

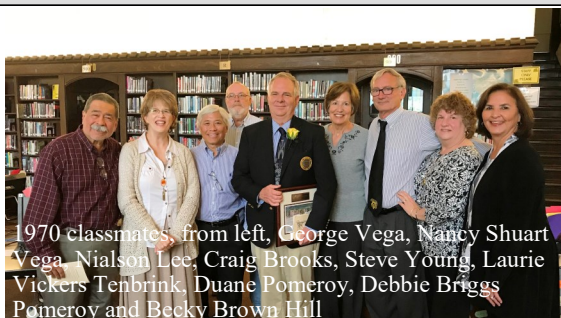
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Topeka High Graduate Hall of Fame Inductees honored on October 7, 2018



1970 classmates, from left, George Vega, Nancy Stuart Vega, Nialson Lee, Craig Brooks, Steve Young, Laurie Vickers Tenbrink, Duane Pomeroy, Debbie Briggs Pomeroy and Becky Brown Hill



DeWayne Dirks
THS Distinguished Staff



Jean Eberhart Dubofsky



Judy Stuekel Soule, (1958)
with Pete Woodward



THSHS executive secretary
was recognized for 25 years
with her own trophy



Jean Eberhart Dubofsky's (THS 1960) THS resume under "school activities" may well have been the longest for any member of the Class of 1960: Debate letterman, Honor Pep, A.F.S., World staff, Quill and Scroll, Usher Club, French Club V-P, Math Club, Science Club, Kansas Council on Foreign and Domestic Affairs, Masque and Wig, etc. A National Merit Semi-Finalist and winner of a Betty Crocker Homemaker of America Award, she used her scholarships to attend Stanford University (1964) and from there Harvard Law School (1967). For two years Eberhart was a legislative assistant to Walter Mondale (1967 - 1969), but then moved to Colorado to practice law. From 1975 to 1977 she served as Deputy Attorney General of the State of Colorado and then appointed (1979) a Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court - the youngest and first woman to that post. Upon retiring from the Court in 1987, Mrs. Dubofsky entered academia at the University of Colorado and by the 1990s back in private practice where she is known for her involvement in civil rights, women's issues and gay rights.

If it weren't for **Pete Woodward's (THS 1958)** grandfather on the Board of Education, Chester Woodward, he and all Trojans would have graduated from an "ordinary" high school and the Hall of Fame ceremony would have had a far more mundane setting. Woodward was the quintessential B.M.O.C.: President of Student Congress, Pres. Boys Pep, Math Club, Cross Country, Co-Captain Basketball squad, State AA Class tennis singles champion, Honor T, All-School Party King candidate, and so forth. After THS, Woodward attended KU where he majored in English History (of course) and Renaissance Humanities but was also a tennis letterman and a letterman on the varsity basketball team which reached the NCAA quarter finals. Next was the General Theological Seminary for a Masters of Divinity (1965). Ordained an Episcopal priest, he was curate of St. David's in Topeka (1965 -

Hall of Fame 2018 on October 7th was an afternoon of classmates reunited, applauding the accomplishments of esteemed former staff and graduates and surprises.

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1967). Serving at several eastern prep schools during the 1970s, Woodward became Headmaster at Holderness School in Plymouth, NH, in 1977 stepping down in 2001.

Music and school politics is the stuff that makes medical researchers; or, in the case of **Stephen Young (THS 1970)**. At Topeka High Dr. Young was on Student Council as Speaker of Representative Council, but he was also Concert Master in the student orchestra. From THS Young went to Princeton University where he majored in history and the philosophy of science. His next stop was Washington University in St. Louis for his medical degree. Though trained as a cardiologist, he became more interested in medical research, in particular regarding pediatric diseases. His primary focus is "Lipid Metabolism and Progeria, which is a rare genetic condition that causes accelerated aging in children." Presently a Professor of Medicine at UCLA, he has an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Gothenburg in Sweden and in 2010 won the Ernst Jung Medical Award from Germany. Dr. Young has written or co-authored scores of articles in books and journals, in 2010 was honored by the Topeka Capitol-Journal as a Kansan of the Year for his medical research achievements and is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, one of the highest honors that a scientist can receive.

Dewayne Dirks taught mathematics at Topeka High School from 1964 - 1997. He was a graduate of Durham High School and earned a Bachelor of Education degree from Kansas State Teacher's College in Emporia with a double major in Mathematics and Physical Education and Recreation (1960). In 1966 he earned a master's degree in Mathematics from Kansas State Teacher's College in Emporia through the National Science Foundation Summer Institute. During his 33 years at Topeka High School he taught the full range of mathematics classes. He was the first teacher to teach a computer class and the first to teach a calculus class. He continued as Topeka High School's calculus teacher until he retired. Dewayne was also the time keeper for all of the men's JV and Varsity basketball games. In 33 years he missed only 2 games. Following his final game he was given an autographed basketball and a THS Letter Jacket. The Topeka High School Honor Society honored Dewayne for outstanding devotion to individual educational needs of students. The Kansas State Board of Education honored him for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching. 2

Black and Gold Report Grads in the News

- **Corey Wilson (1974)** was presented the Owen H. Henson Distinguished Staff Award in October 2018. He retired from Topeka West HS in 2017 after teaching English, Video & Television Production for 38 years.
- **Marteka Landlum (1994)** stopped by THS recently. She is on the team of TeachBeyond, providing resources and services for global education.
- Former basketball player **Mark Brown (1972)** was inducted into the Kansas Wesleyan Coyote Hall of Fame after starring for KWU in 1974-75 and 1975-76.
- THS football player, **Logan Clothier (2011)**, completed his second season as head football coach at Circle High School in Towanda, KS.
- **2018 graduate, Kiana Chandler**, was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship by the Conference of Minority Transportation. Kiana is attending Allen Community College and works for the Kansas Department of Transportation.
- **Beryl Massey New (1970)** was recognized at the 30th annual YWCA Leadership Luncheon.
- **Gilbert E. Galle (1964)** was honored as a 2018 Washburn University Alumni Fellow from the College of Arts & Sciences. He is retired after careers in wealth management and sports marketing.
- **Richard Newman (2017)** is a freshman on the Hutchinson Community College track team. Newman won the national championship with a 7-foot-3 high jump. He is now a prospect for the U.S.A. Olympic team.
- **Kaitlyn Ferrier (2018)** has taken her high school auto shop classes to the next level by utilizing the partnership between Topeka Public Schools and Westar Energy in becoming the first female fleet mechanic intern.

GLOBE TROTTING TROJANS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS:**Mary Haselton & Donald Heath****By Douglass Wallace**

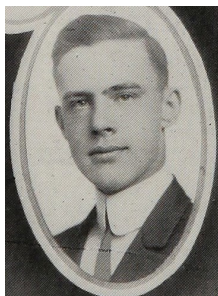
A number of Topeka High Trojans have played a role on the world's stage, two of them being Mary Michelson Haselton (THS 1938) and Donald Heath (THS Class of June, 1912). Both eventually found themselves far, far from the open prairies of Kansas.

Mary Michelson Haselton

The 1938 *Sunflower* noted that Mary Michelson (1920 - 2004) participated in the Trojan Choir and Senior Girls' Glee Club; thus, it was no surprise that at Washburn College she planned to major in music. However, to attend school, like countless others she had to work her way through college. Her father suggested she take the civil service examination to get a job with the federal government. Soon thereafter in 1941, on the eve of American entry into WWII, Washington offered her a secretarial job in the War Department at a wage of \$1,440 a year - goodbye music degree!

Michelson stayed in Washington, D.C., and eventually found herself with the responsible position as a legislative assistant (1953 - 60) to Texas Senator and Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson. Then in 1960 she received an appointment into the Foreign Service with posting as Vice Consul in Zurich, Switzerland, followed by a stint in Munich, Germany. During this period she met her future husband, George Haselton, marrying in 1964. Unfortunately, at that time married women in the State Department could not serve in such a capacity; therefore, Mrs. Haselton retired. By 1974 rules had changed allowing her to return as deputy principal officer and charge d'affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Fiji (1977 - 78). At this same time she also represented the U.S. on world population issues at international venues.

Besides their State Department duties, the Haseltons also taught International Relations and comparable courses at Bard College at Simon's Rock in Massachusetts and St. Antony's College at Oxford. After the death of her husband in 1995, Mrs. Haselton decided to complete her education by receiving a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree, cum laude, from the Harvard University's School of Extension Studies at the young age of 81. Among her interests or avocations were the study of ethics, the history or philosophy of science, and, on a lighter note, painting.

Donald Heath

After high school Donald Heath (1894 - 1981) attended Washburn College, served as a Lieutenant of Infantry during the First World War, completed college, worked as a reporter for the *State Journal* and then a Washington, D.C. paper, subsequently becoming affiliated with the United Press. He then entered the Foreign Service in 1920. Diplomatic posts before World War II included Rumania, Poland, Switzerland and Haiti; from 1938 to 1941 Heath was first secretary of the U.S. Embassy in Berlin: Next came a spell in Chile followed (1944) by a spell as deputy political advisor to General Eisenhower and 1945-47 director of political affairs during the American Occupation of Germany.

The post war world found the now Ambassador Heath in many of the hot spots on the globe; behind the Iron Curtain in Bulgaria (1947-50) where he served as the first American diplomat there since recognition

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2018 President's Message Sarah Carkhuff Fizell (THS 1996)

2018 was a fantastic year for the Topeka High School Historical Society. I am grateful for the opportunity to lead this important organization. Under the direction of executive director Joan Barker and the leadership of a dynamic board of directors.

We reached our fundraising goals and are so grateful to everyone who chooses to commit their resources to making Topeka High shine. Here are the highlights from 2018:

The Western Avenue "Barrett" Plaza: Made possible with the generous support of the Barrett Family – coordinated and facilitated by the THSHS, the Western Street entrance to school is now a beautiful area for students to socialize and learn – a new place for cherished memories to be made. Complete with benches, tables, murals, this outdoor space offers so much to our students.

Class Gifts & Reunions: Many times a year, we are honored to assist classes in planning their reunions and class gifts. We ensure that their gifts are thoughtfully selected, engraved and installed. We lead tours and make sure that you get a chance to relive the Halls of Troy. Special thanks go to the classes of 1948 and 1958 who funded the placement of twelve granite benches and funded the restoration of the main hallway display cases.

Hall of Fame: The THSHS organizes one of the first all-encompassing recognition Hall of Fame traditions in the country. This year, we recognized Dr. Stephen Young for his groundbreaking research and work with rare genetic conditions, Justice Jean Eberhart Dubofsky for her legacy as the first female – and youngest – justice on the Colorado Supreme Court and Pete Woodward, an Episcopalian priest and lifelong educator (who happens to be the grandson of Chester Woodward, for whom the THS library is named). These honorees set an important example for our students as they find their way in the world and find inspiration in the work of these graduates.

Preservation & Archives: This year, the THSHS worked with historians and school officials to establish guidelines for interior paint colors. Volunteers have spent countless hours archiving and organizing artifacts into wonderful museum exhibits including Black History Month. THSHS has worked with the Kansas State Historical Society to ensure digital access to an archive of school newspapers and yearbooks.

In 2019, we will continue working on plans for a meaningful

and exciting celebration of the 150th year of THS in 2021. We welcome several new board members – Helen Gardner Crow (1970), Vickie Griffith Hawver (1971) and Susan Baird Marchant (1964)

It's been an honor to serve as the board chair in 2018 and hope to see you at school for lots of great events. I encourage you to find THSHS on Facebook and you'll have a chance to see lots of updates, events and other information.

TROY TODAY

- **Football Coach Walt Alexander** has been selected by the Kansas High School Football Coaches to be the Head Coach for the East Team in the KS Shrine Bowl. This event raises funds for the Shriner's Hospital for Children and showcases some of the most talented football players in KS.
- After applying with her Photography Portfolio, **Michaela Blankenship** has been accepted to participate in the Nelson-Atkins Photography Scholars Program. She will attend classes at the Nelson-Atkins Art Museum in Kansas City, work with a professional photographer and display her work on April 18th.
- The 2018 Sunflower Yearbook won All-Kansas distinction from Kansas Scholastic Press Association, a state top honor.



The student organized and led coffee shop celebrated an official Grand Opening in November. The **'Trojan Coffee Cup'** is located in the former visitor's concession stand adjacent to the "Dungeon". The coffee shop is open for business each school day from 7:15 - 7:50 am. The public is encouraged to stop by on their way to work. Use the visitor's gym entrance (south stairs). Choose from coffee based beverages, iced or hot lattes, smoothies & cold and hot tea. Gift cards are available.

**2018 Annual Meeting
THS Historical Society
Board of Directors
Tuesday, January 22, 12 noon
THS Cavalier Room**

IN MEMORY

Odelia Haberkorn Mick 1931
 Elmer J. Zeferjahn 1935
 Sarah Warfel Belcher Whitehead 1938
 Marie Keeling Gaither 1939
 Iva Lee Ballard Gregg 1939
 Betty Cave Van Slyck 1939
 Howard W. Tudhope 1940
 John T. Cooper 1941
 Sylva M. McDowell 1944
 Virginia McClain Lyon 1943
 Eleanor Lightbody Mossman 1943
 Guadalupe G. Jaramillo 1944
 Fred G. Woods 1945
 Jean Hummer Draper 1945
 Elaine Hildebrandt Creech 1945
 Robert D. Schuler 1945
 Jake Nitz 1945
 Arrsenio Mendoza 1947
 Ray Beers, Jr 1948
 Beverly Wilson Shurtz 1948
 Marilyn Faust Ham 1949
 Darlene Heberling Gooding 1949
 Rachel Tetuan Chavez 1949
 Godfrey L. Bulger 1949
 Marilyn Mankle Caduff 1949
 Richard B. 'Dick' Hanger 1949
 Jack E. Koehlar 1949
 James L. Klein 1949

Cynthia Krehbiel Fisk 1951
 Lois Fenn Brunton 1951
 Joyce Peck Diven 1951
 Phillip Boley 1951
 Donald Jordan 1951
 Milton L. Messick 1951
 Delores Cain Pence 1951
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 James R. McKee 1952
 Bernard H. Christian, Jr 1953
 Larry Waters 1953
 John Davenport 1954
 Kay Karnes Rabe 1954
 Darleen Liles Berry 1955
 Carroll D. Patrick 1955
 Jack E. Bunds 1956
 Barbara Hodges Clark 1956
 Joyce Vorhies Kasson 1956
 Judy Mills Schmitt 1957
 Donald N. Gordon 1957
 Gary Peterson 1958
 Owen R. Quick, Jr 1958

Barbara Riggins Sipes 1958
 Larry G. May 1958
 Judy Kaul Callahan 1959
 James E. Rosetta 1959
 Robert A. Harvey 1959
 Sharon Daniels Oroke 1959
 Richard L. Bradley 1960
 Gloria Ruddy 1965
 Shirley Thornton Gilchrist 1966
 Jimmy L. Oroke 1967
 Rhonda Douglas Grayson 1968
 Alexander P. Espinoza 1968
 Michael D. Hamilton 1970
 Christine Baylis Cavender 1970
 Kenneth V. Johnson 1970
 Marcella Fizer Robinson 1972
 Paulargas, Jr. 1973
 John B. Hamm 1974
 Charles G. Wagstaff, Jr. 1975
 Robert K. Lynn 1977
 Melvin E. Jackson 1981
 Kristopher D. Youngberg 1995
 James R. Johnson 2003
 Raymond Solis 2013
 Paul G. M. DeLay 2014
 Gianni S. Noriega 2016
 Carolyn Thorne Long, THS Staff

~ 2019 TROJAN CLASS REUNIONS ~ Homecoming 2019 - October 18

Class

Dates

For More Information

Class of 1969

September 13, 14

Facebook, www.ths69.net,
robnjeni@sbcglobal.net

Class of 1979

TBA, 2019

amydk@excite.com

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 \$5 discounts for new memberships during reunions. Go to thsweb.org/alumni/reunions 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.**



Wondering what to do with your used car, truck or motorcycle? Donating your old vehicle to the Topeka High School Historical Society is convenient, easy, and may qualify you for a tax deduction. And best of all, your donation of that used vehicle will make a big difference in supporting Topeka High projects.

All you need to do is to complete the Vehicles for Charity simple form on the THSHS website or call 1-866-628-2277 and we'll take care of the rest. We will pick up your vehicle, arrange to have your donation towed, and provide you with a tax-deductible receipt, all at no charge to you. Call 1-866-628-2277 or online at www1.thsweb.org/alumni/vehicles-for-charity.

The THSHS thanks Daniel (2001) and Amy Burgardt (1998) Gilchrist for donating their car. "It was an easy process."

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of the communist government (later accused of plotting against the regime!). Next the Far East with Laos, Cambodia and South Vietnam (1951-54); Heath found himself assigned to those countries during their formative period as new nations caught between East and West. Finally the Middle East to Lebanon (1955-58), Yemen (1958-61) which were his final postings. After retiring from the Foreign Service, Heath entered the academic world as a professor at UCLA. Possibly the intense period of his career occurred during his residency in Saigon when the local government foiled an assassination attempt on him.

Unfortunately, Donald Heath's 1912 annual does not provide much background on his high school career. Nevertheless, he was a senior class officer and had been president of his sub-junior class; too, Heath acted in several plays. Evidently he always called himself a Topekan despite being all over the globe. The ambassador and his wife Susan Bell (THS Class of Jan. 1914) regularly returned home to visit family. The December 28, 1948 *Daily Capital* quoted him "I like to go to new interesting places, but I come back to Topeka as often as possible for re-Americanization...I always think of this town as typical of much that is best in American life."

Treasures found in the THS Art Gallery



Walter Hatke (1967, THS Hall of Fame) created this watercolor in 1964. It was presented to Topeka High by the Ionians on May 5, 1966. Thank you, Walter! Go to: <http://www.walterhatke.com/> to enjoy Walter's more current work and a charming conversation with the artist.



This painting was created by Helen Hodge, one of the founders of the Topeka Art Guild, who grew up in Topeka. We don't know where she attended high school. If you know more of the story, please contact the THSHS

And we think we're busy!

When **Katie O'Hara Calcutt** (THS 2003, 2003 THSHS Ed Love Scholarship Recipient) left THS, she headed for the University of Notre Dame. After graduation she spent the next years with Teach for America. Now she is a busy mother of 5 beautiful children. The THSHS executive secretary was surprised during the holidays with a visit from Katie, a former proctor in the THSHS office. She delivered a gift for the THS Collection - her Topeka High letter jacket, that had previously been worn by her sister-in-law, Amy Sayler O'Hara (1989). This jacket tells Katie's high school career story. It is covered with medals and patches for Swimming, Tennis, Forensics, THS & Community Theatre, Newspaper Staff, National Honor Society, French Club and Madrigal Singers.



Eliza, Johnny and their Mother's T-High jacket

WANTED

The THSHS Museum Committee is looking for a seamstress to help with minor repairs of items in the THS Collection. Contact Joan in the THSHS office.

Thank you for THS Museum additions

- Two 1951 souvenir spoons given by Becky Thacher Lowell (1951)
- A cedar box belonging to Phyllis June Hagen Martin (1938) given by Marsha Martin Sheahan
- A unique 3 x 8" metal dish with engraved photographs of the Manuel Training and High School Building, Topeka, KS that belonged to Marguerite Anderson Metzger (1938), given by Stan Metzger (1963)

~ THS Historical Society ~

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 _____

Home Phone _____ E-mail _____

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Yearly (\$25)	\$ _____
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10 Years (\$175)	\$ _____
Special annual payment of \$1 for each year since my graduation (i.e. Class of 1966, 50 years since graduation=\$50)	\$ _____

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Name _____ Graduation year _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Total \$ _____

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	Amount
THS Construction Video (\$10, plus \$5 shipping).....	\$ _____
Constitution Plaza Brick (\$30), thsweb1.org/alumni , download form & attach with payment	\$ _____

TOWER SOCIETY FUND – (for building projects)

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Freshman (\$200).....	\$ _____
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Mighty Trojan (\$2,500).....	\$ _____
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Given in honor of _____	
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Check enclosed: ☐ (payable to THS Historical Society or THSHS) TOTAL \$ _____

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The THS Historical Society appreciates our members!

The THSHS appreciates our dues paying members. As a recipient of this newsletter you are a member of the THSHS. Members have made possible our many accomplishments and projects for Topeka High over the past 33 years. Membership dues cover the operating expenses for the THSHS.

We welcome these new members: John (1953) & Cynthia Barrett, Don Bower (1971), Barbara Jacobs, Matt Nusbaum (1993), David Thompson (1978), Sarah McGrew Ansnick (1971), Richard Barrett (1956), Lona Underwood Burroughs (1952), Jim Fitzgibbon (1968), Michael & Cathy Welch Grigsby (1988), Rob Hodges (1968), Judy Fitts Lochman (1959), Peter Martin (1968), Charyti Reiter (1988), Bart Scanlon (1988), Scott Senne (1959), Michael Serrano (1988), Jack Phillips (1967), George Carroll (1963), Dewayne Dirks and Todd Moorman (1981)

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 gift membership to a sibling or classmate for a gift. You don't have to be a THS graduate to be a THSHS member. All who are interested in historic preservation are welcome. You can remit your dues by completing the form on page 7 of this newsletter or by going on-line (thsweb.org/alumni) and renewing via PayPal or credit card.



TOPEKA HIGH CELEBRATING 150 YEARS HOMECOMING 2021

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