

You are invited to attend
Blue and White Reunion Night
presented by Roxborough High-School Alumni Association

Saturday, April 23, 2022

North Hills Country Club - 99 Station Avenue - North Hills PA 19038
Hor d'ourves 6-7pm - Full Course Dinner 7-9pm - Music & Dancing until 11:00pm

All Classes Welcome

*\$60.00 per person cash bar
Handicapped parking available*

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***Blue and White night is the only social function
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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings All!

Time Flies...and we can celebrate another year at RHS! In fact, 1922 was the year the cornerstone was placed so in our plans for this year we will be celebrating 100 YEARS at the Blue and White Reunion Night! We hope many alumni who have not participated in the past will certainly make every effort to join in the festivities.

The event is being chaired by Arlene Jones and Joan Katzenbach (see attached invitation). It is with pride that I continue to fill the roll of

your President. I will strive to pursue goals that have been established and thank you for permitting me to do so. I would be remiss in not mentioning the fabulous faculty and support here at RHS. We wish them continued success. Mrs Dana Jenkins our previous Principal retired last year after serving our school each day with enthusiasm and is thanked for a great job. Proudly, and with the spirit of RHS, "high up on the hill,"

Janet M. Szeliga

Janet M. Szeliga '62 President

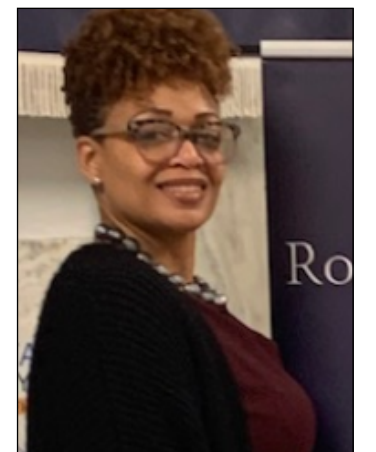


PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

It is with great excitement, anticipation, and humility that I write this letter to introduce myself as the newly appointed interim principal at The Academies at Roxborough High School. I am grateful for the opportunity to join the Roxborough Team, because the faculty and staff are widely regarded as one of the most capable and hard-working teams around. Please know that this is not an opportunity that I approach lightly. As a product of Philadelphia public schools (Lamberton High % '91), I know the power that we have as a staff, faculty, and administration. Most importantly, we have the great responsibility of educating our students and helping them to realize their full potential as global citizens. To that end, I have served in various capacities in the School District of Philadelphia since 1998. I look forward to capitalizing on all of the great things happening in the halls of Roxborough which includes the rich legacy that lives here as well.

Our CTE programs are world class and deserve to be regarded as such. The academic offerings and the teachers who provide the instruction are dedicated, determined and driven to meet the needs and further the dreams of all Roxborough students. It is my fervent hope that the Academies at Roxborough High will write the story we want others to tell and be regarded as a jewel in this journey. I know that there are challenges ahead, but as a team and with the help and support of our alumni, we will do the work to ensure the best outcomes for our students. I am grateful for the legacy of my predecessors, Dr. Shaffer and Ms. Jenkins, who were both visionary leaders with a heart for children. It is my hope that I can continue in their light and, with your help, leave an educational legacy at Roxborough that's lasting. In the weeks and months ahead, I'm eager to engage with the alumni and celebrate Roxborough's Centennial Celebration.

In closing, I'd like to offer these words, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." I look forward to working together to continue the great legacy at the Academies at Roxborough High School. In service to children



Kristin Williams Smalley
klwilliams@philasd.org

REUNION NEWS

RHS Class of 1981 held their 40th Reunion on Saturday, November 27, 2021 at Franklin's Pub in East Falls. The 1981 Year in Review Theme was celebrated along with coordinating door prizes. The evening was enjoyed by all in attendance and classmates enjoyed sharing their favorite high school memories. "We don't stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing." Lori Marandola (Majewski)



WEBSITE

The Roxborough High School Alumni website has completed its eighth full year of existence. The website is located on the web at www.roxhsalumni.org. We encourage all alumni to visit the website to check out what is happening with your classmates and fellow alumni and also what may be happening at the school and any alumni events. The “Welcome Home” page appears when you enter the website. All content is accessed from this page. You can support the Alumni Association on the “Support/Join” page with a donation. You can become a lifetime member for just \$10. There is also a “Contact Us” form on this page. Here you can supply us with any personal information, such as change of address, email address, etc. Please also include the year you graduated with

SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Founded in 1992 with the approval of Principal, Liston Knowles. Executive Board charter members: Co-Chairs Liston Knowles and Ron Howley, Terry Hammes, Joe D’Angelo, Wilbur Hamilton, Loretta Bunch, Cliff Hubbard, Jack Harmer, Jim Howat, and Joe Aponik. Mission Statement: To promote Roxborough High School and its athletic programs by recognizing and honoring former student athletes, coaches, and teams. To provide scholarship assistance each year to a graduating Male (The Bob Marshall Award), and Female (The Loretta Bunch Award) student athlete. To provide capital assistance to the school’s Athletic Department for disbursement by the Athletic Department Director at his discretion. To foster community involvement by inviting members to join our general body of membership who select yearly inductees into the Hall of Fame on a yearly basis. Creation of “The Wall of Fame” on the 2nd floor of the school’s

ALUMNI DATABASE
“EMAIL ADDRESS PROJECT”

We are continuing to work on our “Email Address Project” in an attempt to update the email addresses of all of our Alumni. Currently, we have email addresses for approximately 25% of our members. We still have a long way to go, so we would appreciate your help in getting our database updated with current email addresses. Once we have updated our database with your email addresses, we will be able to communicate with everyone electronically. This will allow us to share information more frequently and save the costs of mailing which will allow us to provide additional scholarship monies for our new graduates. If you are concerned about giving out your email address, please be assured that it will only be used for our newsletter mailings. We appreciate all those who have taken the time to update your information with your current email address. If you are currently receiving a copy of our Alumni Newsletter by mail, we ask that you update or provide us with your current email address by sending your name and email address to the following email address, roxhsalumni@roxhsalumni.org. You can also go to the Alumni Website <https://www.roxhsalumni.org> to get up to date information on what is going on with your RHS Alumni. For those of you who are in the process of planning reunions, we would also appreciate a list of names, addresses and email addresses of those graduates who would like to be added to our alumni database. We hope that each of you will take the time to update your information and help us create a complete, current and accurate database. Thank you. Jeff Boles, '65

your information. You can send personal messages on the form and we can assist you in locating missing alumni. There is the “Gallery” where you can view pictures of “Blue and White Night” from the past, as well as reunion pictures that are supplied to us by reunion committees. Contact me for information on how to add pictures from your reunions. Please refer to the Roxborough High School website, www.roxhsalumni.org. The Alumni Board wants you, the RHS Alumni, to help us provide useful and informative news about our fellow RHS Alumni. Help support our Alumni Association with contributions to the website content. NOTE: IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SUPPLIED US WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE DO SO. Art Smith '62, RHS Alumni Webmaster

main building where plaques and photos of our inductees are mounted. Five candidates are elected by the general membership for induction each year into the Hall of Fame. These inductees are honored at our Awards Banquet each March, preceded by a Luncheon at the school that same day. All current senior athletes are presented with an “Athletic Achievement” certificate, and AllPublic honorees are given a lifetime membership to the RHSSHOF. In 2001, The Roxborough High School Sports Hall of Fame Golf Classic was established. It’s Founder and Chairman, Bill Phelan, celebrated their 20th Anniversary this year with 144 golfers. It is a yearly event that brings together the RHSSHOF family and community for a friendly round of golf and a memory filled dinner. A trophy case was purchased for the school and placed in the Grand Entry Foyer which houses RHSSHOF memorabilia. The Hall also restored, placed, and maintain the Championship Banners which hang in the gym.

ROXBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS
HALL OF FAME GOLF CLASSIC 2021

This was the 20th Anniversary of this yearly tournament which over the years has become a part of the fabric of the golfing community as well as the Roxborough High School Sports Hall of Fame. This year’s tournament was the first time that it was sold out. That means we had to host 144 golfers while providing lunch, an enjoyable round of golf, and a sit down dinner. The tournament committee; Paul Bennett, Joe Stanley, Kyle Robinson, and Ed Peters, worked hard for almost a year preceding the event. Just as important were the volunteers who made tournament day work. They included Ed Peters, Butch Christman, Art Johnson, Pat Robinson, Vera D’Angelo, Lynn Gramberg, and Jim Moore. Bill Phelan Tournament Chairman

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Our Board members have recently become aware of staffing needs at the Academies@Roxborough. All positions-teachers, aides, custodians, food service workers and support staff are needed. Please pass the word to friends and family members. If you know of anyone who might be interested in working in the School District of Philadelphia at the Academies @ Roxborough, please alert a Board Member, so we can pass their name on to the Talent Coordinator at the Academies@Roxborough

SAD NEWS

Over the past couple of years, we were saddened to lose Dave Freed, Faith Gottman and Grace Van Fossen as members of our Board.

REUNION NEWS

After a one year delay, on November 13, 2021, the class of 1970 celebrated their 50th reunion at the North Hills Country Club. Eighty-eight people attended, of which sixty-six were classsmates. Teacher Gene Magee also attended.



NEW INITIATIVE OF THE
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
ROXBOROUGH HIGH
EDUCATIONAL FUND

The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association has decided to create an Education Fund to award grants to Academies @Roxborough faculty members. These grants are intended to provide classroom teachers and staff with access to resources of \$750 for innovative classroom or school projects that will inspire students, enhance the curriculum and increase student engagement. These funds might be used for service learning, development of cross-curricular programs, and/or development of a classroom library or other special materials and resources for the classroom. Eligible staff members are invited to apply for awards intended to fund activities starting in the Spring of 2022 through the end of the 2022 school year. A committee consisting of Board members and the school administration will be deciding on the grant award winners after carefully considering all of the applications. We look forward to receiving many applications for innovative and inspiring projects that will increase engagement among the students next spring.

SCHOLARSHIP

In June of 2020, the Alumni Association Scholarship committee announced four college scholarships for deserving students . These awards will provide \$24,000 to the recipients over four years. The scholarships were awarded to Mohammed Coulibaly Temple University, Tajeira Davis-Temple University, Solomon Johnson-Kutztown University, Gabriele Robinson-West Chester University, and Sherika Stennet-Penn State University. In addition, a new annual scholarship to honor Debra L. Felton, a 1975 Roxborough High graduate was also awarded for the first time to Sherika Stennet who plans to study Veterinary Medicine at Penn State University In June of 2021, the Alumni Association Scholarship committee announced the following students will be receiving awards from the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Samantha Ferraro will be receiving a yearly Alumni Scholarship in the amount of \$1500, to attend the University of Southern California. In addition, Samantha will also be the second recipient of Debra L. Felton Memorial Scholarship of \$1000, for a total yearly award of \$2500. James McHale will be the recipient of a 2 year Alumni scholarship of \$2000 per year to attend Community College of Philadelphia. Congratulations to these deserving students and their families! Contributions to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund are gratefully accepted. You may send checks payable to the RHSAA Scholarship Fund to P.O. Box 25971, Philadelphia, PA 19128-5971 Nancy Brown Matlack, '69

Blue & White Reunion Night Reservation Form
Please make your reservations by April 2, 2022

Name: _____

Class of: _____

Spouse/ guest name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

For more information please call
Arlene Jones 215-508-5606
Joan Katzenbach 215-483-4746

Number of reservations: _____

Chicken Francais: _____

Salmon Beurre Blanc: _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____
(\$60 per person)

To reserve a table of 10 guests, please
List individual names on reverse of this card.
Sorry, no refunds after April 3rd

Please Remit To:
RHS Alumni Association., c/o Joan Katzenbach, 464 Wigard Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128