

# TOPEKA HIGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## News from the Paul Fink Room

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## 150<sup>th</sup> OF TOPEKA HIGH SCHOOL



### What a fabulous year!

From the birthday cake marking the beginning of Topeka High School's 150th year through the fantastic show of Generations of Talent, this has been a true celebration.

The events and activities were made possible with the assistance and support of THS administration, THS Staff, THSHS board of directors, THS students, graduates, volunteers, sponsors, technical support, and attendees.





To our sponsors who made possible the birthday party, Homecoming, the Open House, the Fall Art Tour, the Black and Gold Gala, the Varsity Dance, the Generations of Talent Show & Laser Light Show, the Graduate Art Show, and the Trojan statue, yet to come.

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Darla Benning Johnson 1975  
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Aisha Imani Williams 2007  
Lori Wilson 1999  
Linda Johnston Woodland, 1971  
Arnita Wright  
Sharon Cheschier Zimmerman 1971



## It was a great year of celebrating Topeka High School

Michelle Neis THS 2006, 2022 Topeka High Historical Society President

What a celebration it's been! Through the rollercoaster of the past two years, in which we often had to delay or dramatically change plans, we successfully celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our beautiful and historic Topeka High School.

We could not have done it without the generosity of our donors and volunteers. We rightfully regularly recognize our donors who make our work possible. But we are lucky to have so many people who invest in our organization, not merely with their money, but also with their time.

In this newsletter, we would like to take the opportunity to give an extra special thank you to the planners, organizers, and volunteers who put on these events. We absolutely could not have done all this without you!

Below is a chronological list of the 150<sup>th</sup> THS Anniversary events along with those we would like to specially recognize for their efforts in making each of these a success:

**Ice Cream Social Honoring the THS Class of 2021** – May 22, 2021. Sarah McGrew Ansnick, Susie Nuss Reichenberger, Sandy Singer, Mary Patzkowsky Reilly, Sharon Cheschier Zimmerman, Kris Grooms Trimmer, Jan Miller Karlin, and Joan Barker, all from the 100<sup>th</sup> THS Class of 1971, provided the ice cream for the 150<sup>th</sup> THS Class of 2021 before their graduation.

**Annual Patriotic Chimes Concert** – June 27, 2021. Held the Sunday before July 4<sup>th</sup> on the THS Front Lawn. Jerry Anderson, 1967 has been playing the THS Chimes for many years.

**Topeka High School's Birthday** – September 17, 2021. Denise Heavner (THS Faculty), with assistance from other THS staff oversaw the ordering of 2,000 cupcakes and organized the set up for the event. Birthday cupcakes were served to the current students and staff on the front lawn honoring the first day of Topeka High in 1871. Following a special program in the auditorium, the Drum Line led the student body to the front lawn. Cupcake sponsors were Gayle and Alice Terry Vernon 1951.

**Homecoming Weekend** – September 24 & 25, 2021. Friday, September 24, 2021: Royalty assembly, Parade in Downtown Topeka, football game at Hummer Sports Park, 16 classes celebrating reunions returned to THS. Saturday, September 25, 2021: Open House at Topeka High School – Affinity Groups, Food Trucks, THS Displays. Several thousand attendees walked the Halls of Troy.

Shayla Babb Kincade 1995 was the event chair of the Open House activities. Numerous volunteers contributed – THSHS Board Members, THS graduates, current THS students, parents, and staff.

**THS Art Tour** – October 16, 2021. Historian Kara Heitz 1993 led a unique tour of the art housed at Topeka High School.

**THS Graduate Hall of Fame** – October 17, 2021. Induction of Marian Knight Douglas 1950, Steve Holloman 1970, and Gary Krohe 1971, with Distinguished Staff Anton Ahrens.

**The Black & Gold Gala** – December 4, 2021. An elegant dinner with a menu from 1871 was served in the THS Student Cafeteria (prepared by Manuel & Sara Johnson Martinez 1999) followed by a concert in the THS Hoehner Auditorium featuring Richetta Manager (1971, THS Hall of Fame) and Anthony 'Tommy' Jones 1971. Sheila Krohe 1999 was the event chair.

**Fiddler on the Roof** – March 4-6, 2022. THS Graduates were invited to participate in the opening number 'Tradition.' Approximately 20 graduates took the stage with the welcoming student cast.

**Graduates and Friends Varsity Dance** – April 23, 2022. Held the same night as prom in the north gym. Sponsored by Michael Stimpert 1962. Music provided by Jerry Kent & EZ Pieces. Judy Whitaker Conklin 1964 was the event chair.

**150<sup>th</sup> Finale: Graduate Variety Show 'Generations of THS Talent' & Laser Light Show** – May 28, 2022. Graduates showcased an impressive and wide variety of talents followed by a laser light show outside the front of the building. Sally Glassman 1983, owner of Dorothy Thomas School of Dance, was the show's Director. Jenny Walker 2009 was Assistant Director. The THS Drum Line performed in the show. Brady Miller 1999 organized and coordinated the spectacular Laser Light Show with support from YLS Entertainment, Cytek, and the THS building staff.

**Graduate Art Show: Opening First Friday Art Walk** – June 3, 2022. Held in the THS Art Gallery. Event co-chairs were Larry 1956 & Barbara Waterman-Peters and Stan Metzger 1963, with assistance from Josh Davis, Chairman of the THS Art Department. Sponsors were Brady Robb 1977 and Becky Robb Dickinson 1973). Special thanks to

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## ~ 2022 CLASS REUNIONS ~

### Homecoming 2022 - September 23 - THS vs Emporia

| <u>Class</u>           | <u>Dates</u>      | <u>For More Information</u>                    |
|------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Class of 1957          | October 21-22     | npett4@aol.com                                 |
| Class of 1962          | September 16,17   | Website, tgorrell2@att.net                     |
| Class of 1967          | October 1         | Facebook, mfrancis26@cox.net                   |
| Class of 1972          | September 23, 24  | cjrsophia@gmail.com                            |
| Class of 1977          | September 23 - 24 | Facebook, jar8286@gmail.com                    |
| Class of 2002          | September 23, 24  | jacquemunoz27@gmail.com                        |
| Boswell & Junior Highs | September 23,24   | douglas.barnes67207@gmail.com,<br>817-876-4288 |
| Class of 1973          | TBA, 2023         | lclothier0@gmail.com, www.Topeka73.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 discounts for memberships during reunions. Go to **thshistoricalociety.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.**

## Gift Suggestions

Looking for a way to help your school? Here are some suggestions. Contact the THSHS, if you're interested.

**Sponsor the refinishing of an original Library table**  
\$375 each.

**Sponsor a metal bench for the THS campus**  
\$800 - \$1,000

**Sponsor the refinishing of an original USD 501**  
**Drafting Table** - 2 tables @ \$275 each.

**Sponsor the refinishing of THS main hallway & office doors**  
**\$300 each**

**Conversion of vintage THS Video Tapes**  
(sports, music), VHS to DVD  
Do you have time to help take inventory?

## Black & Gold Report - Graduates in the Spotlight

- **Aaron Mays 1997** was elected as chair of the Shawnee County Commission.
- **Samuel Crow 1969** recently wrote a memoir called "From Missiles to Medicine."
- THSHS board member, **Andrea Etzel 2001** and Editor-in-Chief of KANSAS!, brought home four awards and was recognized as a finalist for Magazine of the Year at the annual International Regional Magazine Association's awards dinner.
- **Geo Lyons 1998** was named the new Topeka High boys basketball coach after four seasons at Kansas City-Schlagle.
- **Nijaree Canady 2022** was named Topeka & Shawnee County Athlete of the Year and Gatorade Kansas Softball Player of the Year 2021 & 2022 seasons.
- On May 24, **Dr. Dale Taylor 1957** was installed as the new President of the Emeriti Faculty & Staff Association at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Your news, thoughts, and questions are important to us. News of jobs, honors, and events are always welcome. Include your name, class year, mailing and email addresses.  
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## IN MEMORY OF OUR GRADUATES & FRIENDS

Mary Furguson Henderson 1942  
 Margaret Hosler Dahlstrom 1944  
 Thelma Chapman Allendorf 1944  
 M. Lowell Curry 1945  
 Susan Smith Brubaker 1945  
 Charlotte Roose Gallaway 1945  
 Bette Settle Tompkins 1945  
 Richard J. Miller 1945  
 Wilbur M. Douglas, Jr. 1945  
 Adrian J. Allen 1946  
 James Lagerberg 1948  
 JoAnn Billings Coke 1949  
 Betty Palmer Weibel 1950  
 William A. Sanders 1950  
 Gerald 'Jerry' Goodell 1950  
 Patricia Wilderman Jennings 1950

Joan Osborne Morrissey 1952  
 Marilyn Rogers Andrews 1953  
 Nancy Dayton Brooks 1953  
 Delores Lindholm Parker 1954  
 William A. Gibson Jr 1954  
 Lawrence D. Smith 1958  
 Richard Smith 1958  
 William E. Harper 1956  
 Donald 'Gene' McCord 1959  
 Frank E. Seufert 1959  
 Mary Ann Sachs 1960  
 Janice Taylor 1960  
 Mervin Bartell 1960  
 Susan Ebel 1961  
 Linda McCall Chaffin 1961  
 Lois Reed Conklin 1961

Robert Badenoch 1961  
 David Reynolds 1961  
 Jane Settle Dillon 1963  
 Helena Bartell Meyer 1963  
 Arthur L. Brice 1963  
 Carol Ann Eustice Kincade 1965  
 Diane Allen 1965  
 Nancy McClellan 1970  
 Joyce Clay Revelly 1970  
 Daniel J. Warren 1971  
 Mark E. Stubbs 1973  
 John P. Barber Sr. 1975  
 Gregory K. Waetzig 1976  
 Camille Baehni Engler 1979  
 Adam B. Taylor 1998  
 Leona Payeur - THS Friend

### Reminiscing: High School could be quite an exercise

An article from the Capital-Journal, by Alice Van Petten Lyon 1925

Many years ago, readers of the Topeka Capital-Journal were invited to submit their recollections for a monthly section "Reminiscing", to the attention of Phil Anderson THS 1976.

Mrs. Lyon's perspective provides a contrast between attending Topeka High in the "old" building before the present building on 10th Avenue.

These are Mrs. Lyon's memories of THS.

*I went to Topeka High School in the 1920s, when it was located at 8th and Harrison Streets, one part in the "old" building on the north side of the street and the other part in the "new" building on the south corner.*

*Since my homeroom happened to be on the fourth floor of the old building, it was quite a climb each morning up the winding circular stairway. I often think now of the real fire menace that stairway created.*

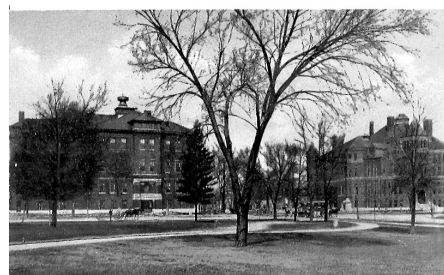
*Classes held in the south building meant going across the street in all kinds of weather with no time to go to a locker for raincoat or jacket. The main office and the principal's office were in the north building and the assistant principal and his staff were in the south building to assure constant supervision.*

*I really don't remember the lunch room, but I am sure there was one. What I do remember is skip-*

*ping out of lunch period and racing up to 8th and Kansas Avenue to buy a sandwich and a chocolate soda at Rexall's Drug Store and then running back to make our after noon classes on time: I also recall skipping a last class in order to get to the Orpheum theater, then on 8th between Jackson and Kansas. Avenue, where we went to see Rudolph Valentino in "Blood and Sand."*

*Football games were on the west end of the Washburn campus where there were wooden bleachers. Moore Bowl was in the process of being built in the early 20s. Basketball was in the boys gym; the girls gym was much smaller. I remember little about it. What I do recall are very full and ample bloomers - not shorts - and white blouses with black ties. We did have a wonderful teacher, Grace Elmore, who made this required class fun.*

*I graduated in 1925, and the graduation ceremonies were held in the old City Auditorium.*



**What are your memories of THS? Send them to the THSHS.**

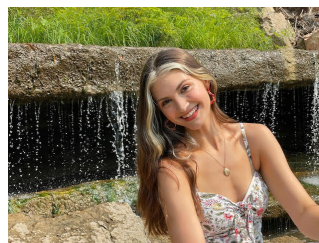
## Ed Love Scholarship is awarded to three seniors

Three outstanding seniors were awarded the 2022 THS Historical Society Ed Love Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship is given annually in memory of Ed Love THS 1939, one of the founders of the THS Historical Society in 1985. Members of the selection committee were Steve Holloman 1970, Anton Ahrens, Mike Stewart 1967, Amy Jenkins 2005, Leisa Carter 1976, and Alexis Stevens 2001.

**Adrianne Caracioni 2022** is planning on attending Northwestern University next fall and major in engineering. She then hopes to pursue an MBA in business. Her class schedule was loaded with AP and Honors courses. Her activities while at THS included the Topeka Youth Commission, President of the Debate Team. Her biggest achievement came from being All-School Treasurer and initiating two new traditions, Senior Sunrise, and Parking Spots. She logged in 500 volunteer hours at THS. Adrianne was Valedictorian of the Class of 2022.



**Emily Locke 2022** will attend Kansas University next fall and considering a major in French. She wishes to become either a translator or French



teacher. Emily's class schedule was full of Honors and AP courses as well. She was very involved in activities at Topeka High especially with the THS Orchestra, Forensics, swim team, and

the Leadership Challenge created by Washburn University. Emily was named Outstanding Senior by the THS Faculty.



**Lilian Thornton 2022** is planning on attending Dartmouth College next fall and major in Studio or Creative Art, with a minor in Philosophy. Her passion is to write and illustrate children's books or work as a freelance illustrator. Lilian enjoyed her time

with debate, forensics, Model UN, and Scholar's Bowl. She was active in Green Club, where the students worked with other schools from across Kansas and collaborated on climate issues. She graduated with Superior Honors, Top 10%.

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the Topeka and Shawnee County Library and Sherry Best, Sabatini Gallery, for lending pieces from their collection by THS grads, including work by L. Brent Kington 1953, Walter Hatke 1967, Mary Huntoon 1916, Merrell Gage 1911, Robert Ebendorf 1957, Charles "Bud" Holman 1944, George Stone, David Overmyer, Bradbury Thompson 1929, Aaron Douglas 1917, Aisha Imani Williams, and others.

In addition to our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events, a few people have gone above and beyond to help commemorate 150 years of Topeka High School:

Rick Friedstrom 1969 conducted over 100 interviews with THS graduates to add to the THS Oral History Collection. THSHS is looking for assistance in making these interviews available for public viewing.

Hannah and Randy Schumacher 2000 sponsored the 150th banners lining the THS front sidewalk.

Codi and Simon Bates 2000 sponsored the 150th but-

tons that were given to students, staff, and Trojan supporters.

Debbie Rider Schroeder 1975 has sponsored a Trojan statue in memory of Sylvia Gomez Litwin 1974. Creation and installation are in progress.

Rebecca Morrissey (THS Principal) and Paula Reilly (Associate Principal) provided their support, guidance, and allowed us to use the perfect venue for all our 150<sup>th</sup> activities.

Lastly, we want to give an extra special thank you to Lin Palmore and the THS Custodial Staff for their professional assistance in using our remarkable school.

We hope to continue these types of events in the future to celebrate our unique and beautiful school. We look forward to you joining us, as an attendee, volunteer, donor, sponsor, or event chair. We have been honored by the outpouring of support for THS's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and give a heartfelt thank you to all who participated.

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

|  | Amount   |
|--|----------|
| Yearly (\$25) .....  | \$ _____ |
| Extra 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: \_\_\_\_ Yearly (\$25)

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

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

Charge account: ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ American Express ☐ Discover (**\$50 minimum requested**)

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

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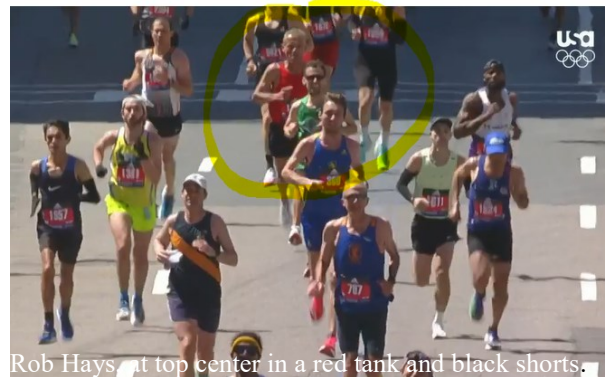
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Mail to: THSHS, 800 SW 10<sup>th</sup>, Topeka, KS 66612, or pay dues online at: [thshistoricalociety.org/](http://thshistoricalociety.org/)

## Troy Today - What's happening at THS?



Despite winning the first state title in program history in 2021, the Topeka High softball team felt it still had something to prove to the softball community. A second straight state title, with another win over rival Washburn Rural, was a good way to make sure people recognized the program. Nija Canady, who will be playing softball for Stanford next year, said, "I'll always remember the state title...the bus rides; the crying, the laughing, the TikTok dances we made...that's what I'm gonna remember....and the two banners hanging in our gym."



Rob Hays at top center in a red tank and black shorts.

In April, THS Assistant Principal, Rob Hays, competed in the 126th annual Boston Marathon after receiving a special send-off of Running the Halls from administrators, students, and staff. Mr. Hays averaged 06:20 per mile, placing third and receiving the bronze medal in his division. With a placement of 901 out of nearly 25,000 competitors, Mr. Hays was in the top 4% of runners at the marathon.



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Were you distracted by the 150th events and forgot to submit your THSHS membership payment ? That's okay. We were remiss in reminding you. Thank you for renewing your membership. It's only \$25 annually.

Go to [thshistoricalociety.org](http://thshistoricalociety.org) to make a payment and find previous newsletters in full color.



### **THSHS 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.