORGE THOMAS '61
- MICHAEL THOMPSON '73
- TOMMY THOMPSON '79
- JON E. WARREN '70
- TOM "TREY" WILLIAMS '77

FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION

JIM ROBINSON

(JIM SERVED ON THE FACULTY OF BOTH THE JUNIOR SCHOOL AND SENIOR SCHOOL WHILE AT HEIGHTS)

ALUMNI QUESTIONNAIRE

The Alumni Questionnaire form is on a separate sheet in this newsletter. Please take the time to complete the form especially if your information has changed since last year. Updates on alumni will be in the August Newsletter.

Use the self-addressed return envelope that is enclosed with this mailing.

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2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Three (3) \$2,000 CHMA Alumni Scholarships for academic year 2024-2025

PHOEBE K. HOOPER

White House, Tennessee
(Lee C. Peterson, CHMA '73 Memorial Scholarship)

Scholarship provided by Mrs. Cynthia Peterson
Daughter of Robert Edmond Hooper Jr., '78
Attending The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Knoxville, Tennessee

AVA ROSE

Jackson, Tennessee
(Horace Whitten, CHMA '59, Memorial Scholarship)

Scholarship provided by Mrs. Ruby Whitten
Granddaughter of Steve Maloan '71, Former Faculty '76-'82
Granddaughter of Elizabeth Maloan, Former Faculty '76-'82
Niece of Carol Drake, CHMA Student 80-81
Attending Carson-Newman University
Jefferson City, Tennessee

BLAKE WHISNANT

Owens Cross Roads, Alabama
(Hanshi Jack Oliver Memorial Scholarship)
Scholarship provided by Chris Blanton '81
Grandson of John Mac O'Daniel '65
Attending the University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

One (1) \$10,000 Scholarship

John L. Sweatt Jr. and Col. John L. Sweatt Sr. Scholarship for academic year 2024-2025

HALEY PIPPIN

Murfreesboro, Tennessee
(Provided by Sweatt family and friends in memory and in honor of John L. Sweatt Jr. and Col. John L. Sweatt Sr.)
Granddaughter of Henry Clay Woods, '59
Attending The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Knoxville, Tennessee