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Distinguished Alumna Jerri Kaplan Sher



JERRI KAPLAN SHER is a two-time EMMY Award-winning filmmaker in Hollywood. A member of the Director's Guild of America (DGA) since 1998, she has completed 24 film and television projects. She is in post-production on **QUIET EXPLOSIONS: Healing the Brain**, a documentary feature about Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) in veterans, athletes and civilians. **LIVE LIFE (healing through alternative medicine)** her 12-part television series

has been licensed by Discovery Communications. These shows will impact people worldwide to give them a better life. Her short film **STEP UP** is part of a presentation **SANTA MONICA CARES** which she created for City/TV Santa Monica and the Directors Guild of America, and garnered her the 2 EMMYS. STEP UP tells the story of Leroy, a depressed homeless man for 16 years who finds relief from a charity that gave him his permanent home.

Ms. Sher was the writer and producer of the Retrospective Tribute Film honoring Kathryn Bigelow (Zero Dark Thirty) for the DGA's 75th Anniversary Gala. She also wrote and produced a film honoring Betty Thomas (Private Parts, Alvin and the Chipmunks), Mimi Leder (Deep Impact, Pay it Forward) and Patty Jenkins (Wonder Woman) for the Women's Steering Committee of the DGA. Her short film **LIVE LIFE A-Z** won the My Hero International Film Festival. **SOUL OF AN EMPIRE**, about the rebirth of 42nd St. NYC, won the Best Documentary Feature Award at the Big Bear Lake International Film Festival, The TampaBay Festival and the Special Jury Award at The Savannah Film & Video Festival.

A native from Fall River, Massachusetts, Jerri graduated from BMC Durfee High School in 1966; then earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts, Cum Laude from the University of MA at Amherst and a Masters

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Distinguished Alumnus Christopher J. Fontes



Christopher (Chris) Fontes is a research scientist at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in New Mexico. He has co-authored more than 100 articles on fundamental atomic physics and its application to a broad range of physics problems, including nuclear fusion and astrophysics. For the past 27 years, he has given presentations on these subjects throughout the world. Chris' most recent work includes trying to understand the light emitted from neutron

star mergers which is related to the December 2017 Nobel Prize in physics awarded for gravitational wave observation. He has received a number of awards and recently became a Fellow of the American Physical Society. He currently serves as the Chair of the LANL Postdoc Committee.

After graduating from Durfee High School in 1983, he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in physics (summa cum laude) with a minor in French from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1987. Then he attended graduate school at the Pennsylvania State University, receiving a PhD in theoretical atomic physics in 1992. That year, he accepted a postdoctoral fellowship at Los Alamos National Laboratory, where he has been employed ever since.

The physicist credits his Fall River upbringing and four years at Durfee with fostering the characteristics of grit. Making significant advances in basic scientific research requires a combination of creativity and tenacity, qualities that were nurtured by his teachers and mentors who instilled an appreciation for critical thinking and resilience. He particularly remembers a program called Special Abilities (SA) that provided students with an opportunity to take extra science and French classes during 3rd through 8th grades at the Belisle, Healy, Slade and Kuss schools. The SA program

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Annual Meeting ~ May 24, 2019 ~ 7:30 PM ~ Nagle Auditorium ~ Refreshments 6:30 to 7:30 PM

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Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Where has the time gone! It seems like only yesterday that we were students walking the hallowed halls of Durfee High School. However, for many of us it has been 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 or more years since we were students at the old Durfee on Rock Street which was dedicated in 1887 thanks to a generous contribution from the Durfee family, or the new Durfee on Elsbree Street which opened in 1978. We have received exciting news that a totally new Durfee High School is currently under construction and will open its doors to the student body in September-2021 thanks to a total commitment for a high-quality educational facility for Fall River's high school youth from the entire community.

On behalf of the Durfee High School Alumni Assn. I extend to each and every one of you best wishes and an invitation to attend the annual meeting of your Alumni Assn. to be held at the Durfee High School Nagel Auditorium on Friday, May 24, 2019. This will be a wonderful opportunity to renew old friendships with fellow Durfee Alumni, whom I am sure you have not had the opportunity to see for many years. It will also be a time for you to commend the approximately 25 outstanding Durfee Seniors who will be receiving significant scholarships (4-year renewable) to attend one of the many outstanding colleges and universities throughout our great country. Based on previous experience we know these students will go on to become highly successful Lawyers, Doctors, Educators, Engineers, Scientists, Nurses, Business leaders, etc. amongst the many career opportunities that the future will have in store for them. More importantly, this financial assistance will allow them to lead a high quality of life. All of this thanks to the support and financial assistance that the Alumni Assn. provides to them as an investment in their future achievements, which we know will be available to them.

At our annual meeting you will also have the chance to congratulate two outstanding Alumni who will receive the Distinguished Alumna/Alumnus award for outstanding achievement during their lifetimes. If you are unable to join us that evening find a way to support your high school by maybe by attending one of Durfee's academic, social, cultural, or academic events or making a financial contribution to your Alumni Assn. which continues to provide on-going assistance to many Durfee High School activities which benefits Fall River's deserving young people.

Finally, on behalf of The Durfee Alumni Assn. congratulations once again to the Class of 2019, the scholarship winners and this year's Distinguished Alumni Recipients.

James M. Gibney
Class of 1964
Durfee Alumni Assn. President

Christopher J. Fontes continued

promoted a sense of excitement and adventure about learning that continued through to Durfee and beyond.

In addition to pursuing a career in science, Chris is a life-long athlete. He participates in a range of sports and is a world-class ultimate frisbee player, having won national and world championships over the past 30 years. Chris is the son of Anthony and the late Vivian (Thomas) Fontes of Fall River. He currently resides in Los Alamos, NM with his wife, Julie.

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

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" Alumni Association
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2018 Scholarship Recipient List

"Thomas C. Larney Memorial Scholarship" to	Caitlin M. Borges *
"Isabelle O'Neil, Class of 1938" & "Mitchell Stashkow" to	Anne Marie Brilhante
"Felix Makarewicz Memorial Scholarship Fund & Alice Pizio Kosiba - Class of 1936" & "B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association - Hon. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney" to	Elizabeth A. Brilhante
"William F. Kaylor" & "Julia M. Harrington & Henry J. Shea" & "Todd Branco Scholarship Fund" to	Cameron T. Cabral
"Isabelle O'Neil, Class of 1938" & "Class of 1944" to	Abigail A. Callahan
"Elmer C. Slater" & "William Munro Scholarship" to	Shaelyn M. Carreiro *
"Jerome Namias Scholarship" & "Beverly Kerness Unger Scholarship" to	Faith M. Cronister
"Franklin D. Hoy & Margaret B. Hoy, Class of 1932 Scholarship In Memory of Dr. Frank Hoy, DDS, Tufts University & Dr. Joseph Hoy, DDS, University of Maryland" to	Jacqueline E. Dumont
"Stephen & Margaret Nawrocki, Class of 1925 Scholarship" & "B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association - Hon. Roger F. Sullivan" to	Remy J. Dumont
"Ralph N. & Dorothy S. Friar" & "Ruth A. Holmes" & "Emily E. Winward" to	Nathan E. Gaudette
"Karen A. Jarabek" to	David J. Grannum *
"The Dygas Family Scholarship" & "William E. & George J. Apps" to	Cristian M. Hutchins
"Harold R. Bannister in memory of James Edward Bannister and Catherine Manning Bannister" to	Brittany L. Pavao *
"Alice C. Harrington '34 Scholarship" & "Hon. Beatrice H. Mullaney Memorial Scholarship" & "Malcolm P. Aldrich" to	Alicia B. Reed
"Anne Biltcliffe Duarte - Class of 1971 and Ruth Melnik Biltcliffe - Class of 1972, Memorial Scholarship" to	Coryn W. Rego
"John A. & Eileen Carr" & "Joseph C. & Arlene Trottier Perron" & "Edith C. Wolliston" to	Mohammed A. Shonar *
"Susanne Earnshaw & Jean Earnshaw Plouff" & "Class of 1922" & "Marion Pitman Rounseville" to	Kiara M. Son-Has *
B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association - Ellis Gifford" & "Ernest P. & Georgina Pavao Memorial Scholarship" & "George F. Fernandez Memorial Scholarship Fund - Class of 1940" & "Frederick O. & Rachel B. Dodge" to	Wilson G. St. Pierre

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Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Collias, President Claudine A. Cloutier, Treasurer Trustees of the Fall River High School Alumni Scholarships

Previous Distinguished Alumni Recipients

1961 Malcolm P. Aldrich.....	'18	1987 Thomas J. Brown	'42	2005 Lucille Roussell Hadley.....	'36
1962 Bishop James L. Connolly	'13	1988 Frank S. Feitelberg	'24	2005 Daniel Bogan	'51
1963 Harold S.R. Buffington, Esq.....	'05	1989 James Dean	'50	2006 Hon. William C. Carey	'42
1964 Edward B. Hanify, Esq.....	'29	1990 William H. Gaudreau	'46	2006 John Moriarty	'48
1965 Dr. John C. Corrigan.....	'21	1991 Marcel P. Joseph	'53	2007 Arthur A. Teixeira	'62
1966 Myer N. Sobiloff	'24	1992 William K. Reilly	'58	2007 George Duclos.....	'52
1967 Essis Gifford	'02	1993 Brig. Gen. John J. Liset, USAF	'38	2008 Col. David W. Gavigan.....	'57
1968 Jerome Namias.....	'28	1994 Hon. Milton R. Silva	'40	2008 Dr. William D. Tompkins.....	'39
1969 Helen Winward Brown	'03	1994 William F. Powers	'48	2009 Dr. R. Judson Carlberg.....	'58
1970 Thomas Rodgers, Jr.	'30	1995 Hon. Edward F. Harrington	'51	2009 Thomas J. Curry	'60
1971 John B. Cummings, Esq.	'08	1995 Joseph E. Mullaney, Esq.	'51	2010 Betty M. Welch.....	'45
1972 Humberto Cardinal Medeiros	'37	1996 Michele Kaufman Rallis	'58	2010 Louise Durfee	'48
1973 Ambassador William J. Porter	'30	1997 Peter G. Collias, Esq.	'49	2011 James J. Karam.....	'65
1974 Hon. James P. McGuire	'31	1998 Mel B. Yoken.....	'56	2012 Irving H. Picard	'59
1975 James A. Nannery	'31	1998 Faust D. Fiore	'39	2012 Joseph F. Sabik, MD.....	'79
1976 Hon. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney .	'23	1999 John J. McAvoy	'37	2013 John J. Fletcher, MD.....	'53
1977 Gen. Melvin Zais	'33	1999 Dr. John T. Harrington	'54	2013 Reena Deutsch, PhD	'68
1978 Francis L. Gragnani	'36	2000 William F. Long, Jr.	'44	2014 Ruth Moss.....	'50
1979 Robert J. Nagle	'28	2000 Edgar C. Knowlton, Jr.	'38	2014 Robert J. Dupere	'48
1980 Hon. Mary J. Fonseca	'32	2001 Lester W. Cory	'56	2015 Joseph A. Conforti, PhD	'63
1981 Dr. Roger N. Violette	'25	2001 James Chace	'49	2015 Ronald A. Schwartz, MD.....	'52
1982 Florence C. Brigham	'17	2002 Kenneth L. Nathanson	'42	2016 Anthony F. Cordeiro	'80
1982 M. Norman Zalkind	'31	2002 James H. Smith	'47	2016 Hon. E. Susan Speier Garsh	'65
1983 Bayless Manning	'40	2003 Morton Dean Dubitsky	'53	2017 Zelma Vincent Braga	'52
1984 Phillip Sacknoff	'35	2003 James F. O'Hearn	'53	2017 Charles D. Smith Ph.D.....	'54
1985 James J. Hammond	'26	2004 Rev. Shirley Scholes Andrews	'54	2018 Margery Eagan	'71
1986 Richard M. Rosenberg	'48	2004 Ernest Moniz.....	'62	2018 Hon. Joseph I. Macy	'61

Long Time Editor of the Alumni Chimes, Stephen J. Nawrocki, Passes



Stephen J. Nawrocki, age 82, of Fall River, MA and North Palm Beach, FL, passed away Sunday, April 15, 2018, after a brief illness. He was surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband of Beverly Soja Nawrocki, to whom he had been married for 56 years.

Born in Fall River, the son of the late Stephen and Margaret (Murphy) Nawrocki, he has been a lifelong resident of the city. Steve was a 1954 graduate of BMC Durfee High School and served as Class President for his entire High School career. He received his Bachelor's Degree and Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies from Boston University and earned his Masters of Education from Bridgewater State College. He was also a veteran of the US Navy.

Mr. Nawrocki had the distinction of having been a student, teacher, Vice Principal and Principal at James Madison Morton Junior High/Middle School. He also spent five years as the first Principal at the newly constructed Henry Lord Middle School. Having served in the school department for thirty-six years, he eventually became the longest tenured administrator in Fall River Public School history before retiring in 1997.

In September of 2013, the Mayor and the Fall River City Council recognized his dedication to the Fall River Public School System and his commitment to education by naming the Administrative Office Suite at the new Morton Middle School in his honor.

Steve was a longtime member and President of the Durfee Alumni Association, organized many Class of 1954 reunions, and was a member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, National Educators Association, and the Fall River Educators Association.

An avid golfer, he was a longtime member of the Fall River and North Palm Beach Country Clubs. He enjoyed spending his summers as a member of the Westport Yacht Club. As he did with his own children, his free time was spent at his grandchildren's numerous activities including sporting events, recitals, plays, and concerts.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by five children and seven grandchildren; Patricia N. Murphy of Plymouth, MA, and her children Ryan and Cailin; Michael S. Nawrocki and his wife Jennifer of Berkley, MA, and their children Zachary and Emily; Stephen R. Nawrocki and his wife Mary of Medfield, MA, and their children Madeline and Benjamin; Brian E. Nawrocki of Jupiter, FL, and Gregory J. Nawrocki and his partner Jason Bouchard of Fall River, and Gregory's son Simon; three sisters, Margaret Mary (Nawrocki) Sullivan of Fall River, MA and North Palm Beach, FL; Frances (Nawrocki) Kelley and her husband Mike of Hobe Sound, FL and Julie (Nawrocki) Isidor and her husband John of Upper Montclair, NJ as well as many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Stephen and Margaret M. Nawrocki Scholarship Fund or the BMC Durfee High School Class of 1954 Scholarship, c/o Durfee Alumni Scholarship, PO Box 2519, Fall River, MA 02722.

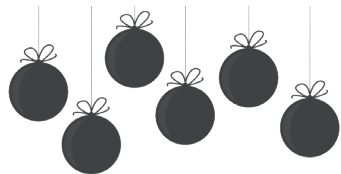
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in Art Education, Magna Cum Laude from Springfield College. She became an art Professor at Springfield College and then at Endicott College after teaching in public schools K-12.

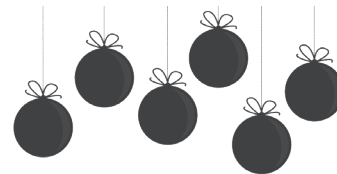
About 25 years ago when she was living in Marblehead, MA, an astrologer told her that she would be in movies and would impact the world in a big way about health and healing. In the early 80's she was on her second career as a sales and marketing manager for GOD (Guaranteed Overnight Delivery) Trucking Company in the Northeast. At this company she was trained by Anthony Robbins, author and entrepreneur. Previously she had been with Interstate Motor Freight (MI), Preston the 151 Line (MD) and True Transport (NJ) negotiating the freight contracts for fortune 500 companies. Little did she know that working in the transportation industry was teaching her all the necessary skills to become a Producer, especially working with the teamsters. This experience coupled with her first career as an art professor gave her the idea for her first novel. ***The Twig Painter*** is a story about a woman (former CIA) in the trucking business who delves into a medical mystery about the cure for HIV/AIDS. This book spring-boarded a girl from Fall River to become not only a member of the Director's Guild but also a two-time EMMY winner. Maybe it is not a coincidence that she has been approached to film a documentary in Swaziland, in Southern Africa; the country with the highest percentage of AIDS victims in the world.

Ms. Sher was the keynote speaker on Princess Cruise Lines World tour from Papeete, Tahiti to Sydney, Australia. Her topics included "Creative Writing" and "Using Documentary Films to Make the World a Healthier Place." She has taught and guest lectured at several universities throughout the country and abroad.

Her second book, ***How to Have A Successful Bridal Shower A to Z***, just became a national #1 best seller on Amazon. Jerri resides in Los Angeles with her husband, Alan, and is on the Board of Directors of the W Hotel Residences where she lives. Her 5 grandchildren keep her very busy in between movie projects. The Sher's will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in August. www.jerrisher.com



Pictures From The Holiday Luncheon



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Fundraiser to benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
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1938
Chester Bednarz - Memoriam
Helen (Malinowski) Bednarz - Memoriam
Theophilus Vincent - Memoriam

1940
Lucy (Torchia) Campos
William F. McCarthy
Hon. Milton R. Silva, Ret.
Wanda (Wojtowicz) Wrobel

1941
Abraham Ehrenhaus
Eldredge H. Leeming
Rita (Denicourt) Pearson

1942
Nathan D. Dondis
Lucy (Baj) Los - Memoriam

1943
George A. Bedard
Patrick L. Connors
Dorothy (Mockas) Hough
Humbert M. Lopes
Juliette (Monks) Servis
Joseph E. Sullivan
Joan B. Twaddle

1944
Elizabeth (Askew) Borden
Madeline (Flynn) Tozowski

1945
Shirley (Ayer) Correiro
Stanley Janczura
Betty (Munro) Welch

1946
Janice (Tate) Anderson
1st Lt. Raymond L. Berube, U.S.M.C., Ret. - Memoriam
Roger J. Boulay, MD
Virginia (Kelley) Carey
Philip A. Clorite
Robert A. Deane
George L. Gesner
Donald H. Hall
Muriel (Girard) Laflamme
James Mullens
James F. Nichols, MD
Peter Pacheco
Rosann (Barrett) Patota
Jerome Ritter
Elizabeth (Pacheco) Strongo
Dorothy (Williams) Wall
Juliette (Talbot) Whitehead

1947
Lawrence V. Gancarz
Elaine (Walmsley) Manchester
Sally (Cutler) McGinn
Leona (Guidotti) Ribeiro
Hon. James H. Smith, US Magistrate Judge Ret.
Stanley F. Stafiej, MD
Donald G. Wood

1948
Doris (Allen) Blankley
Jeanne (Boissoneau) Collias
Phyllis (Capone) Corcoran
Louise Durfee
R. Meredith (Pearson) Eastman
Gladys (Jaworski) Gaj
Mary (Medeiros) Lamothe
Constance (Capstack) Mendes
John J. Moriarty
Elizabeth (Ryan) Polder
Richard Rosenberg
Alfred J. Smialek
Cremilde (Torres) Stavros
Marjorie (King) Tache - Memoriam

1949
Peter G. Collias, Esq.
Joan (Pemberton) Daley
Peter P. DePaola
Janice (Phillips) Fiedler
Arlene (MacDuff) Holland
Paul R. Kelleher
Elizabeth (Williams) Marsden
Helen (Warden) Martin
Louise (Pierce) McCarthy
Reva (Wernick) Newfield
Ralph J. Pickup, Jr.
Gerald A. Sandler
Anne (Patten) Sylvia
Julie (Silva) Tesseneear
Anna (Wisiz) Zdon

1950
Carol (Jones) Begor
Robert J. Berube
Freda (Ayash) Burner
John A. Gagliardi, D.M.D.
Prof. Stephen B. Goldberg
Laura (Ramos) Gracia
Prof. Stephen B. Goldberg
Paul B. Grozen, Capt., USN, Ret.
Alice (Fernandes) Hayden
Lt. Col. Harold Katzman, USAF, Ret.
Louis B. Martins
Jane (Larocque) Morse
Ruth (Moskowsky) Moss
Lillian (Dias) Price
Florence (Serafin) Richardson
Barbara (Cohen) Rosenberg
Carolyn (Capstack) Tuovinen
Janice (Kay) Warren

1951
Alfred Arruda
Elizabeth (Ayash) Buckley - Memoriam
Edward S. Cunningham
LTC Santi DiRuzza, USA, (Ret)
Albert T. Estes, Jr.
Maria (Cuthbert) Greenhorn
Robert J. Hayden, Jr.
CM Sgt. John Kuttner, USAF, Ret.
Carolyn (Holt) Laferriere
Marceline (Bertolini) Medeiros
James F. Melvin
Judith (Bergeron) O'Connell
Franklin D. Raposa
Earl Sanft
William A. Seymour, MD
Norman Shepherd
Everett F. Smith
Charles D. Somers
Florence (Picard) Southland
George F. Southland
Angelo A. Stavros
Carl D. Taylor
Doris M. Thornton
Oliver H. Wagner - Memoriam
Harold C. Walmsley
William J. Webb, Jr.

1952
Dorothy (Kelly) Arruda
Zelma (Vincent) Braga
Joan (Winslow) Buhrendorf
Douglas E. Chapman
Jean (Gosciminski) Chapman
Wilma Taylor Wagner Cleveland
Charles Cummings
Lawrence A. Donnelly
George R. Duclos
Roland T. Dupont
Gerald Fallon
Deborah (Radovsky) Finn
John A. Freeman
Richard Freitas
Joan (Souza) George
Ronald A. Golz
Berna (Bernstein) Haberman
Mary (Ryan) Janczura
Natalie (Wilson) Lafleur
Doris (Belford) Lehmer
Judith (Campeau) Liles
John E. Machado
Manuel V. Medeiros
William O'Hare
Cecile (Felipe) Oswald
Paul A. Pannoni
Dino Polselli
Mario S. Polselli
Thomas Powers
Jacqueline (Zubat) Remus
Helen (Bohun) Schultz
Ronald A. Schwartz, MD
Joan (Ross) Smith
Rona (Bernstein) Solberg
Libania A. Souza
Nancy (Pollock) Stavis
Noreen (Curt) Sullivan
Muriel (Briggs) Wachlin
Thomas M. Williams

1953
Norm (Pereira) Atkinson
Charles S. Bailey
Roland G. Bouchard
Ronald Caplain
Lois (Hodgson) Condon
Edwina (Serafin) Cummings
William B. Dixon
Thomas E. Dupont, Sr., Esq.
John J. Fletcher, PhD

Margaret (Burns) Higgins
Beverly (Barlow) McCutchan
Joan (Powers) Pacia
James D. Salvo

1954
The Rev. Shirley (Scholes) Andrews
Nancy (Cowen) Arruda
Arnold M. Bennett
Joan (Crosley) Boscoe
James E. Bullock
MSG Edmund Cabral, USA, (Ret.)
Rev. Alan D. Carvalho
Marjorie (Enos) Couri - Memoriam
Barbara (Christensen) Daley
Lydia (Rocha) DiBella
Robert L. Gagnon
James L. Harrington
Col. William C. Hickey, Jr., USA, Ret.
Cecilia (Medeiros) Jennings
Gordon Jennings
Stephen R. Kay
Richard R. Lipsky
Douglas G. MacDuff
Richard J. Masse
John C. Matula
Raymond H. Medeiros
Richard J. Monis
William J. Moran
Cecilia (Pereira) Mull
Stephen J. Nawrocki - Memoriam
Wendell S. Ogden
George H. Petrin
Bruce B. Place
Robert Plourde
Joseph F. Shirley
Lorraine (Dube) Silvia
Col. Ronald Silvia, USAF, Ret.
Charles D. Smith, PhD
Francis J. Sullivan
Evelyn (Phenix) Thibault
James M. Twaddle
Major W. Wheelock
David H. Wordell

1955
Blanche (Cadoret) Adams
Maureen (Dickinson) Bedard
Janet (Park) Been
Ronald Bernier
Robert A. Bogle, Jr., Esq.
Robert Borge
Gene V. Botelho
Pauline (Kotlarski) Davis
Winifred (Durfee) Dimock
Muriel (Levesque) Gagnon
Charles H. Gesner
Harry B. Golding
Janet Greenwood
Gertrude (Hargraves) Harrington
Robert Hoole
Susan (Cohen) Jacobs, RN
Viola (Borden) Jenks
Lois D. (Carey) Linser
Louis J. Lovit
Joan (Delaney) Lunde - Memoriam
Joan (Linhares) Mello
Howard M. Miller, Esq.
Dorothy (Henaire) Nicolau
Beverly (Costa) Pereira
Rhoda (Kaplan) Pierce
Donald K. Smith
Beverly (Tierney) Tansey
Pauline (Morin) Vezina

1956
Paul A. Borkman
Patricia (Furze) Cassidy
Robert F. Chapman, Ph D
Nancy (Cooperstein) Charney
Lester W. Cory
Beverly (Padelford) Clay
Douglas Crook
Prof. Claude Desjardins
Nancy (Holt) Ellis
Janice E. Farrell
Lorraine (Lanclais) Forcier
Howard E. Gold
Marlene (McNally) Gosson
Daniel T. Harrington, MD
Louise (Higgins) Harrington
Jeannette (Lortie) Kenyon
Robert Kitchen
Robert L. Lagace
Seraphina (Jacome) Lagace
Delores (Franco) McGarr
Eileen (Galego) Medeiros
Beverly (Soja) Nawrocki
Janice (Nichols) O'Brien
Stephen F. Pirog, Jr.

Judith A. Schneider
Joan (Hopkins) Sheedy
Priscilla (Mullen) Smith
Wayne P. Smith
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Sylvia (Hollins) Starkie
Jeanette (Wood) Wirz
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1957
Belisario A. Almeida
Harvey I. Chafitz
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Thomas A. Davol, Jr.
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Lt. Col. Patrick Donovan, USAF, Ret.
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Col. David W. Gavigan
Bruce E. Hutchinson
Eleanor (Fozzard) Kreassig
Louis E. Lataif, PhD
Charles H. Martins
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Roland A. Medeiros
Aaron J. Ostroff
Bessie (Jamoulis) Pagonis
Richard G. Poirier
Robert J. Pontes
Kenneth A. Shaker
H. Bradlee Smith
Margaret (Nawrocki) Sullivan
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1958
Louis J. Bitar
Dorothy (Frain) Blais
Margaret (Foley) Deston
Judith (Longshaw) Fino
Thomas R. Flynn
Howard Galitsky
Ann (Boyko) Gannon
Florence (Bell) Gray
William C. Griffiths
Michael L. Kaegael
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Francis A. Latessa
Marilyn (Manchester) Lowney
Norma (Dubiel) McKenzie
Patricia (Pelton) Medeiros
Dorothy (Albernaz) Midura
Lionel A. Morais
Margaret (Rego) Murphy
Lucy (Dubiel) Paulo
Stephen J. Peters
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Thomas E. Poole
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1959
Nancy (Manchester) Bennett
Muriel (Burns) Bodington
John F. Cipollini - Memoriam
June (Travers) Gagnon
Claudia (Britto) Gifford
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George L. Gray
Polly (Tickle) Hearn
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Suzanne (Guillotte) Vitale

1960
Beverly (St. Laurent) Abegg
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Prof. Richard A. Freeman
Judith (Cohen) Goodwin
Ronald J. Lowenstein
Lois (Murphy) McMullin
Mary Agnes (Pelton) Murphy
Dolores (Botelho) Silva
Linda (Towers) Warren

Richard Warren
Sandra (Stockinski) Watters
Sandra (Thomas) Wood

1961
Kenneth Barton
Gerald I. Bedrick
Norman N. Bleau
Steve R. Chafitz
Dorothy (Cahill) Champlin
Rayna (Maltais) Cipollini
Eugene M. Czepiel
Joan (Brisette) Flynn
Constance (Rocheleau) Furtado
Thomas C. Gibson
James A. Golen
Ellen (Donnelly) Hardgrave
Geraldine (Michael) Holewiak
Natalie (Governo) King
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1962
Veronica (Rodrigues) Barreiro
Theresa (Arruda) Bell
Valerie (Smith) Booth
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Thomas S. Cinquini
Nancy A. Coray
Irene (Carvalho) Davis
Joseph G. Dias
Gary W. Drewniak
Arthur M. Ferrance, Jr.
Natalie (Marum) Gildea
William A. Green
John B. Hart
Karen (Leyland) Jackson
G. Edward Larrivee
Maurice N. Larrivee
Paula (Kline) McGillivray
Nancy (Tobol) McManus
John E. Mullaly
James H. Packer
Gregory A. Pelagio
William J. Perry
Joseph S. Radovsky
Susan (Fearney) Ramsden
Janet (Spence) Ringuest
G. Milton Ryan
Irving H. Schneider
Barbara (Goltz) Sheer
Harriet (Forman) Shrater
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Paul L. Trznadel
David W. Turner
Robert L. Williston

1963
Jeffrey W. Addison
James M. Blackburn
Prof. Joseph A. Conforti
Penny (Berger) Glunts
Barbara (Zukroff) Koppel
Judith (Rogers) McCormick
James McManus
E. Jeffrey Pontiff
Marilyn (Smith) Rose
Theresa A. Ryan
Norman R. Somer
Bahira H. Sugarman
Michael J. Sullivan
John T. Tunney

1964
Joseph Brum
Sarah L. Burns
Ernest H. Dessert
Joyce (Wilson) Dessert
Pauline (Buffington) Dooley
Josephine (Gesiak) Dumont
Cheryl (Clarke) Furze
Angelina (Duarte) Gastall
James M. Gibeay
Linda (Stafij) Green
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William S. Hampl, Jr.
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Alice Ouellette
Henry L. Pineau
Victor S. Rezendes
Michael L. Shand
Nancy (Hart) Shand
Claire (Soares) Sullivan
Charlotte (Costa) Thomas
Gerard E. Vaillancourt
Alfred R. Vieira
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1965
Vincent J. Berube
Barry L. Bor
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Leonard T. Farias
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Joseph A. Marshall
Therese (Cousineau) Messier
Suzanne (Perron) Montour
Paul A. Montour
Joyce Perry
Christine (McIntyre) Plante
Russell C. Walters
Irving H. Zangwill

1966
Thomas Athearn
Teresa (Furtak) Berard
Robert G. Botelho
Douglas G. Clarke
Joyce (Felipe) Coelho
Aline (Desrosiers) Coite
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Deborah L. Dunham
Susan (DePippo) Falotico
Lydia T. Gonsalves
Jean (Pitera) Halligan
Marilyn (Furtado) Harris
Bonnie (MacLaughlin) Heap
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Anne M. St. Lawrence
Sandra J. Souza
Edward J. Tavares
Robert A. Taylor
Donna (Enos) Wahl

1967
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John Azevedo, II
Henry A. Chamberlain
Barry Dias
Anne E. Donnelly
Sandra (DiCorpo) Franklin
Jose G. Noversa
Carol (Feldman) Schneider
James M. Smith
Ada (Jackson) Wilders

1968
Susan (Booth) Avery
Ronald J. Bettencourt
Susan (Pacheco) Buchan
Mae (Joe) Chandran
Reena Deutsch, PhD
Roberta (Castro) Dobbins
Norman J. Lamontagne, PhD
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Lois (Avila) Wilding

1969
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Geraldine (Cabral) Duarte
Patricia (Joseph) Goldman
Virginia A. Handfield
Ann M. Harkin
Joanne (Dusoe) Marshall
Camilla (Clark) Pickering
Joan E. Reid
Richard S. Schwartz
Stanley J. Sikora, Jr.
Susan (Teixeira) Sousa
Robert P. Thomas
Michael D. Young
Sheila B. Zangwill
Joseph M. Ziccardi

1970
Judith Conrad
Cynthia (Cabral) Corriveau
Jeanne (Pereira) DeMarco
Christine (Jean) Gibney
Sheila M. Kelly-Chace
Robert Pearson
Jenny L. Ryan
Dr. Barbara (Bishop) Sandusky
Penny (Sevin) Shore
Lorna (Ponte) Tomek

1971
John E. Bronhard
Paul Coogan
Gregory D. Coulombe
Susan (Smith) Horvitz
Mary (Martins) Lopes
Kathleen (Mitchell) Souza
Michael J. Vieira, PhD

1972
Linda E. Greer
Robert C. Hadley
Joan (Harkin) Lacoss
Thomas R. Murray
Sandra (Alpert) Pankiw
Kris E. Roberts
Sheryl A. Ryan, MD
Anna (Norversa) Silva

1973
Phoebe (Massoud) Blackburn
Joanne Carroll-Connor
John R. Morris
Stephen C. Rebello

1974
Jane (Fiore) Bigelow
Thomas W. Jean
James Vaillancourt
Barbara (Urban) Walsh

1975
John D. Costa
Michael P. Duarte
Carol (Rivard) Geller
Jeffrey E. Ledoux
Debra (Perry) Ozug
Susan (Ogden) Pavao
Jane Piotrowski

1976
Gary C. Bigelow
Justino F. Paulo
Gale (Souza) Powers
Philomena (Benevides) Rogers

1977
Richard Alexander
Robert Bisson
Jane A. Murphy
Robert E. Ryan
Shirley A. Tobol

1978
Brenda (Bishop) Azar
Holly J. Bronhard
Lisa (Lundy) Kusinitz
Colleen (Walsh) Taylor

1979
Roberta A. Bonifacio
Ann (Salois) Defosse
Sharon (Bogan) Quinn
Christopher Rockett

1980
Anthony F. Cordeiro
Paul M. Gustafson
Patricia (Nawrocki) Murphy
Barbara (Medeiros) Williams

1981
Joseph R. Costa
Paula (Morrisette) Hamel

Monique (Tremblay) Oliveira
Jane (Kravitz) Shelton

1982
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David P. Nicolau
Susan (Faria) Nicolau
Antonio E. Sousa

1983
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Francis M. "Chico" Kuhn
Carlos H. Patricio
Marlene (Moreira) Santos
William A. Suneson

1984
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Alison (Homsby) Chaltas
Matthew G. Leger
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Lori (Mello) O'Neil
Linda M. Patricio
Gerard M. Roy

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Lizabeth (Callahan) McDonald

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Vicki (Soares) Shield

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Tracy (Furness) LePage
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J. Barry McDonald, Jr., Esq.

1989
Antone "Tony" Moniz

1990
Kristen (Mello) Gauvin
Filomena (Pavao) Kuchar
Brian D. Raposa

1991
Todd Majkut - Memoriam
Joshua Panchley
Melissa (Karam) Panchley
Loryn (O'Connor) Shea

1994
Kerri Anne Quinlan-Zhou

1995
Erin L. Sullivan

1996
Barden H. Castro

1998
Daniel P. Fitzgerald

2000
Melanie (Oliveira) Leite

2003
Barret H. Castro
Tina L. Charest
Nicole L. Morell

2005
Matthew Raposo

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B.M.C. Durfee High School Alumni Association
P.O. Box 9656
Fall River, MA 02720-0011

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

by: Kristen Mello Gauvin
Class of 1990

As one of the newest members of the B.M.C. Durfee Alumni Association, I am learning something new about our history and what we do every day.

Did you know. . .

The Durfee Alumni Association awards approximately 25 new student scholarships each year ranging from \$2000-\$5000. This is a 4-year scholarship! As long as students can maintain their GPA, it is given to them for 4 years.

The Durfee Alumni Association has one of the largest endowments in the country. Each year we are able to award these scholarships based on the generosity of former graduates allowing our students to attend colleges such as Bentley University, University of Pennsylvania, Harvard, UMass Amherst, and Brown to name a few. We are helping these Durfee grads make their mark at some of the best colleges in the country. That is Fall River.

In 1992, the Red & Black Club was formed to help support this association. Our numbers are growing, but we are always looking for more. In the class of 1952 alone, there are 41 members but from 1978-2014, there are only 45 members total. We need your help to continue to assist Durfee graduates in paying for college. Please join the Red & Black club for only \$25 a year and you will receive the Chimes newsletter each May. You will get to see what is going on with your alma mater, get an update on the construction of our new state of the art high school and read about our newest distinguished alumni as well as the newest scholarship recipients.

Since 20 students were awarded this money in 2018, we wanted to catch up with some of our graduates to see what they have been up to.

In 1988, one of our scholarship recipients was Audra (Lown) Callahan. She continued her education at UMass Amherst where she graduated with a degree in communications and a MED in Counseling/Higher Education. I met up with Audra recently to ask her about her life after Durfee and how she used that money.

Durfee Chimes: Tell us a little about yourself?

Audra Callahan: Well, I am the youngest of 8 children, all Durfee grads including my dad, class of 1946. I grew up on North Main Street and I was at Durfee from 1983-1988. It was definitely an exciting time at Durfee. Our sports teams dominated and there was a lot of pride as a Durfee student. I was a member of the National Honor Society, a flag twirler and I played field hockey and ran track. I was also the editor of the Durfee Hilltop.

DC: Did you always know you were going on to college?

AC: Oh yes. Even though my parents didn't go to college, they let us know how important education was. My mom worked for the Fall River public schools for over 20 years and instilled the importance of a good education early on.

DC: So you went to UMass Amherst. What was that like?

AC: UMass in the 80's and 90's was a really fun place. Although Fall River is a city, it still has a small town feeling. It was really exciting to experience the diversity UMass has to offer. I loved it there.

DC: How much was your Alumni scholarship?

AC: It was \$800 I think. I know that seems like such a small amount but it was 1988. And every little bit helps. Being the youngest of 7, I had to pay for a lot of my education on my own. My parents helped as much as they could but college is overwhelming and getting scholarships can really help with that stress.

DC: I am sure you can relate to the financial side of higher education.

AC: Yes, I can. I am now the University Registrar at UMass Dartmouth and I was also the Director of Financial Aid there for 20 years. I see the struggle students have every day. Paying for college is not easy. But I can tell you that hard work pays off and there is help out there. With scholarships, financial aid and really educating yourself on the process, everyone can go to college.

DC: Thank you so much for chatting with me. The real reason I chose you was because at my very first meeting for the alumni association, I

got to see you at a very proud moment. Can you tell us about that?

AC: This past spring, I got to see my oldest daughter Abigail graduate from Durfee. She got to walk across the very stage that I did. She was also a member of the National Honor Society, played field hockey and basketball and she is currently a student in The Commonwealth Honors College at UMass Amherst studying Biomedical Engineering. And just like I did, she received a Durfee Alumni Scholarship. I couldn't be prouder of her.

DC: That is great Audra. That sure is a lot of Durfee pride.

AC: We are a Durfee family for sure. Once a Hilltopper, always a Hilltopper.

Audra and her husband Joe (class of 1986) live in Fall River with their two daughters Abigail (class of 2018) and Catherine (class of 2020).



ALUMNI - WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please complete the form on page 11 and return it in the enclosed envelope or contact the Association by email or telephone with your decision. The telephone number is 508.675.8100 ext. 4998. Our email is durfeealumniassociation@gmail.com. If the Association does not receive a response, we will assume that you no longer wish to receive The Chimes. Alternatively, The Chimes may be viewed at the Durfee Alumni website www.durfeealumniassociation.com.

Remember that your five dollars (\$5.00) dues or your contribution to The Red & Black Club (\$25.00 minimum per person) is applied to the cost of printing and distributing this annual publication. Additionally, money received by The Association supports scholarships to deserving graduates as well as Durfee High School student and alumni activities.

ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, May 24, 2019 - 7:30 PM
Nagle Auditorium
Refreshments - 6:30 to 7:30 PM

THE DURFEE BELLS - A NEW WRINKLE

by: Les Cory '56

The Durfee Bells are once again on the ground but there is some great news concerning their future.

The city of Fall River is building a new high school on the Elsbree Street campus between the athletic field and Elsbree Street where the main parking lot is now. A portion of the building will overlay the present site of the bell tower and Pathway of Memories. Everything associated with the bells including the tower is being removed and will be relocated. Nothing will be lost.

The new building will incorporate a steeple and belfry which will become the new home of the bells and the eight-foot diameter tower clocks given in memory of Janice Curry. The contractor is moving all the bricks and benches from the existing walkway to a place of prominence in a park-like setting in front of the new building. There will be room for expansion and there will be an opportunity for graduates and friends of Durfee High School to place additional bricks.

The playing keyboard, called a clavier, will be located on one of the upper floors in the new belfry directly below the bells in much the same arrangement as existed in the original high school building on Rock Street. This will enable the playing of the bells by hand as they were played in the old Durfee High belfry for nearly

100 years. The bells will be played by pressing on batons on the clavier, which, through an arrangement of cables and pulleys, will pull clappers against the inside of the bells causing them to ring. The bells were played for the past several years by external strikers controlled by a computer. The last time the bells were played manually by Durfee High students was in 1978.

Relocating the bells to the new building will involve the installation of new pulleys and cables. The electronics will be updated in the bell controller and a new GPS system will be added to ensure the accuracy of the clocks. Moving of the tower and installing the bells and ringing equipment is included in the cost of the new building.

The removal of the bells and the chime frame from which they hung is presenting an unexpected opportunity. The Benjamin Sunderlin Bell Foundry of Ruther Glen Virginia has been contracted to remove and store the bells and to install the clappers and associated ringing equipment that will be installed in the new belfry.

They have presented us a proposal to expand our 14-bell chime to a 23-bell carillon. The additional 9 bells would all fit on the existing chime frame and there would be no additional cost for installation. Eight of the proposed bells would be smaller than the smallest one we now own and one would become the 5th largest in the set. As part of their proposal, they would take our 14-baton clavier in trade and supply a

new 23 baton playing console. They would also replace our student-built practice clavier now in the music wing with a new one.

If we were to spend the money on this that we had allocated to tower lighting and new clock surrounds, neither of which will now be needed, we end up about \$14,000 short. Two members of the Bells Board of Directors have pledged \$1,000 each and a generous donor has recently contributed \$2,000. That leaves us needing to raise \$10,000 to complete the project. We have until July to accept or reject the proposal. Major donors could be given the opportunity to engrave a name or message on one of the new bells.

There are carillons at universities such as Yale and Cornell but if we convert our chime to a carillon, I believe that Durfee will be the only high school in the United States to have one. Since it is not likely that the bells will be taken down again, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a wonderful and unique musical instrument in Fall River.

Engraved bricks ordered after 2017 are being held for installation at the new site. Donations to help in the ongoing maintenance of the bells would be much appreciated. Checks payable to "Durfee Bells" may be sent to PO Box 9235, Fall River, MA 02720. For more information, please contact Les Cory -LCory@Umassd.edu or any member of the Bells Committee.

It's Official, Ground Has Been Broken for the New B.M.C. Durfee High School!!

Durfee Alumni Association

On Thursday, November 15th, 2018 the Ground-Breaking Ceremony marked the beginning of construction on a new B.M.C. Durfee High School in Fall River. Durfee Students along with officials took part in the official ground breaking.

Suffolk Construction has begun site work on the 501,000-square-foot school that will cost \$263.5 million before it is finished in September of 2021. The Massachusetts State Building Authority will pay \$165 million. Fall River Voters agreed to pay \$98.5 million for the project. The MSBA operates with a core belief that "A school is four walls with tomorrow inside".

This project has taken a lot of work from a generation of people. Thank you to all who worked and continue to work for this project.

Project Information:

<https://www.fallriverschools.org/durfee/durfee-links/new-durfee-project-info>



Proposed new Durfee High School on Elsbree Street.

DURFEE FLORIDA SOUTHERN REUNION

Glen Eagle Golf & Country Club
Naples, FL – March 9, 2019
Contact: Connie Rocheleau Furtado
774-217-0476, toco267@msn.com
Or Ron (Rabby) Raposa
508-208-7704, rabbydoo@comcast.net

CLASS OF 1958 - 61ST YEAR REUNION

Sunday, 15 September 2019 at 1 P.M.
Fall River Country Club
Contacts:
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781-335-1603 (Norma)
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508-672-8544 (Bill)

DURFEE CLASS OF 1964

55th Class Reunion
September 14, 2019
At the Cove, Fall River
Contact - Charlotte Thomas,
cthomas@umassd.edu
508.674.4951

DURFEE CLASS OF 1969

50th Reunion
July 20, 2019 at the
Fall River Country Club
Contact Cheryl Gesner
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THE “SOUTHERN” DURFEE ANNUAL REUNION

by: Lionel A. Morais '58, Member of Alumni Board

The 44th Annual Durfee Southern Reunion was held on March 9th at the Glen Eagle Golf and Country Club in Naples, Florida. This event is traditionally held on the (2) second Saturday in March. Attendees come from all over the country. Some even travel down in their motor homes. I have seen as many as 192 in attendance a couple of years ago.

The Durfee Southern Reunion was formerly held on the Atlantic Coast until the more permanent Naples site was selected.

Personally, I tie it in with Red Sox and Twins baseball games. I then plan a dinner at the Clambake Restaurant. The restaurant offers an authentic New England menu, including whole belly fried clams. The walls display many license plates from the New England states.

A raffle is always held with the proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund. Raffle items include gift certificates and items from friends in the Fall River area.

Ron Raposa, Connie Rocheleau Furtado and Sue Bertonini are members of the committee getting the message out. Anyone seeking information regarding this event can contact Ron at rabbydoo@comcast.net or Connie at toco267@msn.com. You can also go to the Durfee Alumni Association website: durfeealumniassociation.com, for information if your “winter” travel plans should take you there.

DURFEE HALL OF FAME-2018

by: Greg Sullivan

Herald News Sports Reporter

The Durfee High School Athletics Hall of Fame has announced the six members of its Class of 2018. And the recognition factor at the induction ceremony should be high as four of the athletes — Alex Rego, Nicholas Christ, Taylor Brown, Brandon Gomes — are graduates of the classes of 2000 to 2002. The comparative old-timers are Mike Martin (1990) and Louis Pereira (1981). The induction ceremony was held Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018 at the Fall River Country Club.

ALEX REGO, Class of 2002

Strong, fast and very competitive, Rego was a major force in Durfee athletics in the turn-of-the-century era. She played four sports, four years each of soccer and outdoor track, three years of basketball and one year of indoor track. Rego ranks as one of the top players in Durfee girls' soccer history, a four-year starter who had a three-goal game her freshman year and netted 21 goals her second year en route to setting a school career record of 55 goals. Durfee posted a won-lost-tied record 45-12-16 over her four years. In outdoor track, Rego set school records of 16 feet, 11 inches in the long jump, 27.5 seconds in the 200 meters, 12.8 seconds in the 100 meters and 4:34 as part of the 4x100-meter relay. A three-year letter winner in basketball, Rego in her one season of winter track (sophomore year) helped the Hilltoppers to their first Big 3 Conference championship.

BRANDON GOMES, Class of 2002

One of the top baseball players in school history, Gomes was a three-year starter and made his mark with his strong right pitching arm and powerful bat. His career pitching numbers include a 19-5 record with a 1.66 ERA and an amazing 287 strikeouts. At the plate, the right-handed-hitting Gomes batted .425 with 14 home runs and 83 runs batted in. He was named the Massachusetts Gatorade Player of the Year after his senior season after being a Wendy's High School Heisman nominee his junior year. He was a two-time allstate selection, a three-time Big 3 Conference all star and a 2002

Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Association Eastern Massachusetts. All Star his senior year. Gomes was also a superstar in the classroom, ranking in the top five of his class. He pitched for Tulane University and then had a five-year major league career with the Tampa Bay Rays. He is currently the Director of Player Development for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

TAYLOR BROWN, Class of 2001

In a fine athletics career bridging two millennium, Brown made his biggest impact in football and baseball. Brown quarterbacked Durfee football to its greatest success of the last few decades, highlighted by a Super Bowl appearance in 2000, the same season he was an Eastern Massachusetts all-star and helped lead the Hilltoppers to their lone Big 3 Conference crown. For his career, he passed for 1,300 yards and 11 touchdowns and rushed for 1,050 yards and five touchdowns on just 128 carries. He also caught a touchdown pass and returned four punts for TD, including two punt return TDs in one game against Acton Boxboro, the same game in which he threw two scoring passes. In baseball, Brown was a three year starter, hitting .390 with 11 stolen bases his junior year and .302 with 10 steals and a home run his senior year. Brown also competed in indoor track and field for one season. He had a standout football career at Norwich University. Brown is a vice principal and head football coach at Durfee.

MIKE MARTIN, Class of 1990

Martin was one of those athletes who quickly prompted the learned observer to say, “That kid knows how to play the game.” A baseball and basketball player, Martin put his superb eye-hand coordination and game smarts to very good use. On the baseball diamond, the scrappy second baseman was a three-year letterman and part of the talented 1988 team which went to the sectional finals. Durfee qualified for the state playoffs in all three of his years. Martin batted .405 with 22 runs scored as a junior and .333 with 11 stolen bases as a senior. He subsequently enjoyed a superb baseball career at Division 1 Boston College and played professionally in the Detroit Tigers organization. On the basketball court, Martin played point guard and, in his senior year, was

all-Big 3 Conference, team captain and winner of the Kaplan Award as team MVP. He was a backup guard on the 1989 Division 1 state championship team.

LOUIS PEREIRA, Class of 1981

He was there for the infancy of Durfee High's swimming and diving program and immediately helped put the Hilltoppers on the map. An immigrant from the Azores, Pereira goes down in history as Durfee first great diver, even though he entered Durfee unable to swim or dive. He held the school diving scoring record for almost 40 years and was the South Sectional champion in the one-meter dive in 1981, scoring 351.8 points. He followed that by placing second at both the State Championships and the New England Championships. One year earlier, Pereira, as a junior, had taken fourth place at the South Sectional Championships. After his senior season, he was named as Boston Globe all scholastic. Pereira was a diver at Appalachian State before Title IX compliance prompted the termination of that program. He owns Project Management Solutions, a software company with its development shop in the Azores and sales and marketing headquarters in Canton.

NICHOLAS CHRIST, Class of 2000

If Nick started out in the shadow of his older brother (and Durfee Hall of Famer) Colin Christ, then he certainly managed to escape it before his four years on Elsbree Street were complete. Tall, strong and athletic, Christ quarterbacked the Hilltopper football team, lettering three times and captaining his senior year when he was also the team's nominee for the Otto Graham Award. Among his football awards were Gridiron Club's Sophomore of the Year and Coaches Award, and a Boston Globe Player of the Week honor in 1999. Chris went on to play football at Brown University. On the basketball court, Christ stands as the school's No. 14 career scorer (1,041 points). He averaged 19.3 points per game as a junior and 18.5 points and 8 rebounds as a senior, when he was definitely a marked man by opposing defenses. He finished with 600-plus career rebounds. Christ had a career single-game high of 35 points against Brockton.

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