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Durfee Alumni Annual Meeting 2021 Tentatively Scheduled for May 28, 2021 Subject to Change due to the Covid-19 Pandemic

We are tentatively scheduling the Annual Meeting for May 28, 2021. Since we do not know what the Covid-19 Pandemic will be next May, it is possible that the meeting may have to be cancelled. Please check the Durfee Alumni Website: www.durfeealumniassociation.com to see if any changes are made to the meeting. We will also post changes on the Alumni Facebook Page.

Distinguished Alumni 2020 to be Honored at the Alumni Annual Meeting May 28, 2021 pending Covid-19 Restrictions Scholarships for 2020 were also distributed

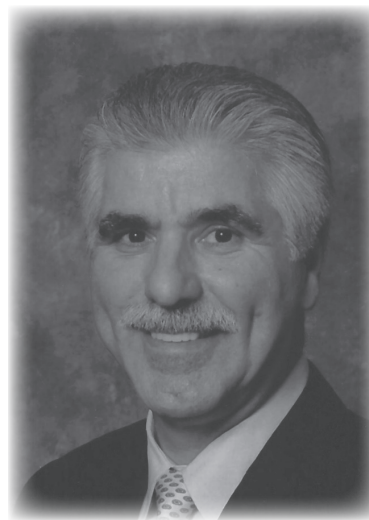
Distinguished Alumnus Robert S. Karam



Robert S. Karam is Principal of Karam Financial Group, he is also Co-owner of SNE Broadcasting, WHTB 1400AM and Bristol County Broadcasting WSAR 1480AM. He is Director of Depositor's Insurance Fund (OIF), Chairman of AD Makepeace Board of Directors, Wareham, MA, and former Director of Savings Bank Life Insurance of MA (SBLI).

Bob graduated from Durfee High School in 1961, he received his B.A. degree in Business Administration from UMass Dartmouth in 1967, and is a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU), a Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) and a Registered Employee Benefit Consultant (REBC).

Distinguished Alumnus Joseph A. Marshall



Joseph Marshall started in the life and health insurance business in 1975 working with a large independent insurance agency as a sales representative. Joe successfully obtained his NASD Series 6, 63 & 65 to allow him to focus his business on financial and retirement planning for his clients.

Joe's education includes graduate of Durfee High School class of 1965, Associates in Business from Bristol Community College 1978, Bachelor of Arts from University of Massachusetts Dartmouth 1982, Financial Management Analysis, Dunn and Bradstreet NY, Graduated Dale Carnegie Institute. He is also a Registered Investment Advisor Representative and Certified Financial Consultant.

See the Chimes 2020 for the complete articles.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Trustees of Scholarships continued the process of selecting and funding deserving graduates with scholarships for 2020.

Annual Meeting ~ May 28, 2021 ~ 7:30 PM ~ Nagle Auditorium ~ Refreshments 6:30 to 7:30 PM

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Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Alumni,

"THESE ARE THE TIMES THAT TRY MENS' SOULS": written by Thomas Paine during the fight for American Independence almost 250 years ago. During the current Corona Virus, I have often felt the same way. It has been extremely difficult for all of us to carry on our daily lives, which has included my role as President of the Durfee Alumni Assn. We have had to cancel several of our normal annual activities including our annual meeting last May and our annual clamboil fundraiser. Hopefully, we will be able to hold our annual meeting this year and honor our 2020 Distinguished Alumni Robert S. Karam ('61) and Joseph A. Marshall ('65), and the 2021 distinguished alumni. However, we have persevered, and I am able to report to you that much has continued to take place that has enhanced our Alumni Assn. I can also share with you that what it says in the Bible is so appropriate today: **AND THIS TOO WILL COME TO PASS!!!**

Unfortunately, during the past year we lost an outstanding alumni member, Jeanne B. Colias ('48) who for years many years was instrumental in supporting our Alumni Assn. activities. Jeanne was the wife of Peter G. Colias ('49) who for more than 35 years has coordinated our scholarship committee, which has a current endowment of more than 12 million dollars and continues to fund 4- year scholarships for the benefit of Durfee graduates as they go on to college. Our thoughts and Prayers go out to Peter and his family.

On a happier note, I commend Mimi Larrivee ('86), a current member of the Fall River School Committee, who put together a committee of Durfee High School teachers, staff and students to find a way to commend and acknowledge the accomplishments of the Class of 2020 Durfee graduates who lost out on their Senior Prom and normal graduation ceremony due to the pandemic. They raised monies by selling lawn signs and gathered donations from Fall River businesses to provide gifts for approximately 500 members of the Class of 2020. Each graduate received a bag of gifts which included an embroidered blanket, Durfee t-shirt and other gifts. Congratulations to this ad-hoc committee on a job well done.

Over the years we have encouraged Durfee graduates to get involved in their association. One of the ways that Alumni can get involved is to join the Durfee Red and Black Club on an annual basis by becoming a member and donating \$25.00 which provides monies for Durfee activities. For example, we provided \$1,000 to the committee that provided gifts to the class of 2020 that I described above. Kristen Gauvin ('90) Durfee H. S. Assistant Athletic Director and a very active member of the Alumni Assn. Board of Directors took us up on this challenge to get involved and approached Durfee staff members to join the Red & Black Club. To date she has convinced approximately 20 staff members to join. Thank you Kristen on a job well done!!! I challenge other Durfee Alumni to do something similar so that we can pay it forward for future Durfee Alumni and our high school in general.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank the Alumni Assn. Board of Directors for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your President for the past 3 years. It has been an outstanding experience, one that I will cherish for the remainder of my life. It has allowed me a firsthand experience to see all the good things that our Alumni continue to do to Promote Durfee High School and its students. I thank my fellow officers and committee members on a job well-done during a very difficult time. We have accomplished much, and we wish future officers and board members the very best as you continue to promote Durfee High School.

LOUD WE SING OF DURFEE'S GLORY TO THE EARTH AND SKY!!!

James M. Gibney

Class of 1964

Durfee Alumni Association President

ALUMNI – DID YOU KNOW?

The Red & Black Club has 628 members.

Member Classes range from 1933 to 2005.

Member Classes 1933 through 1969 – totals 499

Member Classes 1970 through 1999 – totals 111

Member Classes 2000 through 2018 – totals 18

We need to continue to add to R&B Membership!!

**The Alumni Association joins with these classmates and challenges
classes 1970 forward to increase your class ranks in the
Red & Black Club for 2022!!!**

2020 Scholarship Recipient List

"Deborah A. Eckersley Memorial Scholarship" & "Class of 1941" & "Bruce O. Hawes in memory of Richard K. Hawes, Sr." to	Samya Anni *
"Domka Maslanka Stys, Class of 1941 Scholarship" & "Helen A. Maslanka Col. USAF Class of 1945 Scholarship" to	Catherine Callahan
"Carlton M. Viveiros" to	Jillian Caron
"Clinton W. Walker, '35 in Memory of Eleanor Ferguson Walker, '39" & "Rev. Arthur C. Lenaghan Memorial Scholarship" to	Sarah Carreiro
"Lucille Roussell Hadley '36 and Plummer W. Hadley Scholarship" & "Joseph B. D'Adamo Class of 1939" to	Angelina Cashman
"Harold Katzman Scholarship" to	Cassidy Cashman
"Margaret Chace Memorial Scholarship" to	Adriana Fernandes
"Dorothy Ellen Wolstenholme Memorial Scholarship" to	Giovanna Grizotte
"Anne and Philip Potash Memorial Scholarship" & "Ernest Baroody Memorial Scholarship" & "B.M.C. Durfee Athletic Association - Robert J. Nagle" & Faust D. Fiore and Muriel S. (Kneen) Fiore Scholarship" to	Noor Issa
"Jeanne E. Violette Scholarship" to	Julia Kelly
"Philip S. Brayton Scholarship" & "Edward Borden Jennings" to	Savanha Laroche *
"Israel & Ethel C. Brayton Scholarship" to	Kristen Lavoie
"Cardinal Humberto S. Medeiros- Class of 1937" & "Armand D'Allaire" & "Caesar Nobrego Memorial Scholarship" to	Thomas Michael
"Rev. James H. Hornsby and Dr. Joan R. Hornsby Scholarship" & "James S. Panos Scholarship" to	Brandon Miranda *
"Harold R. Bannister Scholarship, in Memory of James Edward and Catherine Manning Bannister" to	Thomas Panchley
"Thomas W. Newbury, Class of 1933 & Robert E. Newbury, Class of 1939" & "John J. and Marion C. Tuite" to	Madysen Roussel
"S. Peter Khoury and Rose Khoury Scholarship" to	William Silva
"Wilfred K. & Ruth Hunsaker Bradbury Memorial Scholarship" & "John N. Peters '60 & Arthur A. Poulis '46" to	Christian Sousa
"Brendan S. Rockett Scholarship" & "Ada Jackson Wilders Scholarship" & "Durfee Class of 1964 Scholarship" & "Tom Wong Scholarship" to	Emily Steen
"Francis L. & Charlotte G. Gragnani" & "Helen G. and John M. Lawlor" & "John E. Kiley, Jr. Memorial Scholarship" to	O'Sheaya Sterling *
"Harold S.R. and Marion E. Buffington" & "Henrietta Morse" & "Robert Adams Clark, Class of '29 & Annie Edwards Clark, Class of '31" to	Sumaiyea Uddin *
"Cora E., Irene C. & Mildred F. Wilde" & "Alumni" to	Jason Vieira *

*Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation

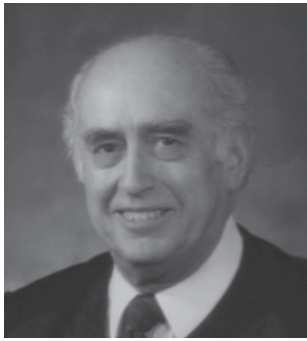
Respectfully submitted,

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	1990	William H. Gaudreau	'46	2008	Col. David W. Gavigan.....	'57
1962	Bishop James L. Connolly	'13	1991	Marcel P. Joseph	'53	2008	Dr. William D. Tompkins.....	'39
1963	Harold S.R. Buffington, Esq.....	'05	1992	William K. Reilly	'58	2009	Dr. R. Judson Carlberg	'58
1964	Edward B. Hanify, Esq.	'29	1993	Brig. Gen. John J. Liset, USAF	'38	2009	Thomas J. Curry	'60
1965	Dr. John C. Corrigan	'21	1994	Hon. Milton R. Silva	'40	2010	Betty M. Welch	'45
1966	Myer N. Sobloff	'24	1994	William F. Powers	'48	2010	Louise Durfee	'48
1967	Ellis Gifford	'02	1995	Hon. Edward F. Harrington	'51	2011	James J. Karam.....	'65
1968	Jerome Namias.....	'28	1995	Joseph E. Mullaney, Esq.	'51	2012	Irving H. Picard	'59
1969	Helen Winward Brown	'03	1996	Michele Kaufman Rallis	'58	2012	Joseph F. Sabik, MD.....	'79
1970	Thomas Rodgers, Jr.	'30	1997	Peter G. Collias, Esq.	'49	2013	John J. Fletcher, MD.....	'53
1971	John B. Cummings, Esq.	'08	1998	Mel B. Yoken	'56	2013	Reena Deutsch, PhD.....	'68
1972	Humberto Cardinal Medeiros	'37	1998	Faust D. Fiore	'39	2014	Ruth Moss.....	'50
1973	Ambassador William J. Porter	'30	1999	John J. McAvoy	'37	2014	Robert J. Dupere	'48
1974	Hon. James P. McGuire	'31	1999	Dr. John T. Harrington	'54	2015	Joseph A. Conforti, PhD	'63
1975	James A. Nannery	'31	2000	William F. Long, Jr.	'44	2015	Ronald A. Schwartz, MD.....	'52
1976	Hon. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney	'23	2000	Edgar C. Knowlton, Jr.	'38	2016	Anthony F. Cordeiro.....	'80
1977	Gen. Melvin Zais	'33	2001	Lester W. Cory	'56	2016	Hon. E. Susan Speier Garsh	'65
1978	Francis L. Gragnani	'36	2001	James Chace	'49	2017	Zelma Vincent Braga	'52
1979	Robert J. Nagle	'28	2002	Kenneth L. Nathanson	'42	2017	Charles D. Smith Ph.D.....	'54
1980	Hon. Mary J. Fonseca	'32	2002	James H. Smith	'47	2018	Margery Eagan	'71
1981	Dr. Roger N. Violette	'25	2003	Morton Dean Dubitsky	'53	2018	Hon. Joseph I. Macy.....	'61
1982	Florence C. Brigham	'17	2003	James F. O'Hearn	'53	2019	Jerri Kaplan Sher BFA, MAEd	'66
1982	M. Norman Zalkind	'31	2004	Rev. Shirley Scholes Andrews	'54	2019	Christopher J. Fontes, PhD	'83
1983	Bayless Manning	'40	2004	Ernest Moniz.....	'62	2020	Robert S. Karam	'61
1984	Phillip Sacknoff	'35	2005	Lucille Roussell Hadley.....	'36	2020	Joseph A. Marshall	'65
1985	James J. Hammond	'26	2005	Daniel Bogan	'51			
1986	Richard M. Rosenberg	'48	2006	Hon. William C. Carey	'42			
1987	Thomas J. Brown	'42	2006	John Moriarty	'48			
1988	Frank S. Feitelberg	'24	2007	Arthur A. Teixeira	'62			
1989	James Dean	'50	2007	George Duclos.....	'52			

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

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS HONORABLE MILTON RAYMOND SILVA, 96, OBITUARY

Honorable Milton Raymond Silva, 96, retired presiding justice of the Second District Court of Bristol County for twenty years, passed away peacefully at his home on February 14th, reuniting with his “valentine”, the late Mary C. (Gaspar) Silva, with whom he shared 63 years of marriage. Born in Fall River, he was the son of the late Anthony T. and Mary L. (Benevides) Silva; father of Paul F. Silva (wife-Filomena) of Fall River, Tina LaFranchi (husband-Larry) of Richmond, MA, Richard H. Silva of Somerset, Martin A. Silva (wife-Kathi) of Somerset and the late Ana Larrivee (husband-Gary of Westport); brother of Madeline Murphy (husband-the late Leo, Jr.) beloved “Papa” of Brian LaFranchi (wife-Hillary), Amy Rigrup (husband-Jonathan), Alan LaFranchi, Melanie Silva (husband-Alex Correia), Michael Silva (companion-Pernilla Kaiser), Richard LaFranchi (wife-Amorette), Patricia Robinson (husband-Patrick), Jessica Silva, Maxwell Silva (partner-Matthew Basta), Elliot Silva & Robert Larrivee; GREAT “Papa” of Greyson, Joseph, Cecelia, Lewin, Chloé, Maisy & 2 on the way. He also leaves several nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and many cousins.

“Ray” (as he was known to family in his early years) grew up in Fall River, graduated from Durfee High School in 1940 and went on to Providence College as a member of the Class of 1944. It was during this time that he developed his talent for playing the saxophone under the tutelage of the father of the late Joe Raposo of Sesame Street fame. He began working at the family owned funeral home by age 13, back when services were conducted in homes.

His education was interrupted by World War II when he joined the army. Milt was deployed to Europe with the 120th Evacuation Hospital, which ultimately became internationally known for its role in the liberation of the concentration camp at Buchenwald and several others. It was an experience that always stayed with him and shaped his sense of justice, compassion, and fairness throughout his lifetime.

After the war, he married his high school sweetheart, Mary Gaspar, and finished his degree at Providence College. He went to embalming school and then joined the family funeral business, which he took over upon the unexpected death of his father in 1955.

He was a successful funeral director but always had a yearning to pursue a path in which he could serve others in the public realm. In 1950, with two children by then, Milton entered Suffolk Law School part-time. He graduated in 1952, passed the Massachusetts Bar shortly thereafter and the Federal Bar in 1955.

As an immigration attorney in a city with a high number of immigrants from the Acores, he made a huge impact on that community by taking a personal interest in many cases and going out of his way to help, even going to Canada at one point to intervene at the Consulate with a pending deportation due to a clerical error. Once the family was granted visas, he arranged for limousines to pick them up at Logan Airport. Subsequently, one of the minor children picked up that day ended up marrying his eldest son and becoming his daughter-in-law.

During this time, he became active in the credit union movement and became the founder of several credit unions. After retiring from the bench, he served on the supervisory committee of St. Anthony of Padua Credit Union until he was close to 90.

In between his two stints as Fall River Police Commissioner, Atty. Silva served in the State Legislature from 1960-1964. In that capacity, he served on a special committee to investigate a high-profile racing scandal. As a Republican serving in the minority during that time frame, he managed to work alongside the majority, led by his good friend and colleague, Democrat George Kenneally, in a collaborative and friendly way to serve the public interest. For this reason, he often expressed deep disappointment and frustration with the contentious and divisive atmosphere that he witnessed in recent years, especially at the national level.

Appointed to the bench in 1970, Judge Silva went on to serve for 20 years as the presiding justice of the Second District Court. During his tenure he oversaw a major addition to the Rock Street courthouse, the computerization of the court records and transactions and the creation of a district court jury system. Because of his keen understanding of the 1966 Miranda decision and the important rights awarded under that decision, he became known as “Not Guilty Milt,” when local police departments were slow to implement it and got cases tossed out as a result. Judge Silva also created a “second chances” diversion program for first time offenders. He also served as chairman of the Committees on Preservation of Testimony and Caseflow Management; member of the Appellate Division of the District Court Department for the Southern District; president of the South East Regional Judges’ Conference; and the faculty chair of caseflow management for the Judicial Institute.

Early on as a Judge, with the news reporting about a conspiratorial Holocaust Deniers movement, Milton began to open up about his time during the war (before then, not even his children were aware of his experiences). He devoted much of his limited free time to speaking publicly at countless school assemblies, synagogues, churches, community centers, etc. about the atrocities that he witnessed during WWII in order to try and impress upon the next generation the importance of bearing witness and not allowing history to repeat itself. He received recognition from several community Jewish organizations.

While a Judge and after he retired and in to his 90’s he rekindled his love for music and joined the Swansea Community Band and the Providence Civic Orchestra of Senior Citizens.

Milt enjoyed playing squash at the YMCA and golf. A longtime member of Fall River Country Club, he also played in the Knights of Columbus League in Swansea and the Pine Valley Seniors in Rehoboth.

In recognition of his contributions to our area’s Portuguese community, he received the first Benjamin N. Cardozo Award for Legal Excellence, as well as the Portuguese-American of the Year awards from both the Prince Henry Society & O Jornal. He was awarded the first honorary life membership of the Fall River Chapter of the Prince Henry Society. Milt was also a recipient of Durfee High School’s Outstanding Alumnus Award. Several years ago, he, along with Silva-Faria Funeral Home, was honored with an exhibit of memorabilia at the Portuguese-American Archives at UMASS Dartmouth where many of his legal and judicial records are stored.

He was member of the American Federation of Musicians, Founders Club of CUNA, Amvets, American Legion and Knights of Columbus Swansea Council.

Still civic minded, after his retirement, he served on the Board of Directors for SerJobs for Progress for over 25 years.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS GEORGE RAYMOND DUCLOS '52 OBITUARY



George Raymond Duclos, age 86, died peacefully on February 15, 2020 surrounded by his family. The son of the late Raymond and Albertine (Bertha Chenard) Duclos. Born in 1933 in Fall River, MA, George spent most of his life in Westport, MA spending summers on the Watuppa Pond and moving to the Pond permanently in the 1960's.

George is survived by his wife and life-long partner in adventure, Pauline D. (Duperre) Duclos, and his four children: John (Kimberly), Peter (Kimberly), Carol Hegarty (Steven) of Westport, MA, and Victoria Barrett (James) of Tiverton, RI; twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by his step-brother by kinship adoption Roland R. Chenard of Fall River, MA.

At 22 years old, George joined Gladding-Hearn Shipbuilding in Somerset, MA. With the support of his partners and his family (especially his wife, Pauline), George grew the business to become recognized worldwide as the premier builder of small commercial vessels including high-speed catamaran ferries, pilot and patrol boats, tugboats, and research vessels. The company had built nearly 400 vessels upon his retirement in 2011. If asked, he would say his greatest joy and

satisfaction came from working with his family and all the talented people at the shipyard.

Throughout his career, George was acknowledged for his success, including, an Honorary Doctorate from Massachusetts Maritime, a distinguished graduate award by Durfee High School, and as Small Businessman of the Year by the Small Business Administration.

When not at the shipyard, George and Pauline enjoyed their home on the Watuppa Pond, boating along the East Coast on their boat 'Gemini', or skiing in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. He loved to ice skate and ice boat with his Uncles and family. He and Pauline were one of the first to water-ski on the Watuppa Pond, behind his boat 'Dragon Bee Hind,' built by George in his early teens. Most recently, he often shared that his great-grandchildren were the 6th generation of his family to swim in the Watuppa.

George was also an accomplished cabinet maker, crafting heirloom furniture for his wife and family.

George was very involved in the surrounding community. He was a founding parishioner of Our Lady of Grace Church in Westport, MA, Cub Scout leader in Westport Pack 100, founding member of the Fall River Marine Museum, founding member of the Watuppa Yacht Club, serving as Commodore several times, and a longtime member of the Bristol Yacht Club, where he served as Race Committee Chairman for several years. He was a frequent Race Committee member for all types of small sailboat racing on Narragansett and Buzzards Bays, on the Watuppa Pond and for the 1980 Olympic Sailing Trials in Newport, RI. He also spent many hours supporting his children's activities throughout the years.

The Duclos family extend a special thank you to the caregivers at Home Instead of Dartmouth, MA and Brookdale Sakonnet Bay of Tiverton, RI, along with other special people for their care and devotion to George over the past two years.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS THOMAS J. CURRY, PH.D. '60 OBITUARY



Thomas J. Curry, Ph.D., age 77, of Swansea, passed away unexpectedly Friday, March 20, 2020 at Charlton Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Carolyn E. (Sullivan) Curry to whom he has been married for the past 55 years.

Born in Fall River, a son of the late Raymond F. and Olympia M. (Conforti) Curry, he lived in Somerset for many years before moving to Swansea.

He was a graduate of B.M.C. Durfee High School, Class of 1960. An Electrical Engineer, he received his Bachelor of Science degree from UMASS Dartmouth, his Master's Degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and his Doctorate Degree from the University of Rhode Island and a Certificate in Manufacturing in the Corporate State from Harvard University.

He began his career at the Naval Underwater System Center in Newport, R.I. During this time, he was selected as the first Naval Science Advisor to the Admiral of the Submarine Force Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Upon returning from Hawaii with his family he joined Gould Ocean Systems Division as Director of Research and Engineering and led

all research efforts in small underwater vehicle guidance and control. In 1983 he became a Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at UMass Dartmouth. He was the Provost Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and the Dean of the College of Engineering, and before retiring in 2006, the Director of the Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Center at the UMass Dartmouth Campus in Dartmouth, Ma.

Dr. Curry was a communicant of St. Louis de France Parish, a member of the Atlantis Charter School Foundation and on the Board of Directors of the F.R.O.E.D. He was mentioned in the book 'Cream of the Crop' written by John Cummings as one of many accomplished Fall River natives.

Musically talented, he played many instruments including the guitar, organ, accordion and most recently the Ukulele. A lover of photography, cooking, gardening, traveling; he most enjoyed spending time with his daughters, grandchildren and his beloved wife Carolyn. He lived his life to the fullest.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Kathleen Curry Beaulieu and her husband James Beaulieu of Somerset, Kelly DiGiammo and her husband Andrew of Assonet, Kristin Curry of Somerset; eight grandchildren, Molly, Amy, Benjamin, Annie, Andrew, Alex, Ava and Galen and many nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Raymond J. Curry.

PLACES OF INTEREST ON THE WEB FOR DURFEE ALUMNI

Durfee High Link:

<https://www.fallriverschools.org/durfee>

Durfee Yearbooks:

<https://www.fallriverschools.org/durfee/durfee-links/durfee-yearbooks>

Alumni Website:

<https://www.durfeealumniassociation.com>

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

P O Box 9656 - Fall River, MA 02720-0011

• 2020 - 2021 RED AND BLACK CLUB MEMBERSHIP •

1933
James A. Partridge - Memoriam

1936
Alice (Shaw) Harkin - Memoriam

1940
Lucy (Torchia) Campos
William F. McCarthy

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

1942
Lucy (Baj) Los - Memoriam

1943
Sumner Alpert
George A. Bedard
Dorothy (Mockas) Hough
Victor E. Mello
Joseph E. Sullivan

1944
Cynthia (Betagh) Schofield
Shaker J. Shaker
Madeline (Flynn) Tozowski

1945
Stanley Janczura - Memoriam
Betty (Munro) Welch

1946
Janice (Tate) Anderson
Roger J. Boulay, MD
Philip A. Clorite
Robert A. Deane
Muriel (Girard) Lafiamme
Frederick L. Mason, Jr.
James F. Nichols, MD
Peter G. Pacheco
Rosann (Barrett) Patota
Juliette (Talbot) Whitehead

1947
Henry F. Hicks, Jr.
Margaret (Martin) Mattos
Sally (Cuttler) McGinn
Ernest H. Picard, MD - Memoriam
Leona (Guidotti) Ribeiro
Stanley F. Stafiej, PhD
Donald G. Wood

1948
Doris (Allen) Blankley
Phyllis (Capone) Corcoran
R. Meredith (Pearson) Eastman
Mary (Medeiros) Lamothe
George E. Lavoie
John J. Moriarty
Richard M. Rosenberg
Alfred J. Smialek
Marjorie (King) Tache - Memoriam

1949
Peter G. Collias, Esq.
Joan (Pemberton) Daley
Peter P. Depaola
Paul R. Kelleher
Elizabeth (Williams) Marsden
Helen (Warden) Martin
Louise (Pierce) McCarthy
Reva (Wernick) Newfield
Aubrey S. Nutbrown
Ralph J. Pickup, Jr.
Gerald Sandler
Anne (Patten) Sylvia
Julia (Silva) Tesseneear
Anna (Wisz) Zdon

1950
Mary Lou (Walkden) Banks
Carol (Jones) Begor
Prof. Stephen B. Goldberg
Col. Joan I. Gray, USAF, Nurse Corp, Ret.
Capt. Paul B. Grozen, USN, Ret.
Alice (Fernandes) Hayden
Lt. Col. Harold Katzman, USAF, Ret.
Shirley (Ratte) Luongo
Louis B. Martins
Francis B. McAndrew
Jane (Larocque) Morse
Ruth (Moskowski) Moss
Lillian (Dias) Price
Barbara (Cohen) Rosenberg
Bernard A. G. Taradash
Velma L. Travers
Carolyn (Capstack) Tuovinen
Janice (Kay) Warren

1951
Daniel E. Bogan
Edward S. Cunningham
Santi DiRuzza, Ltc. USA, Ret.
Janet (Dorner) Harrington
Robert J. Hayden, Jr.
Elva (Bertoncini) Kanakry
CM Sgt. John Kuttner, USAF, (Ret)
Carolyn (Holt) Lafreniere
Marceline (Bertolini) Medeiros
James F. Melvin
Earl Sanft
William A. Seymour, MD
Norman Shepherd
Everett F. Smith
Charles D. Somers, Memoriam
Florence (Picard) Southland
George F. Southland
Angelo A. Stavros
Doris M. Thornton
Harold C. Wainsley

1952
Jean (Higgins) Bogan
Zelma (Vincent) Braga
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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS DR. LESTER W. CORY '56 OBITUARY



Dr. Lester W. Cory passed away on April 24, 2020, in the loving care of his family. He was born in Tiverton, Rhode Island on July 25, 1939, the youngest of three sons of Harold R. and Margaret G. Cory. He is married to the former Patricia Barrett. They have five children: Stephen Cory, Dyan Vaughan (John), Michael Cory, Melynda Viera (Richard Giguere), and Ann Vassiliadis (John); seven grandchildren: Jereme Beller, Cara Massey, Angela Viera, Samuel Chetwynd, Jacob Chetwynd, Emma Cory and Rachel Chetwynd; one great-grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

Les graduated from Bradford Durfee College of Technology (now UMass Dartmouth) in 1963 with a degree in electrical engineering. He earned advanced degrees in engineering, science, and education from Northeastern University, URI (honorary D.Sci) and Bridgewater University. He is an honor graduate of the U.S. Air Force War College. Les served in the Rhode Island Air National Guard from 1957 to 1991 retiring with the rank of colonel. As commander of the 143rd Communications Flight and later of the 281st Combat Communications Group, his military awards include the U.S. Air Force Legion of Merit, the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, and the Rhode Island Star.

Les was an accomplished professor of electrical and computer engineering at UMass Dartmouth from 1963 until retirement as Chancellor Professor Emeritus in 2008. He helped found and served as longtime volunteer Director of the SHARE Foundation; helping nearly 4,000 non-verbal individuals with disabilities to communicate. For this work, Les was honored by Ronald Reagan in 1985 with the President's Volunteer Action Award. In 1995 he was awarded a Jefferson Award and the National Jefferson Awards Committee included him as one of the 25 "Best of the Best" in the nation. Other awards and recognition included the UMASS Dartmouth Teacher of the Year Award (1985), President's Award for Public Service Award (2000), and UMass Dartmouth Chancellor's Medal for public Service (2014); the Fall River Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Community Service Award (1995); the Knights of Columbus Humanitarian Service Award (1991), and many others.

Les was also President of the Durfee Bells Preservation Society, a pilot, radio operator, choir member, and friend and mentor to many. Among his greatest achievements are the love and admiration of his family, friends, colleagues and the countless people whose lives were improved through his caring work and example.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL UPDATE

Joseph M. Marshall '65

With the Covid-19 pandemic disrupting everyone's life, the Wall Project was not immune. The polished granite was scheduled to be here from overseas in May but the shutting down of the quarries and then the reduction in the number of vessels to transport the granite was reduced in half. Construction was stopped but what could be done continued. The podium and other Wall accessories continued to be discussed and designed. The 140 panels, which were already in our possession, were affixed by Collins Construction to the cement wall in a ceremony on September 17th. Some grading was necessary to bring the land up to the bottom of the panels and that was completed within 2 days. The first crate with the granite did arrive the week of October 12th and the 2nd crate arrived a few days later. The project is in another delay as we await the polishing of the granite at the mercy as to when the vendor can do it.

The cooperation of the contractors and our Project Managers from Wm. Starck Architects have been nothing but great in supporting this initiative and having to balance their businesses because of our delay.



This will be done, and construction is expected to be completed by the end of 2020 with a dedication ceremony to be scheduled in the Spring of 2021 providing the Covid-19 protocol will permit it.

Visit the Wall - Visit the website at Vietnam memorial wall.org or email vietnamveteranswall@gmail.com

DURFEE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CLAM BOIL

Fundraiser to benefit the Alumni Association To Be Determined-at time of Chimes Printing

No date had been set due to Covid-19 Pandemic

Please check Durfee Alumni Association

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DURFEE FLORIDA SOUTHERN REUNION - CANCELLED

Rescheduled Class of 1965 - 57th Reunion

Sunday September 18, 2022 at The Cove, 392 Davol St., Fall River MA • 12:00 Noon - 4:00 pm – Cost \$35.00

September 16th, 2022 - Friday Night Social at the Belmont Club 7PM to 11:30PM • September 16, 2022 Golf, FRCC 12:00 Noon

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B. M. C. DURFEE HIGH SCHOOL V3, VERSION 3

The Durfee Alumni Committee was taken on a tour in October, 2020 of the B. M. C. Durfee High School V3, as it is called, Durfee Version 3! The tour was guided by Ken Pacheco and a Suffolk Corporation employee, they did a wonderful job explaining what had been completed and what was next. Although the exterior looks complete, there is more to be done on the inside.

The building costing \$263 million is mostly new construction but there will also be renovations of the Luke Urban Field House. The Nagle Auditorium will be retained, which is the most westerly building. The Field House has been connected to the new construction by a walkway which will be glass sided. Because of the pandemic the work on the field house allowed Suffolk to get ahead of the original schedule.

The main school, Durfee V2, which was opened in 1978, will be demolished.

The Luke Urban Field House has gotten a major overhaul, new floor for Skip Karam Court, the fitness center will be a state of art training facility. The lobby has been doubled in size which will help the fans attending events. The Karen Jarabek pool has been renovated and will be up to regulation size.

The hallway ceiling tiles have not yet been installed and the systems of pipes, ducts and wires running through the school are visible. The framing for walls, doors and ceilings are metal, although more expensive than wood, will be better in cases of water contact. Extensive decorative wooden work will be in the finished product. There are many spaces that show floor to third floor ceiling views, showing the openness of the building.

Windows in the current building do not open, but Durfee V3 will have windows that will open only about 4 inches but will bring in fresh air when needed. There are two courtyards, one south and one north that will serve as outdoor education for arts and vocational students. There will be two cafeterias, one on the first floor and one on the third floor. The auditorium offers the stage area headroom sufficient to stage a Broadway show. Capacity 750.

The library will have the best views thanks to the large windows, there will also be a large amount of meeting space since the digital era requires less need for book space. Planetarium/observatory will be high tech, which will be a revenue generator.

Multi-media/seminar/testing room is a 75-seat room which features viewing screen and will be able to host small theater productions. Shared glass small classroom space is positioned between two classrooms for students to take a makeup test in peace.

The culinary arts restaurant is being rebranded as The Granite Grill. Several large granite slabs were rescued from the waterfront and are being used in the schools' structure and landscaping.

Photos taken by Committee member Paul DaSilva. • The committee cannot wait to tour the finished product!



2020, A DIFFERENT DURFEE GRADUATION!

A happy ending, graduation together for the Class of 2020.

Durfee seniors voted to replace 'hybrid' graduation with an in-person graduation later in the summer of 2020, seniors were willing to practice delayed gratification.

When Gov. Charlie Baker's four-phased reopening plan was announced, Desmarais said the wording concerning graduations was "vague," so the school department started to plan for a June 5th "hybrid graduation," which would have had graduates drive or be driven to Durfee, briefly leave the vehicle to walk across the stage and receive a diploma, and then return to the vehicle to exit school property. The event, running perhaps six hours, would have been broadcast online.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education announced schools could stage outdoor graduations after July 19. Some Durfee students quickly made their preference for the summer graduation known, and Desmarais put it to a ballot. Using student email and Google Forms, he polled the approximately 470 members of the Class of 2020. Students in Massachusetts have been banned from their school buildings since late mid-March.

Given the graduation options of a hybrid ceremony on the original date of June 5th or what should be far closer to a conventional ceremony after July 19, the Hilltopper Class of 2020 voted in favor of the summer option. The vote totals were 78 percent in favor of in-person graduation. Desmarais said voter turnout was about 65 percent.

"I'm pleased," Durfee Principal Matthew Desmarais said, "I can't give them everything back, but we can give them this. It's our duty to the students."

Noting that there is considerable brainstorming to be done in terms of date, time, and safety compliance, Desmarais said he expects to have the new graduation details worked out by early next week.

Seniors at Fall River's Resiliency Preparatory Academy also voted to postpone their graduation, Desmarais said.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

by: Kristen Mello Gauvin
Class of 1990

As we close out our final year in the old (new) Durfee, we thought we could take a look back at where some of our scholarship recipients are now. This year, we go back to 2000 and catch up with Nick Christ.

Durfee Chimes: It is nice to catch up like this. Even though we are neighbors, I don't know too much about your past. You are just a little younger than I am. . . Tell me a little about your time at Durfee.

Nick Christ: Well, I graduated in 2000. At Durfee I played football and basketball.

DC: That is right. We just re-hung the 1000 point banner for basketball in the field house and I saw you up there. You had a pretty impressive athletic career here at Durfee. Can you tell us a little about that?

NC: I played varsity football for 3 years and I was the captain my senior year. I played varsity basketball all 4 years and I was a 2 year captain. I was inducted into the athletic hall of fame in 2018. My brother was also inducted in 2014.

DC: Wow that is great that you are both in the hall of fame.

NC: I always looked up to him. Our younger brother Brian also went to Durfee but our sister Kait went to LaSalle. My mom worked for FRPS

for years. She was a teacher, principal and the Director of Curriculum. She retired a few times but kept going back. I think she is finally retired now.

DC: I remember her coming out of retirement to help Kuss as principal when they needed her. I can see how education was important in your family. Where did you go to school?

NC: I went to Brown and I played football for them all 4 years. I just finished a graduate program in banking at Wharton/UPenn.

DC: I don't think I knew that you went to Brown. That is pretty impressive. What I do know is that you (like your father) make it a priority to give back to Fall River. While we were campaigning for the new Durfee, you and your dad played a major role in getting businesses to back the building of the new school. He is a big supporter of education in Fall River. Can you tell us some of the community service you are involved in?

NC: I am a member of the Durfee Hilltop Athletic Foundation, the Lions Club, the Lantern Society of the United Way, FACE which is part of the Fall River Diocese and I am the finance chair for the New Heights Charter School in Brockton.

DC: You seem pretty busy. Can you tell us what else you have been up to since graduation?

NC: I am the Senior VP of sales at Bay Coast Bank. I have been in banking for 15 years but at Bay Coast since 2015. I am married to Brigid Mitchell who is an attorney here in the city. She went to Connolly though . . .

DC: I won't hold that against you. My husband is a Connolly Cougar as well. So the big question.

What did you do with that scholarship from the alumni association?

NC: Whatever my parents told me to.

DC: That is great! Thanks so much Nick. Fall River is lucky to have the support of you and your family.



BEVERLY ST. LAURENT ABEGG, BMC Durfee High School, 1960

Article by Patricia Donnelly Callan, class of 1955

You may have seen the Energizer Bunny on TV, but you have probably never met her. Beverly St. Laurent Abegg went to Henry Lord Junior High School before attending Durfee where she was a member of the band and orchestra playing first clarinet and oboe. During her high school career, she also accompanied the Silvertones, a select group of girl singers.

After graduating from Durfee, in 1964 Beverly attended Boston University College of Music majoring in Music Education and upon receiving her bachelor's degree, continued at B.U. obtaining a Master's Degree in 1968.

Bev's public school teaching career began in Portsmouth, Rhode Island and later in the towns of Burlington, I'VIA and Westford, where she now resides.

Beverly's nonstop career included several jobs at once. In 1992 while she was office manager at the prominent Boston law firm of Nichols and Pratt. Simultaneously she was also administrator of The Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra which was comprised of professional and amateur musicians. The demanding job included: finding performance venues, negotiating salaries, locating and renting pianos as well as writing grants on a yearly basis to obtain major instruments such as tympani, chimes and electric keyboard. She engaged soloists from the Boston Symphony Orchestra as well as **Mu Phi Epsilon**, an International organization of professional musicians.

In 2008 Beverly was elected to the board of directors of MU Phi Epsilon becoming the treasurer from 2008 to 2017. In addition to handling accounting, she worked with an investment firm to ensure funds were used only for donors' specified purposes. Annually, the Foundation awards scholarships and grants to its members. Tri-annually, the Foundation sponsors an international competition and the winner is presented with a two-year contract to perform concerts throughout the United States. As the treasurer, Beverly arranges travel and pays an honorarium to the winner to help with miscellaneous expenses.

As a graduate of B.M.C. Durfee myself, I offer this article to the Alumni Newsletter as a Prominent Alumni Feature. May Durfee High School continue to thrive with Alumni like Beverly St. Laurent Abegg.

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