

Alumni Honors

Five distinguished BHS alumni were inducted into the BHS Wall of Recognition in 2009. A student assembly on May 20th honored five BHS grads for their career successes in Public Service, Writing, Medical Research, Sports and Business.

Honorees Were:

Dr. George Fraley '51—Dentistry & Public Service.
 Matthew Kangus '67—Art Critic & Author
 JoAnn Franck, Ph.D. '68—Medical Research
 The Hon. C. Edward Dillery '48—Ambassador
 Alan "Moose" Clausen '56—Business & Public Service

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Music Thrives at Ballard

The Music Department, headed by Michael James, instrumental, and Courtney Rowley, vocal, is having a very busy year. With 200 students participating in eleven ensembles, and another 110 in guitar and MIDI classes, they have performed both on- and off-campus. Both the Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz ensembles participated in the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival at the University of Idaho. The Music and Drama departments presented the musical *Grease*. Over 100 students auditioned and 75 were chosen for the cast.

Nearly 40 students participated in solo and en-

semble contests held in the early spring. Three singers, Alyssa Gregor, Paul Georgeson and CJ Eldred received superior ratings and won their categories. They will compete at the All-State contest later in April. Chamber Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble, Becca Zavala and Colleen Maluda and Saxophone Quartet also received Superior ratings.

The School District provides no operating funds for music and drama. The Foundation annual Golf Tournament and private donations to the Foundation Music Committee made recent purchases of acoustical shells possible. We have

received significant donations from Elve Lillquist Fathers, Class of 1929 that has been used to buy the Nordiska grand piano. Additional donations of up to \$2,000.00 are still needed for a tripod dolly and lockable cover. Once purchased, the piano will be moved to BHS.

Elve Lillquist Fathers, Class of 1929, will be honored at the spring Choral Concert on May 27, and inducted into the Music Wall of Honor for Exceptional Achievement in the Field of Music. Elve's career spanned 40 years, 30 of those in Edmonds.

BHS Foundation Golf Tournament: Golf Club at Newcastle August 4, 2009

The 9th Annual Ballard High Golf Classic will be held on Tuesday, August 4th, 2009 at The Golf Club at Newcastle. The tournament promises to be a fun event that helps raise funds for the Athletic and Band programs at BHS.

The proceeds from the 2008 tournament purchased an upgrade to the

sound system in the gym, enjoyed by all, the soon to be installed score board for the new field, athletic trainer funding, assistance in student needs with extracurricular activities, and the lacrosse and dance teams. We need your involvement and support to continue this success.

Our goal is 240 golfers who will have the opportunity to play both Coal Creek and China Creek courses at Newcastle. We need golfers, auction donations, and sponsors. Join our committee and get involved. Please contact Mary Wong at marwong@juno.com for ways that you can become involved or to be a sponsor for the tournament.

BHS Students Honor Foundation and Golden Beavers!

The students and faculty of Ballard High School have recognized both the BHS Foundation and the Golden Beavers for their commitment to the BHS students and community. The two plaques will be located on the main entry wall of the school. Their purpose is to inform all current and future students and visitors of their existence and purpose. Both organizations have played important roles with their contributions to BHS standard of excellence. The Golden Beavers was established in 1987 by the Class of 1936 following their 50th Class Reunion. The Classes of '32, '35 and '36 also helped provide the startup funds. The BHS Foundation was formed in 1997 in preparation for the construction of the new school. A Board of Directors was formed that includes many dedicated alumni and others.

BHS Foundation Donor Form

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Enclosed is my check payable to BHS Foundation.

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2009 Beaver Reunions

Class of 1959 - 50 Year

August 15, 2009 - Nile Country Club
Contact: Gloria Robbins Lial 425-673-4368 or Reunions With Class (www.reunionswithclass.com)

Class of 1964 - 45 Year

Aug 15, 2009 - Blue Ridge Club
Contact: Randi Freidig rfreidig@comcast.net or 206-284-3833

Class of 1979 - 30 Year

August 7-9, 2009 - Various (3 Days)

Contact: Jerri Galvin jer-riturak@hotmail.com

Class of 1989 - 20 Year

August *tbd*, 2009

Contact: Scott Norman (normanjs@hotmail.com) or Megan Diefenbach (megdief@hotmail.com)

Class of 1999 - 10 Year

August 22, 2009 - Salmon Bay Eagles
Contact: Tyler Banks

Class of '58 Donates Artwork

At their 50-year reunion in 2008, BHS Class of 1958 purchased and then donated a watercolor painting entitled "Too Wet To Walk" by James Van Patten to the Ballard High School Foundation. Jim Van Patten is a member of the class of '58 and earns his living as a fine artist in New York City. You can see images of his works on his website www.jamesvanpatten.com. Jim was greatly influenced by a BHS teacher, Grace Henning deCillia during his years at Ballard. He has worked in many genres, but cur-

rently he is focused on photorealism and watercolor. He quotes, "Though taken from nature, the imagery in my paintings might, at first glance, be unnoticed in the natural world. At best, a throwaway memory. Yet it is the mystery of reflection, shadow and light, and unexpected color that makes me want to paint these throwaway scenes. When I have found the image that I wish to paint, I use the intermediate eye of the camera to see nuances that I have missed. The anomalies of the camera lens also provide additional information that

exist only in the photograph of the image. By incorporating these qualities such as a softening and color-rimming of the edges, my paintings provide surprises to me and, I hope, to the viewer. From the beginning of the painting process I know what the image is, but I am never sure what the picture will be when brought to paint." Jim also teaches art at the collegiate level. Jim's talent is extraordinary and the Foundation is proud to have one of his works in our collection. Dedication ceremonies of the painting will be held later this year.

Ballard High School Alma Mater

There's a school to which we pledge allegiance
Ours she is to us most dear;
To her name may we add more luster,
Glory, honor, year by year.
Hers, our pledge for true endeavor
Hers, our best in all we do;
At work or play, her name is fairest,
Brightest, best, to all who view.
O' Ballard High of thee we sing
Our voices rise with lusty ring,
To honor thee, we trophies bring
Our own dear Alma Mater.
by T. Stewart Smith

BHS Talisman Wins Award

.On Tuesday, April 7, 2009, *The Ballard Talisman* staff won 1st place for Best Edition at The 35th Edward R. Murrow Symposium High School Newspaper competition, held at Washington State University. The competition required 3 editions from each high school, and included newspapers from around the country. The panel noted the Talisman's breadth of coverage and intellectual in-depth articles that they don't normally see at the high

school level. The following students attended the symposium: Cole Finchen, Justin Flores, Elliot Ransom, Erin Philbeck, Cara Patten and Sorraya Boudiaf. They were treated to some impressive professional workshops, a beautiful College campus, an awards banquet dinner and unforgettable stories from Honoree speakers Helen Thomas, White House Bureau Chief, and Bob Schieffer, CBS News Chief Washington Correspondent.

Talismans Past!

Ballard High School Talismans are archived and available on CD Rom dating back to 1918. If you've forgotten what the news from your years at BHS was, order the entire set or the CD with your high school years on it. For more information contact (206) 521-3208 or visit our website www.bhsfoundation.com for the order form. The news, sports and even the advertising are great for reunion reminiscing!

From the Principals Office

This has been a year to remember. Our students, teachers, parents, programs, and yes, even administrators have won awards. Ballard High School students are winning awards in art to athletics. We have National Merit Scholars, Washington and WAVE Scholar's winning scholarships nationally and from the state legislature. Students have earned \$1.4 million in scholarships to colleges and universities across the country, including the IVY League schools and MIT.

The Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Concert Choirs recently received superior ratings at their respective music festivals. The Vocal and Jazz Bands had great showings at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. The Marching Band won Best Overall Band in the Leavenworth Autumn Festival Parade. Our school newspaper, *The Ballard Talisman* won 1st place for Best Edition at The Thirty-Fifth Edward R. Murrow Symposium High School Newspaper competition. Video and Film students continue to win awards from film festivals across the country. Our art students received excellent ratings for their respective work in the Narramore Art Walk. The Robotics Club was a

hit in their debut competition recently and they are looking forward to next year. Many of our athletic teams have competed in regional and state competition, including our cheer squad. Two BHS staff received notable awards this year. Norha Giraldo was awarded The "Hero In The Classroom" award from Symmetra Financial and the Seattle Seahawks, and Megan Vogel was a "Golden Apple Award Winner."

Thank you to the BHS Foundation for your continued support of Ballard High School. The support of the Foundation has helped us to become one of the premier high schools in our region. I want to personally thank all of you for your continued commitment to BHS. We have the best kids, parents, staff and community members. The Thomas B. Foster Leadership award that I received this spring from the Alliance for Education is a reflection of your support of Ballard High School. We have had a great year and it is a privilege, an honor and very humbling to be the principal of Ballard High School. Thank you all, for all that you make possible for BHS! It's Great to be a BEAVER!



Principal

Phil Brockman '76

Donating Made Easy

The BHS Foundation is available as a recipient of donations made to the United Way of King County, the State of WA Combined Fund Drive and Boeing and Microsoft Employees Funds. Just mark your contributions to the Ballard High School Foundation. Many employers that offer matching funds also support the Foundation as a recipient. We need your continued support to fund academic excellence at Ballard High School.

BHS Endowment Fund

Last year a BHS alumnus bequeathed his home to the Foundation! The easiest thing in the world to do is to remember the BHS Foundation Endowment in your will. Do not put off today what could mean so much to our future leaders tomorrow.

BHS Maritime Academy Dinner

The BHS Maritime Academy holds its annual Gourmet Fundraising Dinner June 5, 2009 at Leif Erickson Hall. Tickets are \$100.00 per plate and available by calling Doug Dixon at 206.784.2562 or emailing amym@pacificfisherman.com. There will be a live auction featuring great items including a Holland America cruise, a Royal Argosy dinner cruise and a raffle with many more great prizes. Tenderloin buffet with salmon and whitfish provided by Trident Seafoods.



Beaver Trail Tiles

Leave your tracks on the Beaver Trail! Make history by purchasing a tile for the Beaver Trail, which line the walkways, paths and plazas leading to Ballard High School. For information call (206) 521-3208 or for an order form, go to our website www.bhsfoundation.com. List the alumni in your family, celebrate a favorite teacher or send a message of hope to the current and future students. Proceeds benefit the BHS Foundation providing academic excellence to the students of Ballard High School.