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## Irving H. Picard Biography



Irving H. Picard, a partner in the New York City office of Baker Hostetler, is one of the most respected senior practitioners in the arena of bankruptcy law in the United States today. In December 2008, he was appointed by the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York as the SIPA Trustee for the liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC. Since then, Mr. Picard and his team at the Baker Hostetler law firm have been engaged in the complex, international investigation of the largest Ponzi scheme in history and related global efforts to recover assets stolen in the fraud and return them to their rightful owners.

Mr. Picard has had a long and distinguished career in bankruptcy law, serving as the first United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York in 1979 and as a court-appointed trustee under the Securities Investor Protection Act in more than 10 securities brokerage house liquidations since 1984.

He has also served as Assistant General Counsel of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and worked in the agency's bankruptcy reorganization area. He has been counsel to trustees under SIPA, counsel for Chapter 11 creditors' committees, the SEC receiver in another Ponzi scheme, and worked on Wall Street as well.

Mr. Picard is a sought-after panelist and speaker at legal seminars and numerous bar and professional organizations and is a *Picard Biography continued on page 4*

## Joseph F. Sabik, MD Biography

Joseph F. Sabik III, MD, is Chairman of the Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery and Director of the Cardiothoracic Residency Training Program in the Sydel and Arnold Miller Heart & Vascular Institute. Recently, Dr. Sabik was awarded The Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Distinguished Chair in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery. He is board-certified in surgery and thoracic surgery and has specialty interests in adult cardiac surgery, valvular heart disease, coronary artery disease, surgery of the thoracic aorta, minimally invasive cardiac surgery, and off-pump coronary artery bypass surgery.

A Massachusetts native, Dr. Sabik attended BMC Durfee High School in Fall River. He earned a BS in Life Sciences from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School. He completed his surgical internship and residency at Massachusetts General Hospital, where he was named Chief Resident in Surgery. During his surgical training, Dr. Sabik was appointed a Clinical Fellow and a Research Fellow in Surgery at Harvard Medical School and a Research Fellow in Cardiovascular Surgery at Children's Hospital, Boston.



Following his general surgery training, Dr. Sabik completed a residency in thoracic

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**Annual Meeting ~ May 25, 2012 ~ 7:30 PM ~ Nagle Auditorium ~ Refreshments 6:30 to 7:30 PM**

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# Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Durfee Alumni,  
Surprise! I did not expect to be writing another year-end letter for the Durfee Chimes since I thought I'd be serving only one year as your fearful leader. Yet here I am again thanking our fabulous Executive Board for their patience and generosity throughout this third and, this time I mean it, last year as your president.

On behalf of the Alumni Board, let me offer our sincere congratulations to the Class of 2012 and especially to all Durfee Alumni scholarship recipients. This year's graduates have the distinction of being Durfee's 125th anniversary class. We are very proud of you and wish you the best of luck and success. May your high school years be a source of fond memories as you become Durfee alumni yourselves. Welcome!

When you are successful independent adults, always remember your hometown roots which are firmly grounded in your excellent Durfee education.

This year the Board of Directors of the B.M.C. Durfee High School has selected two Distinguished Alumni from the many nominations which were received. Each is well-known in his field and you can read about them in this publication. We congratulate them both and are grateful for their contributions to society. If you are able to attend, please join us to honor them and the scholarship recipients at our annual alumni meeting at Durfee's Nagle Auditorium on Friday evening, May 25, 2012.

Finally, we wish to thank all dues-paying alumni and particularly those who join the Red & Black Club. Your contributions allow us to grow as an organization and to provide annual scholarships to deserving Durfee seniors. A membership form is printed on the inside back page and an envelope has been provided. Thank you.

Wishing you good health, joy and prosperity,

Angelina Gastall '64  
President, Durfee Alumni Association

## Interesting Alumni Information

We are always looking for news that would be of interest to our Alumni. You are encouraged to send anything newsworthy for publication in the "CHIMES". Be sure to include who is sending the information and how you may be contacted.

Send your stories to: Durfee "Chimes"  
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# 2011 Scholarship Recipient List

"B.M.C. Durfee Athletic Association - M. Norman Zalkind" and "Catherine Furze Mobouck, Class of 1936" and "Russell L.Mcilwaine" to	Rami A. Akouri
"Alumni" to	Sonia L. Alves*
"Joseph A. Cohen" and "Kathleen Walsh Memorial Scholarship" and "Thomas H. Cahill, Class of 1953" to	Victoria A. Boie
"B.M.C. Durfee Athletic Association - Sumner James Waring, Jr. Scholarship" and "Class of 1888" to	Jake A. Brown
"Class of 1936" and "Class of 1919" to	Corey J. Burns
"Betty Munro Welch Scholarship" and "Class of 1957" and "Class of 1966" to	Antonio S. Cabral*
"Brian J. Biancuzzo Memorial Scholarship" and "Reynard Thornton" and "Helen W. Brown" to	Christopher J. Carr*
"B.M.C. Durfee Athletic Association - Peter G. Collias, Esq." and "Mildred R. Hawes" and "Ambrose F.Keeley" and "Class of 1882" to	Amanda L. Cordeiro
"Stephen Nawrocki - Class of 1925" and "Class of 1940" to	Nathan L. Costa
"B.M.C. Durfee Athletic Association - Lincoln P. Holmes" and "Louise R. Kay & Violet P. Kay Memorial Scholarship" to	Jeffrey M. Daddona
"Hon. Beatrice H. Mullaney Memorial Scholarship" and "Mary V. McCann & Margaret A. Harrington Memorial Scholarship" and "George O. Rigby" to	Evan F.Darmody
"Louise R. Kay & Violet P.Kay Memorial Scholarship" and "Alden Wordell Scholarship" and "Alumni" to	Victoria K. Dombek*
"The Rae Gitlin Memorial Scholarship" and "Joseph V. & Mary Donnelly Fund - Class of 1923" and "Class of 1920" to	Haydy Y. George
"Lucille Roussell Hadley '36 & Plummer W. Hadley Scholarship" and "John E. Kiley, Jr." and "Brian R. Farquhar & Mary Farquhar Irwin Scholarship" to	Robert W. Gregg
"Dennis Rezendes Scholarship & Ernest F.Potter, Jr. Memorial Scholarship" and "Abraham I. & Harriet G. Yamins" to	Nicole M. Massoud
"Class of 1930" and "w. Walter Jaffee" and "Frank S. Feitelberg" to	Alisia P.Medeiros
"Edith Bottomley" and "Clyde & Yvonne Salisbury" and "Gerald J. Harrington" to	Bryan M. Melo
"Edith Bottomley" and "Annie Monk Simmons" to	Daniel T. Pelletier
"John J. and Fabiola Moriarty Scholarship" to	Bryan M. Rego
"Hon. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney Scholarship - Class of 1923" and "Richard B. and Susan Wolfson Scholarship" to	Wendy Vieira*
"B.M.C. Durfee Athletic Association - George Lavoie" and "David P.Shea" and "Thomas & Betsey Covel" and "Mary B. Young" and "Andrew J. Borden" to	Mcaylee-Joy M. Worsley*

\*Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation Grant

Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Collias, President/Claudine A. Cloutier, Treasurer

## Previous Distinguished Alumni Recipients

1961 Malcolm P. Aldrich..... '18	1984 Phillip Sacknoff ..... '35	2002 Kenneth L. Nathanson ..... '42
1962 Bishop James L. Connolly ..... '13	1985 James J. Hammond ..... '26	2002 James H. Smith ..... '47
1963 Harold S.R. Buffington, Esq..... '05	1986 Richard M. Rosenberg ..... '48	2003 Morton Dean Dubitsky ..... '53
1964 Edward B. Hanify, Esq..... '29	1987 Thomas J. Brown ..... '42	2003 James F. O'Hearn ..... '53
1965 Dr. John C. Corrigan ..... '21	1988 Frank S. Feitelberg ..... '24	2004 Rev. Shirley Scholes Andrews ..... '54
1966 Myer N. Sobiloff ..... '24	1989 James Dean ..... '50	2004 Ernest Moniz..... '62
1967 Essis Gifford ..... '02	1990 William H. Gaudreau ..... '46	2005 Lucille Roussell Hadley..... '36
1968 Jerome Namias..... '28	1991 Marcel P. Joseph ..... '53	2005 Daniel Bogan ..... '51
1969 Helen Winward Brown ..... '03	1992 William K. Reilly ..... '58	2006 Hon. William C. Carey ..... '42
1970 Thomas Rodgers, Jr. .... '30	1993 Brig. Gen. John J. Liset, USAF .... '38	2006 John Moriarty ..... '48
1971 John B. Cummings, Esq. .... '08	1994 Hon. Milton R. Silva ..... '40	2007 Arthur A. Teixeira ..... '62
1972 Humberto Cardnial Medeiros ..... '37	1994 William F. Powers ..... '48	2007 George Duclos..... '52
1973 Ambassador William J. Porter ..... '30	1995 Hon. Edward F. Harrington ..... '51	2008 Col. David W. Gavigan..... '57
1974 Hon. James P. McGuire ..... '31	1995 Joseph E. Mullaney, Esq. .... '51	2008 Dr. William D. Tompkins..... '39
1975 James A. Nannery ..... '31	1996 Michele Kaufman Rallis ..... '58	2009 Dr. R. Judson Carlberg..... '58
1976 Hon. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney . '23	1997 Peter G. Collias, Esq. .... '49	2009 Thomas J. Curry..... '60
1977 Gen. Melvin Zais ..... '33	1998 Mel B. Yoken..... '56	2010 Betty M. Welch..... '45
1978 Francis L. Gragnani ..... '36	1998 Faust D. Fiore ..... '39	2010 Louise Durfee ..... '48
1979 Robert J. Nagle ..... '28	1999 John J. McAvoy ..... '37	2011 James J. Karam..... '65
1980 Hon. Mary J. Fonseca ..... '32	1999 Dr. John T. Harrington ..... '54	
1981 Dr. Roger N. Violette ..... '25	2000 William F. Long, Jr. .... '44	
1982 Florence C. Brigham ..... '17	2000 Edgar C. Knowlton, Jr. .... '38	
1982 M. Norman Zalkind ..... '31	2001 Lester W. Cory ..... '56	
1983 Bayless Manning ..... '40	2001 James Chace ..... '49	

To nominate a Durfee Graduate for the Distinguished Alumni Award, please fill out and return the form on Page 11.

## *Irving H. Picard Biography continued*

contributing author to professional publications and reference works.

He is a member of the New York and American Bar Associations, the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Federal Bar Council, the Registry of Mediators for the United States Bankruptcy Court (SDNY), and the Turnaround Management Association. He also is an associate member of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees and the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors.

After graduating from B.M.C. Durfee High School in 1959, Mr. Picard attended the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School where he received a B.S. degree in Economics in 1963. He then returned to Massachusetts and received his J.D. degree from Boston University School of Law in 1966. He continued his academic career at New York University's School of Law where he received an LL.M degree in Corporation Law in 1967.

Mr. Picard and his wife, Sharon, reside in Westchester County, New York. They have one son who currently lives with his family in California. Mr. Picard has long been active in community activities, coaching youth soccer and basketball teams and holding a variety of community and synagogue leadership positions, including the chairmanships of his local Zoning Board and Board of Ethics.

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## *Joseph F. Sabik, MD Biography continued*

and cardiovascular surgery at Cleveland Clinic, and during his final year of training was the Chief Resident in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery. In 1996, he was appointed to the Cleveland Clinic Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery as a staff physician. He was named department chair in 2008. To date Dr. Sabik has performed over 7,000 cardi thoracic operations.

Dr. Sabik is widely published in leading professional journals, including Journal of American Medicine Association, Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery and Annals of Thoracic Surgery, and he is the author of many chapters on cardiac surgery for medical textbooks. He is a frequent lecturer at national and international conferences, speaking on the latest innovations in heart disease management and cardiac surgery, such as minimally invasive techniques. His international speaking engagements have included the 54th Annual Meeting Kansai Thoracic Surgeon Association (Takamatsu, Japan), 30th Anniversary of Cardiac Surgery at Epworth Hospital (Melbourne, Australia) and the 2009 Salzburg Medical Seminar in Cardiac Surgery.

In 2004, Dr. Sabik was inducted into the American Association for Thoracic Surgery. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American College of Cardiology and is a director of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, the Massachusetts General Hospital Alumni Society and the Ohio State Medical Association. He has in the past or continues to serve on the Program Committees of the American Association for Thoracic Surgeons, The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association. Dr Sabik has served as the Program Chair for Society of Thoracic Surgeons and is now on the Board of Directors for STS.

In his leisure time, Dr. Sabik enjoys running and skiing.

### **Class of 1957 - 55th Reunion**

Fall River Country Club

Friday, September 21, 2012 at 12:00PM - 4:00PM

Cookout - \$30.00 per person

Contact: Margaret Nawrocki Sullivan • 508-674-4586 • Irishwake42@aol.com

Or

Bill Almeida • 508-678-4348 • bjalmeida@comcast.net

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### **Class of 1942**

#### **70th Reunion Planned**

August 12, 2012

McGovern's on the Water

11:30 AM

Contact: Mable (Leather) Hathaway

508-674-4843

### **Class of 1952**

#### **60th Reunion**

Late summer date to be determined

Classsmates are asked to contact:

John Freeman

787 High St.

Fall River, MA 02720

Jafree33@aol.com

### **Class of 1954**

#### **58th Year Reunion**

Thursday, September 6, 2012

Fall River Country Club

1:00PM-4:00PM

Contact: Steve Nawrocki

508-673-7473

Class of 1954@aol.com

# Durfee Hilltopper Athletic Foundation

By  
*Carole Fiola '78*

The Durfee Hilltopper Athletic Foundation (DHAF) was formed in the Summer of 2010 when Carole (1978) and Ken Fiola (1977) gathered a group of former Hilltopper athletes, community leaders and fans of Durfee Athletics, to raise funds to benefit Durfee sports programs. Seeing the need to maintain and strengthen the Durfee Division 1 Athletic program in the face of continued budget cuts was one of the reasons they started the program.

Although the athletic programs had benefitted from donations given by the Durfee Athletic Association which oversee the disbursement of revenue generated as a result from the sale of Alumni Field back in the 70's, it was felt that a new non-profit group could compliment their efforts and build a new base of financial support for donations to the athletic programs. The establishment of the DHAF would not only help to raise funds on an annual basis, but also host events to allow former Hilltoppers a chance to re-connect with Durfee.

“Where ever you go, when you meet former Hilltoppers regardless of their sport or level of participation at Durfee, there is a strong bond and positive connection to those experiences”, says DHAF President Carole Fiola. I never partipated in athletics at Durfee, although I served as Senior Class President, but my husband and daughters (Alex 2008 and Lauren 2010) all have that everlasting affection and pride for Durfee having all played Basketball while at Durfee.

The first DHAF Friend Raiser was held in November 2010 on the Friday before Thanksgiving. Almost 300 attended at the Fall River Cultural Center and the evening was a huge success. All sports and years were represented in a moving video production, prepared by Pauline McGrath and FRED TV. In July 2011 the First DHAF Hilltopper Classic Golf Tournament was headed up by Bob Hargraves Sr. (basketball, football) and a great and time was had by all. More than 100 golfers participated and current Hilltopper athletes volunteered that day to help and everyone is looking forward to the next event which is scheduled for July 23, 2012.

Our 2nd Annual Durfee Hilltopper Foundtion Friend Raiser was held November 18, 2011, the Friday before Thanksgiving and once again we had a great turnout and time. The DHAF decided that this will be an annual event. Not only does the event help us raise money but it also serves as a Durfee reunion for all former Durfee athletes, cheerleaders, majorettes, Durfee sports fans and current and former Durfee Athlete parents. Every Durfee sport team was also represented by a current member of their coaching staff. Fiola commented that “Such representation was important because we want to be looked at as a partner with coaches, the community and the Athletic Department.

To date DHAF has raised over \$25,000 and has made its first disbursements. DHAF is set up to meet requests that are presented to us by both the Durfee Athletic Director and the Principal together. They meet and review unfunded athletic team needs as well as needs of the coaches. They then present their wish list to the Foundation. Although both the Athletic Director and Principal have seats on the Foundation board, they are not voting members so there is no conflict of interest.

This year the DHAF, along with the Durfee Athletic Association was able to fund such items as sand pit covers for the outside jump pit for the track, wrestling mats that will allow Durfee to host meets that they were unable to do in the past due to lack of proper mats and complete Olympic weight sets and dumbbells to be used by and benefit all Durfee Athletes. Future plans call for a DHAF website, pledge based donation program for future and designated giving as well as other events to promote Durfee Hilltopper spirit while ultimately helping the hundreds of Durfee Athletes who participate each year balancing both school work and athletics.

The Foundation Board is comprised of Carole Fiola (President), Luis Pacheco, (Vice President), Missy Panchley (Treasurer), Jody Oliveira (Secretary), Kenneth Fiola, Nicholas Christ Sr., Wendy Correira, Linda Reid, Robert Bogan, Christopher Resendes, Robert Hargraves Sr., as well as the Athletic Director, Victor Pereira, and Principal Paul Marshall.

Anyone interested in participating, contributing or attending the Golf or Friend Raiser event, please email, [Carolefiola@aol.com](mailto:Carolefiola@aol.com), or call (508) 641-0297 or contact any of the Foundation Members.

## **GO HILLTOPPERS!**

### **Places of Interest on the Web for Durfee Alumni**

Durfee High Link: [fallriverschools.org/durfeehigh.cfm](http://fallriverschools.org/durfeehigh.cfm)

Durfee Bells Link: [fallriverschools.org/Durfee/PDFs/Brick%20Order%20Form.pdf](http://fallriverschools.org/Durfee/PDFs/Brick%20Order%20Form.pdf)

Durfee Yearbooks: [sailsinc.org/durfee/yearbooks.htm](http://sailsinc.org/durfee/yearbooks.htm)

Alumni Website: [durfeealumni.com/index.htm](http://durfeealumni.com/index.htm)



# 2011 - 2012 Red and Bl

**1923**

John V. Donnelly - Memoriam

**1927**

Marguerite (O'Gara) Cook

**1932**

Agnes P. Black

**1933**

James A. Partridge - Memoriam  
Norman P. Seagrave

**1934**

Donald Black  
Lt. Col. Peter M. Furgieue

**1935**

Helen (Barker) Howard

**1936**

Dr. John Carvalho  
Nathaniel Dashoff  
Lucille (Roussell) Hadley  
Alice (Shaw) Harkin  
Alice (Pizio) Kosiba

**1937**

Paul P. Dunn, MD  
John C. Greene  
Martha (Durand) McVey  
Chester W. Mahon  
John J. Mosley  
Richard L. Yoken - Memoriam

**1938**

Kathleen (Robinson) Lawlor  
Normand Michaud  
Paul Schraer

**1939**

Ella (Fazzina) Despres  
Faust D. Fiore  
Allan L. Lubin

**1940**

Margaret M. Dougherty  
Rita (Parisee) Kennann  
William McCarthy  
Evelyn (Dunn) Mahon  
Vernon O. Mills, YNC USN (Ret)  
Jane (O'Brien) O'Gara  
Milton R. Silva

**1941**

Dorothy L. Clorite, LTC USA Ret.  
Gladys (Robertshaw) Couturier  
Abraham Ehrenhaus  
Elizabeth Gancarz  
Anne (Pizio) Sullivan-Glasco  
Marjorie (Hodgson) Lawton  
Russell E. Lawton  
William B. McLwaine  
Elizabeth (Harrington) Manning  
Rita (Denicourt) Pearson  
Constance (Brigham) Schreiber  
Graham L. Shovelton  
Beverly (Kerness) Unger

**1942**

Geraldine (Franklin) Barrow  
Robert H. Clifton, MD  
Harold J. Dusoe Lt. Col. (Ret.) U.S.  
Army  
Rina (Battistoni) Fisher  
Dorothy (Byron) Perkins  
Captain Bertram A. Udovin USN Ret.

**1943**

Sumner Alpert  
Wesley S. Alpert  
George A. Bedard  
Lionel H. Boucher  
Edward K. Elie  
Capt. William P. Holden USN Ret.  
Dorothy (Mockas) Hough  
Humbert M. Lopes  
Doris (Audette) Mello

Donald P. O'Neil  
William C. Simpson  
Joseph E. Sullivan  
Mildren (Benevides) Toulan  
Joan B. Twaddle  
A. Vernon Wild

**1944**

Omer L. Bergeron  
Fernande (Lemay) Berube  
George J. Carpenter - Memoriam  
Raymond F. Denicourt  
June (Hill) Falvo  
Madeleine M. Hamel  
Daniel J. Love  
Constance (Hyslop) McDougall  
Harold M. Parsons  
Irene (Antaya) Roth  
Madeline (Flynn) Tozowski

**1945**

Robert N. Brightman  
Donald M. Cripps  
Joseph L. Feinberg  
Edward H. Freeman  
Stanley Janczura  
Roger J. McCann  
Constance (Carvalho) Nowicki  
James N. Padams  
Hans Picard - Memoriam  
Mary (Malloy) Petit  
Edward Pettine  
Judith (Kahn) Sanders  
Irene (Dougherty) Simmons  
Marian (Wagner) Spiro  
Daciano W. Stone  
William J. Torpey  
Betty (Munro) Welch

**1946**

Janice (Tate) Anderson  
Muriel (Raymond) Batcheller  
Rosalyne (Spindel) Bernstein  
Roger J. Boulay  
Virginia (Kelley) Carey  
Phillip A. Clorite  
Mary (Tavares) Cordeiro  
Sidney L. Dubitsky  
Robert F. Gardella  
George L. Gesner  
Donald H. Hall  
Louise (Castonguay) Hatch  
Florence (Mellor) Hook  
Muriel (Girard) Laflamme  
Janice (Larrivee) Morrell  
James Mullins  
John G. Munro  
Rosann (Barrett) Patota  
Earl Posey  
Edward F. Smith  
Juliette (Talbot) Whitehead

**1947**

Nancy Carroll  
Josephine L. Dawicki  
Margaret (Maltezos) Krick  
Frederic J. Lamoureux  
Elaine (Walmsley) Manchester  
George H. Martin  
Robert D. Newton  
Mary (Bradbury) Sewell  
James H. Smith  
Dr. Stanley F. Stafiej  
Donald G. Wood

**1948**

Doris (Allen) Blankley  
Louise Durfee  
Meredith (Pearson) Eastman  
Gladys (Jaworski) Gaj  
Lillian (Zajac) Guimond  
Evelyn (Marshall) Hill  
Robert MacAyeal  
Frances V. Moniz  
John Moriarty  
Elizabeth (Ryan) Polder  
Barbara (Brighman) Posey  
Joseph D. Raposa

Alice (Morley) Reca  
Dennis Rezendes  
Richard M. Rosenberg  
Roger L. Roussel  
Stuart J. Silowitz  
Cremilde (Torres) Stavros  
Marjorie (King) Tache

**1949**

Henry J. Augustine  
Barbara A. Bogle  
Anthony G. D'Adamo  
Joan (Pemberton) Daley  
Peter P. DePaola  
Theodore Faryniarz  
Harold W. Flynn  
Harold L. Hall  
Arline (MacDuff) Holland  
Paul Kelleher  
Louise (Pierce) McCarthy  
Elizabeth (Williams) Marsden  
Lois (Marsden) Medeiros  
Ralph J. Pickup  
Joseph Powers  
Daniel F. Ready  
Edwin Shivell  
Ernest M. Soares  
Anne (Patten) Sylvia  
Julia (Sliva) Tessenear

**1950**

James R. Allen  
MaryLou (Walkden) Banks  
Robert J. Berube  
Kenneth J. Bray  
Gordon J. Dean  
Stephen B. Goldberg  
Nancy (McGee) Goncalo  
Laura (Ramos) Gracia  
Joan I. Gray, USAF Nc. Ret.  
Alice (Fernandes) Hayden  
Harold Katzman Lt. Col. USAF Ret.  
John F. McMahon, Jr.  
Louis B. Martins  
Jane (Larocque) Morse  
Lillian (Dias) Price  
Barbara (Cohen) Rosenberg  
Stanley Sieczkowski  
Bernard A. G. Taradash  
Arthur J. Thibodeau  
Velma Travers  
Carolyn (Capstack) Tuovinen  
Janice (Kay) Warren

**1951**

Theresa (Arruda) Anderson  
Beverly (Wild) Daley  
Carol (Durfee) Fraser  
Maria (Cuthbert) Greenhorn  
Robert J. Hayden  
Elva (Bertoncini) Kanakry  
John Kuttner  
Joseph E. Mullaney  
William Munro  
James S. Panos  
Franklin D. Raposa  
Earl Sanft  
William A. Seymour  
Norman Shepherd  
Angelo A. Stavros  
Doris M. Thornton  
Stephen S. Trond

**1952**

Gertude (Fletcher) Baumgardner  
Joan (Winslow) Buhendorf  
Thomas F. Burke  
Shirley (Kardosz) Cavanaugh  
Wilma (Wagner) Cleveland  
Hazel (Langton) Costa  
Pauline (Levesque) Cyr  
Albert E. Dean  
Lawrence A. Donnelly  
George R. Duclos  
John A. Freeman  
Richard Freitas  
Ted Goltz  
Ronald Golz

Clarice (Levrault) Hargraves  
Mary (Ryan) Janczura  
Natalie (Wilson) Lafleur  
Judith (Campeau) Liles  
Robert B. McMahon  
John Medeiros  
Manuel V. Medeiros  
Hugh C. Neville  
William O'Hare  
Dino Polselli  
Mario S. Polselli  
Thomas Powers  
John D. Rapoza  
Jacqueline (Zubat) Remus  
Marilyn (Morin) Roderick  
Anne (Foley) Sewell  
Nancy (Pollock) Stavis  
Muriel (Briggs) Wachlin  
Thomas M. Williams

**1953**

Roland G. Bouchard  
Fred Buda  
Virginia (Gardella) Burke  
Michael P. Daley  
Morton Dean Dubitsky  
Thomas E. Dupont  
Beverly (Barlow) McCutchan  
Elizabeth (Bergeron) McMahon

**1954**

Arnold Bennett  
Joan (Crossley) Boscoe  
Rev. Alan D. Carvalho  
Lydia (Rocha) DiBella  
Robert L. Goddu  
John T. Harrington, M.D.  
William C. Hickey, Jr. US Army Ret.  
Stephen R. Kay  
Melvin E. Liss  
John C. Matula  
Richard Masse  
Raymond Medeiros  
Cecilia (Pereira) Mull  
Stephen J. Nawrocki  
Wendell Ogden  
Bruce B. Place  
Patricia (Henaire) Richard  
Lorraine (Dube) Silvia  
Col. Ronald Silvia, USAF, Ret.  
Major W. Wheelock  
David H. Wordell  
Francis J. Sullivan  
Dr. Joel Potash

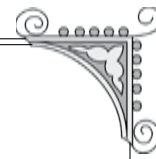
**1955**

Robert E. Alcock, Jr.  
Robert A. Bogle  
Gene Botelho  
Pauline (Kotlarski) Davis  
Winifred (Durfee) Dimock  
Richard J. Dube  
Charles H. Gesner  
Harry B. Golding  
Gertrude (Hargraves) Harrington  
Robert Hoole  
Viola (Borden) Jenks  
Nancy (Reed) Leary  
Louis J. Lovit  
Joan (Delaney) Lunde  
Joan (Linhares) Mello  
Dorothy (Henaire) Nicolau  
Joseph A. Occhiuti  
Rhoda (Kaplan) Pierce  
Robert Place  
Stanley W. Sokoloff  
Beverly (Tierney) Tansey  
Freda (Saber) Thomas  
Gerald P. Violette

**1956**

Anthony Abraham  
James C. Alosi  
Michael R. Bergeron  
Paul A. Borkman  
Patricia (Furze) Cassidy  
Dr. Robert F. Chapman  
Nancy (Cooperstein) Charney

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Delores (Franco) McGarr  
Eileen (Galego) Medeiros  
Beverly (Soja) Nawrocki  
Barry Nestor  
Janice (Nichols) O'Brien  
Judy Schneider  
Dr. Jerome D. Schwartz  
Joan (Hopkins) Sheedy  
Janet (Buckley) Smith  
Priscilla (Mullen) Smith  
Wayne P. Smith  
Lionel Spiro  
Jeanette (Wood) Wirz  
Lois (Duckworth) Wordell  
Dr. Mel B. Yoken

**1957**

Belisario A. Almeida  
Thomas J. Arruda  
Sandra (Friar) Arsenaault  
John J. Boscoe, Jr.  
Roland H. Boulay  
David M. Burns  
Harvey I. Chafitz  
Anna (Charette) Cloutier  
James R. Collard  
Richard Cornell  
William Craig  
Thomas A. Davol, Jr.  
Carl A. Deeb  
Patrick J. Donovan  
Pauline (Ferreira) Garnett  
David W. Gavigan  
Joan (Lipson) Hershokowitz  
Randy Hom  
Eleanor (Fozzard) Kreassig  
Joseph Medeiros  
Normand A. Miville  
Kenneth R. Murray  
Bessie (Jamouilis) Pagonis  
Robert J. Pontes  
Margaret (Nawrocki) Sullivan  
Paula (Sludsky) Sultan  
Geraldine (Callahan) Wise

**1958**

Judith (Longshaw) Fino  
Thomas R. Flynn  
Rochelle Frolich  
Anna (Boyko) Gannon  
William C. Griffiths  
William Keating  
Francis Latessa  
Edward Lima  
Dorothy (Albernaz) Midura  
Lionel A. Morais  
Stephen J. Peters  
Meg (Donnelly) Peterson  
Col. Antonio T. Pimentel USAF Ret.  
Russell Robertson  
Manuel Silvia

**1959**

Nancy (Manchester) Bennett  
Charles J. Caperonis  
Philip Coelho  
Frederick A. Drayton, Sr.  
Robert C. Durfee  
Carol S. Friar  
Carole (Freeman) Fyans  
June (Travers) Gagnon  
William H. Goddard  
Douglas Gray  
Robert Hughes  
MaryLou (Clark) Levine  
Claire (Leary) McMahon  
Kenneth Machado  
Irving Picard  
Clorinda Ventura  
Suzanne (Guillotte) Vitale

**1960**

Beverly (St Laurent) Abegg  
Joan (Amaral) Arruda - Memoriam  
Charles Auclair  
Michael Black  
JoAnn (Case) Carvalho  
Thomas J. Curry  
Carolyn (Sullivan) Curry  
John DeFusco  
Mark G. Filler  
Ruth (Ward) Hathaway  
Lois (Murphy) McMullin  
Mary Agnes (Pelton) Murphy  
Dolores (Botelho) Silva  
Linda (Towers) Warren  
Richard Warren  
Sandra (Stockinsky) Watters  
Glen (Zen) Williston  
Sandra (Thomas) Wood

**1961**

Norman N. Bleau  
Rayna (Maltais) Cipollini  
Eugene M. Czepiel  
Joan (Brisette) Flynn  
James A. Golen  
Ellen (Donnelly) Hardgrave  
Frances A. (Gardella) Kingsley  
Paul Lepage  
Camilla A. Los  
Bernice (Barnaby) Mannion  
Robert J. Marchand, Esq.  
Joyce (Ferreira) Oster  
Marguerite (Banville) Reuter  
Francis Silvia  
Marina Ventura

**1962**

Valerie (Smith) Booth  
Pauline (Perreira) Boutin  
Thomas J. Braga  
Thomas S. Cinquini  
William S. Hathaway, Jr.  
Karen (Leyland) Jackson  
Marilyn (Ethier) Johnson  
Maurice N. Larrivee  
John Mullaly  
William J. Perry  
Joseph S. Radovsky  
Janet (Spence) Ringuest  
Joyce B. Rodrigues  
G. Milton Ryan  
Arthur Teixeira  
Nancy (Tobol) McMnus  
Robert L. Williston

**1963**

James M. Blackburn  
Joseph Conforti  
Ingeborg (Costa) DeFusco  
Barbara (Clark) Kay  
Pauline (Freitas) Klodner  
James McManus  
Tjomas Pruneau  
Alan Robillard  
Judy (Cummings) Robillard  
Theresa A. Ryan  
Barry Slaven  
Norman R. Somer

**1964**

Joseph Brum  
Robert M. Farias  
Angelina (Durate) Gastall  
Marcell (Maynard) Howard  
John J. Kokoszka  
Alice Ouellette  
Henry L. Pineau  
Charlotte (Costa) Thomas

**1965**

Steven A. Camara  
John W. Gardella  
Robert D. Goldin  
Joyce (Freedman) Goldweitz  
Sharyn (Wilke) Grace  
James Karam  
Nancy (Coperonis) Osguthorpe

Cheryl (Harvey) Mish  
Paul A. Montour  
Albert Piva

**1966**

Cristina (Mello) Ajemian  
Thomas Athearn  
Teresa (Furtak) Bernard  
Douglas Clarke  
Joyce (Felipe) Coelho  
Jean (Pitera) Haligan  
Marilyn (Furtado) Harris  
Bonnie (MacLaughlin) Heap  
Barbara Katersky  
Richard N. Levrault  
James J. Linhares  
Rev. Msgr. Jeremiah J. McGrath  
Leonard Martin  
William T. Mullaly  
Robert E. Pavao, D.D.S.  
Paula (Gallagher) Perry  
Stephen D. Perry  
Paula (Allison) Pizio  
Sylvia (Medeiros) Santos  
Sandra J. Souza  
Robert A. Taylor

**1967**

Cynthia (Janusz) Azevedo  
John Azevedo II  
Thomas A. Boardman  
Jose G. Noversa  
James M. Smith  
Ida (Jackson) Wilders

**1968**

Susan (Booth) Avery  
Reena Deutsch, Ph. D  
John J. Donnelly, Esq.  
Robert A. Rapoza  
Robert J. Struba  
Lois (Avila) Wilding

**1969**

Joan Reid  
Virginia A. Handfield  
Ann M. Harkin  
Richard S. Schwartz  
Stanley Sikora  
Robert Thomas

**1970**

Judith Conrad  
Sheila (Kelly) Kelly-Chace  
Jeanne (Pereira) DeMarco  
Pauline J. Gagnon  
Christine (Jean) Gibney

**1971**

Arnold E. Freedman  
Gail (Felix) Gosselin  
Robert Labonte  
James Teixeira  
Michael J. Vieira, Ph. D

**1972**

Joan (Harkin) LaCoss  
Kris Roberts  
Sheryl A. Ryan, M.D.

**1973**

William J. Mosa  
Patricia Murphy  
Alda (Estrella) Dufault  
James Vaillancourt

**1975**

Maria (Miranda) DeMelo  
Michael P. Duarte  
Carol (Rivard) Geller  
Deb (Perry) Ozug  
Susan (Ogden) Pavao  
Jane Piotrowski  
Michael Feldman  
Justino F. Paulo  
Gale (Souza) Powers

**1977**

Shirley A. Tobol

**1978**

Holly Bronhard  
Colleen (Walsh) Taylor

**1979**

Richard C. Berek  
Roberta A. Bonifacio  
Sharon (Bogan) Quinn

**1980**

Mary (Leger) Ferreira  
Wanda (Cabral) Myers  
John M. Moreira  
Patricia (Nawrocki) Murphy  
Barbara (Medeiros) Williams

**1981**

Mary (Dalton) Bethune  
Joseph R. Costa  
Steven A. Harrington  
Antone Lima  
Christopher J. Panos  
Jane (Kravitz) Shelton

**1982**

Jane (Feitelberg) Mackeen  
David P. Nicolau  
Susan (Faria) Nicolau

**1983**

Francis(Chico) Kuhn  
William Suneson

**1985**

Lisa (McGinn) Canuel  
Alexander Panos

**1986**

Susan (Kuriotowski) Gasset  
Gary P. Howayeck, P.C.  
Melissa (Branco) Vieira

**1987**

Anne (Pacheco) Allen  
Delia (Vieira) Cruz

**1988**

Claudia A. Cloutier

**1990**

Laurel (Gastall) Howe

**1991**

Lisa (Hermenegileo) Hargraves

**1993**

Lisa Raiche

**1995**

Wendy (Gamson) Sirois

**1996**

Barden H. Castro

**2003**

Barret J. Castro

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# Durfee Athletic Hall of Fame

*Greg Sullivan*

The latest induction ceremony into the Durfee Athletic Hall of Fame took place On May 6, 2011 at White's Restaurant in Westport, Massachusetts. The following article is being reprinted with the permission of Greg Sullivan and the Herald News.

The Durfee High School Athletic Hall of Fame will hold its annual induction banquet Friday night at White's of Westport. The festivities start with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m followed by the inductions. The inductees are Brian Nawrocki (Class of 1996), Terry (Pacheco) Mahjoory (Class of 1993), Sue St. Laurent (Class of 1991), Wendy (Moniz) Grillo (Class of 1987), Luis Pacheco (Class of 1986), Sheila Freitas (Class of 1993), former coach and athletics director Thomas Burns, the back-to-back state champion 1956-57 boys' tennis teams, and the 1990 state champion girls' cross country team.

**TERRY (PACHECO) MAHJOORY (Class of 1993):** The No. 1 field hockey player in Durfee history, Mahjoory started for four years and finished with school records for goals in a career (70) and in a season (30, 1991). She had 30 goals and 11 assists as a junior and 26 goals and 19 assists as a senior. A two-time all-stater, she earned a field hockey scholarship at Michigan State University, where she was the MSU rookie of the year, a three-time Big Ten all star and a College Field Hockey Coaches Association all-America. At Durfee, Mahjoory also played varsity basketball (guard) and softball (catcher) and helped the softball team to a 20-0 regular season as a sophomore. Mahjoory lives in Somerset with her husband and four children.

**SUE ST. LAURENT (Class of 1991):** Her name is synonymous with Durfee running excellence. St. Laurent excelled for four years in cross country and track and led the 1990 Hilltoppers to the state Division 1 cross country championship. In cross country, she was a four-time Boston Globe All Scholastic and won 40 of the 41 dual meet races she competed in during her career. She capped her cross country career with a seventh-place finish at the State Championships, leading Durfee to the team victory. Twenty years after her career ended, St. Laurent still holds 10 school class records in track and field, including the high jump, triple jump, 800 meters, 1,000 meters, 800 yards, mile, two miles, 4x800 relay and 4x1600 relay.

**BRIAN NAWROCKI (Class of 1996):** A well-rounded athlete, Nawrocki excelled in football, indoor track and baseball and was named Durfee's Male Athlete of the year in 1996. In football, the speedy running back became the school's first back-to-back 1,000-yard rusher and its first Otto Graham Award winner. He was MVP of the 1995 Thanksgiving win over New Bedford. On the track, he set the junior class record for the 300 yards and helped set the school 4x400 record. In baseball, Nawrocki was a three-year starter (.373 avg., 40 RBI, 53 steals, 79 runs), and starting shortstop on the '95 team which won the state Division 1 title and is the all-time offensive contribution leader during coach Ray Medeiros' tenure. A resident of Jupiter, Fla., he is the son of Hall of Famer Stephen Nawrocki.

**WENDY (MONIZ) GRILLO (Class of 1987):** Grillo's resume caught the eye of the selection committee for good reason. She was a top-notch athlete in track and field, field hockey and cheerleading. In track, she set 12 school or class records – some of which will stand –including most points in a season (178). Her specialties were sprints (up to 400 meters) and jumps. In 1986, she was sixth in Class A and eighth in the state in the 400, with a best of 59.9 seconds). She produced points in eight different events in her career. Moniz was a four-year letter winner in field hockey and a two-year letter winner in cheerleading and a Team All-American Cheerleader in 1987. Grillo lives in New York City.

**LUIS PACHECO (Class of 1986):** A four-year team member, Pacheco played a huge role in the renaissance of Durfee soccer. In his senior season, he set the school record for goals in a season with 32. In his four years, Pacheco racked up 72 goals and 34 assists. He was a two-time State Division 1 all star. Following his graduation from Durfee, Pacheco played three years for the University of South Carolina at Coastal for three seasons, with a sophomore year knee injury leading to the premature end to his career. Pacheco is a businessman in Fall River.

**SHEILA FREITAS (Class of 1993):** A three-sports (volleyball, basketball, softball) athlete, Freitas is best remembered for her terrific four-year basketball career in which she started as a center and then moved from forward to shooting guard to point guard. A career 1,000-point scorer, Freitas averaged 18.7 points per game as a senior and nailed the legendary buzzer-beating 3-pointer to help win a crucial game at Brockton. In college, she played at Salem State and then at Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill where she was all-league in 1999. She played two years of varsity volleyball and two years of varsity softball. Freitas is supervisor of attendance at the Kuss Middle School in Fall River.

## SPECIAL CATEGORY

**THOMAS BURNS (Coach, director of athletics):** Burns was a major player on the Durfee athletics scene for almost three decades. For the last 10 years (1996-2006), he served as director of athletics and in his last year was named the MIAA Athletic Director of the Year Districts C and D. He served as president and vice-president of the Big 3 Conference. Burns coached varsity girls' basketball from 1985-2006 and was the schools' first boys' volleyball coach, holding that post from 1995-2006. He also served as equipment manager and as junior varsity coach for both girls' basketball and girls' volleyball.

## TEAMS

**BOYS' TENNIS, 1956-57:** With largely the same core of players, the Hilltoppers captured the Massachusetts championship both years. The team both seasons was led by No. 1 singles standout Kalmon Pollen, the state individual champion both years (sophomore, junior) who went on to captain and play No. 1 singles at Harvard. Jerry Hahn and Sid Poritz were Durfee co-captains both seasons, and the teams were coached by Frank Jordan. In 1956, the Hilltoppers posted a record of 12-3, with all three losses to prep schools. On May 31 at Brookline High School, they won the state titles, with Winchester second, Wellesley third and Newton fourth. In 1957, after an 8-2 regular season, Durfee returned to Brookline High School to defend its title, finishing first ahead of Brookline and Springfield. Larry Pollen and Mike Mendell were also member of both teams. Dan Oldham, Ken Palmer, Doug Salmond, Lionel Spiro, and Bob Chapman rounded out the '56 team while Marty Cohen completed the '57 team.

**GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY, 1990:** A season that began with coach Dave Ozug making a public plea so the Hilltoppers could have some depth ended in a state Division 1 championship. The Hilltoppers had been undefeated in league dual meets the previous three years and repeated that in 1990, the first year of the Big 3 Conference. Runners-up at the Eastern Massachusetts Championships the previous two years, Durfee in 1990 barely qualified



# Changes Spark Enduring Memories

By  
Edward Costar '66

Last spring presented me with an opportunity to visit the staff and students of Morton Middle School. Arriving at the bottom of President Avenue, I noticed a deserted building at the site of the school that I'd known so well. After all, in addition to me; my parents and two children were also Morton graduates. Moreover, having worked in the Fall River School System for over thirty years, duty often found me at this very spot.

Suddenly realizing that the construction of a "new" Morton had necessitated a temporary relocation to the site of what had previously been the Kuss Middle School, I quickly adjusted my itinerary, took a sharp left onto Rock Street and drove up the hill to the correct school setting. After parking my car a block away, I walked up to the school entrance just as I had done hundreds of times during my working lifetime. But this time, something stopped me at the intersection of Locust and Rock Streets.

Memories hit me like a tsunami. In my minds' eye a shutter clicked and an instant Polaroid snapshot appeared before me. This was no longer the "temporary" Morton or even the former "Kuss" that appeared to my right; it was the Durfee Technical Building. To my left, was not a courthouse, but the noble edifice and architectural marvel, where I had gone to high school in the mid sixties; my beloved Durfee High School. Directly in front of me, in the middle of the street, I visualized the traffic barrier that we 'traffic guards' were required to put out on the street to stop cars as classes changed between both buildings.

The vision still sharp, I entered 'Morton'; the old Technical Building. It was remarkably well preserved. Opening the door I glanced at the downward stairway to the left where the mad lunchtime rush once carried our youthful bodies hurriedly along, through to the gym and onto the cafeteria. Teachers, in voices once raised in admonition shouted, "Don't run", slowing us down a bit, at least until they disappeared from our view.

The Tech classrooms were well kept, but smaller than I'd remembered. Flashing back and forth between the past and present, I noted the present day twelve year old inhabitants who seemed none too impressed. Their adolescent faces, busily at work, closely resembled the expressions of my former high school classmates.

The top floor was empty, but the ghosts of choruses and orchestras past still echoed through the corridors. In the musical mirage, ensembles responded to the conducting of Helen Ladd, Frances Shaughnessy, and Irene Monte, stern and noble taskmasters who instilled in us an undying love for music.

Exiting the building, appearing majestically before me was the place I had come to call the "Old Durfee". My most impressionable teen years were spent here, while my professional career found me based mostly in the Durfee building on Elsbree St. At one time the Elsbree St complex had been referred to as the "New Durfee". Eventually it stopped being "new" and the school of our high school days became known to us as the "Old Durfee".

The intricate structure, modeled after the Paris City Hall, complete with towers whose chimes rang twenty nine times every morning (letting us know if we were going to be late for home room), appeared impeccably restored and markedly untouched by time. In the decade after my graduation, this beautiful building had fallen on hard times and was in a constant state of disrepair. By turning it into a courthouse, and making necessary renovations, the State of Massachusetts saved it from potential ruin. And though attorneys and judges now walked its halls instead of teachers and counselors, there it stood; continuing to stoke the memory of an earlier era in Fall River History.

My eye turned directly to the front lawn of the Durfee Building where, on a late spring evening in 1966, busloads of classmates celebrated a State Basketball Championship. The nooks and crannies within this building were unique. Most students never learned all the secrets contained therein, but all who went to school there recall the enormous 'study hall'. Many interesting events happened daily at study hall, and 'studying' might have been the least common of these. Whether it was the passing of notes to a friend, constructing an aerobic paper airplane for an inaugural flight, or organizing a well timed communal "coughing spasm", study hall stories abound. Teachers assigned to monitor the study hall, gave out detention slips like candy at Halloween. For my friends and me, 'study' was spent filling notebooks with hastily scribbled diagrams of football plays to be attempted once we were free from school and able to play touch football at Ruggles Park.

In 1966 Durfee High School did not have a standardized test that was required for graduation. There was nothing like the present day MCAS, to evaluate our students or school. What we did have, was academic rigor and discipline. It was a school where all College prep students took Latin for four years. A less rigorous program of study required two years of Latin and two years of one additional World Language.

The Durfee faculty was highly respected and demanding. I sometimes wonder what Mildred Carroll would have done to prepare her students to take a statewide assessment. I don't think she would have had to do anything differently. English and Language Arts students could not possibly have been drilled more thoroughly, or prepared more comprehensively, than those who attended her classes. The same could have been said of fabled teachers in other disciplines. Academics reigned supreme for those willing to meet the challenge. Our graduates went to the finest Colleges and Universities and many of our alumni reached the pinnacle of success in their chosen fields.

As I walked back to my car, time fast forwarded to the present. Changes in the educational landscape of Fall River have been numerous since my high school years. The "New Durfee" has been around for over thirty years. Durfee High School since it was founded, will soon be celebrating 125 years of educational excellence. Many schools from my past no longer exist. The Dwelly, Pine St., Lincoln, and McDonough, are gone. Morton will be rebuilt, Henry Lord, has a new building, and the Kuss, sitting at the tip of the Bay just south of Kennedy Park, is the most modern middle school Fall River has ever seen.

The memories of Durfee and the continuity provided by its legacy will remain throughout the changes. The ties to our past will not be forgotten. They connect us to our heritage, and propel new generations toward a more promising future.

## ***Durfee Athletic Hall of Fame continued***

for the All State Meet at Northfield Mountain. Running a brilliant tactical race at Northfield – conserving energy on the long uphill start and then picking off competitors the rest of the way – the Hilltoppers charged to decisive first-place finish. Led by all-stater Sue St. Laurent (seventh place at Northfield), Durfee boasted a talented, deep roster that also included Goretti Pacheco (who also played field hockey), Jen Bougie, Megan McCloskey, Kara Brogan, Shannon Harrington, Michelle Silvia, Rachel Hunt, Mary Murphy, Stephanie Bougie and Becky Masterson.

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## **Class of 2012 Celebrates 125 Years**

*By*

*Abbey O'Brien 'Class of 2012*

In 1887 B.M.C. Durfee High School graduated its first class after Mrs. Mary B. Young donated the building in memory of her son Bradford Matthew Chaloner Durfee. This year, as the 2012 graduates cross the stage, they will hold a very special place in the B.M.C. Durfee High School history books, as they will be the 125th graduating class.

This prestigious title was taken seriously by all 2012 seniors as they relished in their final year at Durfee. To celebrate this momentous occasion, the future graduates took part in several events.

On Tuesday, January 31 an assembly was held in which each Durfee Senior was presented with a gift from the Durfee Alumni Association. A magnet displaying a small calendar and the symbol of the 125th class, designed by Colonel Ronald Silvia, an esteemed member of the Class of 1954. The excitement is set to continue at graduation, where a commemorative ornament will be on sale. The seniors are also planning to bury a time capsule to complete their 125th celebration.

In addition to these plans, the graduating class also took initiative to better their school before they leave. With the acronym P.R.I.D.E., each student is encouraged to take pride in their school. The acronym stands for Purpose, Responsibility, Innovation, Diligence, and Empowerment. All students at Durfee are to embody each of these words and to act in such a way to promote these qualities throughout the entire school. With this initiative in place, the Class of 2012 is doing all it can to commemorate this special honor. "By embodying P.R.I.D.E., we as a student body can become more connected to our school, and we can build a better feeling of camaraderie", says Student Body President Brogan Murphy.

The Class of 2012 also has the privilege of publishing the 100th edition of the Durfee Record Book. With these two honors, the Record Book Staff combined the traditions of past editions with hopes for the future, deciding that the theme "The Legacy Continues..." was most appropriate for their year.

Though the Class of 2012 will no longer be a physical part of the Durfee building, the legacy they created and the legacies they followed, will always be a part of who they are. With this title held firm, the Class of 2012 has made their mark as the 125th graduating class and hopes to have influenced the future alumni of B.M.C. Durfee High School.

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## **Southern Reunion**

Many years ago a wonderful tradition was established. Durfee graduates who wintered in Florida began to meet on a yearly basis. Over the years, many volunteers have served as organizers of what became known as the Southern Reunion. Beginning this year another group of volunteers has assumed leadership. The following statement is their introduction to the Alumni.

For the past 37 years a Durfee Southern Reunion has been held. The date is usually the first Saturday in March. The Spanish Wells Country Club in Bonita Springs, FL has been the location for the last 5 years. The program starts at 10:30 a.m to 3:00 p.m. with a social hour with hors d'oeuvres and sit-down luncheon at 12:15. The main purpose of this yearly gathering benefits the Durfee Scholarship Fund. All proceeds from the generous donations of our guests, as well as a raffle and auction are given to the Fund. Last year \$6,000.00 was our goal. It is a great way to spend a few hours reminiscing & greeting old acquaintances, friends, from the "good ole days".

This reunion is not only for Durfee grads but your friends, relatives, non-Durfee grads, etc. all are MOST WELCOMED. If anyone would like more information, you can contact:

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## **Distinguished Alumnus**

As this is the 125th Anniversary of our beloved Durfee High School, we should all take some time to reminisce about many of the famous graduates who have walked the corridors of our High School. Each year since 1960, the Alumni Association has honored someone who has graduated and gone on to excel in his or her chosen field. Doctors, Lawyers, Teachers, Clergy, Writers, and Businessmen to name a few have been honored at the Annual Meeting held each year in May.

Do you know someone who has distinguished him or herself in their chosen field and is deserving of being honored? Complete the form at the rear of the CHIMES and send it to the Alumni Association. Be sure to include a resume of your nominee's accomplishments.

We know there are many success stories, so all are encouraged to take a moment and make us aware of them.

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Year Of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ If spouse is a graduate - Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2012-2013 Alumni Nomination Form

Thank you for taking the time to consider a nominee for the Distinguished Alumni Award. Please attach any newspaper or magazine articles which would assist the Committee in the nomination process. A resume and any other information would be helpful as well. Nominations remain current for a five-year period and should be submitted no later than September 30th 2012 to be considered by the 2012 Selection Board.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Of Graduation: (1977 or earlier) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Making Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the Association? \_\_\_\_\_ Is the Nominee a Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: Durfee Alumni Association, P.O. Box 9656 Fall River, MA 02720-0011

## Durfee Preservation Society, Inc.

If you wish to make a donation to the bells project please make checks payable to Durfee Bells Preservation Society, Inc., P.O. Box 9235, Fall River, MA 02720. For your convenience you may send your contribution in the enclosed envelope along with your Alumni donation.

\_\_\_\_ \$5 \_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_ Other (please specify)



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Raise our praises high to Durfee,  
Alma Mater dear.  
Tow'ring high beside the river,  
Radiant beacon clear.

God preserve for Alma Mater,  
Standards staunch and true.  
High aloft we'll lift her banner  
Bright with Durfee's hue.

Love and praise we render ever,  
Voices raised on high.  
Loud we sing of Durfee's glory,  
To the earth and sky.

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